



Chairman: Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager: William Rivera

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Summary

March 9, 2022

Board Members Present: Jorge Hurtado, Jamaal King, Linda Soto, Lenora Easter, Sadie Davis, Md Alauddin, DM Rivera

I. Introduction

A. Committee Description: The Parks and Recreation Committee represents the community's interests with regard to parks, park services and all park related matters and acts as a liaison between parks users and the New York City Parks Department.

II. Old Business

A. Potential April Park House Meeting- Valerie Davis, will follow-up on this

B. BXCB9 Parks & Recreation Committee Summer Events Link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_hjiSqxF65LRLZQ211YAnwVWgNe5MvP3w7FNrg5grQ7OFmw/viewform

III. New Business

A. Bird-watching event at SVP on March 20th at 1 PM

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/soundview-park/events/2022/03/20/birding-beginner-birding>

IV. DM Update

A. DM Rivera stated that he received a lot of letters of support for the 174th Street Playground renaming to Captain William Harry Thompson. DM Rivera states he will be sending out to the Mayor's Office and a copy to Board Members.

B. CB9 staff is in new office, new furniture will probably arrive in a few months

C. DM Rivera signed up for Castle Hill Wetland Point Restoration on Saturday

V. Committee Discussion

A. BM Daniel Porro asked Valerie Davis if any parks in the district are allocated for renovation/painting. Ms. Davis stated that she will follow-up with the Capital Director and Regional Manager who covers CB9 area. Ms. Davis also stated that, this was on the agenda at a recent staff meeting. All playground equipment will be inspected, Ms. Davis will get more information and will follow-up with CB9. BM Jamaal King stated that City Council has an initiative, and we can identify parks in the district that need work done

and present it to City Council. DM Rivera stated that he will send BM Daniel Porro the link for the parks assessment.

- B. BM MD Alauddin stated that the parks bathrooms aren't usable and needs to be renovated. DM Rivera asked Mr. Alauddin for exact parks so he can send detailed information and Parks can look into this. Ms. Davis stated that all parks' bathrooms should have all amenities and if there is a problem Parks needs to be informed so repairs can be done right away.
- C. BM Daniel Porro asked Ms. Davis about Mr. Noel and the ADA community. Mr. Porro stated that Mr. Noel may have some programs for the disability community. Ms. Davis stated that all parks are ADA compliant. DM Rivera stated he will send out Parks assessment to the committee.
- D. BM Monique Farrington asked if there are any designated roller-skating areas in Parks, DM Rivera states that there aren't any in CB9. Ms. Davis states she will look into this and get back to CB9.
- E. BM Jorge Hurtado stated that he would like the Summer Events form to be added to the bulletin. Mr. Hurtado will finalize questions on the form and then send out. Ms. Davis stated she would like a copy of the form so she can share with the commissioner.

VI. Presentation

- A. Alfred McDowell, New Path Horse Academy- Mr. McDowell stated that this is a non-profit organization and would like to work with our community. New Path Horse academy, would like to provide permanent homes of unwanted, abused, abandoned, neglected and homeless horses. To secure a safe and loving environment, and to establish fun and workable programs to families and youths in surrounding communities. The vision is to create emotional and psychological healing through equine relationships and bonding. Build long lasting programs that will be successful to our children's future. Ms. Davis asked Mr. McDowell if he is proposing a designated area to run this program and if there is a location where the horses are housed. Mr. McDowell does not have a location yet and only has two horses that are upstate. Mr. McDowell will be sending presentation to CB9 and will also be speaking at the General Board Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM

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