



Chairman Nicholas Himidian Jr. & District Manager William Rivera

Parks Committee Meeting **Minutes**

January 8, 2019

Meeting Location: BRONX CB9 OFFICE

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Nicholas Himidian Jr., Sharan Fernandez, Kwabena Gabay, Nellie Santiago-Rivera, Mitchell Halpern, Abunoman Rahman, DM Rivera

Introduction

- A.** Committee Chair, Board Members & Guest
- B.** 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.

Speakers/Presentations

- A.** Parks Revenue/Concessions Unit Update- Postponed until February. As per Chairperson Himidian, an email was received from Parks last night that they will be unable to present at this month's meeting and will be present in February to present on this matter.

Old Business

- A.** Pugsley Creek Park Maintenance. As per DM Rivera, there are several issues at Pugsley Creek Park. DSNY was contacted regarding garbage concerns here. As per DM Rivera, the new DSNY Superintendent is very active. Parks Dept was also notified regarding garbage related issues here. DM Rivera will cc Dan Reynolds, present at meeting, regarding garbage in the park as well, specifically on Screvin Ave. As per DM Rivera, if residents are able to share images from their cameras or information on license plates, this could be helpful in catching the repeat offenders. DM Rivera sent an email out to all the related city agencies to keep an eye out on issues at the park including NYPD, DSNY, and Parks and in relation to enforcement.
As per Walter Nestler, Clason Point is not serviced as it should be in comparison to other communities. There are no bus shelters for buses that run down to the ferry and with decreasing temperatures, there are very harsh conditions here.
As per Chairman Himidian, CB9 is full agreement that there are several areas that have not been serviced and require bus shelters throughout the district.

As per Walter Nestler, during ferry FOIL, letters addressed to elected officials when Mr. Nestler was on the board are missing. As per Chairman Himidian, if these letters were sent for a vote, they should be in minute files if they were included in meeting minutes.

As per Chairman Himidian, CB9 should draft a letter to CM Diaz to fund sidewalks on Clason Point, as well as sidewalk on Soundview Ave. between O'Brien and Gildersleeve.

As per DM Rivera, he will follow-up with CM Diaz regarding his interest in funding sidewalks here and inquire who is the owner of the land in front of this property because as per Walter Nestler, the city can install sidewalks and bill the property owner.

As per Chairman Himidian, there should be 2 drafted letters, one regarding ferry updates and an additional letter regarding sidewalks and ADA compliance at Clason Point, etc.

As per Chairman Himidian, DDC may be able to extend another phase to include the area in question.

DM Rivera will include all matters in an email to DDC regarding history of sidewalk here.

As per Chairman Himidian, concession stand on ferry should be paring for ferry.

As per DM Rivera, not having the 39 bus reach the ferry is mind boggling.

As per DM Rivera, CB9's budget priority included Clason Point Park to be redone because there are parking spots that are not being utilized here, bus stops can be improved, among other things. As per DM Rivera, he is not sure when this will be funded but is confident it will be. CM Diaz funded cameras at the park leading to the ferry. CB9 also requested bus shelters here but was told there are no more in the city. DM Rivera also request an extension of Bx 39. MTA is looking into the possibility of doing this. In addition, there should also be a clear path to the ferry from the nearest bus stop.

- B. As per DM Rivera, there should be an open letter drafted that can be shared with the media in regards to these matters. Otherwise, a letter can be drafted and in the letter there can be mention of going to media as next steps.

Media Inquiry

As per Chairman Himidian, Soundview Ave sidewalk definitely has to be installed even if other streets require additional resources, Soundview is a priority. In addition, the 43rd precinct should be contacted for more concentrated surveillance here for illegal dumping.

As per DM Rivera, emails have been sent in the past regarding similar items to city agencies and response is not great.

As per Chairman Himidian, maybe it's time CB9 reaches out to the media regarding these items. In addition, it is essential that if CB9 allocates for Park funding that it does not get pulled for repairs in other parks outside of the district.

As per resident, Pugsley Creek Park is very dark. As per DM Rivera, electeds allocated money for lighting. DM Rivera will follow-up regarding the status of installation here.

As per Chairman Himidian, the MTA administration has not worked with our community on several occasions whether it is the request for an elevator service at Parkchester or meeting all ADA compliance within the district.

C. 2019 Goals

Noble Ave Parks Enforcement was discussed. DM Rivera will be hosting a meeting with the Baseball League at Noble Park along with NCO Sgt, NCOs and Parks Dept. regarding activity here. Noble Ave also has a procurement at this park and there will be a Parks outreach flyer for a

meeting on the 7th of Feb at St. Anthony School at 1750 Mansion at 6pm regarding what the community wants to see here. As per Parks, there are also other leagues here who are in violation. It is important to document all complaints.

As per Chairman Himidian, there should also be a meeting about Soundview leagues as well. In addition CB9 should also draft a set of rules for all leagues throughout the district as well as their guests.

As per DM Rivera, can Parks please provide all permits for Noble and Soundview Park. The hope is to have a meeting with all permit holders in these parks. There are certain rules that need to be adhere to including grace period of no more than 1 hr after permit timing, summoning double parked cars, etc.

Dan from Parks will be covering for Patricia during her undefined leave of absence but is also interested in knowing Parks related concerns in the district as Regional Manager.

As per DM Rivera, Compost Site in Soundview Ave. is not receiving the proportionate amount of resources allocated in contract for Soundview. The contract was also renewed without letting CB9 know.

As per Walter, DEC based on contract should have returned in-kind the amount of acres used for the compost site in Soundview Park for repairs, etc. in the park. Estimated at 25million dollars worth of work in the park as a result. This compensation never took place.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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