Environment, Open Space, & Parks Committee
Thursday, November 1, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Board Office

*** Minutes ***

Present: David Giordano, Frances Mastrota, Malik McCullough, Jeffrey Monteiro, Ryan Sheffield (Chair), Russel Shuler (Public Member), Angel Mescain (District Manager), Thomas Herrera (Asst. District Manager)

Guests: Renee Kent, Adrian Mack, Chris O’Brien, Sophie Putka

1. Call to Order – Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting began as an information session until quorum was obtained at 6:38pm. The Chair formally called the meeting to order – motion to adopt the agenda made by Frances Mastrota, seconded by Russel Shuler. All in favor.

2. Announcements

a. On Friday, November 2nd there is a cleanup and crafts event hosted through Partnership for Parks at James Weldon Johnson Playground (E. 115th St btw 3rd Ave/Lexington) from 2:30 – 4:00pm.

b. On Saturday, November 3rd from 2:00 – 4:00pm there is a Lasker Pool & Rink “Make-Up” Workshop hosted by the Central Park Conservancy. The workshop will take place at Dana Discovery Center (inside Central Park at 110 St/Lenox Ave).

3. Presentations & Discussions

a. Chris O’Brien, Executive Director at Friends of the East River Esplanade, informed the committee of his intention to apply for a 15k NYS Sea Grant to fund the bait station project previously presented to the committee.

b. The committee discussed the outlook and focus of EOS &P for 2018-2019. Members discussed the evolving role of the committee, ways to strategically engage the community including scheduling Park and Community Garden walk-throughs with
key leaders, and assigned committee delegates to the M10/M11 DSNY Garage to keep the committee apprised of developments.

4. New Business

a. Frances Mastrota discussed the developments surrounding the Pleasant Village Community Garden and the lot reallocation to HPD.

b. Malik McCullough highlighted a safety concern at Each One Teach One Park. Many of the park lights are non-operational and there is a heavy rat presence. The committee will be following up with the Department of Parks regarding this concern.

5. Old Business

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:34pm by Malik McCullough, seconded by Frances Mastrota. All in favor.