

**CB9M Landmarks Preservations & Parks Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

6:30pm.

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting, Called to Order at 6:45pm

Co-Chairs: Hon. Jonathan Thomas and Hon. Heather Jason

Committee: Hon. Daniel Cohen, Hon. Elizabeth Waytkus

▪ **NYC Parks: Reconstruction of Cherry Walk in Riverside Park**

- 1.8 miles, 2.1 acres W 99th Street to St. Clair Place or approximate 25 blocks, Flood Zone
- Between Hudson River & Henry Hudson Pkwy.
- Asphalt Pavement Reconstruction Repair will be Coordinated with Riverside Park
- 54% of asphalt path in fair to poor condition
- Routine maintenance does not require an LPC permit.
- Symbols to be painted in kind.
- Tripping hazards have been repaired.
- Timeframe: Between 1 year to 1.5 years with 3 to 6 months construction duration
- 2% of pavement requires no work
- Staging area will be located West 97th Street with Flaggers
- 25% requires full replacement
- The work will occur between the Spring and Fall seasons.
- Pitching and grading will be addressed to prevent sediment and water settle or ponding.
- Useful life of improvement is 20 to 30 years
- The surface will be smoother.
- The path will be repaired in kind and does not require LPC approval
- Cyclers and roller bladders will be separate from pedestrians
- Signage will occur approximate every 500 feet. It will be visible to everyone who enters from the South or North.

▪ **NYC Parks: Reconstruction of Paths in St. Nicholas Park**

- 135th to 141st Street, \$500k, 1.5 acres, Not located in a Flood Zone
- Purpose is to make safe pavements. Not located in a Historic District.
- Reconstruct asphalt pathways and concrete stair landings.
- Replacement in kind. 136th missing fencing where old meets new pipe fencing
- Majority of the pipe fence is in good condition
- Any missing fencing will be replaced
- Bluestone treads are in good condition.
- Damaged landings will be replaced in kind.
- Draining issues will be addressed by cleaning the catch basins.
- Construction repair to occur between Mid-August to September, but will coordinate with Harlem Week events
- The improvements have been communicated to Friends of St. Nicholas Park.

Suggestions: Provide an overall assessment of the Park which will be useful and cost approximately \$75K

- There is an existing list of projects, but future needs and planning safe pathways for all users is important. Light at the front is DOT responsibility.
- Research additional funding sources for the park is required.
- Capital funding requires NYC elected officials approval.

- 131st Street playground upgrade
- Street tree plantings

Community Gardeners want the following in reference to the Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park Planting Beds:

Currently the lottery is attended by 120 to 150 people for approximately 60 planting beds.

- Gardeners want Renovations to stop until 2023.
- No reduction in size of the beds by 30% to increase programming and community access by The Hort.
- A seat at the table to receive answers to their questions.
- Details about public and private funding.
- The Park to relocate a portion of the beds reserved for the Greenhouse.
- To redesign the placement and size of the beds according to their specifications.
- Explanation regarding the process to obtain proposals for the re-design.
- Who will the Greenhouse be teaching and why were the changes proposed?
- Tour of the gardens.
- Information about the bid process.
- 2 Gardener representatives to sit on the Friends of Riverbank State Park committee.
- Receive supplies and other assistance from the Park.
- RBS to communicate in advance any Park changes.

Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park has provided the following compromises and changes:

- Replacement of picnic tables.
- Water connection.
- Extension of one year for existing gardeners due to pandemic loss of use and construction.
- Improved gardens in need of repairs.
- The number of beds have not been reduced.
- Providing 6 ADA compliant beds.
- Implemented 30 day timeframe to maintain garden bed before the bed returns to those on waitlist.
- Barry spoke with Leslie Wright, but has not spoken to The Hort representatives.
- Al Taylor's office has been notified.

Partial Collapse of the Limestone façade at 726 St. Nicholas Avenue

- Vacate order on 724 and 726 St. Nicholas Avenue
- This property is in the Sugar Hill Historic District

Designation of two NYCHA Buildings constructed in approximately 1962 as part of NYC's Urban Renewal process

- Between West 155th to 158th Street
- Buildings name Audubon, Bethune and Marshall Plaza
- ABM Community Partners are the Developers
- PACT-Permanently Affordability Commitment Together- **Apartments participating in PACT will be permanently affordable and maintain tenancy rights in line with those of public housing tenants.**

Meeting adjourned.