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Environment and Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson: Margarita Espinosa

The Environment and Parks Committee met on September 20, 2023 via Zoom Audio and Video Conference and in-person at the district office. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Margarita Espinosa, Reggie Powell, Renee Reed, Nicole Carter, Kristine Rivera (approved for virtual attendance)

The Environment and Parks Committee discussed the following information:

- **Drew Community Garden - Mario Figueroa, Vice President and Jerry McCray, Maintenance Coordinator**

DCG strives to reduce food insecurity, raise nutritional awareness, and improve healthy habits through hands-on education. Adults and children can learn about gardening, urban farming, and herbal wellness during workshops, and have access to community garden beds. DCG requests a letter of support, which is required to open a bank account. The bank account will allow DCG to manage and record expenses. The community garden does not state nor federal funds, but receives financial support in the form of membership dues. The committee expressed interest in coordinating a site visit for board members. The board will meet on October 11, 2023, and vote on the request for the letter of support.

A motion to issue a letter of support to Drew Community Garden in reference to an application for a bank account was made by Margarita Espinosa, seconded by Renee Reed, and adopted unanimously.

- **New Yorkers for Parks - Daniel Abram, Project Manager of Research and Policy**

NY4P, founded over 100 years ago, is the only independent, city-wide organization that advocates for quality parks and open spaces for all New Yorkers. NY4P requests a letter of support that advocates for the budgetary needs of the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation. The organization also invites the board to sign and share the petition for committing 1% of the City's operating budget to NYC Parks and to attend rallies. NY4P will provide the template for the letter of support

A motion to issue a letter of support in favor of allocating 1% of the City's operating budget to NYC Parks was made by Margarita Espinosa, seconded by Carol Robinson, and adopted unanimously.

The Environment and Parks Committee discussed the Preliminary Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2025 and determined expense and capital requests.