

**Manhattan Community Board 12  
Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee  
May 10, 2022**

**Committee Members Present:** Nobles Crawford, Asst. Chair (Presiding), Sarah Fisher, Barbara Frazier, Jumirna Alcober-Ramirez, Daniel Bonilla, Edda Santiago

**Members absent:** Liz Ritter (excused), Alexis Marnel (Public Member; Excused) Nayma Silver (Public Member)

**Others present:** Jennifer Hoppa, Director North Manhattan Parks; Bob Barnett, Hudson River Greenway; Martin Collins, North Manhattan Arts Assoc.; Alexander Campos, Hispanic Society; Trish Anderton, Inwood Canoe Club; **Shiloh** Holley, Morris Jumel Mansion; Melissa Rosenthal, NYC Parks” Stewardship Division, Eligio Reynoso, WaHi Tennis Assoc; Coach Dave Crenshaw

Meeting Called to order at 6:35 pm by Sally Fisher and Jumirna Alcober-Ramirez  
Motion to adopt agenda by Sally Fisher and Jumirna Alcober-Ramirez

Opening remarks from Nobles Crawford: Condolences to Liz Ritter on the loss of her father

**Hudson River Community Rowing Project: Bob Barnett** reporting. Hudson River Greenway Summit last Thursday/Friday was composed of Civic leaders, political leaders, professionals, and community activists. There is a \$4.7 million commitment for greenway improvement in Queens and Brooklyn to create linkages. Sen. Schumer reported that now NY is getting more \$\$ back than send to DC: \$1.59 to \$1. gentrification. Build Back Better \$\$ can be used for Greenways.

**MORRIS JUMEL; Nobles Crawford** reporting: Restoration of exterior and disabled access upgrades. Will add a ramp or lift. Needs Landmarks approval so will go to Land Use. Will take up the resolution in Land Use June meeting,

**Parks Department** not ready to present 186<sup>th</sup> basketball court restoration. Will present in September.

### **Programming updates:**

**Uptown Arts Stroll, Martin Collin:** 20<sup>th</sup> Uptown arts, June 1<sup>st</sup> opening at Harlem School Arts. Events from 135<sup>th</sup> to 220<sup>th</sup>, Full listing at [www.nomaanyc.org](http://www.nomaanyc.org), Printed Guides in CB12 ground floor lobby. Jazz pianist & composer Emmett Cohen performs at Harlem School of Arts, Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

*Women In the Heights* exhibit at NoMAA 1-5 pm, Tues, Friday, and Saturday thru May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Morris Jumel Mansion, Shiloh Holley:** \* 5/14 Con Ed Family Day has Scientific Drawing in the Park, 1-3 pm

\*5/15: Spanish language Mansion a:12-1:30 pm

\*5/18: Virtual Parlor Chat: Healing through Photography with a military vet and Josephine Herrick

\*Project. Part of Blue Stars program for active service members. 7-8:15.

\*Completed CASA afterschool STEM program with Community Health Academy of the Heights. Included a workshop with Andrea Arroyo and a school exhibition.

\*Hosting Andrea Arroyo *Solidarity* exhibition through mid-June

**Hispanic Society, Alexander Campos:** Andrea Arroyo on display 7 days /week. Until July 31<sup>st</sup>. Arroyo gives a lecture May 20<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm. At Academy Arts & Letters on May 28<sup>th</sup> Flamenco series is free 6-8 pm.

American travelers Through Spain & Mexico opens June 17-Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. Programs in conjunction. June 11 & June 25<sup>th</sup>. Jazz initiative & art June 18<sup>th</sup> with Andrea Arroyo

**Inwood Canoe Club Trish Anderton** \*Open house May 29; Every Sunday morning until September 4, guests can have guided free paddling trips on the river with free instruction. Arrive at the boathouse by 9 am.

\*Free public classes begin in June. Certified paddle sports instructors in small classes. Sign up online

\*New initiative with Coastal Classroom combining hands-on marine ecology lessons and canoeing experience. Having 3 events this month with middle school students.

\*Club discussing possible collaborations with The Lenape Center, New Alternatives (for unhoused LGBT youth), Urban Park Rangers, Word Up Community Bookshop

\*To join Inwood Canoe, fill out a member interest form on the website. Through social and service events, one can learn more about ICC.

\*Uptown Paddling, Inc ICC non-profit affiliate is seeking grant funding for a multi-week paddling course for local teens. Contact [uptownpaddling@gmail.com](mailto:uptownpaddling@gmail.com) if interested to help.

\***RING Garden Sally Fisher:** RING flea market this Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. May 28<sup>th</sup>, Healing workshop 2-6 pm, then Art in Garden. June 18<sup>th</sup>. Children's Story hour every Thursday morning in collaboration with NYPL.

**Friends of Inwood Hill Park:** Very successful Earth Day. RiverSweep washed out. Will be rescheduled. We were gifted many pollinator plants and will create a pollinator place. June 4<sup>th</sup> is national trails day. Food Council launched the latest round of growing from home program.

**Up Theatre Company, Nobles Crawford** Live theatre at UP Theatre, Ft Wash Collegiate Church, A Barn Play Gala May 26<sup>th</sup> at The Hudson Restaurant. Tickets at [abarnplay.bbt.me](http://abarnplay.bbt.me). \$25 adults, \$10 youth&7 seniors

#### **Parks Department, Jennifer Hoppa:**

\* Urban Wildlife Festival May 14. Noon-3 pm at Highbridge

\*NYC Mountain Bike Assoc has 2<sup>nd</sup> trail maintenance and riding clinic. Meet at 131 Ft. George Ave. 10-12 Maintenance skills, 12:30-3 pm, bike riding skills.

\* Bennett Park will have its my Park Day on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Orange trail to receive federal trails designation.

Olmsted 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration. Dongan Lawn Concert 6:30-8 pm. May 27<sup>h</sup>. 8 new works inspired by Olmsted parks

Drums along Hudson in Inwood Park, Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 11 am-6 pm. Drumming, dancing, pow wow. The presentation to NYC Parks Education will honor the 20th anniversary of the reintroduction of eagles into the park.

**NOTE Racoons** are not unusual this time of year, not necessarily rabid. Keep a distance.

Linden Staircase damaged by Car towed. Police investigating.

Bike Paths below 181st have dangerous bumps. Will investigate temporary remediation with asphalt or maybe paint to warn bikers.

**Capital projects:** Manhattan Waterfront Greenway from west 180<sup>th</sup> to Dyckman will be closed for construction later this month for up to 4 months to repair HH retaining wall, 181<sup>st</sup> bridge will be open for people to go downtown.

Monsignor Kett's renovation is expected to be complete by July 2023. Bathrooms will take longer. Basketball courts will be open this summer.

Melissa Rosenthal NYC Parks Stewardship Division—stewardship, trains volunteers and trains super stewards. Inwood has over 18 super stewards. Clean trail and remove invasive plants. 232 hours spent in Inwood Hill Park Go online to NYC parks to sign up. May 27<sup>th</sup> restoration in Inwood Park 9 am-12 pm Open to the public. On June 9-11 am., Marsh restoration at Gaelic Fields Marsh. Add fencing and remove invasive plants. Local volunteers won grants to fund this restoration.

### **Public questions/comments**

Coach Dave Crenshaw: Hike the Heights, Saturday 11 am-3 pm June 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Sunken Playground Will be celebrating the opening of Sunken Playground, and will celebrate Adventure playground Sat 11-4. Teens will have a Clinic to help seniors use tech. Will set Tech station at the Sunken Playground during Hike the Heights

Eligio Reynoso: WaHI Tennis Assoc: Hundred youth in the program, 70 in winter. Offers free lessons year-round. Several youths have won college scholarships. Wants permit for courts by Little Red Lighthouse. The permit is currently held by Riverside Park Conservancy/ 96<sup>th</sup> st group which charges for lessons. Jennifer Hoppa will check into the situation and report back. Clarification is needed on concession vs permit status of courts.

Motion to adjourn by Sally Fisher, seconded by Barbara Frazier.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Frazier