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PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE

March 14, 2019

Present: M. Cruz, B. Bieder, D. Krynicki, T. Smith

Absent: T. Franklin

Guests: S. Lusk, S. Colon, NYC Parks – M. Anderson, C. Acosta; Y. Mercado, T. Soto

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. D. Krynicki chaired the meeting on Mr. Franklin's behalf, who is recovering from illness.

The Committee discussed the following topics:

1. Election of Committee Chair and Co-Chair: The Committee re-elected Mr. Franklin and Mrs. Krynicki as Chair and Co-Chair, respectively. Motions were recommended by R. Bieder and seconded by D. Krynicki for both and unanimously approved by all.
2. The Committee discussed the following District Needs:
 - 110202001C - Funding necessary to resurface the athletic field at Pelham Bay Park.
 - 110202004C - Funding necessary to provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field) at Ferry Point Park?
 - 110202005C - Funding necessary to provide Bruckner Playground with a needed upgrade and full restoration.
 - 110202011C - Cost of Ferry Point Park parking lot resurfacing.
 - 110202004E - We have long asked for a fully functional recreation center at Owen Dolen Park. Westchester Square is a thriving community with a strengthening commercial corridor. A recreation center is ideal for this location.
 - 110202008E - Cost of providing a recreational assistant in Pearly Gates Park and Bufano Park.

The District Manager offered to the Committee to begin asking Parks for the costs of these projects so that the District Needs Statement is stronger and so that follow-up with elected officials is facilitated. The Committee agreed to keep all submissions and to allow for the District Manager to draft a letter to the Borough Commissioner.

The Committee also discussed funding for a skate event to be held in Bufano Park. The District Manager will follow-up with Parks and CM Gjonaj to finalize details of the event.

The Committee discussed the Play Fair Initiative and would like to have a Resolution forwarded to the full Board for approval. The Play Fair campaign is to request a significant increase to the expense budget for the Parks Department, which would “baseline,” or secure, funding for much-needed maintenance, gardener and park worker positions in the City budget.

“Resolved... at the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the Board to write a letter of support to the Mayor’s Office for the Play Fair Initiative for sustainable funding for all NYC Parks in the FY 2020 Budget, and that this be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

The meeting ended at approximately 8:30 p.m.