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HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT BARBARA STRONCZER, ACTING CHAIRPERSON ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT
 MANAGER

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	November 09, 2022
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/4Ijs9EISecM
Members In Attendance:	✓ <u>Barbara Stronczer</u> ✓ <u>Betty Arce</u> ✓ <u>Tasha Andrews</u> ✓ <u>Daisy Perry</u> ✓ <u>Gwendolyn Thomas Steed</u> ✓ <u>Ruth Caraballo</u> ✓ <u>Leurys Acosta</u>
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

I. Attendance: Betty Arce, Ruth Caraballo, Daisy Perry, Tasha Andrews, Gwendolyn Thomas Steed, Tobie Buford, Barbara Stronczer Absent: 0

II. The minutes were accepted as presented.

III. Follow-Up: The issue of barbequing at the Risse Street Garden was decided several years ago. The decision not to allow barbequing at this site still holds.

IV. Park Updates: Joe Magneri reported on maintenance.

- a. Leaf Removal: Leaves are blown into the park lands for use as mulch. Where this is not possible, leaves are to be piled and then bagged.**
- b. Fall/Winter Staffing: District 7 has a roving crew of 7 staff persons.**
- c. Community Concerns regarding the Unsheltered: Parks is required to follow a set procedure which includes offering services to these individuals.**



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d. Packer Use: The problem with the packer being out of service continues. Staff are required to pick up trash bags and bring them to a central location.

V. Tree Lighting Ceremony: Ruth reported on the initial tree lighting meeting. A different company will be installing the lights. Karla is working on reaching out to the community for entertainment and decorations. Friends of Mosholu Parkland will be helping with decorations and refreshments. Another planning meeting will be held prior to the event.

VI. Parks' Recreation Centers:

I. St. James Recreation: Sheroly Jones reported on events at St. James Park. Plans are being made for outside activities in the spring. No work has begun on the recreation center building.

II. Sarah Bishow reported on the events scheduled for Williamsbridge Oval Park. They include a concert on November 15th and a Winter Wonderland event on December 10th from 12:00 – 3:00 P.M. Classes include Hip Hop, quilting, and line dancing.

VIII. Friends' Groups':

a. Friends of Mosholu Parkland: Elizabeth Quaranta reported on the current activities of the group. Pumpkins are being collected for mulch at the Keeper's House (3400 Reservoir Oval). Bulb planting will take place on November 19th starting at 9:30 AM. Meet at Bainbridge Ave. and Mosholu Parkway North. The Friends will be helping with refreshments and decorations for the tree lighting.

b. Friends of Devoe Park: Tobie Buford reported on the groups' activities. Bulb planting took place on November 5th. A clean-up of Aqueduct Walk from Kingsbridge to West 190th Street also took place. The Friends are planning to hold a holiday tree lighting at Devoe Park.



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**IX. The next meeting will be at the tree lighting ceremony on December 8th at
6:00PM**