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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
BROOKLYN HOSPITAL CENTER, 121 DEKALB AVENUE
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Committee Members Present: Barbara Zahler-Gringer, Chair; Andrew Lastowecky, Co-Chair; Carolyn Hubbard Kamunanwire, Dwight Smith, Irene Janner, Suzanne Quint.

Staff: Carol-Ann Church, Assistant District Manager

Guests: Sarah Krautheim, Michael Samuelian (Trust for Governors Island); Paul Daley, Jorge Prado, Martin Maher, Davey Ives, Tannise Palmer, David Barker, Kathleen Alvey (Parks and Recreation); Laura Rokoff (Office of the Mayor); Paul Jeffries NYC Football Club; Kelly Magee, Jennifer Melby, Jennifer DeLuna, Gerald Lery, Toba Potosky, Rick Brown, Anthony Tse, Cheryl Moch, Roy Vanasco, Jocelyn Cooper, Manushka Magloire (Afropunk), Jim Harvey (Assembly member Simon), Agnes Djaha.

Ms. Zahler-Gringer called the meeting to order at 6:09pm with introductions.
Mr. Smith moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Hubbard Kamunanwire seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Governor's Island: presentation by Mr. Samuelian, Trust for Governor's Island
Link to presentation.

- Over 70% of visitors are NYC residents; "a park for New Yorkers"
- Taking advantage of their island status to create some outdoor eating venues (Oyster Bar)
- Lots of Free activities: Free space available for groups who are doing free programming; free kayaking; free bike rentals before noon
- Baseball fields (2) opening up for the first time this year
- Can reserve a grill for \$26.00 - number of grills is expanding
- Citywide ferry is mapped to go from Pier 6/BBP to Governor's Island— this will be additive to the existing ferries
- In 2017, opening 1 month early on May 1
- They have a Friends of Governor's Island group (run volunteers, etc.)

- Funding: 90% of operating funds and 100% of capital funds come from the city
 - The trust administers the land— no DOT, no Parks Dept., etc. This gives them a large amount of flexibility in how they operate the park.
 - Goal: make it a year-round destination - Day spa is coming - construction starting this year; Day Spa will have 2 or 3 outdoor pools for paid spa customers
 - Ms. Hubbard-Kamunanwire asked about trolleys for seniors. In response, Governor's Island shared that a 'mass transit' loop (perhaps a trolley) is of great interest to them. Looking at 2018 season.
- Vote 4-0-1, Mr. Macron abstained as he had not been a committee member at the prior meeting.

Brooklyn War Memorial / Cadman Plaza

Marty Maher, Brooklyn Parks Commissioner and Paul Daley, Architect presented plans to renovate the War Memorial to make it compliant with ADA regulations.

- * 4MM budget from Borough President Adams, Councilman Levin, Federal Budget
- * 1ADA Ramp, Lift and Entrance (pavement, plantings, etc.)
- * In Design now; Best case schedule— 1 year for design; 1 year procurement (Spring 2018); Start work (Spring 2019); Open (Spring 2020)
- * Bathroom work is separate budget and process/timetable but should be complete by the same time
- * Once the Certificate of Occupancy is secured (pending work above), discussions on how to open the space to the public will be discussed. Space includes an auditorium space (old code was <200 people)
- * Requesting support from CB2 for the initiative that they can take to the Public Design Commission (PDC)
- * Mr. Lastowecky moves to issue a letter of support, I. Janner seconds. Unanimously approved.
- * Roy Venasco (WW2 Vet, former Community Board chair, long-time supporter of re-opening the memorial) added some personal commentary.

NYC Soccer Initiative

Laura Rokoff; Mayor's Fund to advance New York City

- Installing 50 mini-soccer play spaces in underserved neighborhoods; installing 10 per year across the city
- These are hard surfaced mini 'fields' (not grass or turf)
- Targeting K-8 students
- Funding for fields comes with funding for programming as well— free after-school soccer program. Funding also covers maintenance (these 'mini pitch' fields should last 6-8 years)
- District 2 is getting 1 of 2 fields in Brooklyn
- NYC Soccer Initiative, along with NYC Parks Dept., is recommending Oracle Playground. Oracle Playground is adjacent to 2 schools and is jointly operated by the schools and NYC Parks.

- Per Marty Maher, Oracle Playground was picked because there were very few locations available in District 2 that would not require taking away another program to accommodate and in response to questions on whether Commodore Barry was considered; we were told “this cannot work in Commodore Barry”.
 - Kids do not have to go to the adjacent school to take advantage of the free after school program
 - Mr. Lastowecky asked “What is the plan for programming beyond the 90 minute after school program and in the summer?” Mr. Maher answered If there becomes an over-use situation, we can start a permitting process.
 - Opening timing TBD— sometime between 2017-2019
 - Asking for a formal letter of support for this initiative to the PDC (Public Design Commission)
- Commissioner. Mr Lastowecky moves to approve. Ms Zahler-Gringer seconds.
Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Quint moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Lastowecky seconded, vote 3-0-3, all abstainers’ were absent from the previous meeting. (Approved at the November meeting; Unanimously approved, no abstentions).

Community Forum - Casey, Community Outreach Coordinator, from NYC Parks Green Thumbs Program spoke about their programming

Manushka Magliore, AfroPunk, spoke about the community involvement arm of their organization which encourages young people to attend community board meetings and other civic activities. She discussed using their organization to engage the adjacent community members to attend the Commodore Barry park meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Lastowecky moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Hubbard Kamunanwire seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Zahler-Gringer adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.