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Environment, Open Space, & Parks Committee Thursday, April 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Board Office

*** Minutes ***

Present: David Giordano, Frances Mastrotta, Jeffrey Monteiro, Ryan Sheffield, Russel Shuler

Excused: Tabatha Lozano

Guests: Nilsa Orama (CB11 Chair), Eric Peterson, Connie Lee, Theresa Richardson, Susan Huck, Maren Hassinger, Liz Gwinn, Anais Duplon, Jorge Prado, Abokor Gulaid, Evans Richardson, Renee Keitt

1. Call to Order – Adoption of the Agenda

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by the Chair, Ryan Sheffield at which time the agenda was adopted; moved by Frances Mastrotta and seconded by Russel Shuler. All in favor.

2. Announcements

- a. National Autism Awareness Month – autism prevalence is now one in 68 in America (*statistic provided by the CDC*).
- b. Chair, Ryan Sheffield will not be able to attend Full Board on April 17 and has delegated Vice Chair, Jeffrey Monteiro to cover.

3. Presentations & Discussions

- a. NYC Department of Parks and Recreation (NYC Parks) to present on the Temporary Public Art Installation at Marcus Garvey Park (15 mins).

Connie Lee and Maren Hassinger (artist) presented for informational purposes only, the installation of eight site-specific sculptures beginning June 2018 for approximately one year in Marcus Garvey Park.

- b. Randall’s Island Park Alliance (RIPA) to present the 2018 Frieze New York’s “Black Lives Matter” Installation (15 mins).

Eric Peterson (NYC Parks) presented for informational purposes only the installation of a BLM six- month flag installation on Randall’s Island. The flag is Adam Pendelton’s *Black Dada Flag* and will be on display from May 1 until November 1, 2018.

- c. NYC Department of Parks and Recreation (NYC Parks) to present on the Pelham Fritz Recreation Center construction project at Marcus Garvey Park (15 mins).

Jorge Prado and Abokor Guilaid came requesting a “Letter of Support” for the reconstruction of the Pelham Fritz Recreation Center located in Marcus Garvey Park. The project has been allocated 750K and is currently in design phase, ultimately moving into procurement and execution phases, respectively. Estimated time of completion is 15-20 months. The project is a reconstruction effort of the vestibule and entranceway in order to be more appealing and functional to the public; the design is fully ADA accessible. A motion was made by David Giordano to grant a letter of support for the redevelopment of the Pelham Fritz Recreation Center at Marcus Garvey Park. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Monteiro and passed unanimously.

4. New Business

5. Old Business

- a. Capital Expense and Budget Requests

- i. Discussion regarding closing the funding gap for the 107th St. Pier

- b. Miscellaneous

- i. An E, Os, and Parks committee delegation led by Frances Mastrota participated in *Green Thumb GrowsTogether Workshop* to much success on March 31, 2018.
 - ii. Discussion regarding the loss of open space due to the recently disclosed sale of the basketball court, playground and neighboring church by the Children’s Aid Society located at 130 E. 101st Street (corner of Lexington). A second community meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2018.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made at 7:25 PM by David Giordano to adjourn, seconded by Frances Mastrota.