



Chairman Nicholas Himidian Jr. & District Manager William Rivera

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting **Minutes**

March 12, 2018

Meeting Location: BRONX CB9 OFFICE

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Committee Chair Kwabena Gabay, Sharan Fernandez, Nellie Santiago-Rivera, Mitchell Halpern, Abunoman Rahman

Board Members Not Present: Kevin Kiernan, Nicholas Himidian, Jr.

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. Michael Ortiz, NYC Parks-Havemeyer Playground Comfort Station

As per Michael Ortiz, Havemeyer Playground is just off the Cross Bronx. Havemeyer Playground was able to receive Mayoral funding for the participation in the comfort station rehabilitation program. The comfort station, bathrooms, at the park were in need of repairs. The purpose of this rehabilitation is to bring bathrooms up to ADA Compliance, upgrade electrical system, provide brand new doors and windows as well as complete a fresh paint job, and refurbishing the brick façade. As per Parks, the next closest comfort station is almost a half mile away.

Scope of work was presented at meeting including aerial perspective.

None of the play spaces or basketball courts will be touched. Men and Women's toilet rooms are identical in fixtures and toilets and will be replaced.

The budget for this project is 1.4 million. As a result of limited funding, it is impossible to add any more toilets to this facility. New water fountain will be added in addition to the renovation on facility. Spray shower controls will be included as well. Proposed finish renderings were shared with the committee

As per Walter Nestler, will the brick be sealed for graffiti? Parks will look into this and get back to the committee on this matter.

As per Walter Nestler, will the facility be manned? As per Parks, it is the intention to have these manned, however, there is no certainty, staffing is determined seasonally. Timeline is a year for design; procurement takes 4-6 months, including bid, then constructing is 15-18 months. The intension is to keep the park open during construction. Temporary restrooms may be considered for this location and other locations during comfort station constructions. It may not be feasible but this is something being considered. NYC Parks will provide a list of all the comfort stations in the district as per Chair Kwabena's request.

Notices

A. RFP for Operation and Maintenance of Farmers' Market at Soundview Park

Proposal attached to minutes. Chairperson Kwabena will review and present information at the next Parks Committee Meeting.

Old Business

As per Walter Nestler, any update on Clason Point Concession? As per Chair Kwabena, he has not had an opportunity to visit the site as of yet. As per Parks there will be updates once concession awardees go further along in the process.

As per Walter Nestler, this awardee had 3 years to create Marina and Restaurant, as of today, there is no shovel in the ground. This is ferry location and there is no restroom, nothing.

As per Chair Kwabena, awardee did confirm that the community will be given access to restrooms as well as receiving 25 spots for parking once the facility is built out.

As per Walter Nestler and Parks, there will be a meeting tomorrow night at Harding Park to discuss natural areas and the "southern lagoon." Parks will be providing a presentation at 7pm at Harding Park Environmental Center on Gildersleeve Ave.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:31 PM

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