

## Meeting Minutes

Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs Committee

Tuesday, 3/7/17 - 7:00 pm

NYU College of Dentistry, Nursing & Engineering (433 First Ave, Room 230)

Meeting Called to order by Chair Mark Thompson at 7 pm. Guests enjoyed imported cookies and organic bananas.

Wesley O'Brien and Bill Higgins made presentation regarding proposed Certificate of Appropriateness application for 'fast track work order' for Citicorp Building (601 Lexington Ave). Application is to modify the base and entrances at the market (low rise) building. Presentation to be sent electronically to CB office. One issue of concern was the description of the interior lift or elevator from street level to lower level and its function/operability for users. It will be operated by individuals, not by 'manned' staff. Gary Papush gracefully volunteered to write resolution. Supportive resolution passed unanimously.

Students from the School of Visual Arts international program presented their designs for murals to be painted on 'jersey barricades' in Stuyvesant Cove Park near 18<sup>th</sup> Street FDR exit ramp. Work is expected to start on 3/18/17 (cleaning, prepping, painting). SVA expects to repaint with another mural next year.

Anne Saxon-Hirsch and Sherrill Kazan from Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza presented issues regarding park funding and needs of park. Manhattan Parks Borough Commissioner Chief of Staff Steve Simon discussed issues, explained processes and suggested holding a public meeting sometime in the near future with FODHP and community residents to further discuss issues and solutions. FODHP will identify potential locations and provide information to Steve Simon; who will notify CB 6 office of public meeting.

Councilmember Rosie Mendez spoke at length to the Committee about the issues surrounding Bellevue South Park's construction funding. She explained how the originally estimated costs increased due to the required expanded scope. She said that she will fund \$2 million for a phased reconstruction, to be augmented by the required additional \$300,000 (this amount is being considered by BP Brewer and CM Garodnick). Community resident Karen Lee proposed an alternate design, which will be examined by Parks Commissioner CoS Steve Simon at a meeting/on-site walk through to be announced.

Steve Simon also announced that Parks is close to awarding the contract for the One Sutton Place South Park construction. He also announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Stuyvesant Square Park East fence in late April or May.

Question was asked regarding the Capital Tracker on the Parks website and having a simpler version available for the public.

Naomi Jones, a disability advocate, questioned the plans for the dog run (and existing dog runs) and accessibility to them.

In the Chair's Report, Chair Thompson discussed the requested gate at Beekman Place, Steve Simon responded by saying he would investigate with Mark Vacarro and respond to the Committee. Mark asked for volunteers for the April 22 NY Cares Day cleanup of Stuyvesant Cove Park. The CB office will send out information and a request for volunteers for a CB6 Team. Steve Simon responded to inquiry regarding Peter Detmold Park steps; he will get information for us on cost estimate, next steps.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Mark Thompson