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Municipal Services Committee Minutes

October 23rd, 2025

Ngande Ambroise, Committee Chairperson

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Introduction and Agenda Amendment

- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise introduces themselves and other committee members, emphasizing the importance of clear introductions for broadcasting purposes.
- A recommendation to amend the agenda is made, starting with a discussion on a parking issue.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan brings forward a request from the NYC Parks Department to provide input on naming a park that will be built along Harlem River between 144th and 146th Streets.
- The need for community board permission to change city parks or land is highlighted, with a discussion on the historical significance of the park's name.

Discussion on Park Name Change

- The two proposed names for the park are discussed: Mentipathe Park and Cromwell Creek Park.
- Concerns are raised about the familiarity of the names to the local community and the historical significance of the creek that once flowed there.
- The decision to rename the park is supported, with a focus on choosing a name that reflects the area's history and community.
- The motion to accept as Mentipathe Park the new park name is made and seconded, with a clarification on the pronunciation of the name.

Parking Issue on Alexander Avenue

- Ralina Cardona, a long-time resident of Community Group One, discusses a recent issue with parking tickets issued at 2 AM on the west side of Alexander Avenue.
- The history of angled parking on the block and the removal of the sign on the west side is detailed, highlighting the unfairness of the ticketing.
- The impact of the police station's relocation on parking and the ongoing issues with parking in hazardous areas is discussed.
- The need for a resolution and communication with the commissioner responsible for the decision is emphasized.

Tribute to Zoraida Ortiz

- A resident of 570 Union Avenue pays tribute to Zoraida Ortiz, a significant figure in the community by requesting a Street Co-naming from the Community Board.
- Zoraida's contributions to the community, including her work in exposing mistreatment at a residence for the disabled, are highlighted.
- The importance of naming 149th Street & Union Avenue after Zoraida to honor her life and contributions is emphasized.
- The policy for naming streets after individuals who have made significant contributions to the community is explained.

Action Items

- Provide a recommendation to the Parks Department on the preferred name for the new park - either "Cromwell Creek Park" or "Mentipathe Park"
- Follow up with the relevant city agency to understand the rationale behind the sudden change in parking configuration on the residential street, and work towards a resolution that addresses the community's concerns.
- Review the policy and process for naming streets after deceased individuals who have made significant contributions to the community, and provide a response regarding the request to name a street after the community member.