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

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

Excused: Danny Perez

Absent: Frank Brija

Guests:

Quorum was not reached. These minutes are for information purposes only.

Discussions and Presentations:

Opening remarks – at the regular monthly meeting of the committee quorum was attained at 6:20PM. Ms. Mastrota placed on the table the possibility of the committee's name change to **Public Open Space Committee**. It was to be thought about and place on the agenda for March.

Presentation:

Review and consideration was given to the River East Plaza MOU. Clarification is needed as to the writing of the document and final determination that it is Parks committee business. A suggestion was made to have some conversations with theses Flores Esplanade Park Manager from 14th Street to the Robert Kennedy Bridge. The chair is committed to continuing aggressive pursuit of this business and making the committee aware of the selection process for the use of the 100 K funding.

Unfinished Business:

The committee was informed that we have one candidate for the Board of Directors of Randall's Island Sport Foundation. This committee must write the interview questionnaire and schedule interviews of candidates for presentation to the Randall Island Sports Foundation Board so that they may review and choose one of the three candidates we submit to them. The criteria for the candidates were discussed.

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.

New Business:

Joseph Russiello, Parks Department

Mr. Russiello described to the committee the traffic problem at Crack is Wack Park 128th Street and 2nd Avenue. Vehicles coming off the FDR Drive are not aware of the traffic device to control traffic on 2nd Avenue. They therefore jump the curb and plowing into the ornamental fencing of the park. Mr. Russiello made contact with Ms. Forgione and two signs were erected to try to slow down traffic. Mr. Toussaint suggested that Transportation Alternatives come and do traffic study of the area.

A recommendation was made by Richard Toussaint amended by Robert McCullough to have Transportation Alternatives in consultation with Joseph Russiello and Nam of the Parks Department moved and seconded it was voiced voted upon and passed unanimously.

The problems for the above issue are:

- Crack pavement in Lincoln Park
- Lights turned on Harlem River Park
- Ceremonies at Each One Teach One and Crack is Wack -Parks first then Harlem River Park in the Spring of 2010 with invitations to Senator Bill Perkins, Councilwomen Inez Dickens, Melissa Mark-Viverito and Senator Keith Wright.

Joe Russiello will carry to the Parks Department the calendar of spring 2010 hopefully have an answer by next month.

Announcements:

Richard Toussaint informed the committee that Clearwater is looking for space to dock 106 Pier.

Adjournment: