



Chairman: Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager: William Rivera

## **Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Summary**

### **May 11, 2022**

**Board Members Present:** Chiene Jones, Abunoman Rahman, Linda Soto, Daniel Porro, Sadie Marie, Monique Farrington, Lena Johnson, 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. Speakers**

**A. Alfred McDowell, New Path Horse Academy-** Mr. McDowell presented at the Parks committee meeting and General Board meeting in March. This is a nonprofit organization that 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. Mr. McDowell does not have a location yet and he has signed petitions in support for New Path Horse Academy. DM Rivera advised Mr. McDowell to work on resources to present to NYC and to contact ASPCA for policies on horses and the parks department. DM Rivera and the committee shared advice to Mr. McDowell on steps that should be taken and where to get resources from.

**B. Jeffrey Sampson, Creativity Plays in the Park-Soundview Park-** Mr. Sampson announced Creativity Plays in the park event where you can view artwork reflective and inspired by biblical references, social unrest, culture, and pride. The event will be Saturday, May 21, 2022, 1pm to 7pm at Soundview Park Amphitheater.

#### **III. New Business**

**A.** Start of Construction for Noble Playground (May 16, 2022 - one year duration)

**B.** Love Your Block (NYC Service Initiative)

[https://www.nycservice.org/initiatives/index.php?bitinitiative\\_id=5&emci=440987f0-03c8-ec11-997e-281878b83d8a&emdi=b1b7c92e-0dc8-ec11-997e-281878b83d8a&ceid=4312921](https://www.nycservice.org/initiatives/index.php?bitinitiative_id=5&emci=440987f0-03c8-ec11-997e-281878b83d8a&emdi=b1b7c92e-0dc8-ec11-997e-281878b83d8a&ceid=4312921)

**C.** June Agenda Items- Update on noble playground

#### **IV. DM Update**

**A.** DM Rivera had a meeting with residents in Noble Field and there will be two weeks probation

**B.** Please contact 311 with parks issues and email office with 311 service request number

**C.** National Night Out will be in August

**D.** CB9 office is in new location, still waiting on furniture and electronics. Phone lines still aren't working but voicemails are being checked

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:42pm**

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