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Parks & Recreation Committee January 13, 2022 Webex Meetings

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Christian Amato and Vernell Walker

STAFF: Jeremy Warneke (District Manager)

GUESTS: Richard Reyoso (Board Member), Matthew Doiron, Michael Ortiz and Andrew Penzi (New York City Parks Department) and Roxanne Delgado, Diana Finch, Robert Press and Daniel Sun (members of the public)

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

- 1. Review of DRAFT October 2021 Meeting Minutes Minutes were reviewed and passed unanimously.
- 2. Park construction updates
 - A. Penzi spoke about Loreto Playground delays. The new target date for completion is the end of May 2022
 - E. Blitzer asked if a stronger fence could be installed along the northbound lane of Bronx River Parkway, south of the Bronx Zoo exit.
 - D. Kawalick asked about Waring Playground.

July 2022 is the projected compilation date.

J. Walcott asked for an exact dolloar figure renovate the bathrooms and playground at Zimmerman Playground.

The amount was believed to be over twenty-one million.

D. Sun requested lighting for the Bronx Park Dog Run.

The Parks Department is looking into getting solar powered lights as a temporary solution.

Electrical lighting may be installed in the future.

D. Finch asked about permits for farmers market vendors coming to Bronx Park...She also requested garbage cans at Pelham Parkway west of Boston Road.

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Parks Department told her that there was a new can put there in October, which dissappeard and/or was stolen.

Parks stated that they cannot legally do anything about homeless encampments on Parks properties.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Minutes by D. Kawalick; edited and formatted by staff.

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