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Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Thursday, May13, 2010 @ 6:00 pm
Community Board 11 Office
1664 Park Avenue (bet. 117th / 118th Street)
New York, NY 10035

Present: David Giordano, Frances Mastrota, Hector Nazario, Russel Shuler, Bob McCullough, Richard Toussaint

Absent: Frank Brija

Excused: Keith Massey, Cora Shelton and Debbie Quinones

Guests: Ethel Coaxum, Betty Gaether, Warren James Sonia Rodriguez, Mario Hernandez, Nancy Lee, Lisa Faibish, Laurence Vargas, Joe Russiello, Eric Peterson and Willie Kelly

1. **Opening remarks:** – Committee Chair Frances Mastrota called the meeting to order at 6:10pm at which point we had quorum. The Agenda was accepted. New committee member Hector Nazario was introduced to the committee and guests.
2. **Presentations:**
 - a. **Willie Kelly II President of Hoops by The River Inc.** Basketball in Jefferson Park at 111th Street. Mr. Kelly runs a year round basketball clinic and tournament is a nonprofit incorporation. (HBTR) geographic area covers East Harlem and serves boys and girls ages 5-17 years of age. HBTR and the East Harlem Community have serious problems with the conditions on the basketball courts which in some cases were not refurbished in 20 years. Resources were found for needed repairs of the equipment through Modell's Sporting Goods. However, the N.Y. City Parks Department has a policy, in which it states that no advertisements may be placed in NYC parks. Modell's had requested a small logo be placed on the four back boards they were to donate. Mr. Kelly's group was able to identify and photograph at least four NYC East Harlem and Harlem Parks were waived. He was requesting a letter of support from the CB11 Parks Committee for this waiver to also be extended to the 111th Street basketball park.
 - b. **Mr. Richard Toussaint** gave an update to the committee on the opening of the Harlem River Esplanade and Bikeway from 132nd to 145th Street on 4-28-2010. Cooperation between two city agencies (Parks and Recreation and the Economic Development

Corporation), the Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance, the Harlem River Park Taskforce and many other partners, with support from the New York State Department resulted in this new form of greenway waterfront.

3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. The Chair asked the new member Hector Nazario to help us identify more candidates to be interviewed for a position on the Randall's Island Sports foundation Board of Directors. Thus for we have two confirmed persons with that goal in mind. Mr. Nazario is the President of Community Education Council of District 4.
- b. The East River Plaza, CB11, Solicitation for Proposals, Greening and Planting. A draft copy is attached to your packet for review. (**see attach**).
- c. The committee has requested from the chair further information as to the location and site control of all community gardens in CB11. This information to be available at the June meeting. Community Gardens profiles on OASIS Harlem (<http://www.oasisnyc.net>)

4. **NEW BUSINESS: Beverly Jimenez Talavera**

- a. Waterfront Vision of City Planning are holding workshops on Vision 2020: The N.Y.C. Comprehensive Waterfront Plan that will identify opportunities for improvement and the strategies needed to realize this new vision. A flyer is in your packets. (**see attach**)
- b. Robert McCullough – former Chair (30years) requested a letter of support on behalf of Jerry Ice City Legendary permit (92350) and Each One Teach One “Stop The Violence” Program to make improvements to the great lawn basketball courts and a waiver to allow the builder and contributor Jerry Ice /City Legends name be placed on the backboard poles.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A letter of support for Hoops by The River to waiver the policy of the use of logos on Model donated basketball backboards. Motion made by Russel Shuler seconded by Robert McCullough and passed unanimously. Cc: letter to Commissioner Castro, Councilwoman Melissa Mark-Viverito, Joseph Russiello and Mr. Nam.
2. A letter of support for Jerry Ice/City Legendry, Each One Teach One “Stop the Violence” to make improvements to the great lawn basketball courts and temporarily waiver the builder and contributor Jerry Ice City Legends name be placed on the backboard or poles. Motion was made by Richard Toussaint seconded by David Giordano and passed unanimously. Cc: letter to Douglas Blousky President of Central Park Conservancy, Commissioner Castro, Councilwoman Melissa Mark-Viverito, Joseph Russiello and Mr. Nam.

3. A recommendation to approve the Manhattan CB11 Solicitation for Proposals Greening and Planting Initiative. Motion made by Russel Shuler seconded by Richard Toussaint and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Students Research and Free Tours of Harlem River Park Saturday May 22, @ 11AM – 2PM. Enter Park tour at the 142nd Street and 5th Avenue ramp over the Harlem River Drive.
2. On Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 1PM RISF and Parks and Recreation will host a special ribbon cutting to celebrate the completion of the Sports Fields Project on Randall's Island.

Adjournment:

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

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