

## **Park and Public Safety Committee Meeting 06/02/16**

Present at the meeting: John Cori, Brian Heffernan, Karen Sloane Payne, Peter Larkin, Ozzie Edwards, Noreen Ellis, Delores Orr, John McCanbridge, & Jose Velez

### **Proposed additional Bike rental concession @ Beach 67<sup>th</sup> St**

Boarders has a bike rental concession on Beach 97<sup>th</sup> Street, This year they would like to include bike rentals at their surf pop-up container located at Beach 68<sup>th</sup>

Street. Boarders' bikes are brand new beach cruisers and they would average 6 bikes in total.

Vintage Velocipede is a new venture by Arley Tapirian who last year started MooSkyBlue, selling tasty treats from her icicle tricycle at Beach 67<sup>th</sup> Street. Arley is a long-time Arverne resident and proposes to rent vintage folding bikes as well as mini replica Penny Farthings. She would have an average of 6-8 bikes on the boardwalk near her tricycle and would set up and breakdown the operation daily. She has already reached out to Bill Zlata of ABTS HOA to inform him of her proposal and he fully supports this enterprise.

Both concessioners were present to present their plans for bike rentals. Each one had different types of bikes for public use and both were in agreement that they would not be competing with each other.

Requested that the Boarders shop sent a separate letter to the community board that they had no objection to the addition bike rental concession on the boardwalk at Beach 67<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Consideration of designated fishing locations/beaches - Portia/Roy**

Parks is open to the possibility of designated fishing beaches as they had heard that the community had expressed interest during the last meeting.

Currently Beach 13<sup>th</sup> - to 15<sup>th</sup> is a designated fishing beach, also any area that is red flagged can be used as a fishing beach

The area from Beach 19<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> have been red flagged for a long time and can be used for fishing as Parks has no plan to make these beaches swimming beaches due to dangerous currents Fishing is also allowed before 10:00 AM and after 6:00 PM on any beach.

The committee is recommending that a letter be sent to all the concerned civics regarding the designating of additional fishing beaches.

The committee also requested that signage be placed at the 108 esplanade reminding people to keep the area clean .

### **Phase 3 Update (Beach 108 - 126) Kylie Murphy (project manager)**

Work is moving quickly, and the expected completion is early July, there is no firm date. Hoping to have 108 to 115 open earlier.

Questions from the committee and the public included,

What beaches are opened and can there be signage directing people to open beaches, the vehicle ramp, where will trucks be accessing the beach to pick up garbage, questions regarding the hours of work and the manpower, can additional manpower be directed to complete the boardwalk sooner, is the city paying additional money for the extra hours worked. There was a request for addition signage including the parks rules on all beaches. How many summons for littering have been issued.

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There are signs with the Park rules but the writing is small due to the multiple languages

What's being done at the dead end streets, Sidewalks will be installed at the end of each dead end street

#### **Beach 94 Street update**

Additional funding has been provided by Councilman Ulrich and Borough President Melinda Katz and there will be a meeting with Councilman Ulrich on 6/14/16 to discuss community concerns and the design, due to the budget constraints Parks was limited in the design. Parks will be revisiting the design and asking for additional feedback from community. There will be a flagpole for 94<sup>th</sup> St. performance space

#### **Baywater Park Beach 32<sup>nd</sup> Street - Skate Park elements (PB item).**

This portion of Baywater Park has been awarded Parks without Borders money to improve and enhance the entrance to the skate park. A new timber railing will be installed and there will be a bio swale area along the edge of the park. New planting will also be installed in the surrounding area.

The Skate Park will be situated in the footprint of the former hockey rink, the asphalt will **not** be excavated but will be resealed/restored and the new skate park elements will be built upon this foundation. None of the elements will be higher than 3 feet

They are working with a skate park designer. There will be additional seating with tables in addition to the concrete seating that already exists.

Questions regarding seating, making a more direct path to the park thereby avoiding skaters trampling plants to get to the park, lighting for park is it on a timer, what is the timeline (construction is expected to begin 2017, completion 2018) Shade structures, umbrellas for tables, will there be more noise (new plantings and trees should help to minimize noise, plus most of the park is concrete), will there be a concession for the area, are there BBQ pits in the area.

Motion was made to accept the design as presented, the motion passed unanimously.

Additional concerns: garbage pickups, ATV's driving on the beach, beach budget  
RPL shaving and metal bolts are being left on the beach by construction team, can they use a tarp so that it does not fall on to sand.