

CB9 Landmarks Preservation & Parks Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2019

Called to Order: 6:45PM

New Yorkers for Parks, Play Fair Campaign - Emily Walker

- Why was the Play Fair campaign started?
 - New campaign was launched to get more funding allocated
 - Parks represent 14% of New York City land but receive only 0.59% of the City's entire expense budget (~ \$92 billion) which provides for the maintenance and programming of our parks
- 2019 Play Fair campaign asked for one time investment of an additional \$100 million which represents a 0.1% increase of the City's budget dedicated for Parks
- Investment geared towards "an infrastructure of people" - permanent park workers and gardeners, dedicated staff for all parks, etc, - as well as programming in parks
- Of the \$100 million requested, \$43 million was received - big victory!
- The role of Community Boards:
 - Raise awareness of the Play Fair campaign
 - Sign and share petitions to government
 - Provide information on impact of additional funding in their communities
 - Be a coalition member to participate in rallies
- Landmarks Preservation & Parks (LP&P) Committee agrees to sign on as a coalition member

Replacement of Synthetic Turf Field at Jacob Schiff Playground - NYC Parks

- Will provide new synthetic turf system (turf, shock and drainage pad, etc.) for this much utilized community space
- Other elements of the proposed scope of work include:
 - Repair of site furnishings
 - Renew fence mesh and paint structures
 - New misting post and Hi-Lo drinking fountain
 - Evaluation of drainage and improvements where possible
- \$3 million budget
- Work will be sent out to bid Spring-Summer 2020 with construction starting most likely in the Fall-Winter 2020
- Possibility of redrawing fields to allow for side by side games to be played simultaneously by 2 groups running north to south
 - Important given that multiple sports are played here such as soccer, flag football, baseball
- Letter of Support passed unanimously by LP&P Committee

Reconstruction of Comfort Station at Sheltering Arms Playground - NYC Parks

- Elements of the proposed scope of work include:
 - Reconstruct restrooms and mechanical room
 - Make restrooms ADA accessible
 - Upgrade Electrical, Mechanical & Plumbing
 - Remove existing infilled masonry and replace windows
 - Replace utilities to Comfort Station
 - Dead tree will be removed and replaced
 - New water fountain
 - New LED lighting but no exterior lighting
 - Incorporate privacy glass so you can look out but you can't look in
- \$1.5 million budget
- Construction should begin around Winter 2021
- Letter of Support passed unanimously by LP&P Committee

380 Riverside Drive Wheelchair Lift Installation - Dan Siegel of DS Engineering Services

- Currently the main building entrance is located along West 110th Street through the Southwest courtyard but the design calls for this new wheelchair lift to be installed on the opposite Northeast courtyard facing 111th Street
- Southwest courtyard entrance is not suitable for a wheelchair lift installation since the main lobby has 6 riser interior steps up to the elevator door which would require damaging decorative marble walls and impede stair egress for other residents
- Elements of the proposed scope of work include:
 - Removal of pipe rail currently blocking entry to the courtyard from the street
 - Relocation of existing decorative fence to Southeast courtyard
 - Installation of new fence with gate at Northeast courtyard to allow mobility impaired residents to enter from 111th Street
- Letter of Support passed unanimously by LP&P Committee contingent on outreach to Co-Op Board to verify that mobility impaired residents approve the design