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February 27, 2025

Environment, Parks, and Recreation Committee

***This meeting was teleconferenced using Zoom***

**Environment Committee Attendees:**

Carlos Castell Croke, Chair  
Alexandra Gonzalez  
Lauren Springer

**Environment Committee Absentees:**

Nellie Afshar  
Benjamin Lucas  
Andie Olivares  
Jolly Patel

**Environment Committee Public Member Attendees:**

Kevin Davis

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Alaina Van Slooten

**Community Board 2 Staff:**

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager

**City of New York Parks and Recreation:**

Eric Goetz, NYC Parks  
Jacqui, NYC Parks  
Eric Mattes, NYC Parks

**Guests:**

David Weissman, ABB Landscape Architect  
Emily Chen, ABB Landscape Architect  
Christine Coulombe, President of the Friends of Noonan Park Dog Run  
Rick Duro

Carlos Castell Croke welcomed everyone to the Environment, Parks, and Recreation Committee meeting.

David Weissman provided a presentation on Lou Lodati's Playground and Dog Run reconstruction design. There will be an increase in planted areas; the proposed synthetic turf will be permeable. Once construction is complete, Lou Lodati's Playground and Dog Run will have double the square footage of permeable surfaces than previously.

Eric Mattes stated that at some point, the sidewalk that the Green Market operates during the weekends will be off-limits to the public. However, NYC Parks could work with the design consultants to see if they can reconstruct the sidewalk first and then open it to the public in

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phase one. Eric Goetz added that they could move the Green Market into the multipurpose area in Lou Lodati Park since that area won't be under construction.

Construction for Lou Lodati's playground and Dog Run is expected to begin in 2027.

Eric Mattes stated that there's not much room for the public to set up permanent artwork in the park. Eric Goetz added that NYC Parks has a division that works with local artists who have displayed their artwork in exhibits in Gordon Triangle and Vernon Mall.

Carlos Castell Croke made a recommendation to provide a letter of support to NYC Parks. The letter will serve as a surety to the Public Design Commission that NYC Parks presented the designs of Lou Lodati's Playground and Dog Run Reconstruction to Community Board 2.

NYC Parks provided a Google Maps link of vacant lots owned by the NYC government, which could serve as a temporary dog run while Murray's Dog Run undergoes construction. Eric Goetz stated that while these lots may require some minimal alterations, anything that requires construction or grading would require capital and funding, becoming a capital project akin to the situation in Murray Dog Run.

Eric Goetz stated that the committee would have to decide what lot they would like to convert into a temporary dog run, and then NYC Parks will ask the city agency that owns the lot if they have any plans for it; finally, then, NYC Parks will decide if it can become a temporary dog run.

Eric Goetz offered to walk around the district with Carlos Castell Croke, Chair of the Environment, Parks, and Recreation Committee.

Carlos made a motion to adjourn, and Lauren Springer seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rafael Nava