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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, November 08, 2023
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	<u>Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center</u> 3225 Reservoir Oval E, Bronx, NY 10467
Members In Attendance:	✓ Barbara Stronczer _ Jesús López-Jensen ✓ Daisy Perry _ Gwen Thomas Steed _ Ruth Caraballo ✓ Tobie Buford ✓ Tasha Andrews
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

I. Meeting Guidelines

A. The meeting opened with the reading of the guidelines and the introduction of Gregory Haber, the Deputy Director of Bronx Forestry

II. Introduction/Attendance

A. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established

III. Review of October 2023 Minutes

A. The previous month’s minutes were accepted with a correction in the numbering of the maintenance issues listed.

IV. Follow-up from Previous Month

A. Everyone was reminded about the upcoming hearing on the land marking of the Aqueduct Walk. The hearing will be held on Tues. Nov. 14th and can be heard via Zoom.

B. The damaged pillars on Mosholu Parkway have been repaired. It was suggested to include a request each year in our budget for similar repairs

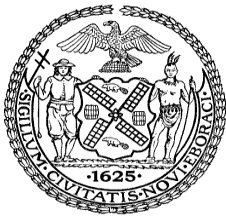
V. New Business:

A. Gregory Haber, the Deputy Director of Bronx Forestry

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1. Mr. Haber answered questions regarding long-standing tree complaints and requests. We were advised to call 311 with tree complaints. Parks' uses a system to prioritize requests according to the dangers involved. Stump removal is done as a separate program from the planting of new trees. New tree planting is contracted out. Parks' takes over maintenance of the new trees after two years.

- a) The current crew from Forestry is small. There are only two crews with 3-5
- b) pruners. Block pruning is done with 1/7 of the trees pruned each year.
- c) Vernon Zoeckler is the Senior Forester at the Parks' Department.
- d) Forestry can be reached at central.forestry@parks.nyc.gov
- e) The many empty tree pits with overgrown weeds are the responsibility of the property owner not the Parks' Dept

B. Tree Lighting:

1. The Annual Tree Lighting ceremony sponsored by Community Board #7 will be held on Thursday evening, December 7th at 6:00PM along the center mall of Mosholu Parkway and Bainbridge Avenue

C. Reports from Friends of Parks/Volunteer Groups:

1. "Read Aloud" will take place at Devoe Park on Nov. 12th. It will be sponsored by the Morris Heights Community Center, as well as a committee of local residents. Voter registration will be held at the event.

VI. Next Meeting Date:

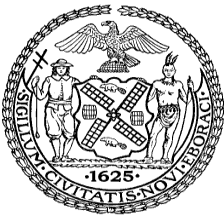
A. The next meeting of the Parks' Committee will be held on January 10, 2024 at 6:30PM. Parks' Committee members are urged to attend the Tree Lighting ceremony on December 7th

VII. Discussion for Next Agenda:

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A. Complaints regarding the dumping of large articles and furniture in the corral at Devoe Park were made. It was decided to invite Clinton, the Parks' Manager for District 5, to our next meeting along with Joe Magneri, District 7's Parks' Manager.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:45 PM.