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Environment, Parks, and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

This meeting was teleconferenced using zoom

Committee Members Present:

Carlos Castell Croke

Kevin Davis

Lauren Springer

Alaina Van Slooten

Committee Members Absent:

Nellie Afshar

Alexandra Gonzalez

Camille Gray

Michelle D. Hernandez

Guests:

Garcia Regis, NYC Parks

Jamie McShane, Friends of Davidson Playground

Katherine O'Sullivan, Friends of Davidson Playground

Doug Korman, CB2 Resident

CB2 Staff:

Rafael Nava, Community Coordinator

Time (Approximate, from YouTube Video)

YouTube Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImQ4TVD4AdQ>

0:00:14 Carlos Castell Croke, Chair of the Environment, Parks, and Recreation Committee, welcomed everyone to the committee meeting.

00:01:07 – Friends of Davidson Playground Letter of Support

Garcia Regis from NYC Parks discussed a request from Friends of Davidson Playground to lock the playground at night to prevent after-hours use, including as a dog run.

- NYC Parks supports the request and wanted to inform the Community Board in case it had any reservations. Parks also asked for a letter of support if the Board was supportive.
- The playground would open at 6:00 AM and be locked when the park closes.
- Friends of Davidson Playground and Parks staff would have keys to the playground.
- The Committee expressed support for the proposal and plans to send a letter of support.

00:05:42 Letter on Hunters Point South Parcel D

The Committee discussed a draft letter regarding Hunters Point South Parcel D.

- The letter supported creating a park and active recreation space on the site if it is not ultimately used for affordable housing.
- The Committee discussed edits to make clear that it did not want to prevent or oppose affordable housing development on the site ([Click here to view the finalized letter](#)).

00:14:00 Q&A with NYC Parks

The Committee raised several questions and concerns with NYC Parks, including the following:

- Follow-up questions about the Lou Lodati Playground redesign and the plans presented at a previous Committee meeting ([click here to view the presentation](#)).
- Temporary alternatives for dog owners while the Murray Playground dog run is under reconstruction.
- Concerns about overgrown grass and maintenance near the dog run area on the east end of Murray Playground.
- Concerns about off-leash dogs at Court Square Park, including requests for more signage and Parks Enforcement Patrol presence.
- NYC Parks asked the Committee to share specific times when off-leash activity is most common to help coordinate enforcement.
- The Committee and NYC Parks will discuss scheduling tours of local parks offline.

00:27:19 Public Comment

- Jamie McShane thanked the Committee for supporting the Friends of Davidson Playground request and suggested a site visit.
- Doug Korman shared that he developed a detailed proposal for a park to serve Blissville residents and invited anyone interested in viewing or supporting the proposal to contact him at info@dutchkillspark.org.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Rafael Nava