



Community Board #5 Parks Committee Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2010
Schwartz Center, 127 Pennsylvania Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Minutes

Members Present: Alfonso Carter, Salema Davis, and Carolyn Walker-Diallo
Also Present: Walter Campbell, District Manager

Guests: Portia Dyrenforth, Ilan Kutok, Zoe Levitt, and David Marth

The meeting was called to order at 6:21pm.

Ilan Kutok, David Marth, and Portia Dyzenforth from the Parks Department presented the design and plan for the Sperandeo Playground at I.S. 302. They stated that the playground has not received any funding in the past ten years. This year, they received 2.2 million dollars from Councilman Erik Dilan to reconstruct the playground.

They stated that the current playground has too much asphalt and does not feel like a playground/park. As such, one of the main goals is to break up the asphalt to bring landscaping. They will also increase the amount of trees in the park to buffer the noise from Atlantic Avenue. In total, there will be an 44% increase in green space.

As for the layout of the playground, they stated that the game tables/benches are not in the best location as they are currently in the middle of the playground. As such, the game tables will be moved closer to Elton Street.

The newly reconstructed playground will include a small river running through the playground, which can be used as an outdoor classroom 9 months out of the year.

They will also place Green screens (wall of plants) on the Elton Side of the playground to block the parking lot.

Carolyn Walker-Diallo and Salema Davis addressed concerns about the number of benches near the toddler section. They informed the committee that there should be enough benches in the toddler section to allow parents to monitor their children. The Parks Department noted that there will be 5 benches in the toddler area.

Committee members also expressed concern about Parks presence at the location once the playground is completed in order to ensure adequate programming for neighborhood youth.

In addition, Ms. Walker-Diallo and Ms. Davis opined that they should consider putting swings for the older children, as they may use the toddler swings which will prevent the

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