

CB9M Landmarks Preservation & Parks Committee Minutes - June 2, 2021

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER – N/A Meeting Starts at 6:45pm

ADOPT AGENDA – N/A

ADOPT MINUTES – N/A

No Quorum

Presentations:

- **NYC Parks 142nd Street Dog Run** – Margaret, Bracken & Steve Simon, NYC Parks
 - Question from Community:
 - Heather Jason, CB9M :
 1. In terms of the materials, does any of the materials take in noise cancellation? Summary No, but they think carpet qualities of the canine turf will dampen noise, not significantly but will have an effect
 2. What is the distance from the closet edge of the dog run the residential building (644 Riverside Drive)? Parks explains the division of the street and street dividers , estimates 50 feet from closet edge.
 3. Questions the designs approval by residents? See recording for details
 4. Did you post signage for the design? NYC Parks explains that is not normally done; complaints have not been submitted to NYC Parks office.
 - Laura co-president of dog run group responds. See recording for details
 - Shannon Richards, responds to question. See recording for details
 - Heather Jason Responds
 - J.Thomas responds with set of
 5. Will the three trees being removed be replaced? No, not in this design, but in other designs for tree planting we plan to replace the trees somewhere immediate south of the dog run. ... please be reminded that the trees were removed for their poor condition
 6. How will sanitation be handled? The canine turf helps with sanitation and coupled with the stewardship of the 142nd dog run group ... see recording for details
 7. Christopher Mc. of 142nd Dog-Run ... see recording for details.
 8. What are the Hours? Shannon Richards Responds, there's no hours; NYC Park responds, correction, the dogrun is not open 24/7, there are hours that align with standard NYC Parks hours of operation for riverside parks.
 - Jonathan Thomas, CB9M: Request that NYC Parks include signage noting the hours of the park and to remind dogrun users to limit incessant dog barking.

OLD BUSINESS

- RKO Theater Walkthrough Recap -Dan C., Elizabeth W., CB9M
 - Chairs reports update from RKO Task Force by D.Cohen via email
 - Shares the pictures the from RKO Theater Walkthrough
 - Community Member, Is the plan ... is this landmarked? Chair responds.

NEW BUSINESS

- NYC Parks: Montefiore Park & Plaza: Community Coalition Update – Michael P., Basha J., MPNA
- NYC Parks Update: Matt G., Jana L., Geoffrey M.
 - Inquiry:
 - i. St.Nicholas Park :
 1. Monday Pitch-in's
 2. Hamilton Playground BBall court will be renovated
 3. Annunciation Park BBall court resurfaced
 4. Planned Construction of 135th
 5. Harlem Hort initiative Other Areas of Concern
 - ii. J.Thomas, CB9M
 1. Inquires about complaint from H.Tarrant from St.Nicholas Terrace? NYC Park Responds
 2. Are there any plans for renovations at 135th – 133rd street in St.Nicholas Playground ? Parks Responds, See recording for details
- Summer Recap – Jonathan T., CB9M
 - Issues at Johnny Hartman Plaza, Montefiore Park/Plaza, Jacob Schiff
 - Yuein C, Gives overview of remote meeting regarding Johnny Hartman Plaza.
 - Covers issues at the J.Hartman Plaza
 - Reviews Solutions discussed, see recording for details
 - NYC Parks responds, they needs parks enforcement to cut chained bbq pits from gates around the J.Hartman Plaza.
 - J.Thomas advocates for improved trash receptacle opportunities
 - Annunciation playground BBall court repainted & resurfaced :
 - Council Member Perkins has allocated \$300,000. Now we need another \$300,000 for the turf field
 - St. Nicholas Park North Basketball court was repainted
 - sponsored by Project Basketball &Five Star Basketball, the court was painted with two designs derived from original quilted artworks by Faith Ringgold
 - CB9M & the West Harlem Preservation Organization has applied for the Fund for the City of New York Community Planning Fellowship Program to acquire a paid fellow to perform a preservation study for the purposes of developing a Comprehensive Historic Plan for CB9M
 - Results of the Hearing for backyard extension: LPC informs us that application is still currently under review. The applicant's original hearing date for August 10th was delayed because they were unable to update the changes to their application in time. They needed

to update their actual presentation; it is not clear enough to be presented at a hearing. For example, mockups do not outline the work that needs to be done which makes presentation difficult to follow along with slides missing information.

- Open Discussion / Announcements / Reminders
 - Yuien C., Meeting with Congressman Espiallat regarding HR 77 the remaining of Hamilton Heights ... “Quesiqueya Heights” and Dominican Historic Zone
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