

**CB9M Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting  
Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, December 2, 2009

**Location:** Cohen Library, City College

**Chair:** Brad W. Taylor

**Members Present:** All Present: Miriam Aristy-Farer, Savona Bailey McClain, Martha Norrick, Carole Singleton

**Public Member Present:** All Present: Laquita Henry

**Guests:** Gloria Lee, National Parks Service; Mark Vaccarro, Crista Carmody NYC DPR

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the chair at 6:48pm with a quorum present.
2. **Adopt Agenda:** The agenda was adopted unanimously on a motion by C. Singleton seconded by M. Aristy Farer.
3. **Adopt Minutes:** The minutes of the November, 2009 meeting were adopted unanimously with any necessary corrections on a motion by S. McClain seconded by M. Aristy-Farer.
4. **Presentation - West Harlem Art Fund and CCNY:**
  1. The West Harlem Art Fund (WHAF) is working with City College (CCNY) faculty and students to bring a temporary art installation to St. Nicholas Park in the Spring of 2010. WHAF and CCNY made a presentation to the Committee of a wide range of work under consideration. At this time they were not asking the Committee for a resolution or letter of support as a decision about the feasibility of the project first needs to be made by NYCDPR. The Committee commended the hard work and creativity shown in the submissions and appreciates WHAF and CCNY for including the Committee at this early stage in the process.
5. **Reports:**
  1. *National Park Service - Gloria Lee*

**Hamilton Grange:** The first contract will be completed by mid-January 2010 and a second contractor is scheduled to begin work in early February 2010. There is a contract for the exhibits in the house. That work is expected to be completed by the Fall of 2010. NPS is planning a public meeting regarding the vacated site some time in January 2010. NPS will send out a notice.

**Grant's Tomb Pavilion:** The work has been held up due to issues with permits. Work is expected to be completed by the early summer of 2010.
  2. *NYC DPR - Crista Carmody, Mark Vaccarro*

Agency budgets are being cut by 12% DPR is working to try to minimize the impact this will have on park maintenance. FlashCams have been installed in a number of Manhattan Parks including one on the 148<sup>th</sup> Street stairs in Riverside Park.
1. **Action Item(s):** none
2. **Old Business:** none
3. **New Business:** none
4. **Adjourn:** There being no further business the chair adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted by Brad Taylor