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COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Board Members
From: Lee Fiorino- Parks Committee Chair
Date: Monday, October 24, 2011
Re: Proposal by Bayside Little League for Bleachers in Crocheron Park

The CB11 Parks Committee met on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 to discuss the above referenced proposal. Committee members in attendance were Paul DiBenedetto, Henry Euler, Edith Basom, Roy Giusetti, Christina Scherer, Ocelia Claro, Steve Behar, George Karahalis, Jerry Iannece, Board Chair and Laura James, Third Vice-Chair. Michael Agnello from the Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Bob Reid from the Bayside Little League and Susan Seinfeld, District Manager also were in attendance.

Susan Seinfeld briefed the committee about a meeting she attended regarding capital projects at Fort Totten, showed photos of the burned playground equipment at Alley Pond Park and made some other announcements about upcoming Parks Department events.

Bob Reid, the Commissioner of Bayside Little League (BLL), presented the proposal to install three bleachers in Crocheron Park, one at each of the three fields the BLL uses. They have secured a company that will install them at no cost and BLL will maintain them. The bleachers would have three tiers and be between 15' to 30' long, similar to bleachers installed in other parks. The BLL already maintains the fields.

Ocelia Claro was concerned that the residents across the street from the fields were not notified and discussion ensued regarding notification of residents for committee meetings. Other concerns regarding the bleachers were that young people come into the park at night to engage in inappropriate activities. Discussion ensued on the use of the park by the public and the benefit to parents and others to have the use of bleachers during games.

It was determined that the residents on 35 Avenue, near the ballfields, should receive a letter apprising them of the proposal and offering them to come to the Board meeting on November 7th to express their opinion.

Paul DiBenedetto made a motion that the Parks Committee approves of the proposal to install three bleachers in Crocheron Park and agree to bring the proposal to the full Community Board on November 7th. George Karahalis seconded the motion. The Committee voted 6 in favor, one against and 4 abstained.