

CB9M Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010

Location: CB9M Offices, 18 Old Broadway

Chair: Brad W. Taylor (present)

Committee Members: Miriam Aristy-Farer (present), Savona Bailey McClain (present), Martha Norrick (absent), Carole Singleton (leave of absence) LaQuita Henry (present)

Guests: Meisha Hunter, Andrew Burdick; Margaret Bracken, John Herrold, Mark Vaccaro NYCDPR; Gloria Lee, NPS

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the chair at 6:35pm with a quorum present.
2. **Adopt Agenda:** The agenda was adopted unanimously on a motion by S. McClain seconded by M Aristy-Farer.
3. **Adopt Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting were not available.
4. **Presentations:**
 1. *Restoration and Adaptive Reuse of the Croton Aqueduct Gatehouse at 119th Street and Amsterdam Ave.* Preservation expert Meisha Hunter and Architect Andrew Burdick gave an overview of the architecture and history of the Gatehouse and explained their long standing interest in it and other Croton Aqueduct structures. They are applying for a grant to begin a process of community outreach to gauge interest in the structure and its potential rehabilitation. The grant deadline is Sept. 15 and they asked for a letter of support for their application from the board. The committee voted 3 0-1 in favor of directing the chair to draft a letter of support for consideration by the full board.
 2. *Stairs and Paving North and West of Grant's Tomb.* -John Herrold and Margaret Bracken of NYCDPR made a presentation for the replacement of deteriorated bluestone paving in this area to be replaced with new hexagonal asphalt pavers. A new curb cut providing ADA access to this area and the playground to the north will also be provided. The bluestone stairs leading west towards the overlook pavilion will also be repaired. The project will be done with requirements funding allocated by Manhattan Parks Commissioner William Castro. While committee members voiced some concerns over the loss of bluestone paving it was noted that hexagonal pavers are used throughout much of the landmarked portion of Riverside Park. The Committee voted unanimously to direct the chair to draft a resolution in support of the project for consideration by the full board.
5. **Action Item(s):**
 1. **Resolution on the proposed leasing of the Riverbank State Park Skating Complex to a non-state entity.** The committee voted unanimously to direct the chair to draft a resolution for consideration by the full CB9 board opposing the privatization of the complex.
7. **Old Business:** none
8. **New Business:** Johny Hartman Triangle. The board will schedule a discussion of improvements to the triangle at a future meeting and invite community stakeholders.
9. **Adjourn:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted by Brad Taylor