Parks and Landmarks Committee
583 Riverside Drive

I. 09/07/2016

II. Attendance: Joel Mentor, Anthony Carrion, Daniel Cohen, Antonio D’souza, Michael Palma, Simon Thoresen
   Excused: Michael Wells

III. Guests: See attached attendance sheet

IV. Meeting Called to Attention: 6:45pm (No quorum)

V. Meeting Called to Order: 7:15pm (Quorum reached)

VI. Agenda Adopted without amendments

VII. No minutes to adopt

VIII. Presentation: NYC Department of Parks and Recreation – Update on the proposed design for Phase 2 renovation of the Morningside Park 123rd Street Playground
By Allan Scholl
Phase 2 of the design will address updates to the toddler play area, repurposing of the wading pool to accommodate other activities, and restructuring of the handball courts. Targeted date of completion would be around early 2019.

Presentation: Higgins Quasebarth & Partners, LLC
LPC review - Plant and Scrymser Pavilions of St. Luke’s Hospital
By Ward Dennis, John Cetra
Plan includes 4 hospital pavilions (two of which are designated landmarked) that are to be converted for residential use. Updates to include substantial façade restoration, reinstatement of historic entry at 113th Street, window restorations, railings/balcony restoration, ADA compliant access, bulkhead to accommodate new elevators, and two connectors to satisfy current building codes. All five buildings in the complex will be fully restored following same standards, and reviewed at federal level for tax credit.
IX. Committee Reports and Updates/Discussion/Presentation
   a. Discussion regarding needed renovations at Sakura Park. Member Cohen and representatives from DPR performed a walkthrough to assess needs, with a total cost estimated at $7M. Requests to be included in upcoming Needs Statement, in addition to planned fundraising with the support of a “friends of” group currently being considered.
   b. General cleanup needed at local playgrounds (Hamilton Playground, Riverside Playground)
   c. “It’s My Park Day” activities to bring cleanup efforts at our local parks (TBD)

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

XII. Action Item(s)
   a. Phase 2 renovation of the Morningside Park 123rd Street Playground (Unanimous committee vote in favor of letter of support)
   b. LPC review - Plant and Scrymser Pavilions of St. Luke’s Hospital (Unanimous committee vote in favor of letter of support)

XIII. Adjourn: 8:45pm

Committee Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Joel Mentor