



COMMUNITY BOARD 11
1741 COLDEN AVENUE
BRONX, NY 10462
(718) 892-6262
www.nyc.gov/bxcb11

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.
Chairman Anthony Vitaliano
District Manager Jeremy Warneke

COMMITTEES

- Leadership*
- Community Development & Budget Priorities*
- Economic Development*
- Education, Culture & Youth Services*
- Health & Social Services*
- Housing*
- Land Use*
- Parks & Recreation*
- Public Safety*
- Sanitation & Environmental Protection*
- Transportation*

October 5, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Arlene Drayton, Chair; Patricia Charles, Co-Chair; Dominick Schiano; Edith Blitzer; Keith Ramsey; Yahay Obeid; and Andrea Siegel

GUEST(S): Brett Schneiderman, NYC Parks, Gustavo Frindt, NYC Parks, Bernadette Ferrara, Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance, Rich Vittoro, East Bronx History Forum, Kevin G., resident, Brian A. Adams, 49th Precinct Community Council

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Brief presentation by NYC Parks Department concerning updated information on the Van Nest Flag Pole. Some adjustments were made to the original plans that were suggested at the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance meeting in February. Mr. Schneiderman and Mr. Frindt both gave information on the preservation of historical materials being removed or replaced at the site. Additional funding will come from DEP for storm weather management. Construction is scheduled to begin sometime in 2017.
2. Committee members reviewed items to be placed on the Budget Priorities for FY 2017. There was discussion about Eastchester Gardens Playground. **KEITH RAMSEY SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO COMPLETE WORK ON THE PLAYGROUND, AND ADD SOME ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT DISTRICT MANAGER, JEREMY WARNEKE SHOULD REACH OUT TO IRIS RODRIGUEZ, NYC PARKS BRONX COMMISSIONER TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MONIES THAT WERE APPROVED FOR A FULL RENOVATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND THE FULL BOARD. MOTION WAS MADE BY THE CHAIR AND APPROVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT KEITH SHOULD SPEAK WITH COUNCIL MEMBER ANDY KING TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDING, BECAUSE EASTCHESTER GARDENS IS IN THE COUNCIL MEMBER'S DISTRICT.**

3. Old Business

EDITH BLITZER AND ANDREA SIEGEL REQUESTED A TIMELINE FROM THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AS TO WHEN THE NEXT PHASE OF CONSTRUCTION ON PELHAM PARKWAY WILL BEGIN. THERE HAS BEEN NO VISIBLE WORK RECENTLY. ALSO, THERE WAS A REQUEST FOR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM PARKS ATTENDS OUR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.

4. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM DOMINICK SCHIANO, SECONDED BY PATRICIA CHARLES.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by Arlene Drayton formatted by Staff.