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Joint Meeting  
Parks & Recreation Committee/  
Randall's Island Taskforce  
April 10, 2008 @ 6:00 pm  
Community Board 11 Office  
55 East 115<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10029

Present: Monica Brown, Frances Mastrota, Daniel Perez, Cora Shelton, Debbie Quinones, Russel Shuler, Bob McCullough

Excused: N/A

Absent: Frank Brija, John Brown, Edward Franco, Cesar Ortiz

Guests: Sabina Ellentuck, Yekaterina Gluzberg

### New/Old Business

#### *Mission Statement – Parks & Recreation*

The committee discussed the details of what the Parks & Recreation Committee's mission statement would include. After much deliberation the committee came up with the following wording: *"The Parks committee is charged with the responsibility of working closely with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, its affiliate organizations, Elected Officials and other state and federal environmental agencies, to ensure the preservation, conservation, maintenance, renovation and enjoyment of East Harlem Parks, playgrounds, ball fields, recreational facilities, community gardens, riverbanks, open public land and green spaces for East Harlem citizens. This is to be accomplished by education, evaluation and advocacy to ensure that the East Harlem community is represented properly."*

A motion to accept the Parks & Recreation Committee mission statement was made by Cora Shelton and seconded by Daniel Perez. The motion was approved unanimously.

### *Mission Statement – Randall’s Island Taskforce*

The following is the mission statement that was discussed in regards to the Randall’s Island Taskforce: *The Randall’s Island Taskforce has been created with the goal of ensuring that the local community is best served in the following areas: 1) Environment; 2) Access and Safety; 3) Permitting; 4) Concession Agreements; 5) Board Representation; 6) Community Participation. Through a dialogue with the Randall’s Island Sports Foundation, Elected Officials and other organizations the taskforce will advocate for the needs of the community.*

A motion to accept the Randall’s Island Taskforce mission statement was made by Cora Shelton and seconded by Monica Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

### *Randall’s Island Update*

Sabina Ellentuck came before the committee to give an update on some items related to Randall’s Island. In terms of construction, she stated that except for the fields that were on the site of the former water park development, the whole island is pretty much under construction. Construction is still on schedule.

The Tennis Center is being expanded and community hours are being offered at no-charge. The Randall’s Island Kids program will be one of the main beneficiaries of the extra hours. The center is slated for completion in the fall. The Golf Center has also gone through an expansion and is also going to be offering community hours. The Golf Center should be opening in the very near future.

The Wetlands are almost completed and will become part of the nature program at Randall’s Island. Local schools will be using the wetlands as part of their Math and Science curriculums. Sabina also informed the committee that 25 mature trees were saved and replanted on the island.

At the last meeting, Sabina asked for assistance in getting some softball fields used for this Spring. Since that meeting, many of the fields have been reserved. She stated that 50% of the fields were filled by local public schools. Over 400 emails were sent in an effort to get local groups to use the fields. Some fields are still available and can be reserved by calling Sabina Ellentuck at (212) 860-1899 or emailing her at [sabina.ellentuck@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:sabina.ellentuck@parks.nyc.gov).

### **Announcements**

#### *Partnership for Parks*

Partnership for Parks will be hosting a NY Cares event at Thomas Jefferson Park on April 12<sup>th</sup>. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, they will also be hosting Parks Day activities in the Harlem Art Park as well as Cherry Tree Playground. For more information Yekaterina Gluzberg can be reached at (212) 408-0283 or [yekaterina.gluzberg@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:yekaterina.gluzberg@parks.nyc.gov).

## Randall's Island Youth Jamboree

This event will take place at Icahn Stadium on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.  
For more information call (646) 758-9675.

### **Adjournment**

Daniel Perez made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Cora Shelton and passed unanimously.

### **Action Items**

1. A motion to accept the Parks & Recreation Committee mission statement was made by Cora Shelton and seconded by Daniel Perez. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. A motion to accept the Randall's Island Taskforce mission statement was made by Cora Shelton and seconded by Monica Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.