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PARKS RECREATION & TRANSPORTATION

Committee

Wednesday, September 11, 2013 6:30pm

Minutes

Hon. Karen Horry, Acting Chair

Meeting began at 6:30 pm and was held in the 3rd floor conference room. There were approximately 42 people in attendance.

Members in attendance: Karen Horry, Daniel Clark, Melvin Christian, Lupe Moreno, Maria Garcia and Stephane Howze. Stanley Gleaton was also present.

Guest: John McBride, Kenji Williams, Erica Carlino, Laurent Delly (Mount Morris Park C.I.A.), Benjamin Charles, Melissa Chu, Brad Taylor (Morningside Park), Roland Chouloute (NYC Parks Dept.), Carmen Yanira Reyes, Josh Orzeck (DOT), Stephen Miller, (Streetsblog), Jonathan Kahn, Lawrence Terry, J.P. Partiland, Paimaan Lodhi, Julius Tajiddin, Heidi Wolf (NYCDOT), Charles Harkless, Peter Carry, Sean Quinn (NYC DOT), S. Kurti (Columbia), and Laura M.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF 911
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

1. The Lot West 111 Street.
 1. Requesting a letter of Support from the Community Board in Favor of turning vacant lot #14, 1827 (5,046 sq ft (50' x 100.92')) into a community garden. Group submitted a petition demonstrating support of neighbors, local businesses, co-op presidents, and NYC Parks affiliates such as UPR & GrowNY. Presenters for The West

111th Street Harlem Garden Association were Erica Carlino (Founder), Yusef Malik and John McBride. Charles Marcus of HPD advised that he was not aware of any issues or concerns on the part of his agency. GreenThumbs recommends and is very supportive of the project.

SUMMARY: Issues revolving around group breakdown and HPD clearance resolved. Land Use Committee is comfortable with this, per Chair Stanley Gleaton. The group will need to write a letter of understanding to CB10 indicating that they accept the terms of temporary usage of the space as per HPD and advise Green Thumb. After this Cb10 will be able to issue a letter of support to the group. Green Thumb will flesh out issues of concern with the group and connect them with appropriate resource agencies. Committee did not vote on this item.

1. DOT: Safety initiative from Morningside Avenue 116th to Hancock Place 124th Street

Presenter: Josh Orzeck/DOT

DOT is requesting a Resolution with any conditions that CB10 may have.

SUMMARY: This is a joint project for CBs 10 and 11. Great concern expressed by many community residents, although many present were in favor as well. One resident pointed out that the design of the project was more focused on vehicular movement while losing sight of the multiple alternative modes available via public transportation and walking.

DOT will be providing the PR&T Committee with data on Harlem areas where same measures have been implemented along with 311 Complaint data. **It** was suggested that because of serious concerns raised with respect to emergency vehicle access, impact on PS

125 and PS 180, creation of new traffic congestion, that a town hall meeting should be held prior to moving forward.

3. Frederick Douglass Blvd Alliance (FDBA): Distinctive lighting on Frederick Douglass Blvd

1. DOT gave the presentation in partnership with the FDBA, represented by Paimaan Lodhi.

SUMMARY: FDBA needs to begin project, (extending from 110th to 124th Streets on Frederick Douglass Boulevard), asap or they will lose a \$200,000 Manhattan Borough President grant secured for the 2013 fiscal calendar year. Total cost of project is \$300,000

The group plans to apply for funding from elected officials in January when new funding application process begins to secure the \$100,000 balance. FDBA is asking for a Letter of Support to begin project. There was no vote on this item.

Announcements:

Resources needed to address homeless population in areas of A. Philip Randolph Square and Harriet Tubman Square. Resident is requesting support from CB10 to remedy the problem of vagrancy.

Colonel Young Park at 145th - 143rd, Lenox- 6th Avenues has a severe rodent problem which needs to be addressed ASAP. Most problematic areas span the park's eastern border near basketball courts. PRT will attend upcoming Parks Operation meeting at Jackie Robinson Conservatory to seek resolution.

Bike lane mapping suggested for CB10 to identify possible areas for feasible lane placement.

Resident concern for possible conversion of Bojangles Park in area of Dunbar Houses to a dog run.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm