



Chairman Nicholas Himidian Jr. - District Manager William Rivera

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2019

Committee Chair: Nicholas Himidian Jr.

Board Members Present: Kevin Kiernan, Kwabena Gabay, Mitchell Halpern, Nicholas Himidian Jr., DM Rivera

Board Members Not Present: Sharon Fernandez, Nellie Santiago-Rivera, Abunoman Rahman

Meeting Start Time: 7:00PM

I. **Speakers**

A. **Space Time Playground Presentation**

- NYC Parks presented extensively on this project, slides attached to minutes.
- Space Time Playground started solely as a DEP funded project to capture storm water on site, however, city council funding was allocated towards this project which allowed for a more comprehensive site.
- The location is between Underhill and Bolton Avenue
- Pictures of the site and project scope were shared
- New pipe systems will be installed to alleviate flooding at this site
- A portion of the sidewalk will be reconstructed as well and an inlet will be installed to assist with the flooding at this location
- The northern portion of the playground will be entirely regraded
- As of right now, there is no new proposed funding for lighting
- CB9 is interested in more lighting at this location, possibly floodlights? Possibly motion lights? This could help extend park closing time.
- Chairman Himidian is interested in knowing if this site will be considered a playground or park, Parks will ascertain this and report back to CB
- The project is in Design and is scheduled to be completed October of this year, then procurement for about 9 month so construction can begin 2020 in the fall.

A. **NYC Parks Concession/Revenue Division**

- Clason Point Concession has been dormant for 12 years, it was a former Marina with a clubhouse area that has been demolished. A concessionair has been identified and Parks is currently going through the design approval process.

- The proposed project has parking for 65 spaces, 40 for concession use and 20 for park and ferry users
- Parks has been working with concession so that greenspace is not reduced in design
- The proposed restaurant building that does not require any excavation, will sit on flab, elevated with a wraparound deck with views of the river. The building will have 2 accessible toilets, kitchen, small bar and dining room and wraparound seating for outdoor seating overlooking the water. There is seating capacity of 100 inside and 150 outdoor seating
- There are ramps on multiple sides in the design that make the restaurant handicap accessible.
- The restaurant will be open ferry hours, with possible extended weekend hours.
- The hope is to get this back to PDC for conceptual, the hope is to get through PDC by spring in order to have a permit in hand by the summer. Once permit is in hand, groundbreaking can occur in the fall with an open date by next year.
- There will be ambient music on site, not disruptive.
- Owners of this concession also owns Ice House in Throggs Neck and they have no issues at this location which is also residential
- DM Rivera believes funding can be allocated from local electeds for much needed repairs at Clason Point Park
- DM suggested Concession owners return to meet with CB before groundbreaking.
- CB would like to host a meeting with the community in regards to this concession
- DM Rivera also expressed concern about parking at this location since there is only 40 parking spaces allocated for the restaurant that has a capacity of around 250 individuals.
- Concession Owners requested a letter of support from CB9, which is not required
- The committee opted to wait until the CB meets with the community before approving letter of support

B. DM Updates

- As per DM Rivera, at the public safety committee meeting Pugsley Creek Park was discussed. The sidewalks and the fences were discussed at this meeting. Garbage is an issue because there are no sidewalks here. Pugsley Creek side near YMCA has the timber rail, the entire park should look this way. In addition, the park has very little to no lighting. The commissioner agrees that there is also a fence there that is not helpful, it should be an open space.
- As per DM Rivera, we need to ascertain if lighting was allocated by the state, if it was not, how can we get funding for lighting, even for solar panels?
- As per DM Rivera, it would be faster to redo around Screvin and Dead End and to open the Park so that you can see into the park.

Meeting End Time: 8:17PM

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