

CB9M Landmarks Preservation and Parks Committee Minutes

Date: 9/2/2020

Meeting in Order: 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35pm

Attendance:

1. Brad Taylor
2. Elizabeth Waytkus
3. Maritta Dunn
4. Matt Genrich
5. Carl Stein
6. Vanessa Jones
7. Lisa Orman
8. David Hanzel
9. Geoffry Martin
10. Laura
11. Pat Giacalone
12. CB9M Committee Members (See Attendance Records)

I. Introduction take place

II.

A. 1st Presentation : City College Baskerville Hall, Elemental Architecture

o The Project is to renovate the handicap accessible entrance to Baskerville

Hall at City College of New York which is currently being

occupied by New York City's High School for Math, Science

and Engineering. The design will integrate the aesthetic of City College with the need for an improved entrance

of which is heavily used by High School students. The heavy use has caused deterioration of which this renovation will improve/repair

B.

Questions:

Project Construction Timeline? Out for Bid in September

Will you add any greenspace/landscaping around the area? No, In trying to work within the footprint there doesn't leave any room as well, the landscaping or planting doesn't fit into the Gothic style

Will you be removing any railing? No the low stone walling is where the railing would be but we will replace the style of the railing as seen in the presentation

Will the design take up any additional sidewalk space? The Design will extend out to the street farther then before to accommodate side walk entries but shorter to the North and South

Will the Construction be a nuisance to neighbors? We will follow the laws and not start construction before 8am but otherwise you can let us know and we will address.

C.

Letter of Support / Resolution : Unanimous Vote to Support Project by Committee

III.

A. 2nd Presentation : Proposed Storefront Alteration @ LuluLemon 293 Broadway NY NY 10025 by Kristine Finizio

o The design proposal is to cover the window panes with translucent film in order to prevent its visibility from the outside of the store.

The stair case does not lead to any addition shopping areas but to employee related facilities.

B. Questions?

1. Timeline? In construction now, with a late fall opening.
2. Seeking a Letter of Support correct? Yes.

C. Letter of Support/Resolution ? Unanimous Vote to support design by committee

IV.

A. 3rd Presentation : Streetopia - Central Park Advocates by Lisa Orman

o The Central Park Advocates are users who came together after the tragic death of Dr. Daniel Cammerman last December. Many of us have been advocating

for years to solve simple problems in the park. The Central Park is advocating for the redesign of the Central Park Bike/Pedestrian loop lanes in Central

Park and addition of cross town bikes lanes. The Central Park Advocates have come to the community board to become familiar with us and campaign for

bike safety.

B. Questions or Comments

- Co-Chair comments about issues at Riverside Park and the Cherry Walk
- testimonies given about bike traffic incidents
- Co-Chair ask about obstacles they have faced or foresee in getting these ideas addressed.
- See voice/video recordings for detailed answers
- <https://www.streetopia.city/central-park-advocates>

C. Letter of Support/Resolution ? N/A

V.

A. 4th Presentation : Harlem Youth Garden Program by Friends of Morningside Park's Brad Taylor

o Friends of Morningside(FoM) presented the results of their summer employment program, Harlem Garden Youth Program. Partially funded by WHDC through the CBA fund, this program

exposed youth the the landscaping and gardening and the number professions that emminate from the interest in those areas.

- Received Additional funding to expand the program from the Parks foundation into Jackie Robsinson Park
- Major help from the NYC Parks
- Looking for partners resulted in the restoration of the Historic Harlem Parks Coalition
- Pictures & Testimonials presented
- 22 Teens Employed w/ 2 Coordinators
- Fall program has been funded for a group of 12 youth
- Program worked to prevent youth crime as a followup to tragic death that occurred in Morningside Park

B. Questions or Comments

- Will the Fall group be a new cohort of youth workers? No, there may have a slot or two open for a new hire but we are bringing the summer group back.

C. Letter of Support/Resolution? N/A

VI. West Harlem Piers Park - Kayak Launch

M.Dunn Presents-

- technically the WHP goes back to the eastside of Marginal street
- WHP St.Clairs Place to 135th
- Kayak Launch sank in 2012 due to super-storm sandy
- Mark Levine put the funding in place to replace the launch
- NYC Parks says it belongs to EDC , EDC says its Parks responsibility

- Questions , Where is the funds?
- Bike Lane Markings can be funded with these funds
- NYC Parks has noted that they will find out the status
- West Harlem Piers Committee

Comments

- Emails Between committees will be shared

VII. Photoville Art Project in St.Nicholas & Jackie Robinson Park presented by Laura

- In their 9th year they have partnered with the Schomburg Library to produce and Art project in CB9M parks At:
- Jackie Robinson on 145th Street gates
- St. Nicholas Park in the 132nd street area
- Photoville works throughout the city and has

IIX. Omission Project: Historic preservation effort to capture the people and character of West Harlem before it becomes a bedroom community for downtown business districts.

o Instagram Account - is active @ <https://www.instagram.com/omissionproject/>

IX. Update Comments -

- Michael Palma, Montiefieror Park Clean day was successs, Support for NYC Parks will continue
- NYC Parks, Friends of St. Nicholas Parks has Clean up on 9/12/2020 and one more scheduled after the given date
- Alexander Hamilton Park street sidewalk repair next week, no interruptions to playgrounds use
- Liz Waytkus , makes us aware of 4 buildings (132nd Between Riverside and Broadway) from the 19th Century that are set to be destroyed for a high-rise building. Makes committee aware that she has been advocating for the historic designation of the area and landmarking of the buildings in questions.

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