Environment, Open Space, & Parks Committee
Thursday, March 7, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Board Office

*** Minutes ***

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

Excused: Huma Ashraf / Jada Heredia

Guests: T. Sulliv, A. delaFuente, R. McLean, Zoe Piccolo, Sarah Neilson, Sarah Dougherty, Mary Nell Hawk, Eric Peterson

1. Call to Order – Adoption of the Agenda

   The meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Monteiro (Vice Chair) at 6:37pm.

2. Announcements

3. Presentations & Discussions

   a. Waterfront Alliance to present on how their resiliency tools can help identify potential flood problems in East Harlem

      i. Sarah Dougherty of the Waterfront Alliance presented a program known as the Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines (WEDG), which is a rating system and set of guidelines to create resilient, ecological and accessible waterfronts. WEDG is a resource that community members may use to advocate for better waterfronts and to increase community resilience.

   b. NYC Department of Parks and Recreation to give an update on the status of the 125th – 132nd Greenway Park and 107th Street Pier

      i. Zoe Piccolo of the NYC Parks Department gave an informative update on the 107th Street Pier. The pier is currently closed due to numerous safety considerations. The substructure of the pier is considerably unstable which
has resulted in the indefinite postponement of the topside repairs. Further, Zoe discussed funding allocated to bulkhead repairs along certain portions of the East River Esplanade within Community District 11.

4. New Business
   a. Committee discussion on response to the FY 2020 Preliminary Budget
      i. The committee discussed the agency responses to our FY 2020 Preliminary Budget line items.

5. Old Business

6. Adjournment
   Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm