

**Nyack Parks Commission
Marina discussion and meeting
January 26, 2011**

Meeting Minutes taken by Marcy Denker

Park Commissioners present:

Bert Hughes, co-chair
Jim Willcox, co-chair
JC Brotherhood
Marcy Denker
Marianne Olive

1. Reading of previous minutes tabled

2. Personnel: Two candidates for a vacant seat on the board have submitted letters of interest. The commission intends to state our interest in making recommendations to the Mayor prior to his selection in order to maintain a group with diverse interests and abilities.

3. CDBG: Bert explained that the Park applications are ineligible because of limitations on geographic location, and he expressed concern that the Rowing Club was included in the application for \$2500 since they operate in the park and have not succeeding in fulfilling their outreach to target (underserved) populations in the past. Bert had wanted to submit for the installation of a sidewalk along Depew adjacent to the upper park. He restated a long term concern regarding the absence of an accepted protocol for making decisions about what happens in the park.

4. Marina: Trustees Knowlton and White have advised the Marina Committee to look for marina operators to gather ideas about if and how they might be interested in running the marina. The short term goal is to get the marina up and running this spring, bring back as many of the past boaters as possible, and develop a longer term plan as we move forward. Disputes about the insurance for the bulkhead repair have been resolved and the work to do this and other basic work to make the marina functional will begin soon.

JC has reached out to several operators: Kenny from Sound Marine (Petersen's); Cornetta's; Tarrytown; Pennybridge, Wayne Corts from Willow Cove and Guy Keifer at the recommendation of John Lipcsomb, who formerly ran Petersen's and Nyack Marina. The scope and definition of the operation/the operator's job description will have to be hammered out in the course of these inquiries. Short term needs will include providing toilet facilities. Longer term we will need to consider various alternatives for increasing revenue (including winter

storage, increasing the number of slips mooring field). The arrangements and the footprint for the River Rowing Association need to be clarified. Parking requirements for the marina and Memorial Park may be at odds and need to be addressed more thoroughly.

5: Presentation to the Commission from Anita Brown Composer:

Request from composer Anita Brown for a performance a work dedicated to 9/11 on the tenth anniversary of the event at 2PM. The performance will include US Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon. This could be a component of a larger program but the piece (35-45 minutes for music) would need to stand on its own. The Commission moved to recommend this to the Village Board.

6. Tree Committee Report: Marcy reported that there is not actually a tree committee as yet and that her effort to gather input from stakeholders in the Village about establishing a Tree Commission several months ago (that would include a member of the Parks Commission) has not gotten anywhere. So far.

7. Maintenance: Bert read his outline for bidding on outsourcing of complete park maintenance, which includes a new item (12). Marcy noted that language about fertilizing and weed removal should specifically state organic methods.

1. Lawn—
Grass cut, fertilized, seeded, aerated, low spots filled in.
2. Shrubbery, bushes and trees trimmed seasonally. As per recommendations from the arborist, trees on upper park will be maintained and fertilized.
3. Weeding: removal of weeds along shoreline, under tables and benches, and from play park
4. Removal of poison ivy/oak/sumac where reported/observed.
5. Power washing of memorial stairs, benches, tables at least 4X per year, removal of graffiti when necessary
6. Maintenance of basketball courts, hoops, nets, etc.
7. Maintenance and cleaning of bathrooms
8. Maintenance of sprinklers
9. Maintenance of lights
10. Gazebo cleaned (power-washing of structure) or painted (poles).
11. Marina: Trimming of shrubs, weeding along shoreline
12. Planters—Main Street at Veteran's Memorial Park

7. Protocol presentation: Group was unsure if protocol was actually presented to the Village Board. Jim to follow up with Heidi.

8. Conservancy report: Will be meeting in spring and looking for plan/location for fundraiser.

9. Earth Day: Marianne reported that she will be coordinating to some extent with Orangetown. She will need to prepare a proposal with a budget to submit to

the Village so that advertising, insurance, cleanup and other necessary items and services area covered.

10. Tan Wax negotiations. JC will research a legal question about the property line and the proposed bridge location across the inlet. Bert will send contact information for inquiry at PACE Environmental Law Center.

11. Snow has been dumped on the butterfly garden and in the river. There may be a special dispensation from the DEC to dump snow in the river but even if there is it seems unnecessary if it can be dumped on lawn so that it can infiltrate as it melts and trash can be cleanup up afterwards.

8:30 Meeting adjourned.