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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

Alexandra Gonzalez

Lauren Springer

Alaina Van Slooten

Committee Members Absent:

Nellie Afshar

Community Board Members Present:

Isabella Bustamante

Guests:

Rob Basch, Hunters Point Parks Conservancy

Time (Approximate, from YouTube Video)

YouTube Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NW6qt1l8_GM

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

00:01:08 Hunters Point Parcel D and E Discussion

Rob Bosch, President of the Hunters Point Parks Conservancy, provided the following information:

- Discussed the need to convert Parcel D in Hunters Point South into green space and an active sports field.
- Noted that the proposal has received community support, including a petition with more than 1,300 signatures.
- Explained that while Parcel E has an active RFP for housing development, Parcel D remains untouched.

Relevant Committee Discussion Points

- Carlos Castell Croke agreed to draft a resolution supporting the conversion of Parcel D into green space for consideration by the full Board.
- The Committee agreed to wait for the announcement of a developer for Parcel E before pursuing park space on Parcel D.

00:19:03 Additional Discussion

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- Concerns were raised regarding dog activity in Court Square Park, including confusion about signage, damage to plantings from off-leash dogs, and dog waste in areas used for passive recreation. The Committee agreed to request additional signage and increased enforcement by Parks Enforcement Patrol to clarify where dogs are allowed.
- Carlos Castell Croke announced plans to schedule a parks walkthrough in CB2's district with NYC Parks in July.
- Concerns were raised regarding a lack of maintenance at Murray Playground, including overgrown grass and reports of rats.
- The Committee discussed inviting a representative from NYC Parks to attend future meetings and provide updates on upcoming projects.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carlos Castell Croke, and it was seconded by Lauren Springer.

The meeting was adjourned.

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