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Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Summary

December 11, 2024

Board Members Present: Marie Davis, Abunoman Rahman, Derrick Holman, Lena Johnson

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The Parks and Recreation Committee represents the community's interests with regard to parks, park services and all park related matters and acts as a liaison between parks users and the New York City Parks Department.

II. Speakers

A. Christopher Noel, ADA Accessibility Coordinator at NYC Parks

- Mr. Noel presented on the Universal Design in NYC parks, see PDF Attached.
- The Natural Classroom, The Urban Park Rangers are New York City's premier outdoor educators and offer a unique hands-on learning experience for Students throughout the City. For more information or to schedule program, call 718-548-0912 or 718-319-7258

B. Katerine Borrome – NYC Parks, Design for Harding Park

Presentation Link:

[file:///F:/Harding%20Park Community%20Board%20Review 12-11-24.pdf](file:///F:/Harding%20Park%20Community%20Board%20Review%2012-11-24.pdf)

- Goals: Activate closed off/undeveloped space for community enjoyment; Provide exciting space for play and relaxation; Facilitate space for multi-generational use; Mitigate flooding by reconstructing the drainage system; Improve access, circulation, and sight lines throughout the park
- Community Priorities: Green: Native gardens, landscape screening, sustainable design elements; Seating: Picnic areas and benches; Play: New slides and play features, active play area; Fitness & Sports: Paved pump track, inclusive fitness & exercise areas, new basketball courts; Events & Art: Amphitheatre space, movie screening areas, concession stand, sculptural features; Paths, Access, Mobility: defined access points, multi-use jogging path, sidewalks, multimodal parking; Safety & Maintenance: surveillance, lighting, emergency light poles, patrolling, gates & fences, waste management
- Site Furnishings: 1964 Worlds Fair Bench, Game Tables with Type E Chairs, Picnic Table – Fixed, Loungers, Bleachers, Gliders, Bottle Filler, Drinking Fountain (Type F Hi-Lo), Public Space Receptacle Bins (Trash Only)
- Parks Committee voted in favor of a Letter of Support for this Harding Park design.
- Parks will come back to committee once the final renderings are approved.

III. Notifications

A. Parks Greenways and Drives Input Tool

<https://www.nycgovparks.org/planning-and-building/nyc-parks-e-pilot-map-input-tool>

B. Feasibility Study for additional ballfield at Pugsley Park Denied

Determination: Pugsley Park is too small to safely accommodate another ballfield

IV. New Business

A. January Agenda Items

- NYC Parks has rescheduled this presentation on the Soundview Skate Park Project Update for a future Parks & Rec Committee Meeting
- Committee discussed the ongoing proposal for a cricket field in Soundview Park and referred requesting resident to their local elected official's offices for further support.
- Committee discussed some concerns around ADA accessibility at the entrance to Soundview Park on Randall Avenue, and discussed the need for a significant revamp or reconstruction of Virginia Playground in Parkchester.
- Committee discussed the request from committee member Lena Johnson for a separate entrance to the basketball courts at Noble Playground, as they were originally there before the park's recent redesign, and due to adults and teens crossing through the children's play area to reach the courts and smoking marijuana in or near the playground.

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