

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
PARKS/RECREATION/CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
APRIL 16, 2014**

ATTENDANCE;

PRESENT:

S. ADELS	J. FRANCIS	G. KELLY
J. REISCHEL		

EXCUSED:

E. CAUSIL-RODRIGUEZ	I. DUTTON	R. REILLY
J. OLTMAN SMITH	J. STRABONE	

ABSENT:

J. HEYER	H. HUGHES	N. LALLI
E. LIN	M. RUIZ	C. RYAN
A. SOFILLAS		

GUESTS:

G. DOLAN	G. FIALA	M. FREED
L. MANN	R. KESSLER	M. MARIN
S. THAYER	M. PRETTYMAN	A. REEVES
M. KIM		

***** MINUTES *****

NEW BUSINESS:

- Plan on meeting in May or June
- Plan to tour all parks in CB 6 this summer.
- Richard Kessler presented idea to place a plaque to “save the view” at Grand Army Plaza.

Presentation and discussion with the various “friends” groups who act as support groups, stewards and advocates for our local parks.

Informational briefing and discussion with representatives for the Department of Parks & Recreation on the recently begun renovations to Coffey Park.

Martin Maher, the Chief of Staff to the Parks Department’s Brooklyn Borough Commissioner made a presentation to the committee regarding Coffey Park.

1. Repaving park in asphalt - \$2.3 Million budget.
2. Formalize central plaza/more defined – making it oval.
3. Bringing back game tables.
4. New benches, improved drainage.

5. Wheelchair accessible water fountains.
6. Putting in 8 fastened picnic tables and more than 5 barbecue grills.
7. Central plaza will have pavers – the rest of the paths will be asphalt.
8. Adding more grass areas.

Q and A:

Q. Judi Francis – Is oval larger?

A. Same footage just not irregular.

Q. How long?

A. One year contract.

Q. Funding?

A. \$2 million from Council Member, \$300K from Mayor

Trees being cut down by Forestry because of salination (Sandy).

Inquiry about imaginary playground?

*Make a motion to move benches and BBQ and send a note to Martin Maher.

Q. Any changes due to Sandy

A. Unaware of any major changes.

Q. Reuse benches?

A. New benches, but will reuse old ones elsewhere.

Committee requests that the Board reach out to the Parks Department to request them to inform the Red Hook community of the Coffey Park Plans and to reassure the community that they will help with the planning for special annual events, such as Old Timers Day.

A motion was made by Judi Francis and seconded by Sam Adels to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 20, 2013.

MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The minutes were submitted by Jason Reischel.