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HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT LEURYS ACOSTA, CHAIRPERSON KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT MANAGER

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	October 08, 2025
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	<u>Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center</u> 3225 Reservoir Oval E, Bronx, NY 10467
Members In Attendance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gwen Thomas Steed <input type="checkbox"/> Tobie Buford <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tasha Andrews <input type="checkbox"/> Marcus McLarty <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yini Rodriguez <input type="checkbox"/> Esme Sattaur-Low <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesús López-Jensen
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

- I. The Guidelines were read, and attendance was taken (quorum was met).
- II. The minutes were accepted with a correction to adjust the attendance listed.
- III. **Follow-up from the Previous Month:** Since the last meeting, it was announced that two Angus cameras would be installed outside the recreation building at the Oval. They would be viewed at the 52nd Precinct. 20 additional cameras will be installed throughout the park. The funding for the 20 cameras will be provided by State Senator Gustavo Rivera. Installation has been promised by the end of October. The committee will continue to follow up on this issue.

IV. New Business:

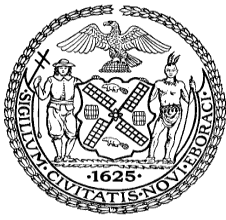
A. Tree Lighting Ceremony

The event is scheduled for Thursday evening, December 11th, at 6:00 PM. The Wenger Wagon will be reserved through our local Councilperson. Music will be obtained from a disc jockey, and entertainment consisting of about 3 or 4 groups will be arranged. Refreshments/hot chocolate will also be provided. The Friends/Future

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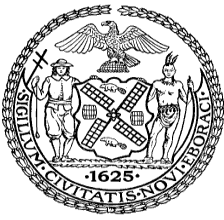
of Mosholu Parkland will decorate and offer activities and games starting at 5:00 PM.

B. Dept. of Parks & Recreation Update: It was a good summer for Parks. Sufficient help was provided, and several groups of Summer Youth worked with the Parks Dept. A complaint regarding open fires for barbecuing on Mosholu Parkway North was discussed. The proliferation of discarded hypodermic needles at both St. James Park and on the Aqueduct Walk was brought to the attention of the committee. The committee discussed sending a letter to the Department of Health regarding the placement of their van, but it was felt that the issue needs to be addressed by additional board committees before any action is taken.

C. Capital Projects Updates: Poe Park construction has been delayed due to complications with stormwater management. Frisch Field is waiting for a permit from DEP for a stormwater pollution prevention plan. Williamsbridge Oval is undergoing testing to understand conditions for water and drainage prior to drawing up a scope of work. Fordham Landing has no specific funding at this time. The electrical system at the southern end of Van Cortlandt Park has received funding for an upgrade. This includes the museum, the golf house, and the nature center. A design start date is being established.

D. Capital and Expense Budget Items: All past items were kept in the budget. Additions are the reconstruction of French Charlie's ball field and the renovation of the dog run at Williamsbridge Oval Park.

V. CB7 Recreation Centers: Fatima Brown represented the recreation programs at St. James and Poe Park. There will be a Thanksgiving celebration at St. James and a portrait day for holiday photos. An after-school program exists for youngsters at St. James from 2:30 to 6:00 PM. Poe Park is planning a Gala for the disabled, and additional activities will be planned since construction will be delayed.



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- VI. **Volunteer Groups:** Elizabeth Quaranta, representing the Future of Mosholu Parkland, sponsors a cleanup on the Parkway each Monday. She expressed the need for more lighting on the south side of the Parkway at E. 206th Street. Bronx Community Solutions works with her group on Tuesdays and Fridays. Work is done on the garden at the Keeper's House on Saturdays.
- VII. The next meeting date of the committee is scheduled for November 12th. The meeting ended at 7:40 PM.

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