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Environment, Open Space, & Parks Committee Thursday, November 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m. Board Office

MINUTES

Present: Frances Mastrota (Chair), Russel Shuler, David Giordano, Tabatha Lozano, Nilsa Orama and Thomas Herrera (staff)

Excused: Ryan Sheffield, Jeffrey Monteiro

Absent: None

Guests: Marissa Berry (NYC Parks), Jaron McNeill (NYC Parks), Chris Johnson, Phil Abramson (NYC Parks), Kieishsha Barnes (NYC Parks), Uma Bhandaran (Blue Apron), Rasheeda Bitaris, Kushalee Vachamanda, Rasheeda Harris (NYC Parks)

1. Call to Order - Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Quorum was attained. Agenda adopted, moved by Nilsa Orama, seconded by Russell Shuler. All in favor

2. Announcements

- a. Thank you to Odyssey House for volunteers at the 19th Mile Water Station during the NYC Marathon.
- b. East Harlem Esplanade Greenway Link (125-132nd Streets). Meeting on 11-15-2017 at Marcus Garvey Recreation Center, 6:30. This project is scheduled for committee review December 14, 2017.

3. Presentations & Discussions

- a. Verbal review of Jointly Operated Playgrounds (JOP) in CB11
- b. Conditions last viewed on Pier 107 - 10-28-2017
- c. Introduction of The Randall's Island WXY Esplanade Report Link
- d. Review of the multifaceted Community Park Initiative (CPI) programs in CB11. Those public parks in CB11 which have been under resourced in 10 years and located in densely populated and growing neighborhoods with higher than average concentration of poverty.

- e. Community Gardens Now that the Gardening Season is coming to an end we discussed the availability of access to Public, Private, & Land Trust garden areas, as well as the HPD gardens that are/are NOT being replaced.

4. Informational Updates

- a. Christopher DuMont, Principal - Mandjet, LLC. discussed and distributed - East Harlem Flood Maps.
- b. Jacqueline Tesman, Pablo Guzman, Union Settlement reported on their planned Beautification Project, which is to install wooden boxes within the tree pits and planting shrubbery along the 116th Street business/commercial corridor on 3rd Avenue. They will be starting immediately on a small trial effort, to be followed in the Spring of 2018 on the following areas: 106th Street from 5th to 2nd Avenues, 116th Street from Madison to Pleasant Avenues and 125th Street from Madison to 2nd. Avenues

5. Continuing Business

- a. A long (63 minute) and hotly debated discussion among the committee members followed.

The Chair announced that the committee's recommendation to support the proposed expansion of the Randall's Island Tennis Center was considered and supported by the Land Use, Landmarks & Planning Committee during its meeting on November 8, 2017. The Environment, Open Space and Park had voted on this matter on October 12, 2017 by a vote of 4 in favor, 1 abstaining (R. Sheffield).

It was noted that subsequent to this vote Daniel White of Geto & de Milly, speaking for Ben Schlansky, Managing Director, of the Sportime, contacted Mr. Sheffield to address the concerns that he had previously expressed about the project.

Committee member Russell Schuler (Youth through Education & Sports-YES), who was absent from the Environment, Open Space and Park's committee in October, when the vote to give positive approval to Sportime concession, had questions that he felt were still needed to be resolved in a written agreement between Sportime and CB11. An effort will be made to once again contact Sportime before the November Full Board meeting to settle Mr. Schuler's concerns.

6. Adjournment

At 8:22 p.m., the Chair called for an adjournment. So moved by Russell Shuler and seconded by Tabatha Lozano.

Minutes submitted and prepared by Frances Mastrota and Thomas Herrera