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Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 10, 2010 @ 6:00 pm
Community Board 11 Office
1664 Park Avenue (bet. 117th / 118th Street)
New York, NY 10035

Present: David Giordano, Frances Mastrota, Keith Massey, Frank Brija, Cora Shelton, Bob McCullough, Richard Toussaint

Absent:

Excused: Debbie Quinones, Hector Nazario and Russel Shuler

Guests: Betty Gaether, Joe Russiello, Michael A. Cubria, Kathy Perez, Olga Ambert, Benay Chisholm, Mara Gittleman, Angela Michie and Jim Greene

1. **Opening remarks:** – Committee Chair Frances Mastrota called the meeting to order at 6:02pm at which point we had quorum. The Agenda was accepted by Frank Brija. Keith Massey was introduced to the committee as a new member.
2. **Presentations:**
 - a. **Mara Gittleman** - of Grow N.Y.C. formerly The council on the Environment explained and showed how to access community garden profiles on **OASI** (<http://oasisnyc.net>). .
 - b. **Claude Okin** - Managing Partner of Sportime representing The McEnroe Tennis Academy on Randall's Island www.sportimeny.com/JohnMcEnroe Tennis Academy. The first session of the Academy will begin in fall of 2010. It is this committee's hope that the academy will provide opportunities to motivated and deserving CB11 area young players who would not otherwise have the resources to learn tennis and perhaps become tennis athletes. The committee is committed to carefully giving this academy its full attention.
3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. Hector Nazario our committee member charged with RISF affairs had an emergency and was absent from the meeting.

- b. It is the Parks Committee's desire that the Solicitation for Proposals to enhance the green environment of the East River Plaza through the Memorandum of Understanding with Tiago (the developers) that you had 30days to review will be passed on 6-15-10. The East
- c. **Angela Michie** – New York Restoration (NYRP) reported on the successful negotiations with the Pleasant Apartment developers and Los Amigos Community Garden which should be complete by September 2010.
- d. **Hoops by The River Inc. Basketball** the Crack in the 111th Street court is being fixed, and paint has arrived. The committee expressed its frustration with accepting the chairs slow ability to manage the Parks Dept. marketing policy agreements between interested parties.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Preliminary meetings on the 2020 Comprehensive Waterfront Plan- phase II by the Department of City Planning and Commissioner Castro (Manhattan Parks) are on-going. Full report in September.
- b. Community Gardens will be reported on at a dedicated September Parks meeting ie. Jackie Robinson and Nueva Esperanza Gardens

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Father's Day 06-20-10 Harlem Skyscraper Cycling Bike Races at Marcus Garvey Park, 127th Street & Fifth Avenue.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Richard Toussaint, seconded by David Giordano passed unanimously.