

**Community Board 12, Manhattan**  
**Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting: October 18, 2018**  
**CB12 Conference Room (530 W. 166<sup>th</sup> St., 6<sup>th</sup> fl., NYC 10032)**

**Called to Order (Elizabeth Loris Ritter):** 6:35pm

**Meeting Adjourned (Elizabeth Loris Ritter):** 8:45pm

**Committee Members Present:** Elizabeth Loris Ritter, Chair; Daryl Cochrane, Assistant Chair; Richard Lewis. **Public Member Present:** Nobles Crawford. **Members excused:** Domingo Estevez, Mitchell Glenn. **Members Absent:** Barbara Frazier, Karen Taylor. (No Quorum, no resolutions)

**Peak Constituent Attendance:** 17 (Dr. Rosa Yolanda Pineda; Andrew Adams, CU School of Journalism; Joanna Castro; Marisol, Alfonso, & Alfred Alcaide; Jennifer Hoppa, NYC Parks; Trish Anderton, Inwood Canoe Club; Paul Kittas; Meghan Alvarez, RowNY; Jennifer Gonzales, Higbridge Rec. Center; René Cuenca, NYC Partnerships for Parks; Bob Barnett, Harlem River Community Rowing; Lucia Alcantara; Alexis Marmol, Morris-Jumel Mansion; Charlene Edwards, J. Hood Wright Park Rec. Center; Gabriel Lopez

Agenda Order (by Agenda #): 1, 2, 6, 5, & 3 (4, 5, & 7 not covered due to rescheduling)

- 1) Announcements
  - a) Outdoor showing of “Princess Bride” was a success
  - b) Liz’s daughter married; pre-wedding photos in Ft. Tryon Park (Yes, with a permit!)
- 2) Joanna Castro, NoMAA: Handed out fliers; made announcements: 5<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Installation in Inwood Hill Park. Two artists; opening next week
  - a) Promoted “Creative Tastemaking” workshop
  - b) Technical Assistance Institute update
  - c) Richard asked about “Who’s in charge of art in subways and can we have CB12 representation/involvement? Liz explained history and process; will follow up w/ T&T Chair
- 3) Dr. Rosa Yolanda Pineda (186<sup>th</sup> Street Basketball Courts)
  - a) Gave history of Highbridge Rec. Center
  - b) Described her Civic history and action within Highbridge
  - c) Gabriel Lopez (guest) - spoke on behalf of the community/support
    - i) Liz gives background of Parks & Cultural Affairs committee, explained capital budgeting process
  - d) Richard asked for current state of space
    - i) Considered unsafe and out-of-date
    - ii) Standing/pooling water is a big issue, health hazzard; involve DEP & DoH
    - iii) Current space helps to form community, and its loss would stunt youth growth from a community support perspective. (Strong testimony from several local youth as to the value of the space as a haven.)
  - e) **ACTION:** Liz connecting Dr. Pineda w/Yeshiva University for computers, tutoring
  - f) Description and conversation about former CB12 Member and community activist, Marcos Navarro, recently deceased and after whom they would like to

name the small park. It was suggested and agreed to wait on a renaming until the space was redone, as befits the honor of his memory.

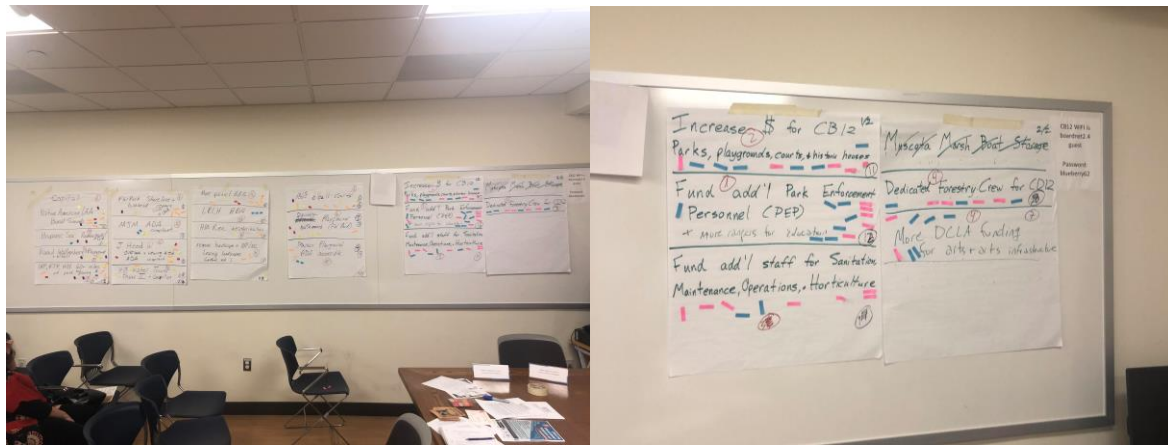
- g) Jennifer Hoppa gave a range of cost and other considerations
    - i) Reconstruction to current standard cost would depend on underlying conditions, which currently are unknown.
    - ii) Suggested having a publicly advertised conversation on the space's use
  - h) Group conversation on how programming happens in parks, and how to grow stewardship: City Parks Foundation workshops can guide. (Connections made in meeting btw. Interested parties.)
- 4) Daryl, also Director of Community Relations at NYC Human Rights Commission, spoke about accessibility issues in public spaces
- a) Explanation of Commission of Human Rights
    - i) Project Equal Access (Anna Martinez, new lead)
    - ii) Disability complaints take a different tracks
  - b) Liz noted that many of the Committee's proposed capital project relate to accessibility
- 5) Jennifer Hoppa Presentation (Parks Dept. Report, see attached; highlights below)
- a) Several "It's My Park" Days, and other volunteer opportunities
  - b) Capital Update: \$206mm in capital improvements in 21+ projects throughout the District.
  - c) All Rezoning projects in "POA (Points of Agreement) will be included in the Inwood Rezoning projects tracker.
  - d) Announced upcoming events. More available at [www.NorthernManhattanParks.org/events](http://www.NorthernManhattanParks.org/events).

### **8:15 CAPITAL & EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITY RANKINGS**

All in attendance were allotted an equal amount of post-it "votes" (Board members received 2x votes to reflect their broader experience District-wide) to place among Capital Projects (5 votes, 15 total projects+7 "CS"/Continuing Support) and Expense Programs (3 votes, 5 total programs). Attendees were encouraged to consider all items, and not just heavily weight a single favorite project or program. Once the vote concluded (pics below) a ranking was given to the projects/programs based on the number of votes each received. (See below.)

### **FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / NEW BUSINESS**

- Morris-Jumel Mansion Program Schedule
- Fort Tryon Park Re-enactment of the Battle of Ft. Washington, 11/4
- 10/20 @11am - 186th St. Basketball Court - Public Discussion
- 10/18 - Police officers Buczek & Hoban 30<sup>th</sup> memorial procession and mass
- Review of Food Truck licensing requests



## Capital Project Priority Rankings

312201910C	Native American / African Burial Grounds (Tenth Ave. & W. 212th St.): Develop a memorial, signage, curriculum, and facilities to support community events		1
NEW	W. 186th St. Basketball Courts		1
312201915C	Inwood Hill, Highbridge and Fort Tryon Parks: Reconstruct/maintain 60+ miles of park pathways and paving		3
312201937C	J. Hood Wright overlook and viewing platform: ADA accessibility		4
312201938C	More family picnic / BBQ areas throughout CD12 Parks to meet increasing community demand		4
NEW	Discovery Playground (FW Park) ADA accessibility		6
312201930C	Shoreline preservation and bulkhead repairs in Ft. Washington Park		7
312201936C	Raoul Wallenberg Playground & Basketball Court Reconstruction (Amsterdam btw. W 188/190)		8
312201921C	Highbridge water tower Phase II: public access, additional renovations (restore public access, incl. handrail repair, window guards, interior lighting, ADA entrance, and carillon)		8
312201926C	Hispanic Society renovations: roof, interior, terrace, & ADA compliance		10
312201925C	Morris-Jumel Mansion ADA Accessibility		10
NEW	Payson Playground ADA accessible		10
NEW	Make Little Red Lighthouse ADA accessible		13
NEW	Highbridge Rec Center weatherization (fix windows to keep heat/cooling in)		14
NEW	remove hardscape from Inwood Nature Center; add learning landscapes		14
312201946C	Highbridge water tower: roof repair, stabilize structure and replace windows; (does not enable public access)	CS	CS
312201941C	Renovate & reconstruct Audubon Playground, including removal of existing temporary structure	CS	CS
312201947C	Renovate / repair the Nature Center in Inwood Hill Park	CS	CS
312201945C	Renovate Javits Playground (Ft. Tryon Park)	CS	CS
312201942C	Dyckman Farmhouse: roof repairs	CS	CS
312201943C	Sherman Creek: NYRP Phase II clean-up & waterfront access	CS	CS
312201935C	Renovate/rehabilitate Msgr. Kett Playground (204 btw. 10th & Nagle)	CS	CS

## Expense Program Priority Rankings

312201909E	Fund additional Park Enforcement Personnel (PEP) (DPR)		1
312201908E	Increase funding for various programming throughout CD12 parks, playgrounds, courts, & historic houses: Additional Parks & Urban Park Ranger staff as well as contracted specialists for afterschool, recreational, waterfront, & cultural programming for kids, teens, adults, & seniors (DPR)		2
NEW	Fund additional staff for Sanitation, Maintenance & Operations, Horticulture (2 APSWS, 6 CPWS to ensure more sites have fixed post staff) (DPR)		3
NEW	More DCLA Funding for Arts Programming & Arts Admin Infrastructure (DCLA)		4
NEW	Dedicated Forestry Crew for CD12: Dedicated crew of 4 to help w/ sustained invasives removal & native plantings in Inwood & Highbridge forests (DPR)		5