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Next RNA Meeting:
 Tuesday, June 10th
 at 7:30 PM

Location: Harbor View Health Care Center
 1st Floor Cafeteria
 178 Ogden Avenue

Agenda:

- Police Report and NID complaints/feedback
- Guests: **Oren Dabney, Sr., Chief Executive Officer, JCIA**
- New activities
- Community updates

Membership Dues

Membership dues and donations help sustain the RNA. Annual dues are \$10 for residents and \$15 for those outside RNA boundaries. Please contribute at an RNA meeting or make checks payable to Riverview Neighborhood Association and mail c/o RNA, 154 Ogden Ave., 3E, Jersey City, NJ 07307.

Dear Becky,

Please come to our monthly meeting, this Tuesday, June 10th at 7:30PM at the Harborview Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (corner of Franklin), 1st Floor Cafeteria. Our guest will be Oren Dabney, CEO of JCIA.

Trash-Talk with JCIA's CEO

Oren K. Dabney, Sr., the Chief Executive Officer of the Jersey City Incinerator Authority (JCIA), will be our guest at the June 10th RNA meeting. The JCIA oversees many functions that are critical to the quality of life in Jersey City, including residential curbside trash/recycling, graffiti removal, street sweeping, snow plowing, demolition, dumpster rentals, environmental compliance and vehicle impoundment/storage. Mr. Dabney will update us on JCIA's activities and will take questions about JCIA services. For more information about JCIA, please visit [JCIA](#)

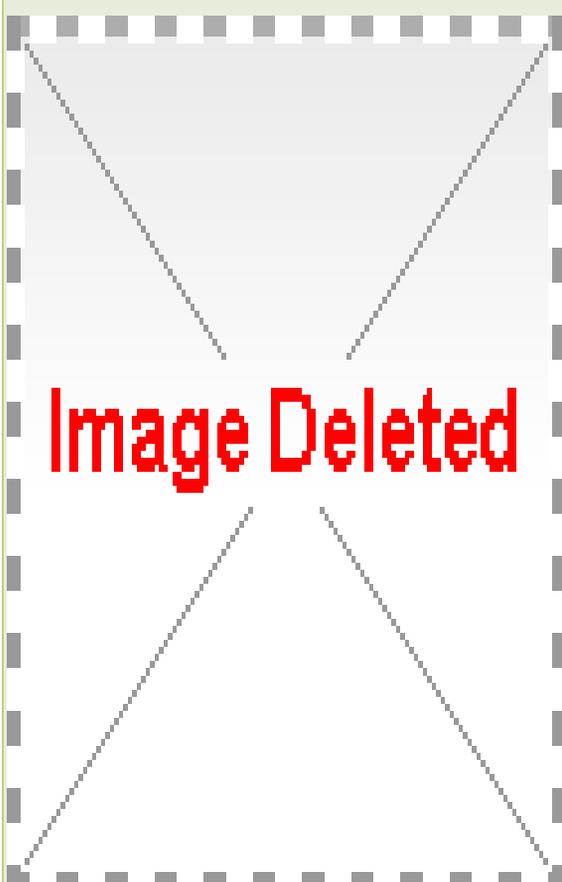
100 Steps - One Step at a Time

While the The Cliff's project nears completion at the base of Mountain Road (at Paterson Plank), the 100 Steps, a key component of the Developer's Agreement and basis for the granting of variances, has not yet broken ground. The staircase will be a modern version of the 100 Steps that formerly graced the Palisade Cliffs.

At the City Council meeting on May 28th, a resolution was passed (Res 08-364) to correct an error in the Developer's Agreement and ensure that the Steps will be built. The resolution/amendment was necessary "in order to ensure that the Developer's Agreement does not terminate until all of the improvements to the public right of way which are described in the Developer's Agreement have been completed." The Developer's Agreement now states that no final Certificate of Occupancy can be issued until these improvements, including the 100 Steps, are made.

RNA has kept a watchful eye on this project and worked along with Councilman Gaughan, Claire Davis from the Division of Planning, George Garcia, the attorney for the developer, Corporate Counsel and the Business Administrator's office to ensure that this correction was made. We thank all these parties for ensuring that these Steps, that are so important to our community, will be built.

The City Engineer and the Division of Planning are currently reviewing final plans for the Steps. The treads and landing will now be made of perforated steel instead of concrete and more lighting has been added. Approval is expected shortly.



1911 Postcard of the 100 Steps.

NJT 123 Route to be Revised

After numerous complaints from riders (and bus drivers too!), when coming South from the City, the NJT 123 will no longer loop around the block at the 9th St. Light Rail Stop and instead will go straight down Palisade Ave. This change should shave 4-7 minutes from the trip home from the City and will go into effect at the end of June.

RNA board members recently met with senior executives from NJ Transit and 32nd District Assemblyman Vincent Prieto to discuss ridership and other service improvements. NJT reports that ridership (measured in early May) averages about 130 riders per day and there are twice the number of riders coming out of the City as there are heading in. This supports our contention that the AM rush hour service is inadequate and is holding down overall ridership. NJT promised to review the schedule to see if any other buses could be extended during the morning rush but no commitments were made.

Please give the NJT bus a try. For commuters the monthly pass discounts the fare significantly and please keep in mind that bus service is critical to the viability of our community. Your feedback helps - go to [Citizenspeak](#) and use our automated system to send an email to NJT and your elected official. Schedules can be downloaded from [New Jersey Transit](#)

RNA T-Shirts available now

Tired of all your old T-Shirts? Buy a T-Shirt (or 2!) from RNA. Alan Rosenblatt, an RNA member and graphic designer, donated his services to design a T-Shirt that you'll be proud to wear. In Black or White - whatever suits you. You can buy shirts at the June RNA meeting (for \$15/each or 2 or \$25) or email your order to riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net.



New Activities - Great Volunteers

Earlier this year the RNA board put out a request for volunteers to help increase our activities - and you responded! These volunteers ensured that RNA was at the Everything Jersey City Festival on Central Avenue. Thanks to Joe, Georgia, Olga, Kern, Heidi, Peter, Alan, Andre and the Board (if we missed anyone, our apologies!) for making baked goods, homemade rock candy, and staffing the booth. RNA raised over \$400 and reached out to hundreds of people along Central Avenue.

But, there's more that we all want to do. Volunteers are driving an effort to establish Film Night(s) in Riverview Park, resurrect the annual flea market, and to acquire a website/new graphic look. And that's just the beginning. If you'd like to join in these efforts, please come to the next meeting or send us an email. All are welcome!

Upcoming Events

The Landmark Loew's Jersey City Theatre is going Ape in June. On Friday, June 13th at 8PM, the theatre is screening Planet of the Apes. On Saturday, June 14th, Mighty Joe Young at 3:30PM, King Kong (the original) at 7PM and Son of Kong at 8:55PM. For more information go to: <http://www.loewsjersey.org> or call (201) 798-6055.

Artist Bojana Coklyat, a Jersey City native, has her artwork on permanent display at the **Odd Box Gallery @ 479 Palisades** - right across from the park. Stop by on Saturdays 3-6 to meet the artist and view her work.