



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK**  
**BOROUGH OF THE BRONX**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



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**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 10, 2021</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Via Zoom Video/Teleconference</b>
<b>Members In Attendance:</b>	<b>✓ Barbara Stronczer    ___ Leurys Acosta    ✓ Betty Arce</b> <b>✓ Ruth Caraballo    ✓ Tasha Andrews    ✓ Daisy Perry</b> <b>✓ Gwendolyn Thomas Steed</b>
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>

**Minutes:**

- I. **Committee Attendance:** Betty Arce, Tasha Andrews, Ruth Caraballo, Daisy Perry, Gwendolyn Thomas Steed, Barbara Stronczer  
**Absent:** Leurys Acosta
- II. The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. A motion was presented to approve the minutes by Gwendolyn Steed and seconded by Betty Arce. The minutes were approved by the committee.
- III. **Follow-up:** The construction on the dog run at Devoe Park is now completed and the run is open for use.
- IV. **Tree List for Fall Plantings:** Forestry has not provided a list. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Commissioner Iris Rosa Rodriguez requesting a staff member from the forestry division be in attendance at our next meeting. A request to remove the over-growth along Bailey Ave. from Sedgwick Ave. to 225<sup>th</sup> Street was made. It was pointed out that the area is covered by DOT. A call to 311 with a follow-up to CB#7 was suggested.
- V. **Garbage Pick-up:** The packer is now making daily stops at each of our parks. Some parks have not seen a pickup on a daily basis. In some cases, the trash is not being placed along the curb for pickup. Joe Magneri promised to address the issue with park workers. The corral on Mosholu Parkway has been removed.
- VI. **Fall/ Winter Staffing:** The “Cleaning Core” of workers will be employed until the end of the year. Their term of employment has been extended.



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- VII. **Homeless Issue:** Poe Park, Mosholu Parkway, and Aqueduct walk have been having issues with the homeless. Bronx Works, PEP, and the Police are required to follow a set procedure before removing the homeless and their belongings.
- VIII. **Holiday Tree Lighting:** The date of the event has been changed to Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The next meeting for the working group planning the event is on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- IX. **Recreation Centers:** Lucy Aponte reported on the Poe Center. It is hoped the center will reopen in December. No date has been given for the reopening of the Recreation Center at St. James. The center has suffered much damage due to Hurricane Ida.
- X. Sarah Bishow reported on the events at the Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center. Admission is free until the end of the year. Fitness classes are in session and an art class will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- XI. The next meeting of the committee will be on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Tree Lighting Ceremony. All are invited to attend.