

Landmarks Preservation/Parks Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 3, 2012 at Broadway Housing 583 Riverside Drive 7th floor
No Quorum: Meeting called to attention at 6:45pm approximately

CB9 Members in attendance: Arnold Boatner (Chair), Gladys Tinsley,
Public Member in attendance: Jen Silverman

Public attendees: Ray Acosta, NYC Parks Dept. regional manager for Morningside, St. Nicholas and Jackie Robinson Parks; Paul Evans, NYC Parks manager Riverside Park; Gary Shapiro, Greg Mirza Avavyyoun; L.E. Mills; Gladys Hollomond; Victoria Mason-Ailey, Columbia University Community Affairs

Presentations and discussions:

- 1) Frederick Douglas Circle Skateboard Meeting- Discussion regarding on-going meetings during summer recess with Friends of Frederick Douglas Circle. Group has been established to address the issue skateboarders frequenting the Circle and using it as a skate park while doing great damage to the surfaces of the memorial. Paul Evans of NYC Parks asked for contact information regarding group. He wants currently closed Riverside Park Skate Park to be considered in any discussions of new skate park. He felt it would probably be less costly and more practical to renovate closed skate park instead of creating a new one.
- 2) Ray Acosta and Paul Evans gave updates on area parks. Major walk-a-thons were announced for this weekend as part of Riverside Park activities.
- 3) Residents of Convent Avenue area came to meeting to complain about trees not being trimmed on Convent Avenue between 140th Street and 145th Street as well as security and safety concerns as a result of the trees being overgrown. Particular concern expressed about condition of trees on 144th Street between Amsterdam and Convent Avenues. Parks representatives gathered contact information from residents for follow-up. Residents also told to call 311 to register complaints.
- 4) Brief update regarding proposed land marking of 41 Convent Avenue and the Synagogue on Old Broadway across the street from the community board 9 offices. Victoria Mason-Ailey of Columbia expressed an interest in the landmark process. She was given a copy of the catalogue of documents compiled by Gladys Tinsley for 41 Convent Avenue.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm
Submitted by Arnold Boatner