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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Hon. Dr. Maurice Franklin, Chairperson

Hon. Bailey Jeremie, Vice Chairperson

Hon. Lourdes Smart, Secretary

**Parks & Recreation Committee - Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025 @ 6:30 pm In-Person/(via Zoom)**

In-Person Attendance:

Board Member Dr. Franklin, Board Member Bailey Jeremie, Board Member Ernest Clayton (NEW), Board Member Doria Josma, Board Member Derek Perkinson, Board Member Carla Small-Covington (NEW), and Board Member Lourdes Smart

Excused:

Board Member William Council

Absent:

Board Member Ulafayette Crump-Adams (NEW)
Board Member Kamaria Milford

AGENDA

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

A. Motion to Call the Meeting to Order

- ❖ Board Member Dr. Franklin Chair of the committee, called for a motion to start the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Board Member Jeremie, Vice-Chair of the committee motioned to call the meeting to order, and Board Member Perkinson seconded the motion.

B. Introduction of Committee Members

- ❖ The Parks and Recreation Committee meeting began with introductions from committee members, including Board Member Bailey Jeremie, Board Member Doria Josma, Board Member Derek Perkinson, Board Member Ernest Clayton, Board Member Small-Covington, and Board Member Lourdes Smart.



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- ❖ The committee welcomed Kendall Glaspy, the new District Manager, and discussed past achievements, including the successful January meeting led by Board Member Jeremy, Vice-Chair.

C. Introduction of Board Members

- ❖ There were no board members present at this month's meeting.

D. Introduction of Invited Guests

- ❖ Various community members were introduced and a reminder to presenters to keep their presentations concise to allow for questions and thorough discussion.

II. ELECTED OFFICIALS/AGENCIES

- A. Stacey Marius, Director of Community Affairs for Assemblyman Taylor,** announced a listening tour scheduled for February 12, 2026 at the Children's Museum and expressed support for upcoming community events.

III. PRESENTATIONS

- A. NYC Parks - Steve Simon, Chief of Staff, Manhattan Parks –**
 - ❖ Wasn't present at this month's meeting.
- B. CB10 Parks Updates - Matt Genrich, NYC Parks Manager/Districts 10 & 11 Regional Manager Jonathan Kovacs –**
 - ❖ Covered updates from NYC Parks, including seasonal job postings, lifeguard qualifying tests, and upcoming events like the historic Harlem Park super hike.
- C. NYC Parks Manager Districts 10 & 11 - Parks Update - Tapashi Narine, Regional Director**
 - ❖ Tapashi shared details about the Jackie Robinson Day Festival and other recreational activities at Marcus Garvey and Jackie Robinson parks.
 - ❖ Board Member Dr. Franklin discussed supporting these events and requested park walkthroughs in March for April activations.
 - ❖ It's My Park Day Activation Schedule – Matt Genrich will coordinate
- D. 137th Neighborhood Association - Hon. Jackie K. Weatherspoon**
 - ❖ Jackie K. Weatherspoon and Nate presented on their park cleanup efforts, highlighting the importance of community involvement and partnerships in maintaining public spaces.
 - ❖ The community group discussed their efforts to improve Harlem's public spaces, including tree planting, flower bulb installations, and monthly



cleanups. They highlighted challenges with parking and signage,

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particularly regarding 18-wheeler trucks using mall spaces. The group received support from the DA's office for their young ambassadors

- ❖ program and discussed potential funding opportunities. They were encouraged to create documentation and training materials to replicate their success across other neighborhoods, with suggestions to engage with block associations and consider art installations.

E. Letter of Support Harlem FIFA Fan Village- Danielle Lewis-McLaurin and Kim

- ❖ The committee discussed a proposal for a FIFA Fan Village in Harlem, which would be located on 125th Street and Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard for 40 days during the tournament. The project, estimated to cost \$2 million, aims to highlight Black and brown footballers' impact on the game, feature local businesses, and create jobs. The organizers are seeking funding from both community and external sources, and addressed concerns about potential noise and disruption to the state office building and surrounding businesses.
- ❖ The committee discussed plans for a FIFA Fan Village and events in Harlem, including a youth tournament called "Uptown" and curated activities for the 40-day event period. The group discussed security measures, Jumbotron placement, and coordination with various stakeholders including embassies, local sports teams, and community organizations. They agreed to write a letter of support to FIFA and to present the plan to the Economic Development, Technology & Communications Committee the following day, with a focus on economic development opportunities and community engagement.
- ❖ The committee further discussed plans for a large-scale FIFA event and a Father's Day activation at Charles Young Park. Board Member Dr. Franklin explained the \$2 million budget for the FIFA event, which includes a Jumbotron and various logistics, and invited Tony to collaborate due to his experience with similar events.
- ❖ Board Member Dr. Franklin recommended working with the Eco Dev. Committee to draft a joint letter of support for the Harlem FIFA Village initiative.

F. Letter of Support for Brigadier Charles Young Park – Hon Dr. Maurice Franklin

- ❖ Moved to next month's agenda

G. Letter of Support One Hundred Black Men, National and NYC Chapter – Dr. Mark Alexander

- ❖ Moved to next month's agenda

H. Letter to HCCI regarding CBA Public Park Space



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- ❖ Board Member Jeremy recommended a letter of resolution. The committee planned to conduct a walkthrough of the park to finalize details and

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discussed the need for a sustainable solution regarding the maintenance of the property under HCCI's management.

I. Spring Summer Activation - **Hon. Doria Josma, Chair Summer Activation**

- ❖ Board Member Josma presented the Father's Day activation, detailing the theme, programming, partnerships, and marketing strategies.
- ❖ BGCY Park June 13th - The event will take place on June 13th from 10 AM to 4 PM, featuring activities like pick-up tournaments, yoga, and local performances. The task force will review the proposal and follow up with necessary permits and sponsorships.
- ❖ Board Member Jerrell Realer recommended partnering with the Older Adults Centers (OACs, i.e., A. Phillip Randolph) on this initiative. Board Member Dr. Franklin agreed to include the OACs.
- ❖ Harlem River Park July Date - The meeting focused on planning an upcoming event at a park, discussing partnerships, programming, and logistics. Participants agreed to include various community organizations, such as A. Philip Randolph, the Department of Sanitation, and local sports leagues, in the event.

J. Next steps

- ❖ Parks team to schedule April park walkthroughs with Committee in March.
- ❖ Parks team to provide update on Hands World pool status.
- ❖ Parks team to follow up on Harlem River Park August walkthrough comments.
- ❖ Parks team to connect Dr. Franklin with Partners for Parks coordinator regarding It's My Park projects.
- ❖ Committee to coordinate tabling volunteers for Jackie Robinson Day Festival on April 18.
- ❖ Committee to develop documentation/manual for replicating 137th Street mall cleanup efforts across neighborhoods.
- ❖ Parks/Transportation team to explore adding more benches along boulevards.

- ❖ Harlem is Popping team to submit FIFA Fan Village application to OGS and CCA.
- ❖ Harlem’s Popping team to develop detailed security and insurance plans for 40-day fan village operation.



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- ❖ Harlem’s Popping team to incorporate Juneteenth programming into fan village events.

IV. VOTING ITEMS

- A. Letter of Support for Brigadier Charles Young Park
 - ❖ Moved to next month’s agenda.
- B. Letter of Support One Hundred Black Men, National and NYC Chapter
 - ❖ Moved to next month’s agenda.
- C. Letter to HCCI regarding CBA Public Park Space
 - ❖ Board Member Jeremy move for a letter of resolution for 148, property appearance and for a walk through with Board Member Clayton. Board Member Perkinson seconded, resolution passes.
- A. Letter of Support Harlem FIFA Fan Village- **Danielle Lewis-McLaurin**
 - ❖ Moved to next month’s agenda.

V. DISCUSSIONS

- A. 2026 Calendar
- B. Harlem Honey’s and Bears

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Board Member Jeremy figure skating

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS 2026 CALENDAR

- A. Board Member Perkinson received a United Nation Award
- B. Board Member Jeremy will be awarded a Foster Parent Award on April 22, 2026

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Board Member Fr. Franklin call for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Jeremy moved to adjourn the meeting; Board Member Josma seconded

the motion with a vote of 6-0.

B. Board Member Dr. Franklin adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.