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**ENTERING A PERIOD OF GROWTH AND TRANSITION
NORTH BROOKLYN PARKS ALLIANCE APPOINTS NEW LEADERSHIP**

Names Katie Denny Horowitz as Executive Director, Erich Anderer as Board Chair

Kicks off 2019 Season tonight in Transmitter Park with new June Bug Jazz Series

Brooklyn, New York – June 6, 2019 - The North Brooklyn Parks Alliance is pleased to announce Katie Denny Horowitz has been named Executive Director of the nonprofit parks conservancy dedicated to improving, maintaining, and creating parks and open spaces across Greenpoint and Williamsburg.

Horowitz brings nearly two decades of public and nonprofit experience to the. She arrives at NBPA after six years of leading the fundraising, communications, and government relations at Socrates Sculpture Park in Long Island City, Queens, and had previously served as the Director of Development for New Yorkers for Parks and the Director of Special Projects at the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs. A longtime Greenpoint resident, Katie has held past volunteer positions with the Open Space Alliance (OSA), Greenpoint Waterfront Alliance for Parks and Planning (GWAPP), the North Brooklyn Public Art Coalition, and the Greenpoint Community Environmental Fund (GCEF).

Horowitz's hiring comes at a period of transition for the North Brooklyn Parks Alliance, formerly the Open Space Alliance for North Brooklyn, which unveiled a new name and brand last fall and recently appointed a new Board Chair: Dr. Erich Anderer, longtime NBPA Board Member, is the chief of neurosurgery at NYU Langone – Hospital Brooklyn, and an assistant professor in the Department of Neurosurgery at the NYU School of Medicine. Under new leadership, NBPA is poised for strategic growth across programs, development, and community outreach.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the North Brooklyn Parks Alliance and build on its longstanding history in Greenpoint and Williamsburg. I share our community's belief that parks are essential to the quality of life of any neighborhood, especially for a place like North Brooklyn that is experiencing unprecedented development and expansion. I am committed to growing a parks conservancy that can establish a new model for bringing quality open space across our neighborhoods," says Katie Denny Horowitz.

Today the North Brooklyn Parks Alliance announced its 2019 programs, including an inaugural June Bug Jazz Thursdays launching this evening in Transmitter Park - a new partnership with the Jazz Foundation of America that brings free jazz into Greenpoint parks throughout the month of June. From basketball to puppets, NBPA is activating more than a half dozen parks this season with FREE family-friendly programming and volunteer opportunities.

Following are upcoming NBPA event listings:

JUNE BUG JAZZ THURSDAYS

This June the North Brooklyn Parks Alliance is partnering with the Jazz Foundation of America for the first time to bring free jazz to your neighborhood park. Every Thursday throughout the month, you can enjoy a sunset concert as part of the Jazz Foundation's Gig Fund, a program that creates much-needed work for accomplished musicians and brings free concerts to underserved audiences across the country. This program is made possible by NYC Council Member Stephen Levin, in partnership with NYC Parks, with additional funding provided by NYC Ferry.

June 6 @ 7PM
Transmitter Park
Rafik Williamson Quartet

June 13 @ 7PM
Greenpoint Playground
David Colding Quartet

June 20 @ 7PM
50 Kent Pop Up Park
Craig Holiday Haynes

June 27 @ 7PM
McGolrick Park Pavillion
George Braith & Friends

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IT'S MY PARK DAY

June 8 @ 10AM
Greenpoint Playground
Clean-up, planting, and activities

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FILMS IN PARKS

NBPA is pleased to present two family-friendly film nights in partnership with local park groups: McGolrick Park Neighborhood Alliance, Friends of William Sheridan Park, and Friends of Cooper Park:

June 10 @ 8:30
Minuscule, Valley of the Lost Ants
Msgr. McGolrick Park

June 14 @ 7PM
Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse
Cooper Park

June 15 @ 8:30
The Goonies
William Sheridan Playground

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EVENTS IN PARKS

June 19 @ 10AM

CityParks PuppetMobile presents Bessie's Big Shot

American Playground

Bessie the cow dreams of joining the circus. But can she lift more than Ziegfried, the strongest man in the world? Fly on the trapeze high above the crowd? Come root Bessie on in this variety show as she attempts the impossible and searches for her special talents.

June 22

2019 Reynoso Southside Slam

Jaime Campiz Playground

In partnership with Council Member Antonio Reynoso and the Williamsburg Youth Athletic League, NBPA is organizing a youth basketball tournament at Jaime Campiz Playground, where newly reconstructed basketball courts were unveiled last summer.

More details can be found at nbkparks.org

ABOUT NBPA

The North Brooklyn Parks Alliance (NBPA) works with the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation, elected officials, and our community to maintain, activate, enhance, and expand parks and public spaces in North Brooklyn.

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