



Chairman Brandon Ganaishtal - District Manager William Rivera

Parks Committee Summary

November 12, 2019 – 7PM

Board Members Present: Committee Chair Kwabena Gabay, Abunoman Rahman, Louise Merchena, Sharan Fernandez, Victor Cordero.

Board Members Not Present: Kevin Kiernan

1. Old Business

- A. Solar Project Update: Chair Kwabena would like to place solar panels in all parks in the district. DM Rivera is attempting to get space in the new DSNY location on Zerega to place solar panels there that can power all the parks in the community. As per Chair Kwabena, 1 megawatt can cover all the parks in the district. Panels will be battery based and will be named community grid. They will also be able to power bathrooms and other amenities. If this is done, ConEd will have to buy back power which in turn will lower electricity bill of CB9 residents. Solar Panels will become primary & ConEd will be the secondary energy producer.
- B. Committee Members Parks Assignment: Board Members will be assigned different district parks to report on. Board Members will pick 2 parks off of CB9 Parks list. Reports will include any work done in the park as well as when work will be completed, contracts, upcoming events, etc. Anything substantial should be reported on every 3 months.
- C. Update on Soundview Park, garbage concern is still present here. Committee to contact DSNY & Parks regarding this matter.
- D. Lighting on Lafayette between Boynton & Morrison Ave where angel parking is located is very poor. As per Chair Kwabena, this may be a Land & Zoning concern because it isn't inside the park. Pruning only takes place every 7 years. Lafayette between Pugsley and White Plains Road is also very dark.
- E. How long does a person need to be deceased for before becoming eligible for Parks renaming/co-naming? Is Parks renaming/co-naming permanent?
- F. Parks Grant Opportunity Announced, information card was shared with committee.

2. DM Update

- A. Office is now settling after Community Dinner. Office operations are going well. Construction has not begun on new office space but DM will keep the board posted on when it does.
- B. ADM attended Virginia Park/Hugh Grant Circle Parks Without Borders Groundbreaking. It is scheduled to be completed in 18 months.
- C. Blackrock playground Update: DM will send Commissioner Rodriguez-Rosa the letters of support for the renaming to be sent to Commissioner Silver for approval. Hopefully the rename can be approved & announced by March of next year. Which will be the 3 year anniversary of Yadira's passing.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:24PM.

Summary drafted by CB9 Office Staff.