

Waterfront-Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 2, 2012 at Broadway Housing 583 Riverside Drive 7th floor
Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

CB9 Members in attendance: Arnold Boatner (Co-Chair), Brad Taylor (Co-Chair), Javier Carcamo, Christa Giesecke, Marco Fei, Pat Jones

Carole Singleton-Waterfront-Parks & Recreation Committee member-absent

CB9 Public member in attendance: Jen Silverman

Public attendees: Basia Nikonorow-Montefiorre Park Assn., Michael Palma-Montefiorre Park Assn., Jeremy Griffin, Zhan Heinemann-Riverside Park, Jeremy Griffin, Cheryl Pahm- Inwood Conservancy

Presentations and discussions:

- 1) Revisions to NYC Waterfront Revitalization Plan-Brad Taylor gave an update on document that revises city waterfront policy from 20/20 Vision plan. Among revised items discussed is the fact that Trinity Cemetery will be zoned in a flood plain. Javier Carcamo said Michael Marella is the city planning dept. lead for waterfront policy. Discussion followed on procedure to get document approval processed for CB9. Plan is a policy statement that identifies active marine zones and flood zones and what can be built in those areas. It is a ULURP process. Pat Jones suggested contacting Brian Cook of the Borough president's office to get additional guidance.
- 2) Next was a presentation by Zhan Heinemann of Riverside Park who passed out brochures outlining the Summer on the Hudson events and programs that will be offered this year by the parks department. Fairway Market is the sponsor for parks department events this year. It was pointed out Paul Evans of Riverside Park is responsible for scheduling events that aren't created by parks department. A question was raised about kayaking in the Hudson River which isn't presently an activity sponsored by the park.
- 3) Brad Taylor gave an update on plans for a CB9 Waterfront Forum that would include major government stakeholders involved in waterfront development. Javier Carcamo was asked if the Marine Transfer Station (MTS) design project judges could possibly participate in the forum. Discussion followed on the projected costs to rehabilitate the MTS. Forum would have to be held after community board summer recess in the fall.
- 4) Michael Palma passed out pictures of a greenhouse and playground equipment that is available for donation from NYU Medical School. Lengthy discussion followed on where greenhouse could be re-located and how much it might cost to move it to a new location.
- 5) Cheryl Pahm of Inwood discussed the proposed Inwood Hill Park Conservancy being advocated by the Inwood Parks Alliance. Pahm is a former member of Community Board 12 and a candidate for city council. She is seeking members to help draft a plan for the proposed conservancy. Conservancy outline hasn't been presented to CB12 yet. Recommendations were made to seek financial backing from government agencies and foundations and members from Inwood.

- 6) Brief discussion on deteriorating condition of the Broadway Malls and need to invite the new regional city parks administrator to speak at an upcoming parks committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55pm
Submitted by Arnold Boatner