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February 1, 2017 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

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

GUEST(S): Julien Schott, Patricia Ferguson, Ismael Guzman, NYC Parks; Penelope Ruiz.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Presentation by Ishmal Guzman, Partnership for Parks/NYC Parks Literature distributed.
Grants are available for community projects; however projects must be used on parks property.
Earth Day clean up in April is considered an eligible community project.
Edith asked if there were other organizations that can donate shrubs for Earth Day event and Mr. Guzman suggested Green Thumb Program.
2. Update on reconstruction of Eastchester Gardens Playground:
Estimate was provided by NYC Parks Department – New Equipment for play area, safety surfacing, spray shower and drainage – cost \$2.1 million. Reconstruction of Comfort Station Building with ADA access – cost \$2 million.
3. Discussion concerning waiver of 40-day notice (RFP) regarding installation of vending machines at 1 Bronx River Parkway (Ranqua headquarters building).
Representatives from Parks Department explained that this location is in a remote area; staff would be provided healthy snacks and juices in the vending machines. This would be a positive alternative for staff and visitors attending meeting at this site.
After back and forth dialogue, the committee voted unanimously to approve written letter from Community Board 11 to issue waiver to the 40-day rule.

4. Old Business

Ben Abrams Park – replace benches on Bronx Park East

Install “No Barbecue” signs (standalone).

Include lighting inside the playground.

Pelham Parkway South – request for Stand Alone “No Barbecue” signs. Parks Department representatives suggested using boulders as blockers along this area.

Pat Ferguson – suggested that a “Request For Need” form be submitted to address the above items.

5. New Business

Request meeting with Iris Rodriguez in April concerning Ben Abrams Park and updates on Pelham Parkway North construction.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Edith Blitzer, seconded by Andrea Siegel.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes taken by Arlene Drayton, formatted by Staff.