



Jersey City Parks Coalition Membership Packet



Application Date: _____

2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

_____ (Organization Name)

hereby applies for membership to the Jersey City Parks Coalition, Inc. and agrees to abide by the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the association, now and hereafter in effect, a copy of which has been provided for inspection.

_____ (Organization Name)

meets the qualifications for membership.

_____ (Organization Name)

membership shall be in effect from the date of its acceptance by the Coalition, either party may terminate it by notifying the other party in writing of this intention.

Organization Mailing Address: _____ Zip: _____

Organizational Representative Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Alternate Representative Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Contact Phone: _____

This certifies that the above listed Organization is now a member of the Jersey City Parks Coalition, Inc. and is entitled to all of the rights, benefits, and privileges of membership in the Coalition as of _____, 2018.

President: _____ Secretary: _____

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President: Laura Skolar

Vice President: Mory Thomas

Secretary: Mira Prinz-Arey

Treasurer: Marc Wesson

Membership Qualifications

- Members must be affiliated with a specific park or open space
- Organization must have a minimum of 6 members / volunteers. Those new organizations seeking to join (in an effort to create a park group) shall have one year to build capacity and incorporate with the goal of obtaining a 501c3 Not-Profit status in the future.
- Monthly attendance at JCPC regular monthly meetings is encouraged; however, attendance is required at five (5) monthly meetings, including the mandatory Annual Meeting to remain in good standing.
- If a park group is desirous of obtaining funding through the Parks Coalition they must submit an annual programming budget by October 1st that can be considered for Coalition fundraising efforts in the following year. A preliminary events calendar should be included with the understanding that it may be subject to change.
- Annual Membership fee of \$120.00 is the suggested minimum.
 - Newest member, if lacking resources, can be credited (pending membership vote) with Coalition volunteer hours towards monetary commitment for one year equalizing 12 hours or \$10/hour.
- Applicant will participate in Coalition Strategic Planning sessions
- Applicant has read the by-laws and agrees to abide by same
- Applicant has read the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Jersey City and the Jersey City Parks Coalition and agrees to abide by same
- Applicant agrees to abide by the membership participation guidelines outlined as part of this application

Jersey City Parks Coalition Provides

- Shared protocols to facilitate best practices as a volunteer group; such as governing by-laws, agenda formats and topics pertaining to other operating matters.
- Educational programming and workshops
- Support for community events & other efforts by park groups, as requested.
- Representation with municipal & county governments on park issues
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Jersey City specifically for the purpose of:
 - (A) sharing of information concerning City Parks;
 - (B) facilitating community input into City Parks;
 - (C) collaborating on programs and events taking place in City Parks;

- (D) continuing and enabling the JCPC to seek public and private grants and other funds on behalf of the City where funding would go directly to capital improvements, developments, and community education, engagement, or programming to engage Jersey City residents in City Parks.
- Corporate volunteer opportunities directed to individual parks
- Grant opportunities utilizing the JCPC 501c3 status (with board approval)
- Participation in City-wide beautification projects
- Comradery with like minded people
- Fundraising Opportunities

Membership Participation

- In an effort to promote the organization the Coalition often participates in various events throughout the year and we request membership participation although it is not mandatory. Please note that the park organization is making the commitment not the park representative. It is encouraged that various members of the park group attend Coalition meetings and events. Below are events that the Coalition often participates in:
 - Arbor Day
 - Earth Day
 - Volunteer Recruitment Events
 - Big Dig
 - Annual Fundraising Events
 - Corporate Volunteer Days
 - City Cooperative Events
- Member groups agree to include the JCPC logo on all promotional materials, banners, website and social media on approved events or programs
- Members will include Coalition materials, to be handed out at their respective events
- Member groups agree to share their calendar of events and promote through the Coalition website and social media outlets.

Documents Required

- NJ non-profit status or Federal 501c3 status
- List of at least 6 members or volunteers, board and officers w contact information
- By-laws