



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



HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT    YAJAIRA ARIAS, CHAIRPERSON    KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT  
MANAGER

**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday October 11, 2023</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b><u><a href="#">Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center</a></u> 3225 Reservoir Oval E, Bronx, NY 10467</b>
<b>Members In Attendance:</b>	<b>✓ <u>Barbara Stronczer</u>    ✓ <u>Jesús López-Jensen</u> ✓ <u>Daisy Perry</u>    __ <u>Gwen Thomas Steed</u> ✓ <u>Ruth Caraballo</u>    __ <u>Tobie Buford</u>    __ <u>Tasha Andrews</u></b>
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>

**Minutes:**

- I. Meeting Guidelines**
  - A. The guidelines were read
- II. Introduction/Attendance**
  - A. Attendance was taken
- III. Review of Previous Minutes (If Applicable)**
  - A. The minutes from the Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved
- IV. New Business:**
  - A. Expense Items from last year were reviewed. It was decided to keep these requests in the budget and to request a PEP station to be located in the West Bronx.
  - B. **Capital Outlay:** We reviewed all the requests from last year. Since funding has not been appropriated for any of the items, we would like them to remain. Harris Field renovations should be added since the field is in terrible shape and many schools currently use it.
  - C. **Park Maintenance:**
    1. Fall Staffing has been reduced. Complaints regarding the litter left after garbage pick-up were addressed. Joe Magneri, the Parks'

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Supervisor, promised to speak with his staff. Requests for the following were made:

2. Removal of fallen tree at Mosholu Parkway and Briggs Ave.
3. Repair of broken sidewalk on Mosholu Pkwy. South near Jerome Ave. (adjacent to Risse St. Park).
4. Cleaning of the area along the west side perimeter of Williamsbridge Oval
5. Installation of a “porter potty” at Harris Field.

The Parks’ manager promised to look into these issues but stated the request for a porter potty at Harris Field would not be granted.

#### **D. Tree Lighting:**

1. The committee agreed upon the date of Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> for the annual tree lighting. They requested the tree be decorated as last year, with the lights being placed all around the tree rather than in strait lines from the top of the tree. Music and entertainment from last year were enjoyable except for the absence of PS 20. We would like them to be invited for this year’s event. Additional details will be discussed next month

#### **E. Other:**

1. Aqueduct Walk is on the agenda of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission sometime this fall. The structure runs through our community board from Kingsbridge Road south into Board 5 to West Tremont.

#### **F. Motion:**

1. The Parks’ Committee recommends a letter of support be sent to the NYC Landmark’s Commission stating our approval for the designation of Aqueduct Walk as a NYC landmark.
  - a) The motion was presented by Ruth Caraballo and seconded by Jesu Lopez-Jensen.
  - b) All members present voted in favor of the motion.

#### **VI. Next Meeting Date:**

- A. The next meeting is scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

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#### VII. Next Agenda Item:

- A. It was suggested to invite Tyler Wilcox, who is in charge of Forestry throughout the Bronx, to our next meeting. Joe Magneri promised to reach out to him.