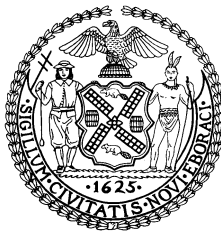


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The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Hunter College, West Building, Lexington Avenue & 69th Street, 7th Floor Lecture Hall
April 5, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Community Board Members (Present): Craig Lader, Rita Popper, Barbara Rudder, Barry Schneider
Community Board Members (Excused): Alexandra Harrington, Sophia James, Sharon Pope, Tricia Shimamura
Community Board Public Members (Present): Irma Torres, Judy Schneider

(INFORMATION THAT CAME IN AFTER THE MEETING IN ITALICS)

1. Presentation by Elizabeth Masella of Parks & Recreation on art work by renowned British artist Sir Tony Cragg on the Park Avenue malls

- Monumental abstract sculptures, which exemplify his use of and experimentation with materials like fiberglass, stainless steel and bronze.
- The vertical forms give the impression of having a kinetic quality and upward motion, though they are static.
- The sculptures will be displayed at 66/67 streets in fiberglass; 71/72 Streets in stainless steel; and 79/80 Streets in bronze
- They will be present from about May through August.
- They installation was reviewed by the Metro North Engineers to make sure the Mall will support them.

BE IT RESOLVED the Community Board 8 Approves this presentation for the installation of art work by Sir Tony Cragg on the Park Avenue malls.

Approved: 4-0-0 (Lader, Popper, Rudder, B. Schneider)

Approved Public Members: 2-0-0 (J. Schneider, Torres)

2. Update on John Jay scoping session regarding the older Adult Fitness Area

- Mr. Schneider reported that the meeting on March 8 at the Town School conducted by Department of Parks & Recreation Manhattan Chief of Staff Steve Simon. Community members engaged in a thorough discussion on how to improve and enhance the area of John Jay Park currently containing adult fitness exercise equipment.
- The Parks Department will be coming back to the Park Committee with the results of the scoping meeting in the next several months for discussion by the public.

3. Economic Development Corp. (EDC) made a presentation of the new Ferry Landing at the 90th Street Pier.

Presentation was given by: Radhy Miranda and James Wong of EDC and Elana Ehrenberg of NYC Ferry.

(Presentation on CB8 website under Parks Committee)

- From 2015 to 2018, there have been over 300 meetings held with elected officials, community boards, civic and resident associations, City, State, and Federal partners, and other community stakeholders.
- This ferry is located on the Soundview Route and is scheduled to launch summer of 2018.
- It will cost \$2.75 per ride and isn't transferrable except to another ferry. Tickets are also available for purchase with cash or card at ticket vending machines at every landing.
- 7-day service, all year round.
- ADA and LL68 accessible boats, barges, and bathrooms.
- Landing Features: Passenger queuing, ticketing and amenities on landing; Canopies, wind-screens, and heaters for passenger comfort; digital information displays; minimal disruption to upland parks; low profile to protect views; usable by multiple ferry operators.
- Gangway from pier to barge.

- Vessel Features: new construction; low-wake design; EPA Tier 3 Engines (best for vessel class); Catamaran design for comfort/stability; 150 passenger capacities (new 349 capacity vessels being added where there is demand); bicycles, wheelchair and stroller accessibility.
- App Features: Schedules and trip planning; service alerts; real-time ferry tracking.
- Temporary access path will be used during the seawall construction. EDC is working with Parks to make some parts of the Esplanade ADA accessible near the landing.
- EDC will return to committee again on this item.

4. Update on Poses Park

- It is expected to open by July 4th. It has been closed due to ongoing Hunter construction in that area.
- *AS OF 4/16/18 THE PARKS COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING EMAIL FROM HUNTER: THERE IS SOME MORE WORK THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN BEFORE WE CAN REOPEN POSES PARK, INCLUDING SOME WINDOW FIXES. WE ANTICIPATE WE WILL BE ABLE TO REOPEN THE PARK FOR THE SUMMER, BUT SORRY TO SAY WE DON'T HAVE SPECIFIC DATES JUST YET. AS SOON AS WE KNOW - YOU WILL KNOW! THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE.*

5. Update on Esplanade rehabilitation at Carl Schurz Park

- Steve Simon, Commissioner Castro's Chief of staff emailed the following statement about the status of this project:

"I am responding to your recent inquiry about the reconstruction work underway on John Finley Walk at 88th – 90th Street. We now expect to finish the work by the end of the year. As of the October 2017 East River Esplanade Task Force meeting, we have been letting people know it will take longer than expected, due to additional design work needed to address site access and foundation issues.

"Due to waterside constraints at the north end because of a tight area with the existing pier, it was determined that access via a temporary bridge over the FDR tunnel is necessary. The FDR Drive passes under Carl Schurz Park from approximately E. 88th St. to E. 89th St., forming a tunnel, which is not strong enough to handle the construction equipment that we must drive over it. We will bridging-over this structure within the park near the top of the hill at approximately E. 89th St.

"Secondly, the soil underneath the foundations is unreliable because the walls rest on riprap and backfill of questionable quality. Therefore, the design needed to be revised to include piles down to rock to ensure a stable foundation.

"We uncovered these issues after we started construction, which required additional design work and construction contract change orders. We are working through the change order process with the contractor. Combined with the late winter/early spring storms, these issues have pushed back the ongoing work so that we will need to extend the construction time."

6. Wesley Hamilton, CD8 Parks Manager made the following announcements:

- Movies will be shown on May 11 in Carl Schurz Park and on May 12 in Samuel Seabury Park
- May 12 there will be a plant sale in Carl Schurz Park
- He talked about volunteer opportunities in various parks.
- Teri Grace mentioned about school groups that volunteer to plant in John Jay Park.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Tricia Shimamura and Barry Schneider
Co-Chairs Parks and Recreation Committee