

**CB9M Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Minutes**

Date: March 4, 2009

Location: Broadway Housing Inc. 583 Riverside Dr.

Chair: Brad W. Taylor

Members: Savona Bailey McClain, Martha Norrick, Carole Singelton

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the chair at 6:47pm. All members were present.
2. **Adopt Agenda:** The agenda was adopted unanimously on a motion by C. Singleton seconded by S. McClain.
3. **Adopt Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted unanimously with any necessary corrections on a motion by S. McClain seconded by B. Taylor.
4. **Reports & Presentations:**
 1. *Agency Reports*
 1. NPS - Manhattan Sites Supervisor Shirley McKinney reported on the First Bloom project that will be planting a garden on the site vacated by the Hamilton Grange. NPS held a meeting for community feedback on March 3 at the Convent Ave. Baptist Church that was attended by the chair. Feedback on the proposal was positive and NPS is actively recruiting volunteers to help maintain the garden.
 2. NYCDPR - Reported on a bicycle event to take place in Riverside Park on March 14.
 2. *Presentations*
 1. NYCDPR - The team responsible for planning and designing the Phase I renovation of Upper Riverside/Fort Washington Park presented their plans. Committee members were supportive of the design but raised issues over pedestrian access and that fewer amenities are provided in the southern portion of the plan.
5. **Action Items:**
 1. The Committee voted unanimously to authorize the Chair to draft a letter of support for the NYCDPR design presented this evening while stressing the need for progress to be made on other related projects that will increase pedestrian access to the park such as the stalled proposal for a pedestrian bridge at 153rd Street.
6. **Old Business:** None
7. **New Business:** None
8. **Adjourn:** There being no further business the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm

Respectfully submitted by Brad Taylor