

**CB9M Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2009

Location: CB9M Offices, 18 Old Broadway

Chair: Brad W. Taylor

Members Present: Savona Bailey McClain, Martha Norrick, Carole Singleton

Members Excused: Miriam Aristy-Farer

Members Absent: Martha Norrick

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the chair at 6:34pm with a quorum present.
2. **Adopt Agenda:** The agenda was adopted unanimously on a motion by S. McClain seconded by C. Singleton.
3. **Adopt Minutes:** The minutes of the June, 2009 meeting were adopted unanimously with any necessary corrections on a motion by S. McClain seconded by B. Taylor.
4. **Reports:**
 1. *Chair's Report*
 1. The chair thanked members for their contributions to the list of items for the annual budget consultations.
 2. The executive committee of CB9 passed a park related resolution over the summer requesting funds for rebuilt stairs leading from the upper level of Riverside Park down to St Clair place. SB noted that a district water truck is also a high priority and requested that consideration be given to allocating some of this money to the purchase of an additional truck.
 1. *Agency Report - National Parks Service*
 1. Hamilton Grange opening is now expected in the Spring of 2010.
 2. NPS is working on a revised General Management Plan for the Hamilton Grange. No definite date for its release was given.
 2. *Agency Report - NYC DPR*
 1. John Harrold (JH) reported on the consolidation of the positions of President of the Riverside Park Fund and NYC DPR Administrator for Riverside Park. He now holds both positions. JH commented that this would streamline operations and logistics for the park. The committee raised concerns about losing an independent voice for park related concerns with this new structure.
 3. *Agency Report - NY State Dept. Of Parks Rec. & Historic Preservation* - the attached written report was submitted and distributed to the members.
5. **Presentations:**
 1. The Columbia Secondary school withdrew their proposal to use the playground at 123rd Street and Morningside Ave. to house a storage container for bicycles.
6. **Old Business:** none
7. **New Business:** West Harlem Art Fund, partnering with City College will be bringing a temporary art installation to St. Nicholas Park in the Spring of 2010.
8. **Adjourn:** There being no further business the chair adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Brad Taylor