

COMMITTEE MINUTES- JUNE 6, 2017
PARKS, LANDMARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Committee members present: Papush, Barrett, Barraso, Hartke, Humphreys, Imbimbo, Santoro, K. Thompson, Vassil, White, Huxley

Committee members absent: Baublitz

Committee members excused: M. Thompson

Others present: Sepersky, representatives from applicant for 218 East 18th Street, Sutton Place parks, SPNA, M Vaccaro DPR, Carol Rinzler

1. Parks Department report- updates on capital projects- June ground breaking at 1 Sutton Place and ribbon cutting at Stuyvesant Square, Glick in the works with “Sandy” money, resiliency work on waterfront to be done in 2018, questions about Bellevue South and Peter Detmold. Residents of Sutton area brought up complaints over new homeless issues in and around their parks. DPR stated that they should contact 311 and homeless outreach could be sent from appropriate agencies.
2. The Buchanan- 160 East 48th Street- former CB6 member Carol Rinzler gave informative presentation on why the building should be designated a landmark. Building is a rental and her complete presentation was sent to committee members. Committee can consider vote at subsequent meeting.
3. 218 East 18th Street- Certificate of Appropriateness for building in Stuyvesant Square Historic District to enhance accessibility to premises. Committee reviewed design and found it appropriate. Applicant has not yet filed with LPC but should do so in coming weeks. Before construction begins they will reach out to neighbors. Committee voted resolution of “No Objection” by vote of 11-0-0-0.
4. Little free libraries- Kathy Thompson made presentation for site in Stuyvesant Square Park. Neither DPR nor SPNA has any objection. Site in park to be determined by DPR in consultation with SPNA. Committee voted resolution of approval by vote of 11-0-0-0. Kathy will work with DPR on locating other sites in other CB6 parks.
5. Committee budget priorities- we reviewed changes to last years list and voted to send amended list of capital, continuing support, and expense items to CB6 Budget Committee for their action. Vote was 11-0-0-0. Questions asked about Stuyvesant Cove and “choke point.” Gary and Marty will review. Adopted committee list for fy19 is attached.

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Budget Priorities FY19

Capital:

1. Asser Levy Recreation Center- window replacements
2. Partial interior renovation of Epiphany branch library
3. Ralph Bunch Park- reconstruct
4. MacArthur Park- update playground equipment due to significantly increased use
5. Murphy Park to Stuyvesant Cove- construct pedestrian overpass
6. Sutton Place Parks- irrigation system

Continuing Support:

1. East 54th Street Recreation Center
2. Full interior renovation of Kips Bay Library
3. East River Esplanade Park (Glick)-restore lighting
4. East River Esplanade Park (Glick)- restore fountains
5. Dag Hammarskjold Park- restore fountains

Expense:

1. Park maintenance, operations personnel, district gardener & tree maintenance, and additional welder
2. NYPL- six day operation
3. Park Enforcement personnel
4. NYPL- obtain additional electronic resources
5. LPC- additional personnel
6. Bellevue South Park – Install video camera
7. Dag Hammarskjold Park - Install video camera in garden area