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Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 9, 2010
Community Board 11 Office
1664 Park Avenue (bet 117th / 118th)
New York, NY

Present: Keith Massey, Frank Brija, David Giordano, Frances Mastrota, Cora Shelton, Debbie Quinones, Russel Shuler and Richard Toussaint

Absent: Robert McCullough

Excused: Hector Nazario

Guest: Amy Freitag, Ashley Willhite and Adem Brija

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:00PM. The agenda was adopted, and quorum was established at 6:08PM.

Opening remarks by Chair were a short review of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Randall's Island Holiday Lighting Proposal. The inability of the proposer to meet the requirements of the MOU ie insurance on the jitney trips. A motion was made by Frank Brija, seconded by Richard Toussaint that a letter be sent to Mr. Thomas Loungo of the committee's in ability to support the project. The motion was approved unanimously.

- A. Discussion followed on the acceptance of the New York Restoration (NYRP) Project's Greening and Planting Initiative Revision 10-14-2010. Included in the discussion were Amy Freitag, Executive Director of NYRP and Ashley Willhite, Community Development Manager at NYRP. Clarification of the boundaries of the area to which the grant money was to be applied was made clear. Since the funding of the grant was made by the developers of The East River Plaza it should be limited to improve the following areas: 116th to 119th Street on First and Pleasant Avenues and 116th to 119th Street, East from First Avenue to the East River Plaza buildings.
- B. The date for the interview of the candidates for the Randall's Island Sports Foundation (RISF) Board of Directors was set for: Monday 01-10-2011, at Patsy's Pizza 117 & 118th Sts. @ First Avenue 5:00PM. Interviews are open to all. Only committee members will be interviewing.

Unfinished Business - A short review of the progress towards completion of Phase 3 (132nd)

to 125th Sts) of the East River Park Esplanade. The committee will seek clarification of a timeline for that phase. No cement can be poured when the surrounding atmospheric temperature is below 30 degrees Fahrenheit for this project.

New Business - The Hansborough Recreation Center, 135th St. West of 5th Ave., is located in CB10. A request was made for information on the permitting process to enable a Lincoln Park Fundraising event. Information was provided.

A short discussion regarding the increased proposed fees for membership at NY Parks and Recreation Centers (NY Times 12-08-10, section A10). The committee agreed to follow this proposal closely.

At 06:45 the committee went into Executive Session for clarification of Committee business.

At 06:55 the chair resumed the meeting and **ACTION ITEMS** were moved upon.

1. A letter of removal of support due to lack of a MOU on the Randall's Island Holiday Lighting Fundraising Proposal to be sent to Mr. Thomas Loungo. Moved by Frank Brija, seconded by Richard Toussaint, passed unanimously.
2. Acceptance of the NY Restoration Project Revision 10-14-10, for funding through the East River Plaza Greening and Planting Initiative, with strong recommendation for the funding to remain within the described East River Plaza area (between 116th and 119th Streets, from First Avenue east to the FDR Drive). Moved by Richard Toussaint, seconded by Keith Massey, passed unanimously.

Announcements - HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Adjournment@ 07:00PM