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Parks & Recreation Committee
October 6, 2021
Webex Meetings

MINUTES

PRESENT: Lisa Soto (Chair), Edith Blitzer and Debra Kawalick

ABSENT: Janice Walcott (Co-chair) and Christian Amato

GUESTS: Natali Medina (Board Member), Matt Doiron (NYC DPR: New York City Department of Parks & Recreation) and Matt Caulfield, Roxanne Delgado, Diana Finch, Brunilda Rosa and Michael Taylor

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Meeting Minutes
 - a. Assign minutes takers
No one volunteered to take the minutes.
 - b. Review of May 2021 [Minutes](#)
The May meeting minutes were approved.
2. Guest: Matt Doiron, New York City Parks Department
Projects can be tracked with the capital project tracker on Parks' website.
Playground updates:
 - a. Loreto:
 - i. Current construction delayed due to issue with Con Edison, now materials are delayed due to supply chain issues. Construction expected to resume Fall 2021. Concerns about water runoff
 - ii. Proposed dog run cannot happen due to utilized bocce courts. Also, Parks does not want to dog runs inside playgrounds. Open to alternative suggestions
 - b. Eastchester fully funded. Design process to start later this year
 - c. Zimmerman underfunded, needs at least \$9.4 million to start. Everything underground needs to be dug up and brought up to code. There are two port-a-potties, one accessible

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- d. Waring expected completion date: Summer 2022 – too early to confirm

Bronx Zoo area:

- e. BPE (Bronx Park East)/Boston Road needs a better fence and guardrail
- f. Mural is handled by the City Department of Transportation and the Zoo

PP (Pelham Parkway)/Bronx River Greenway: scooters are allowed on the greenway per the agreement, not in regular parks. Also, garbage along the wall needs to be addressed.

3. Gallery Session (Public Input)

- a. Michael Taylor: fitness group, Team Spartan Spades. Bronx Park East free workouts, M-F. Asking about a storage bin for equipment
- b. Roxanne Delgado: no BBQ signs east and north of PP North and Bronxwood, near the Institute for Special Education. Recent issue with elderly man injured because he was startled by an e-scooter and fell. Mother Teresa issue should not have been brought to the full board, CB should reconsider letter of no objection
- c. Diana Finch: questions about trees at Waring Playground, trash cans on PP and Boston Road, parties along BPE, e-scooters and support for Zimmerman funding
- d. Matt Caulfield: concerns about Loreto renovation, would like more follow up

4. Old Business

The Bronx Borough Parks Department's Capital Projects Manager Michael Ortiz will be invited to the next committee meeting to discuss outstanding issues with Loreto and Waring.

5. New Business

The committee meetings have changed to the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

BPE farmer's market starting next summer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Minutes by L. Soto; edited and formatted by Jeremy Warneke.