

**RIVERVIEW****Neighborhood Association**

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VOTE: RNA ELECTIONS**COMMUNITY UPDATES**

It's time once again, to elect the individuals who will hold the RNA executive positions of **Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Sgt.-at-Arms** for the 2006-2007 term. Nominations were opened during the February meeting and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. at the March 14th meeting - at which time the nominations will be closed and the general election will take place.

To hold office, individuals must satisfy the following requirements:

- a) reside within the following area: Ogden and Palisade Avenues from Cuneo Place to Congress Street;
- b) be at least 18 years old; and
- c) paid their 2006 membership dues of \$10.00.

To be nominated, the name of a eligible member is offered by either another person or themselves and then seconded by another person.

To be eligible to vote, an individual must either reside or own a business or residence with the above area.

During the February meeting, the following names were placed in nomination for RNA executive positions:

CHAIRPERSON

Becky Hoffman

VICE-CHAIRJoe Sadowsky(*incumbent*)**SECRETARY**Monya McCarty (*inc.*)**TREASURER**Roger Heitmann (*inc.*)**SGT.-AT-ARMS**Doris Brown (*inc.*)

Sandy Martini

Cindy Zuanich

The success and longevity of Riverview Neighborhood Association as a voice of the community is based on the participation of our members, neighbors and friends. Get involved by either nominating someone or being nominated yourself! More important, come to the March 14th meeting and vote in this election. Remember, by participating in this annual activity you will have a voice in the decisions being made in your community.

202-204 Ogden Avenue: On February 7th, the sudden appearance of an illegal 3,000 square foot fourth floor addition immediately galvanized the community. City Hall, Zoning Dept., Construction Dept., H.E.D.C. and elected officials were besieged with phone calls, emails and personal visits by residents demanding that construction be stopped and an explanation as to how this could have been approved. On Feb. 14th a "stop work" order was written and remains in effect as of Mar. 3. The developer and scope of the project are unknown to the community because the Zoning Officer had no records of reviewing the project and the Construction Official had no approved drawings in the file jacket. The only paperwork available were four permits issued for construction. Other flagrant zoning violations are: 1) height is significantly over the 35 feet allowed, 2) additions to the rear do not have the required setbacks and 3) there was no site plan review by a board.

The community has demanded that the 4th floor be removed and has expressed the willingness to use court actions if necessary. As of Mar. 3, it appears that the developer will remove the 4th floor and go before the Planning Board to seek variances for the remaining zoning issues.

RNA would like to thank the people that have worked with us to protect the R-1 residential zoning of our neighborhood. They have been instrumental in the protection of our quality of life and property values: Acting Director of H.E.D.C. Barbara Netchert, Mayor Healy's office - in particular Chief of Staff Carl Czaplicki and Deputy Chief of Staff Dominick Pandolfo. We appreciate the constant monitoring of this situation by Councilmen Peter Brennan and Bill Gaughan. This situation is not fully resolved and will require continued diligence by everyone.

"The Cliffs" project: The new retaining wall at the top of the cliff along "paper" Mountain Road has been completed and temporary fencing has been installed. The City has received a written commitment from All American Waste Co./Vincent Ponte stating that they will dedicate the land necessary for the expanded right-of-way width at the intersection of Mountain Rd/Hope St/Paterson Plank Rd..A timetable for the street dedication is being finalized. Langan Engineering has done further investigation of the cliff face stability north of the existing building and has determined that shotcrete and bolting will not be necessary - there may be limited use of netting. Remediation of the asbestos roofing paper has begun. It is expected that the plan review by the Planning Dept. will end this week and construction drawings approved.

The "Roxy" - 336 Palisade Avenue: After years of problems with this illegal "hall for hire", it seems that the City may have finally put an end to its unruly nightlife. Several months ago the Roxy was visited by the Mayor's Task Force and numerous summons were issued by the Fire, Zoning and other departments. At the end of February the Roxy's owner had his day in court and lost - to the tune of \$30,000 in fines. Thanks to all of those in the Mayor's Task Force!

COME TO THE NEXT RNA MEETING
MARCH 14TH AT 7:30 PM
ELECTION OF RNA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
FOR 2006-2007

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COMING EVENTS

RNA MEETING:

Tuesday, March 14th, at 7:30 pm
Location: Harbor View Health Care Ctr.
178 Ogden Avenue

AGENDA:

- 1) Police Report
- 2) Election of RNA executive officers for 2006-2007
- 3) Update of the illegal constuction at 202-204 Ogden Ave.
- 4) Update of "The Cliffs" project.



Hudson Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ. - postmarked 1949

You are on Hudson Boulevard, that is now Kennedy Boulevard, just before entering Journal Square from the south. The intersection in the foreground is Sip Avenue. The church in the center of the postcard is the United Methodist Church at the intersection of Tonnele Ave.