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PARKS COMMITTEE

June 13, 2024

Present: D. Krynicki, T. Smith, P. Del-Debbio, M. Bufano, M. Fludd, S. Haywood, S. Hazell, L. Collins, N. Rosario,

Absent: J. Robert, T. Franklin, V. Lowe

Guests: M. Johnson, D. Nash, B. Ortiz, C. Coleman, E. Hunter, C. Martin, S. Doughty, R. Bieder, A. Rosario, J. Santiago, G. Rodriguez,

Chair Krynicki led with the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Code of Conduct and meeting procedures.

M. Johnson, landscape architect for the Parks Department, presented the Givans Woods Creek project. The project will make the park more accessible, provide sidewalks and improve its natural landscape. The park is largely forested. The project area's perimeter is Rombouts Avenue, Co-op City Blvd and Baychester Avenue. There will be sidewalks along Co-op City Blvd only. Part of the park is owned by NYCDOT which has given access and permission to the Parks Department to work on the Co-op City Blvd. side. There will be a small hiking trail. There will no longer be guard rails. The Parks Department proposes a 5 foot wide path which will include wooden bollards to limit access of motorized vehicles. The presentation is available on the community board website for viewing. The Committee Members recommended labels for plant species, emergency call boxes and/or buttons, signage to deter bad actors and the siting of waste baskets within the park. P. Del-Debbio will assist with coordinating with the Bronx Veterans Administration Hospital and the Parks Department to provide accessible use for mobility impaired people. Construction should commence in Fall 2025.

The following resolution was read by D. Krynicki, motioned by T. Smith and seconded by M. Bufano and unanimously approved by all.

Resolved...at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee to write a letter of support to Bronx Borough Commissioner Yessenia Aponte regarding the Givan Woods Creek project and that this be forwarded to the Full Board for its approval.

The meeting adjourned at roughly 8:15 p.m. by an unanimous vote of adjournment.

