

BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND COMMUNITY BOARD #3

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Parks & Recreation and Environmental Committee Public Hearing Report

DATE: January 10, 2023 TIME: 7:00PM IN PERSON: No VIRTUAL: Yes SPEAKER: Yes

Committee Members Present

Frank Morano, *Chairman of the Board* Albert Klingele, *Chair* Dominick Ciccarelli Engjell Lleshi Dianne Mattioli Nicole Nigro Joseph O'Toole Anthony Riccardelli Committee Members Absent Sherif Farag

Board Members Present Jeff Geary

<u>Staff</u>

Charlene Wagner, *District Manager* Stacey Wertheim, *Community Coordinator* Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

Guests

Adrian Smith, NYC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Capital Projects Denise Mattes, NYC DPR, Capital Projects Gabriella Keller, NYC DPR, Capital Projects Kimberly Butta, NYC DPR, Capital Projects Jennifer Lauzon, NYC DPR, Capital Projects Jennifer Miller, Project Development Coordinator, DPR Borough of Staten Island Colleen Siuzdak, Administration Coordinator, DPR Borough of Staten Island Denise Pacheco, Rep. Assemblyman Reilly Frank Rapacciuolo, Rep. Councilman Borelli Carol Donovan, President, Richmondtown-Clarke Avenue Civic Association

Public Contact Session

An area resident is looking for information regarding playgrounds in Great Kills. She is concerned with the tick problem at Brookfield Park and is asking for solutions. She is also asking about Community Gardens. Jennifer Mill provided her email address and will forward the information.

<u>Agenda</u>

The **Greencroft Playground Reconstruction Project** was presented at our May 10th and June 14th 2022 committee meetings. Concerns were raised regarding storm water drainage. This is a follow-up presentation by the Capital team to address those concerns. The Greencroft Playground is located on Redgrave and Greencroft Avenues. There are four collection systems, all underground. Two dry wells that have an overflow to connect to the storm sewers if needed. Engineers designed the system which can capture enough water for up to a 100-year storm.

Annadale Green Community Input Meeting – Annadale Green is located on Annadale Road and South Railroad Street. This project was funded in FY2023 by Councilman Borelli. Funding amount is \$2.5M. The park currently houses a WWII Memorial and a Flagpole, benches, and a water fountain.

Suggestions for Improvement include:

- Tables and chairs, checkerboard tops
- Benches that do not allow for sleeping
- Lighting
- Gathering spaces
- Pedestrian safety
- Improved electrical capacity
- Eliminating trees to increase gathering space

Old Business

The Olmsted-Beil House Update:

The New York Landmark Conservancy funded the basement abatement (2019) and stabilization of the house (2020). Still searching for funding for additional work. Friends of Olmsted-Beil House Park do events, outreach, and site beautification. Parks assists them however they can with their events. Parks is looking to acquire the neighboring property from Tina Kasman. The State has the funding.

New Business

Colleen Siuzdak will be replacing Jennifer Miller as representative for CB3. She is the Administration Coordinator for Borough Commissioner Riccardone.

Respectfully submitted,

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Albert W. Klingele Chairman, Parks & Recreation and Environmental Committee