

## Landmarks Preservation & Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 1st, 2015 at Broadway Housing, 135<sup>th</sup> Street and Riverside Drive  
Meeting called to attention at 6:45pm, as we did not have a quorum.

### CB9 Landmarks Committee Members in attendance:

Joel Mentor (Chair), Michael Wells, Kimberly Cameron

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April Tyler

### Presentations:

Partnerships for Parks – Shamell Martin, Outreach Coordinator - 212.408.0230 | shamell.martin@parks.nyc.gov

The role of the Outreach Coordinator is to support volunteer efforts, and help strengthen community involvement in parks and greens spaces. They connect with community members through support and projects, and serve as liaison with corporate sponsors. Some of the upcoming events include:

Workshop and training conference, NYU Law School - 4/11/15

It's My Park - 5/16/15: Various beautification and cleanup projects at parks in the district. Tools and supplies will be provided to anyone who wishes to volunteer.

Last year, they have engaged over 1,600 people in various volunteer projects around the city. The Partnership also helps with Group Development and Leadership Programs that provide technical assistance, grants, and training. In cases where major funding and further support is needed, the Partnership can enlist corporate support to help fund projects.

Starting on 4/21/15 there will be a playground associate in attendance at Carmansville Playground. That individual will provide programs, and activities to anyone visiting the playground.

### Q: A. Tyler:

**Requested that documentation/flyers be provided to board members electronically.**

### Q: M. Wells:

**Is there a mechanism or criteria to initiate speedy repairs/overhaul at a local park?**

*A: Continue to work with parks liaison to address any outstanding issues. The Partnership can also assist with minor repairs and cleanups. For other needs that involve capital improvement, much like what is taking place at Carmansville Playground, elected officials can be engaged to help support the requests. This would be followed by assessments and scope meetings. Sites that have been identified through the Community Parks Initiative (CPI) have not had any repairs or capital funds allocated to them for over 20yrs.*

**Can local business get naming rights to a park by making donations? Could Fairway donate money to get a park named after them?**

*A: Most corporations put forth volunteer efforts by encouraging their employees to get involved. Naming rights to public spaces goes through a more stringent process.*

### Q: A. Tyler:

**What is the process of becoming "friends of or protectors of" a park, for example the large unused portion of Jacob Schiff Park?**

*A: Continue community involvement, and let park managers know of your presence. Communicate with Shamell to pursue next steps. For community gardens, reach out to GreenThumb for volunteering opportunities and maintenance.*

Down to Earth Markets, Request for letter of support for RFP submission – Dagmar Kostkova

As part of their submission packet to the Request for Proposal initiated by the Parks Department, Down to Earth Markets is requesting a letter of support. This RFP would allow a chosen fresh produce operator to provide services at Morningside Park. Down to Earth has been providing fresh produce to this community for over 11 years. They have garnered overwhelming support through signed petitions, and hope to continue providing this great service.

April Tyler suggested they also reach out to CB10, as some of their constituents may be avid consumers. Dagmar will reach out for their support.

As this request is time sensitive, this will be brought up to Executive Committee for consideration.

Old Business

- Continue to solicit assistance from Parks to provide enforcement support at local parks and playgrounds, as warm weather approaches.

New Business

- Committee members to serve as playground advocates.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Submitted by Joel Mentor