

**COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX  
MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
HELD MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 AT THE RIVERDALE MENTAL HEALTH OFFICE**

**Attendees:**

Damian McShane, Steve Balicer, Brendan Contant, Tom Durham, Bob Fanuzzi, Rosemary Ginty, Laura Spalter, Community Board 8;  
Margot Perron, Benjamin Kramer, Jennifer Lantzas, DPR;  
Brendan McHugh, Riverdale Review; Christina Taylor, FVCP; Don Tannen, Lillian Tannen, Frieda Barret, Herb Barret, Lawrence Moiatto, Memorial Grove; Elizabeth Allison, Art Students League, community residents.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

1. The minutes of the April meeting were approved with noted exceptions from R. Ginty per exec.
2. Temporary Art Installation at Van Cortlandt Park (VCP).
  - \*Arts Student League (ASL) has partnered with the Departments of Parks & Recreation (DPR). They have partnered on several projects.
  - ASL has chosen seven promising art students to exhibit in VCP and also in Riverside South.
  - VCP has one giant sculpture by all 7.
  - Exhibit June thru May.
  - Proposed site behind Van Cortlandt Golf House.
  - Artists will erect it in full view of the public 15'x9'x5'.
  - Open air studio will last 2 weeks: will start first week in June. Official opening June 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - \*Project is certified by licensed architects.
  - \*We're also getting another piano in VCP stadium tunnel.
3. Old Business: Memorial Grove
  - Mike Michalek is the DPR Project Manager.
  - Margot Perron updated the committee on status of project. Contractor has yet to mobilize on site but has a nine month deadline, 270 days from start date of April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
  - During the contract the area won't be cornered off any more than it already has.
  - Parade Grounds – Community Council meeting will be addressing this issue – all user groups participate in this.
    - \*The rotation system (2 fields closed at any given time) is a permanent fix.
    - We discussed many options with the leagues and everyone realized this was the best option.
    - \*T. Durham clarified some details of the ice rink walk through.

- \*R. Ginty wanted to know what resulted in the option or preference to permanently house equipment in the stadium.
- It's My Park Day was a success. Participation was somewhat disappointing but the good news is the board pulled it off, a lot of work was done, mulch placed and branches removed. Thanks to everyone who participated.
- Replanting in Hackett Park – B. Fanuzzi noted that there is a tree planting effort underway.
- June 15<sup>th</sup> Friends is doing “Seven Wonders of VCP” - will take place at the stables: starts at 6:30 PM.
- Jerome Park Reservoir (JPR) Public Access meeting
- Other Old Business brought up by R. Ginty
  - Ewen Park removal of trees → last month we had a complaint
  - Spuyten Duyvil Park : asphalt remains
    - Who is doing the work
    - Who is the Park's Project Manager (if it's Parks)
    - What is the construction job? Check with DOT.
    - Call Parks Commissioner Aponte to get an update
- Permit Fees – raising fees, what is the process: M. Perron has committed to get us an answer for next month.

Damian McShane  
Chairman  
Bronx Community Board No. 8