

CB9 Landmarks Preservation & Parks Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2018

Called to Order: 6:35PM

**142nd Street Dog Run** - Shannon Richards, 142nd Street Dog Run Group

- Newly formed dog run support group has developed a hierarchical organization structure and has already helped address some of the outstanding issues at the dog run
- There are 7 people on their Executive Board and 20 or so general members
- Ground maintenance was in poor shape - active partnership with the Riverside Park Conservancy and NYC Parks led to mulch being placed on the ground this past month, reducing smells
- Streetlights within and surrounding the dog run have been fixed with the exception of one light
- For the benefit of pedestrians the group volunteered to clean up the sidewalk along the M11 bus stop adjacent to the dog run entrance - mulch and debris was spilling out onto the sidewalk from dog run users entering and exiting the dog run
- Dog run is currently championing a project proposal as part of Mark Levine's Participatory Budgeting for District 7. The project proposal entails the following:
  - Safer fencing
  - Higher quality ground cover
  - New entrance relocated away from the adjacent children's playground - also particularly dangerous as dogs can potentially run out into the street and into oncoming cars
  - Noise mitigation landscaping features
- Landmarks Preservation & Park Committee brought up the following issues:
  - The tenants' association of 644 Riverside (located directly across the street from the dog run) has video recordings of people entering the dog run after midnight and into the late hours
  - People are not respecting the hours of operation for the dog run as there is no signage with regard to hours of operation - without a sign Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officers and NYPD officers are unable to enforce the closure of the dog run and prevent people from entering the dog run
  - People entering the dog run at all hours, especially at night, is disturbing the residents across the street - complaints of loud barking - many residents work odd hours and some have serious illnesses that keep them in their homes
  - Dog run group is to be commended for their diligent efforts to improve the dog run for all but more needs to be done - signage needs to be installed and hours of operations need to be clearly posted and enforced