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**Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs Committee**  
**Tuesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, 7:00PM**  
**Community Board Six Office 211 East 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10017**

**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Mark Thompson, Chair; Pamela Vassil, Vice Chair; Martin Barrett; Rajesh Nayar; Kathy Thompson; Adam Hartke; Gene Santoro; Amelia Acosta; Matt Bondy; Reshma Patel

Excused: Dean Stefanides; Aaron Humphrey

Absent: Gary Papush; Ronnie White; Samuel Albert

Guests: Lou Sepersky, Manhattan Community Board (CB6) Member; Jack Collins, East End Hockey; Jan Armstrong, Stuyvesant Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA); Wesley Hamilton, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR); Brendan Birth, CB6 Staff

**Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda/Previous Meeting's Minutes**

Chair Mark Thompson call the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

A motion was made and approved to adopt the agenda.

A motion was made approved to adopt the minutes from the September 5, 2018 meeting.

**Committee Business**

*Agenda Item #1: Report from the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation*

Wesley Hamilton at DPR reported on park events and activities throughout Community District 6. There are multiple events in October. Ashley Konicki of DPR would have all the details. Events will be posted on the CB6 website. Here are two events of note: Robert Moses Park will have Movies Under the Stars on October 13 and Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Park will host Octoberfest from 10 AM to 4 PM on October 3.

Work on Sutton Park is progressing. Completion and reopening is now scheduled for December 2018.

Construction at East River Esplanade (Glick Park) is 50% complete. New bushes and plants have been planted. Completion is currently scheduled for June 2019.

The committee asked a question about replacing benches at the former Con Ed pier. Mr. Hamilton will check on any pending plans.

Regarding Bellevue South Park, the schematic drawings should be complete in December. There should be a presentation on this to CB6 in January. The closing and locking of park gates at First Avenue & 27<sup>th</sup> street is still an open issue. Furthermore, there is no information in regards to the sanitation trucks that park at Bellevue South Park.

Regarding St. Vartan Park, DPR will have an in-house scoping meeting in November (date and time to be determined). Results will be presented to CB6 for input in December or January. The availability for roller hockey is to be discussed further.

There was a question from Committee Member Pamela Vassil in regards to the tree roots on East 30<sup>th</sup> Street. The tree roots are breaking up the sidewalk and it is a trip hazard. Mr. Hamilton indicated that most sidewalk work is the responsibility of the building owner. However, DPR does have a program in regards to the roots for some situations.

Committee members complimented DPR for painted benches as well as for keeping the 37<sup>th</sup> Street underpass clean.

### **Chair's Report**

Mark reported that longtime park advocate Rosalee Isaly, former President of the Stuyvesant Park Neighborhood Association, passed away in June. A memorial will be held at the National Arts Club on October 25.

Landmarks Preservation Commission rules are being changed. A hearing is to be held on October 16 at 1:30 PM. Additionally, Sarah Carroll has been named the new Landmarks Preservation Commission Chair.

Mark welcomed new committee members Reshma Patel and Matt Bondy. Both of them briefly described their backgrounds and interest in parks within Community District 6.

### **Old/New Business**

Martin Barrett proposed a resolution to endorse the proposed renaming of the John Jay Swimming Pool in John Jay Park to honor the former DPR Commissioner Henry J. Stern. The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously 10-0-0.

Mark will call Center for an Urban Future to have their representative come to next committee meeting to present on their report "A New Leaf: Revitalizing New York City's Aging Parks Infrastructure."

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded for meeting to be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Minutes Submitted by: Martin Barrett