

Nyack Parks Meeting: September 12 2023

Members in attendance:

Jim Willcox  
Carolyn Cairns  
Andrea DeVitto

**Meeting started at 7pm via Zoom call.**

Meeting starts with the sad news of the passing of Bert Hughes, long-time member of the Nyack Parks Commission, on August 16<sup>th</sup>. In addition to his work with the parks, Bert contributed greatly to the Nyack community as a music teacher and coordinator of numerous music events including the Mostly Music free concert series on Tuesday nights in the park, the Edward Hopper House Museum's summer jazz series, and Nyack's Jazz Week every July. He was also involved in a variety of charitable efforts, including those targeting food and housing insecurity.

"Bert will be greatly missed by those of us on the Parks Commission and by the Nyack community at large," Parks Commission Chairman Willcox said in a preface to the meeting. "Bert was guided by a strong moral compass and a passionate sense of righteousness that's all too often missing in this world."

**Points of Discussion:**

1. Marcy Denker, from Village's Green Desk and Tree Committee, attended, discussed plans for Climate Action Committee to develop a seven-year plan running through 2030. It will help the village plan for and make decisions around protection of natural resources and increased bio-diversity given climate change issues. Discussion included how the Parks Commission can be part of this plan. Document is now in the semi-final stage, will be sent to the DEC, then out for public comment before asking the Village to adopt by year's end. Discussion of other groups that should be involved, such as Pollinator Pathways.
2. Short discussion of possible tree plantings on slope near the children's slide, providing some additional sun protection without interfering with use of slide.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm.