

**Flushing Meadows Corona Park Alliance
Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, July 20, 2018, 9:00am
Olmsted Center**

Executive Committee Members in attendance: Mitchell J. Silver, Chair, John Wang, Patty Ornst, Daniel Zausner, and Janice Melnick.

Other attendees: Meira Berkower and Jean Silva

Welcome

Mitchell Silver welcomed the committee and began the meeting at 9:05am.

Report from Chair

Mitchell Silver asked the committee members to review the minutes from the January 25, 2018 and April 13, 2018 Executive Committee meetings if they had not already done so. A motion was made to approve the minutes. All Directors present voted in favor. The minutes were approved by the Committee.

Chair Silver gave a brief presentation on the new city-wide Turf Team. Flushing Meadows Corona Park has 7 synthetic turf fields that our new Synthetic Turf crew maintain on a monthly basis. Through their hard work, which includes sweeping the fields with specialized equipment that collects unwanted debris from the synthetic surfaces, our fields have never looked better. We're very excited that park patrons have been enjoying the fields and will be able to continue enjoying them for years to come.

Executive Director Report

Janice Melnick gave a brief presentation on events, purchases, FMCP Wayfinding, and Art in the Park. She discussed upcoming large events such as the Paul Simon concert that is happening on the Special Events field on September 22nd and the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival which is occurring the weekend of August 11th and 12th. Because of ongoing capital construction, the festival this year will be held temporarily along the eastern shore of Meadow Lake. The festival will be back to its original site next year.

Janice showed the committee the equipment that was recently purchased along with the Alliance decals. She mentioned that the Wayfinding project is currently going through Parks' legal review and will hopefully be sent to the Mayor's Office of Contract Services (MOCS) within the next couple of weeks. She mentioned two Art in the Park projects. Through UNIQLO, Zaq Landsberg has an art installation adjacent to the Unisphere. She discussed the Alliance's open call for Art in the Park as suggested by the CAB. The open call will need to be released this fall in order to do an installation next summer (2019).

Report from Community Advisory Board

John Wang noted that the CAB will discuss the possible themes and locations for the Art in the Park open call at the next CAB meeting on July 25th.

Finance & Development Committee

Patty Ornst discussed the Gala, which has already received commitments from Delta, TMobile, and AEG. Besides the tree sponsorship levels, there will be a new open ended sponsorship level called "name your own tree." Chair Silver announced that he will not be able to attend the gala on September 20th and asked if the date could be changed. After a short discussion, the committee decided that they would ask the full board to change the gala to October 4th. He noted that the party should be from 6pm-10pm and have two separate vibes- a dinner and then a dance party.

Governance Committee

Janice gave the report on behalf of Carl Rodrigues who was not able to attend the meeting. The committee is recommending that the Alliance start the 501C3 process. Because of the large number of elected officials on the board, the board will have to comply with Local Law 181, which will require a more rigorous donation financial reporting. Janice started the process to register the Alliance for compliance. The Alliance will have to report on all donations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.