

**Minutes from Community Board #8  
Parks & Recreation Committee  
Wednesday, April 26, 2006, 8:00pm**

**Participants:** CB8 Parks Committee: Jay Horowitz, Alec Diacou, Ari Hoffnung, William Johnson. NY4P: Maura Lout, Okenpe Aiqba. Parks Department: Frank McMorrow, John Herrold. FVCP: Paul Sawyer. 3850 Sedgwick Avenue: Albert Spekman, Cheryl Mapou, Barry Mapou, Roger Montesano, Charlie, Mark Leffler, Fran Robinson.

**Presentations by New Yorkers for Parks**

New Yorkers for Parks discussed their new "Track Your Park" web-based program which would provide local communities with the tools to evaluate neighborhood parks. The Parks Committee has applied to take part in this program.

New Yorkers for Parks also invited all those who are interested to participate in their annual "Parks Advocacy Day" scheduled to take place on May 10<sup>th</sup>. This program brings together community activists and elected officials to discuss the importance of investing resources in parks.

**3850 Sedgwick Avenue**

A group of residents from this building appeared before the Committee to discuss the problems they were experiencing with vandalism. The group reported that they had previously appeared before the Public Safety Committee as well as the Full Board.

The group explained that their building is located adjacent to Fort Independence Park and that the park is situated some twenty feet above their parking lot. This height differential has been utilized by unlawful people to throw stones and other items from the park into the building's parking lot.

In one specific instance, a parked car was damaged. Residents expressed concern that additional damage could occur to their parked vehicles and some said that they also fear for the physical safety. The group asked the Committee to support the construction of a fence high enough to prevent this vandalism from occurring. The Committee agreed to support this item.

**FY 2008 Budget Priorities**

The Committee reaffirmed last year's priorities, with the following changes:

- Remove Capital Items #4 & #12
- Add "The construction of a fence at Fort Independence Park to prevent vandalism of property at 3850 Sedgwick Avenue" as capital items item #4

**Submitted by  
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