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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> there is a cleanup and crafts event hosted through Partnership for Parks at James Weldon Johnson Playground (E. 115<sup>th</sup> St btw 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave/Lexington) from 2:30 – 4:00pm.
- b. On Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 E,OS &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 Mastrotta 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 Mastrotta. All in favor.