

**COMMUNITY BOARD SIX  
PARKS/RECREATION/CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 19, 2011**

**ATTENDANCE;**

**PRESENT:**

L. BLYER	E. CHAN	J. FRANCIS
Y. GIRELA	R. GRAHAM	D. HERBSTMAN
G. KELLY	J. SMITH	C. PIGOTT
S. SHIFFMAN	J. WOLFE	

**EXCUSED:**

K. MAIER	E. ROBERTS	M. SCOTT
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**ABSENT:**

J. HEYER	N. LALLI	C. MOLINARI
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**GUESTS:**

P. DYRENFORTH	T. PALMER	J. SMITH
C. ANGELICA	A. THOMPSON	

**\*\*\* MINUTES \*\*\***

Glenn Kelly, Co-Chair of the committee opened the meeting and requested that everyone go around and introduce themselves. He outlined the overall rules of the committee and that meetings occur infrequently and are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month.

**Presentation and discussion with representatives for the Department of Parks & Recreation on the scope of work and design for the Rehabilitation of the Nicholas Naquan Heyward Jr. Playground at Gowanus Houses on Wyckoff Street between Hoyt/Bond Streets.**

Portia Dyrenforth presented the design for the Gowanus playground. The funding from the city of \$550,000 is approved. Elan, the designer worked with a landscape architect for the design. He outlined the user groups from young children to adults using basketball courts and walking through on their way toward their homes and work. Other concerns: walkways and hardscape. The consultant architect is Quennell, Rothschild & Associates.

The discussion centered around the design –

- The fencing heights (2 and 4 feet)
- Fencing type (chain link on Wyckoff Street will remain)
- Standard 4 foot metal for new fencing
- Walkways (concern raised over how pedestrians will walk through after park hours but was not resolved.)
- How water run-off and drainage would be handled
- Lights (no new lights are planned)
- Dog run (not considered or planned in this phase of renovation)
- Uses for the tables that allow for better separation for adults from children (up against the fence will help mitigate this issue)

Play equipment was shown with combination of metal and plastic per NYC regulations with ADA compliance/accessible picnic tables and swings.

Time frame: It is expected to begin in early Spring and re-open before school starts in September.

David Herbstman moved that the design looks exciting and we conditionally support the plan as presented with the condition that the Parks Department will reach out to Gowanus Houses, Friends of Nicholas Naquan Heyward Jr. group and Community Board 2 residents before the full board approval. The motion was seconded by Judi Francis.

**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY WITH CONDITIONS AS NOTED.**

Linda Blyer moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on July 20, 2011.

**MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

The minutes were submitted by Judi Francis