

CB#9 Committee on Parks and Landmarks

Minutes of Meeting of April 11, 2005

Present: Carolyn Kent, Co-Chair; Gladys Tinsley, Patricia Jones, Savona Bailey McClain, Sophie Johnson, Board Committee members; Jeff Nulle, Public Member; other Board Members, Vicky Gholson, Ernestine Welsh, Frances Mack; absent, Chantay Taylor, Co-Chair, Walter South, excused; John Reddick.

Nicole Smith, Partnership for Parks; Maria Covington, Pres., and Karen Gamble, Vice President, 824 St. Nicholas Avenue; Maria Hoffman, Cityarts; L. Ann Rocker, NRCERB; Ann Whitman, Hudson Moving/Storage; Diane Lenz, Comp2Kids; F. Rienhardt, Comp2Kids; Tom Holmes, Old Blue Rugby Football Club.

Co-Chair Carolyn Kent opened the meeting at 6:35 pm. She reported that improvements made without permit at 408 W. 145th St. were not legalized in the recent Certificate of Appropriateness Hearing but that the Commission had instead asked the owner to work to LPC staff to enact the recommendations for work-changes submitted by CB#9 to then qualify for legalization.

She also conveyed John Reddick's news that Prof. Robert O'Meally was delivering a lecture on Ralph Ellison in Low Memorial Library on April 25th.

She further outlined schedules of discussion ahead for the NYS DOT plans for a bridge spanning the Amtrack line and the Henry Hudson Highway at 152nd St. and the Old Blue Rugby Football Club's interest in contributing to and using the Upper Riverside Park playing fields at 148th St. for both practice and scheduled competitive games.

The draft resolution on landmark designation for P.S. #186 was tabled until we have greater clarity on the M.L. Wilson Boys' and Girls' Club Board of Directors plans for the site. It was suggested that the Co-chair consult with the Chair of the Housing/Land Use Committee and develop a joint outreach to ML Wilson.

It was reported that the LPC Certificate of Appropriateness, April 5, 2005, approved architect Daniel Siegel's plans for the renovation of the storefronts at 824 St. Nicholas Avenue, an apartment house going through the TIL program; the draft resolution proposing protection of the marble lobby in this building, a concern expressed by the Officers of the Tenant Assoc. of the future HDFC who