

COMMUNITY BOARD #7

PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 28, 2021

Meeting open - 6:10 pm

**Guest Speaker:
PARKS DEPARTMENT
STEINER STUDIOS**

Agenda:

- **Bush Terminal Park Play Area Community Discussion – Steiner Studios**
- **Presentation from NYC Parks on a public arts installation proposal in Sunset Park**

Parks Department

- **Elizabeth Masella, Senior Park Art Coordinator with the NYC Parks Department**
- **Judith Modrak Artist.**
 - **Ms. Masella started her presentation explaining the Arts in the Park program.**
 - **Temporary arts installation in the park are usually installed in parks citywide for a year or less.**
 - **The artist is responsible to ensure that the artwork is securely installed**
 - **The artist is responsible for the maintenance and care of the exhibit.**
 - **It is the artist responsibility to repair any damage to the exhibit in 48 hrs. or less unless it's a much serious or dangerous situation, which must be repaired immediately.**
 - **The artist is responsible to repair clean-up of their work and repairs of parks' property, if necessary**
 - **The artwork is fully insured (liability).**
- **Judith Modrak**
 - **Installation proposal for Sunset Park 2021**
 - **The artwork is called “Modern Fossil”**
 - **Installation will be from April 2021 thru December 2021**
 - **The artwork dimensions are 8 ft. x 5-6 ft.**
 - **This artwork will be anchored to the base of a tree stump located at the top of the hill in the park.**

- **Questions asked?**
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 - **Will the artwork be something that people are able to touch and kids to climb on?**
 - **Definitely touchable. The artwork was built to withstand some interaction, but recommended no climbing. The Parks Department can provide signs indicating such action. It was recommended that the signs are written to different language due to the different ethnic groups of park participants.**
 - **What was the community engagement process to create this sculpture?**
 - **Due to COVID there was not any community engagement, but they would like to start that process now.**
- **Due to open space limitation in the community and lack of community engagement, there was a recommendation from the Parks Committee to table this presentation for further engagement with the committee and the public at large.**

Steiner Studios - Provided translation in Spanish and Mandarin

- **Doug Steiner – Steiner Studios**
- **Gullivar Shepard – Michael Vankenburgh Associates Inc. (landscaper)**
 - **Steiner Studios was selected by EDC to be the developers of the new film and television project located on 1st avenue from 43rd-51st street.**
 - **As part of the deal with EDC, Steiner Studios is committed to building a playground in Bush Terminal Park.**
 - **They want to hear from the community before they design a plan for the playground.**
 - **Steiner Studios will be donating \$25,000 annually to the park for educational programs**
 - **There was a history of Steiner Studios presented.**
 - **Power point presentation outlining questions to the community:**
 - **What do you like most about Bush Terminal Piers Park?**
 - **Have we proposed the best place for the Play Area?**
 - **What kind of play activities would be best?**
 - **Should there be a “theme” for the Play Area?**
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- **Questions asked?**
- - **Can Steiner Studios help with parking pertaining to the park?**
 - **As part of the work to be done by Steiner Studios, they are to complete the work in the park that was never done, such as the south end of the park, new entrances for pedestrian and bikes, ballfield area, picnic benches, the promenade, water front area. Mr. Steiner also stated that additional parking for the park are part of the plan.**

- **Will Steiner Studios make the playground accessible to everyone?**
 - **They are there to dictate anything to the community, they were there to solicit what the community want and for them to get it done.**
- **Maintenance of the equipment will be the responsibility of the Parks Department**

8:05pm – Meeting adjourned

Victor Swinton

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Chairman**