

COMMUNITY BOARD #7

PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 17, 2022

Meeting open - 6:05 pm

Guest Speaker:

Davey Ives - NYC Parks Department

Elizabeth Masella - NYC Parks Department

Jim Morris – NYC Parks Department

Sam Barzilay – Photoville, Non Profit Organization

Agenda:

- **Update on Capital Projects in CB 7**
- **Presentation from NYC Parks on a temporary art installation slated for Pena-Herrera Park**

Community Board 7 Capital Projects Status Report March 2022

➤ Davey Ives, NYC Parks Department.

○ Mr. Ives started his slide presentation by stating the following:

- **Captain John Mckeena, IV Park located at Vanderbilt St. bet E.4th St. and E. 5st.:**
 - Restored water service to the park, giving flexibility in terms of maintaining plants and also the completion of the water fountain to provide water for people utilizing the park. (completed in the fall of 2021)
- **Sunset Park (Phases 5) – Handball Courts:**
 - Reconstruction of handball courts, adding seating area, additional lighting, and horticulture
 - Scope meeting held Spring 2018
 - Design complete Spring 2019
 - Construction started Spring 2021 and is estimated to be completed Spring 2022
 - Due to Covid-19 pandemic construction end date may be subject to change.
- **Sunset Park: Recreation Center:**
 - Enclose the atrium space and address heating and cooling throughout the center.
 - Design completed fall 2017
 - Construction start fall 2022 and to be completed by fall 2023
 - Due to Covid-19 pandemic construction end date may be subject to change.
 - ADA accessibility will be added to the center as well.
 - The center will have to close in the fall of 2022 for construction

- Accommodation are made in order to keep pool open during the summer
 - **Prospect Expressway Sitting Area, Sherman St & Ocean parkway Service Road:**
 - Install toddler play equipment on the Sherman Street site, new seating, fix water service, new landscaping
 - Reconstruct seating area on E 8th Street site, including new horticulture and pavement.
 - Design completed spring 2021
 - Construction estimated to start fall 2022 and be completed fall 2023
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 - **Rainbow Playground, 55th and 56th St. & 6th Ave.:**
 - Complete reconstruction of playground including play equipment, safety surface, bollard spray shower, drainage, pavement, benches, drinking fountains, and landscaping
 - Scope meeting held on November 25th, 2019
 - Design completed fall 2020
 - Construction is estimated to start fall 2022 and be completed fall 2023
 - Due to Covid-19 pandemic construction end date may be subject to change.
 - **Bush Terminal Park – Lighting Reconstruction:**
 - Installation of light poles throughout Bush Terminal Park
 - Construction completed fall 2020
 - **Bush terminal Park – Bulkhead Reconstruction:**
 - EDC-led reconstruction of crumbling bulkhead, repairing asphalt and improving safety conditions
 - Construction started January 2022 and will be complete by the end of spring 2022.
 - **Bush Terminal Park – Playground Construction:**
 - Privately funded by Steiner Studios
 - Construct all new playground and walking paths inside Bush Terminal Park
 - Playground & walking path construction to be part of single contract
 - Project still in design, construction currently estimated to start by the end of 2023 and completed 18 months later
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- **There was a question and answer session. (refer to facebook recording)**

- **Elizabeth Masella, NYC Parks Department introduce Mr. Barzilay**
 - Project is run by the Red Hook Community Justice Center JustArts After School Program Youth Photography Exhibition
 - It's an exhibition of youth photography
 - The program was utilizing at the adjoining school PS 1
 - Photos taken by the students will be displayed on the fence
 - The banners will be hung at least 6 feet from the ground, so that it will allow for unobstructed views and possible tampering.
 - On display until May 6, 2022
- **Mr. Barzilay started his slide presentation on a temporary art installation slated for Pena-Herrera Park by stating the following:**
 - Past exhibits were displayed on a slideshow
 - The exhibit is broken up in two banners about six feet in height off the ground
 - Display will take place on 47th Street side of the park
 - Students pick something they are passionate about (nature, dogs, buildings, etc.)
 - Student get a teacher aide, who would teach them how to utilize a camera
 - Students get to keep camera for their work
- **There was a question and answer session. (refer to facebook recording)**

7:05pm – Meeting adjourned

Victor Swinton

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Chairman**