

## **CB9M Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** June 3, 2009

**Location:** 583 Riverside Drive

**Chair:** Brad W. Taylor

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

**Members Absent:** None

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the chair at 6:40pm.
2. **Adopt Agenda:** The agenda was adopted unanimously on a motion by S. McClain seconded by B. Taylor.
3. **Adopt Minutes:** The minutes of the May, 2009 meeting were adopted unanimously with any necessary corrections on a motion by S. McClain seconded by B. Taylor.
4. **Reports & Presentations:**
  1. *Agency Report - National Park Service (NPS)*
    1. NPS will be holding a First Bloom planting event on the vacated site of the Hamilton Grange on June 17. Volunteers are asked to contact Gloria Lee at 212 666 1640 .
    2. The Grange will not be opened by November 2009. The contractor has requested a 160 day extension. Estimated opening of the Grange is now in the Spring of 2010.
  2. *Agency Presentation - NYC DPR*
    1. *Proposed Youth Soccer Field in Riverside Park.* The proposed field will be under the West Side Highway just west of the Dept, of Sanitation Salt Pile and north of the pedestrian walkway linking upper Riverside Park with the Harlem Piers Park. The Committee raised concerns about salt blowing onto the field from the salt pile. Samples of the playing surface were on hand. The playing surface is not going to be synthetic turf. The proposed plastic tile surface is widely used in europe and elsewhere in the US. The permitting for use of the field will not be exclusive to the FC Lions but will be open to all groups through the NYCDPR permitting process.
  3. *Agency Report - NY State Dept. Of Parks Rec. & Historic Preservation - not present*
5. **Action Items:**
  1. Crime Statistics in NYC Parks. The resolution passed unanimously
  2. Proposed Youth Soccer Field. The Committee unanimously approved a motion that the Chair draft a resolution of support for the proposal that makes notes of the committee's concerns outlined above.
6. **Old Business:** none
7. **New Business:** The committee will be in formal recess until Sept. (Sept. 2, 2009)
8. **Adjourn:** There being no further business the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:58pm

Respectfully submitted by Brad Taylor