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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	June 11, 2025
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center 3225 Reservoir Oval E, Bronx, NY 10467
Members In Attendance:	✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Gwen Thomas Steed ✓ Tasha Andrews _ Marcus McLarty ✓ Tobie Buford ✓ Esme Sattaur-Low ✓ Jesús López-Jensen
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

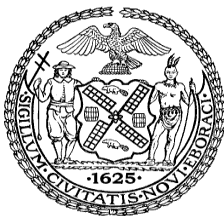
Minutes:

- I. Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the meeting were read**
- II. Attendance was taken, and a quorum was met**
- III. Review of Previous Minutes**
 - A. The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and accepted.
- IV. Follow-up from Previous Month**
 - A. Last month's meeting pertained to a request for the conversion of tennis courts at Williamsbridge Oval to Pickleball courts. To date, Mr. Amell is still working on obtaining signatures in support of his request. A discussion followed regarding additional ways to obtain support for the project.
- V. New Business**
 - A. Van Cortlandt House Museum -**
 1. The presenter for the Van Cortlandt House Museum was unable to attend. She promised to be available for a future meeting.
 - B. Summer Staffing -**
 1. Joe Magneri did not attend the meeting nor was a representative sent.
 - C. Corral at Devoe Park -**

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1. The problem with dumping at this site was discussed. The request for removal was sent to Joe Magneri, who relayed the request to his counterpart, Clinton, in District 5. To date, no action has been taken. The reasons for Devoe Park being maintained by District 5 were reviewed.

D. Williamsbridge Oval Athletic Field -

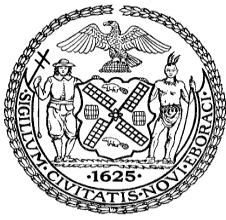
1. Complaints were heard regarding the unsafe conditions in parts of the astro turf field at the Oval. The surface at the center of the field is ripped which can cause an accident and the lines for play are also missing from the field.
2. **Motion:**
 - a) A letter be sent to Bronx Parks' Commissioner Jessenia Aponte to request the repair of the athletic field at Williamsbridge Oval Park.
 - b) The motion was presented by Jesús López-Jensen and seconded by Gwendolyn Thomas Steed. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0 with one abstention.

E. CB7 Parks' Recreation Staff -

1. Deas Levette from the recreation staff at the Oval discussed future events at the park.
2. An Art Festival for all ages on June 21st from 12:00-4:00 PM.
3. Summer activities include a music and dance program, a soccer program, flag football, and pickleball activities. A summer camp is also being planned.

F. Budget Requests -

1. The methods for obtaining a capital budget request were discussed. The committee was asked, over the summer, to review the requests



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submitted last year and to note whether or not they should remain in the budget.

2. New requests should also be listed, and discussion will follow at our September meeting.

VI. Next Meeting Date: September 10, 2025

VII. Discussion on Next Agenda: FY27 Community Statement of Needs

VIII. Adjournment: The Meeting is adjourned