



COMMUNITY BOARD 9 MANHATTAN
LANDMARKS PRESERVATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 3, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Hon. Alexander Abraham Ximenes called the meeting of the CB9M Landmarks Preservation and Parks Committee at 6:36pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Co-Chair Hon. Alexander Abraham Ximenes, Co-Chair Hon. Kristina Maria Lopez, Hon. Marquis Bell

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Excused: Hon. Patricia Caldwell

Unexcused: Hon. Dejon Delpino, Hon. Gregory Brito, Hon. Andrea Brecker

QUORUM

A quorum was not established.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES

The June 2026 agenda was adopted and distributed.

The May 2026 minutes were informally adopted.

SUMMARY

The committee received presentations regarding a proposed accessibility improvement project at 601 West 114th Street and a public art initiative on West 145th Street. Discussion focused on balancing accessibility needs with preservation of historic character, as well as opportunities to increase community engagement through public art programming. Committee members also received updates from NYC Parks staff and community partners regarding summer programming, volunteer opportunities, park maintenance, and upcoming Juneteenth celebrations throughout Harlem and Morningside Heights. Due to the loss of quorum prior to voting, no formal action was taken on the 601 West 114th Street application, and a draft resolution will be considered at a future meeting. The committee also discussed plans for an upcoming joint Parks Committee meeting, updates to the Parks Announcements process, and ideas for future Landmarks Preservation and Parks programming.

PRESENTATIONS

601 West 114th Street

Presented by Bone/Levine Architects

The committee received a presentation regarding a proposed accessibility improvement project at 601 West 114th Street (Broadway Presbyterian Church, home of Broadway Community)

Key project details included:

- Removal of existing non-original railings.
- Construction of a new ADA-compliant access ramp.
- Installation of new stairs designed to complement the historic character of the building entrance.
- Ramp dimensions limited to the minimum width necessary to meet ADA requirements while maintaining pedestrian circulation along the sidewalk.

Due to the loss of quorum prior to a vote, no action was taken. The applicant was invited to return on June 18, 2026, for consideration of a committee resolution.

Art Students League Presentations – West 145th Street

Representatives from the Art Students League presented plans for an upcoming public art project on West 145th Street, providing an overview of the project's goals, community impact, and installation plans. Committee members expressed support for efforts to enhance public engagement and discussed opportunities to connect residents more directly with the project. Recommendations included incorporating QR codes on-site to provide visitors with additional information about the artwork, participating artists, and the project's broader context.

PARKS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Gary Roffman, Riverside Park and West Harlem Piers Park:

Grass cutting, barbecue areas around park

Tapashi Narine, NYC Parks Harlem Historic Parks:

Historic Harlem Parks / MNO - Requested to be moved up in the agenda as usually present. Sent monthly newsletter. Juneteenth events across all parks: 6/13 - Garvey, National Jazz Museum in Harlem relaunch of Gospel Quartet. 6/18 - Garvey, 10a-1p, with Harlem Libraries and Studio Museum, jumbo games, puppet mobile. 6/18 - Morningside - Afro Congolese dance 7pm-8pm. 6/19 St. Nick Jazz music 6-8pm, 6/20 St. Nick James Baldwin Lawn - Theater of the Oppressed 6-8pm, Great Debaters at 8:30pm. 6/20 Jackie Robinson Park - Music, crafts, and jumbo games. 2nd Saturdays at Morningside.

Parks hiring FT and PT.

Matt Genrich, NYC Parks:

Movie nights on 7/3 at Anunciacion Playground. 7/15 at Jacob Schiff Park, Original Number 7 in honor of FiFA activity. Montefiore Square Jazz series.

Alexander Echelman for volunteer activities with Friends Groups across Morningside Heights, UWS, and Harlem.

There's also a volunteer directory on the parks website

COMMUNITY UPDATES

- **Joint quarterly Parks Committee coming soon!**
- **Updates to Park Announcements and Updates list**
- **LPP specific event brainstorm**

OLD BUSINESS UPDATES

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- June 2026 LPC - No violations to report
- Resolution for 601 west 114th Street drafted

ANNOUNCEMENTS The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2026 at 6:30PM EST.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was at 7:42 PM EST.