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### Environment, Open Space, & Parks Committee Thursday, February 6, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Board Office

#### \*\*\* MINUTES \*\*\*

Present: Jessica Elliott (chair), David Giordano, Frances Mastrota, Malik McCullough, Jessica Morris, Russel Shuler, Carly Wine (staff)

Absent: Diane Collier, Jada Heredia, Ryan Sheffield

Excused:

Guests: Thomas Harnisch, NYC Parks/RIPA; Connie Lee, MGPA; Erik Linsalata, NYC Parks; Gabrielle Czernik, NYC Parks; Gabriel Hernandez, WeAct; Chris D'Ambrosia; Zach Borodkin; Robert McLean, NYC Parks

#### 1. Call to Order– Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Jessica Elliott at 6:45 PM. The motion to adopt the meeting agenda was made by Jessica Morris and seconded by Russell Shuler.

#### 2. Announcements

- a. Jessica Morris announces an upcoming AIA/DCP roundtable for the 2030 waterfront plan to be held 3/19 and will circulate more information.

#### 3. Informational updates (20 minutes)

- a. Randall's Island Park Alliance
  - i. Finalization for the programming and calendar for the upcoming year;
  - ii. Full and seasonal hiring opportunities available;
  - iii. Ongoing discussions regarding RI events and inclusion of CB11 residents.
- b. NYC Parks
  - i. Abraham Lincoln playground has a chain link fence around the comfort station improvements, to be reopened on March 3rd;
  - ii. Thomas Jefferson playground to be closed for 1 year for renovations;
  - iii. NYC Parks to follow up with more information.
- c. Marcus Garvey Park

- i. Water tower is open twice a month for park rangers tours to climb the tower, ring the bell, etc;
- ii. MGPA is looking towards a potential endowment in the future;
- iii. Harlem Eat Up did a walk through of the site, potential to become a yearly event in the park.

#### 4. Presentations & Discussions

- a. Presentation on the proposed designs for the reconstruction and repair of the East River Esplanade at 114th – 117th Streets (15 minutes)
  - i. Erik Linsalata, Deputy Director of Engineering, NYC Parks
  - ii. Gabrielle Czernik, Project Manager, NYC Parks

This project was previously approved and needs new approval with additional scope for Phase II, following the receipt of additional funding from city council and the mayor. The project looks at the 114th-115th and 116th-117th street portions of the esplanade in three parts.

- 114th-115th street sections will be rebuilt with new piles, high platform, pavers, landscape, lighting, etc.
- 116th-117th street section will be rehabilitated; part will only be receiving structural repair, and the remaining area will be building out a new space with a new highway barrier, landscape buffer, seating and lighting. Sea rail and other elements to match what exists further south.
- Design to be completed in April with permits to be filed in August 2020. Completion scheduled for 2022-2023. Pier 107 is still a high priority and meetings are scheduled with Gale Brewer's office.
- The committee is concerned with any impact and existing damage in relation to the FDR and will reach out to the DOT for more information.

A motion was made by David Giordano and seconded by Russell Shuler to provide a letter to NYC Parks in support of the proposed designs for the reconstruction and repair of the East River Esplanade at E. 114<sup>th</sup> to E. 117<sup>th</sup> Street as presented by NYC Parks at the Environment, Open Space, & Parks Committee meeting on February 6, 2020. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

- b. Fiscal Year 2021 Preliminary Budget Review (15 minutes)

The committee prepared a Statement on the Preliminary Budget, and decided that they would focus their efforts on the 107<sup>th</sup> Street Pier and the comfort station at Thomas Jefferson Park.

- c. Committee discussion re: DRAFT Where We Live Plan (10 minutes)

#### 5. New Business

#### 6. Old Business

- a. Staff update on tree pit at 1664 Park Avenue

## 7. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by David Giordano and seconded by Francis Mastrotta.