

Landmarks Preservation & Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Broadway Housing, 135<sup>th</sup> Street and Riverside Drive

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm

**CB9 Landmarks & Parks Committee Members in attendance:**

Joel Mentor (Chair), Gladys Tinsley, Michael Wells, Kimberly Cameron, Jonathan Thomas

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**Presentations:**

NYSDOT – Pedestrian Bridge at W151st Street to Riverside Park

*Presenters: Charles O'Shea, Mini Varghese, Shaun Sueur, Robert Lin*

Representatives from NYSDOT presented plans and project scope for the development of a pedestrian bridge at 151<sup>st</sup> Street. The bridge will span over the Hudson River Parkway and Amtrak rail lines from Riverside Drive, to provide access to Riverside Park. The bridge will comply with ADA regulations, and will include walkways, ramps and stairs. Duration of the project is estimated at 18 months. Contract bids are set to go out in February 2015. Overall appearance of the bridge towers will match the look and feel of existing stone structures in the park. Options to include a small dog park at the foot of the bridge on the park side were being considered. These however were opposed during previous presentations to other CB9 Committees. Additional concerns that were brought up related to anticipated disruptions to roadways during construction. All construction activities are set to take place during late hours, and would pose minimal traffic interruptions. NYSDOT will work with city agencies to ensure compliance, and that advance notification is given to the public in regards to planned work.

Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell was also in attendance, and expressed his desire to see this project go smoothly through completion.

Issues of concerns were brought up were from Parks Department, and related to the integrity materials intended to be used on the bridge (metal arch tubing supporting the bridge, standard lighting). Another item of concern was to define which city agency would ultimately assume ownership of the bridge over time.

Committee members voted unanimously to issue a letter of support for the project, provided the issues outlined above are addressed. A revised presentation will be made to the next General Board meeting.

Jenny Fernandez –Landmarks Preservation Commission

Ms. Jenny Fernandez, Director of Intergovernmental and Community Relations gave an informative presentation about the LPC. Specifically to acquaint Committee members with the rules governing the application and review processes. Ms. Fernandez presented on the tools that can be used to identify individual landmarks, as well as districts. She also provided printed materials that provided further guidelines as to what criteria would meet LPC approval. More information was provided on the internal hearing process for applications, approved materials and plans. Ms. Fernandez will plan to meet with our Committee on a regular basis, and is available to answer questions and provide guidance when needed.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Submitted by Joel Mentor