

**Passaic County Open Space Advisory Committee
June 27th, 2024 Meeting**

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

1. Deputy County Administrator Marc Seemon
2. County Counsel Designee: John Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.
3. Department of Cultural & Historic Affairs: Kelly Ruffel
4. Department of Parks & Recreation Designee: Greg Moore
5. Department of Planning & Economic Development: Salvatore Presti
6. Department of Cultural & Historic Affairs: Isabella Costa
7. Chair Anne Kahwaty
8. Bhupendra Gadhavi
9. Bernard Vroom III
10. Alice Szepietowski
11. Robin Canetti
12. Sandra Lawson

Members Absent:

13. County Commissioner Pat Lepore
14. Department of Planning & Economic Development: Andras Holzmann
15. Vice Chair Maria-Elena Grant
16. Isabel Agudelo
17. Karen Agosto
18. Lauralee Harding

A roll call brought the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Kahwaty made the announcement of the Open Public Meeting Act.

A motion was made by Lawson and seconded by Vroom to open the public portion.

Motion passed unanimously. No members of the public were present.

A motion was made by Vroom and seconded by Lawson to close the public portion.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Szepietowski and seconded by Vroom to approve the minutes of the May 16th, 2024 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Under New Business, Presti and Costa presented the responses from grantees made by the Committee at the May 16th, 2024 meeting. After fielding clarification questions, Presti requested that the committee move to approve the funding recommendations for Park Development Grants, which would then be advanced to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

A motion was made by Lawson to approve the funding recommendations. Vroom seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Costa requested that the committee move to approve the funding recommendations for Historic Preservation Grants, which would then be advanced to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

A motion was made by Lawson to approve the funding recommendations. Vroom seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Under Old Business, no items were discussed.

Under Open Discussion, the committee members asked if staff could integrate NJDEP permits and rulings into the application forms.

A motion was made by Szepietowski and seconded by Lawson to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

/ s / Salvatore Presti

Open Space Coordinator, Passaic County