

Minutes: Parks and Recreation.

Attendees:

Salema Davis- Chair

Carolyn Walker Diallo-Co-Chair

Ronald Dillon

The meeting was called to order at 7pm on October 3, 2011.

Old business: Mr. Dillon emphasizes the importance of the re-naming Old Mill Spring Creek back to its Native American people who originally occupied the land. The changing of the name was also corrected by DOT concerning the same name of Old Mill and Spring Creek. Mr. Dillon also mentioned the improper use of DEP on parkland and stated that they were notified of their illegal occupation of parklands. He also brought up the concern of salt piles that are being dumped by the Mill Creek station which is in CB5 but is not benefiting CB5. At this juncture Miss Davis stated that she will look into and contact all the agencies involved and come to some kind of solution. This meeting was adjourn at 7.00pm.

Consultation meeting from Sept. 19, with Commissioner Jeffries and staff from Parks and Recreation CB5. In attendance for this consultation was Salema Davis- Chair, Walter Campbell- District Manager, Candida Ruiz, Viola Plummer and Dennis Taylor. Mr. Campbell asked questions based on how many trees were planted in the community. This question was taken and answered by Parks and Recreation forestry staff, one thousand and sixty four. Mr. Campbell also expressed the concern of weeds and unmanicured park areas on Linden Boulevard. Commissioner Jefferies made it clear that the parks department was working real hard to maintain such areas but due to shortness of staff it is taking longer than usual. Mr. Campbell again aired his concern about the unfinished project of Lion Pride park on Van Sidren where rodents roam and all kinds of illegal activities do take place given the unfinished project. Commissioner Jeffries response was that the money to finish this and other projects needed to be allocated by our community politicians. Miss Davis too voiced her concerns in regards to the caretaking of all the green thumbs in districts 37 and 42 which have not been up kept and will lead to rodent infestation in the community. The Commissioner asked that he be provided with a list of these properties so that parks and recreation can tackle the problem immediately and help the prevention of rodents and ensure their maintenance. This was a productive endeavor in my estimate.