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Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 11, 2010 @ 6:00 pm
Community Board 11 Office
1664 Park Avenue (bet. 117th / 118th Street)
New York, NY 10029

Present: Frances Mastrota, Marion Bell, David Giordano, Cora Shelton, Frank Brija,
Russel Shuler, Bob McCullough and Richard Toussaint

Guests: Laurence Vargas, Chris Johnson, Lisa Faibish, Nancy Lee, Jamie Warren and
Teresa Flores

1. **Opening remarks** - Chair Dr. Mastrota remembered recently deceased committee member Danny Perez as a person who distinguished himself by his unfailing service to the committee, Community Board 11 and his community.

The committee reviewed its accomplishments for 2008-2009, and its goals for 2010-2011.

A. Its goals – official opening ceremonies at:

- i. Each One Teach One Park
- ii. Crack is Wack Park
- iii Harlem River Park –(Phase 2)

B. A unified Manhattan community Boards approach to secure Capitol Budget Funding towards the repair and completion of the Manhattan East River Waterfront Walkway.

C. Review available assessments of public open space in CB11 and develop a strategy to meet the assessed needs of those spaces.

2. **Presentations:**

Jamie Warren, N. Y. Parks Department was seeking support of a planned event; Fun And Games Zone, Saturday, April 17th from 12Noon - 4PM. She requested the closing of 114th Street from First Ave. to Pleasant and from 114th to 116th and Pleasant Ave.

The committee could not give permission for a street closing this has to go to the Carnival Committee. Ms. Ojeda asked her how many hours is the event and she responded (4) hours. Ms. Ojeda suggests she call the precinct because it's only 4 hour. Ms. Ojeda inform Ms. Warren that in the future she needs to coordinate this event 90 days in advance.

ACTION ITEM

Marion Bell made a motion to recommend that the Fun and Games Zone event be permitted in Jefferson Park and that upon approval of the 23rd Precinct extended to include 114th to 116th Streets on Pleasant Avenue. Seconded by Frank Brija pass unanimously

Teresa Flores, NY City Parks and Recreation Esplanade Manager from 14th to Robert Kennedy Bridge explained to the committee that there is currently no money in the Parks budget to make repairs. She has photographs and film of the damage to the esplanade, which is nearing a dangerous condition in our area.

Richard Toussaint made the motion to write letters to Commissioner Castro (Manhattan) Benepe (Borough) and Manhattan and Queens Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney explaining that Harlem River Task force and CB11 Parks Committee has researched the existing conditions and has found them to be worse than conditions moving south. This letter would invite all stakeholders to a meeting with local elected officials that would result in an intergraded plan to secure funding for improvements, repair and maintenance of the walkway. Further if our Councilwoman Melissa Mark-Viverito were to form a Taskforce on the conditions CB11 would like to be part of that Taskforce for the sharing of information. Seconded by Marion Bell passed unanimously.

3. Unfinished Business

ACTION ITEM

Richard Toussaint made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2010 Parks and Recreation meeting which was held without quorum. These minutes were presented for information only to each committee member at the beginning of the meeting. They included the ACTION ITEM: To invite Marion Bell if she had not submitted her application to the Borough President to remain on CB11 and is in fact NOT a board member in April 2010 to be asked to be a candidate for consideration to interview for placement on the Board of Directors Randall's Island Sports Foundation. Seconded by Robert McCullough passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM

Richard Toussaint made the recommendation that if Marion Bell did not resubmit her application to the Borough President to remain on CB11 and is in fact NOT a Board Member in April 2010 that she is asked to be a candidate for consideration to interview for placement on the Randall's Island Sports Foundation Board. This was seconded by Robert McCullough and passed unanimously.

Joseph Russiello, NYC Parks Department was not present and therefore the committee did not have a report on a calendar date for the official opening ceremonies of our three parks or the consultation with the Parks Department Transportation alternatives and the CB11 Parks Committee for resolution of the date for the lights to be turned on in Harlem River Park and repair of the crack in the pavement in Lincoln Park.

4. **New Business: None**

5. **Announcements:**

Richard Toussaint informed the committee that the “Clearwater” sailing vessel is looking for space to dock at the 106th Street Pier.

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6. **Adjournment:**

Cora Shelton made the motion to adjourn at 7:25Pm seconded by all committee members. Motion passed unanimously.

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