

## **April/May 2019 Nyack Parks Commission Minutes**

Meeting date: May 28, 2019

Attending:

Jim Willcox

Bert Hughes

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Carolyn Cairns

Andrea DeVitto

Marie Lorenzini

Note: Combination April/May Meeting

Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

**Introduction** of Andrea DeVitto, an applicant for one of the open Parks Commission slots.

**River club restaurant/bathrooms in the marina.** A short discussion about whether the Village has determined whether or not the old River Club restaurant needs to be razed and removed, and whether an engineering study has been completed to determine the state of the pilings and what they can support. Jim will reach out to the Village for updates. It was also suggested that if the building is to be razed, we ask the Village to see if the bathroom facilities could be left or rehabilitated, so the marina would finally have rest rooms for men and women and a place for boaters to wash up.

**Marina Dumpster:** Jim reported that once again he saw a truck empty construction material into the marina dumpster, and leave other debris that need to be disposed of properly left alongside it. This has been a recurring problem, and the dumpster isn't used very often by boaters. Marie reported that the Village has agreed to remove it, since the trash container that remains there should be sufficient for slip renters and day boaters.

**Permitting/Use of Facilities in Memorial Park.** Carolyn raised a question about whether the Village is drafting any changes to the permitting policy for use of various facilities, such as the splash pad and the gazebo, in Memorial Park, and if so, how the Parks Commission could have input. There have been several requests recently that have asked for permission to use such facilities. Marie reported that the Village is looking at its existing policy to see if it needs updating or revision. The current policy prohibits requests that would prevent or inhibit the use of park facilities and areas by others.

**TZ Vista/Tidewater update.** There was a question about the status of the Tidewater development on Gedney Street near the Nyack Boat Club. Jim mentioned that he was waiting for word that the LADA (Land Acquisition and Developer Agreement) had been finalized, Marie reported that discussions/negotiations hadn't yet been completed.

**Vehicular access to Memorial Park.** Several commissioners reported that the park has been regularly blocked to traffic starting near Piermont Ave. It seems that the parking in Memorial Park is getting filled up pretty quickly on nice days. There was some discussion about whether a new hire in the park could help direct traffic, since cars and pedestrians are often within close proximity. There was also a suggestion made about creating a pickup/drop-off zone so that kids or those with disabilities could be dropped off and picked up by cars that have to park elsewhere. There was concern about the resulting traffic and pedestrian safety issues in the park and on Piermont Avenue. There was also some talk about creating signage for park events that could direct attendees to other parking locations, such as the marina, when Memorial Park parking is at capacity.

**Animal issues in the park.** Carolyn mentioned that while there are signs prohibiting dogs from running loose and people from feeding the birds, that's nonetheless happening. She raised the question of whether or not enforcement will be one of the responsibilities of the new park hire this summer. There was a bit more conversation around the idea of having a person like a docent or guide explaining about why these activities are banned, along with some history about the park. So more an educator than a cop.

**Summer Memorial Park hire.** There was a conversation about having the Parks Commission involved in this hire, offering advice about job description and responsibilities. Again, the hire could be more of a docent/guide rather than an enforcer.

8:20 Meeting adjourned.