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PARKS COMMITTEE

October 12, 2023

VIA CISCO WEBEX

Present: M. Bufano, T. Smith, P. Del-Debbio, N. Nuñez, D. Krynicki, J. Mondello, L. Collins

Absent: T. Franklin

Guests: K. Zagorski, D. Abram, K. Daloia

D. Krynicki opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. D. Abram introduced his organization for New Yorkers for Parks. It started the Play Fair Coalition to help identify issues and advocate for funding. Its campaign, 1% budgeted for the City of New York, is for the expense side of the Department of Parks. New York City spends less on parks than many major other cities. The organization seeks a letter of support to assist with the campaign. The current budget is \$618 million which is .6% of the city budget. 1% of the budget could mean clean and well-maintained parks, quicker repairs, and more reliable access to natural areas. Presentation is available upon request. D. Kryckini made a motion to support it, which was seconded by T. Smith and unanimously approved by all committee members in attendance.

Resolved...at the recommendation of the Parks Committee that a letter be drafted to Mayor Eric Adams on behalf of New Yorkers For Parks' campaign for the allocation of 1% of the city budget to go toward the Department of Parks in Fiscal Year 2025 and that this be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval.

K. Zagorski announced the circus slated to take place this weekend at the Orchard Beach Parking Lot. Meeting closed at roughly 8 P.M. by an unanimous vote of adjournment.