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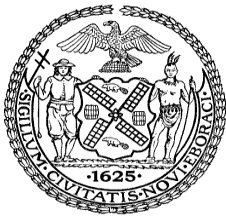
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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, January 10, 2024
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 ✓ Tobie Buford ✓ Tasha Andrews
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

- I. Meeting Guidelines and Code of Conduct were read**
- II. Introduction/Attendance**
 - A. Introductions was taken and quorum was met
- III. Review of November 2023 Minutes**
 - A. Minutes were reviewed and accepted
- IV. Follow-up from Previous Month**
 - A. All members agreed the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony went well. Discussion followed regarding the music played by the DJ. It was pointed out that the variety of music chosen was fitting for the diverse community in attendance.
- V. New Business: Maintenance Issues -**
 - A. There were no complaints about the work of the roving crew, which currently is maintaining several of our parks. The following issues were reported
 - 1. Devoe Park:**



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- a) Complaints regarding the placement of the corral in Devoe Park were discussed. It was suggested to place signage on the corral stating for Park's use only. Residents have been dumping small appliances and mattresses in the corral.

2. Aqueduct Walk:

- a) Improved cleaning along the Aqueduct Walk is needed.

3. Mosholu Parkway:

- a) The construction of stairs and the inclusion of better lighting at the north side of the 203rd Street crossing of Mosholu Parkway were suggested.
- b) Fires are being set along with an encampment on Mosholu Parkway North west of Jerome Ave.
- c) The reconstruction of the pavement along the Mosholu Greenway

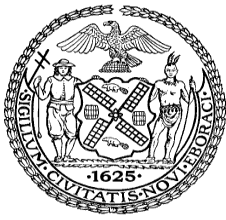
4. Other:

- a) Complaints about the drinking of alcohol in Whalen Park were made. It was suggested to contact PEP or the police.
- b) An increase in the wattage at the WWI Monument
- c) Removal of the motorbike anchored to a tree at 3164 Bainbridge Ave

B. The staff will follow-up on the above issues. New items will be placed into next year's budget priorities.

C. Motion: Since no one from Parks' was in attendance to report on staff cuts, the following motion was made:

- 1. A letter be sent to Mayor Adams and Councilmembers Dinowitz and Sanchez to request no cuts be made to the Parks' Department budget. The motion was approved unanimously.



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D. Rehabilitation Projects: An update will be given at the February meeting. The Webster House is still closed. The boiler has been replaced but roof work is needed.

E. Report from CB 7 Parks Recreation Centers & Civic Groups

1. Williamsbridge Oval:

a) Sarah Bishow sent a request for volunteers for “The Spring Festival” to be held on Sat. March 30th from 11:00AM to 2:00PM

2. **Devoe Park:** Tobie Buford listed maintenance concerns above.

3. **Other:** Requests were made to follow-up on the telescope installation which is to be located on **Goulden** Avenue opposite Harris Field.

VI. Next Meeting Date:

A. Wednesday, February 14

VII. Discussion for Next Agenda:

A. TBD

VIII. Adjournment:

A. Meeting is adjourned