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

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	May 10, 2023
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/3A4YUsTqXpc
Members In Attendance:	✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Betty Arce __ Tasha Andrews ✓ Daisy Perry ✓ Gwendolyn Thomas Steed ✓ Ruth Caraballo ✓ Tobie Buford
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

- I. The meeting opened with the reading of the guidelines. The minutes from the April 12, 2023 meeting were presented. A motion to accept these minutes was made and accepted.

- II. New Business:
 - A. Tibbetts Brook Daylighting Project: Amy Motzny along with Dana Taplin from DEP introduced the major parts of the project. The goal of the project is to reduce the stream volume to the Harlem River and increase recreational opportunities for the public. The project will extend from the Bronx/Westchester border to West 230th Street. There will be new pedestrian paths and the Putnam Greenway will be extended. Design development will be completed this year and construction will start in 2025. Additional details will be forthcoming as the project begins.

 - B. Parks’ Maintenance/Summer Staffing: Joe Magneri, the manager noted the changes in staffing. There were several promotions and seasonal workers



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currently number five. New hires have been difficult to find. The cutting crew for districts 7-14 numbers 16 with 3 supervisors. District 7 will only be receiving 25 refuse containers.

1. PEP Officers: Joe Magneri promised to bring the sergeant to our next meeting to discuss deployment for the summer months.
2. Pillar Damage on Mosholu Parkway: The rebuilding of the columns will be done “in house,” hopefully, by the end of the summer.
3. Construction Projects: Estimated completion dates for several projects were given. They included St. James Recreation Center: March 2024; Boiler at Webster House: July 2023; Dog Run at St. James: June 2023; Frisch Field is in final design.

C. Community Concerns and Questions:

1. Garbage problem with “Big Ben” at Devoe
2. Hedges needing trimming in front of Tracey Towers.
3. Lack of cleaning at Aqueduct Walk
4. Repair of lighting at the World War I Monument
5. Conditions at Fordham Landing
6. Improvements to the Greenway on the North side of the Parkway west of Hull Ave. The poor condition of Harris Field was also noted.

D. Memorial Day Flagging: The Veterans Affairs committee of CB#7 will be sponsoring a Flagging Ceremony at the World War I Monument on Mosholu Parkway this Saturday, May 13th at 11:00 AM. All are invited.

E. Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center: Sarah Bishow, the Director, announced a Family Day celebration on Sat. May 13TH. Karaoke is available on Mondays and youth soccer is scheduled on Tuesdays.

F. It was suggested to name the Skate Park at the Oval in memory of Doug Condit. Parks promised to find out the steps needed for this proclamation.



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- III. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14th. A representative from the PEP Squad will be invited. The District Manager for Parks' in CB#5 will also be invited to answer questions relating to Devoe Park.

THIS MEETING'S MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, CONTACT US AT:

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