

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



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

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	March 11, 2026
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Videoconference Meeting ID:827 5857 9476 By Phone: (646) 558-8656
Meeting Recording	https://youtu.be/jnAt2YTe780
Members In Attendance:	✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Gwen Thomas-Steed ✓ Tasha Andrews ✓ Marcus McLarty ✓ Tobie Buford _ Esme Sattaur-Low ✓ Jesús López-Jensen _ Yini Rodriguez
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

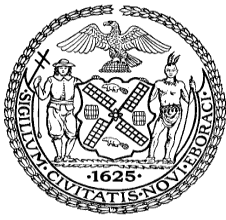
Minutes:

- I. Guidelines & Code of Conduct: Read by Barbara Stronczer**
- II. Introductions/Attendance: Quorum was met.**
- III. Review of Previous Minutes**
 - A. February Minutes voted and approved.
- IV. Follow-up from Previous Month**
 - A. A recent Channel 12 News report covered the number of cameras installed around and inside the recreation building at the Oval. Concern was expressed about the lack of placement beyond the recreation building.
- V. New Business**
 - A. Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) Updates**
 - 1. Snow Removal/Cleanup Update:**
 - a) Snow removal and cleanup were discussed. A shortage of staff and equipment during the first few days of the storm was a factor. A request to prioritize in the future, the cleaning of the sidewalk along the outfield fence of Frisch Field was made. Due to construction, the Metro North

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Botanical Garden station has been moved to the area parallel to the ball field.

2. Use of Trash Containers Update:

- a) A request to chain trash receptacles to fencing along the outside of parks was made. Joe Magneri, the Park's Manager, stated that if done, it would become too difficult for his staff to empty the containers.

3. Staffing for Spring/Summer Months Update:

- a) Joe is currently interviewing applicants for seasonal work. To date, the number of workers to be hired has not been announced. John Deitz has been appointed as a new area manager. Joe Magneri promised to bring him to our next Parks' meeting. Valerie Davis, from the Bronx Commissioner's office, also attended the meeting. To date, 7 new officers have been hired for PEP.

VI. Announcements

A. New Funding for Bronx Parks - \$19.5 Million

1. Jesus Lopez-Jensen reported on the \$19.5 million, which would go toward playgrounds in the South Bronx. The parks receiving the funding are Morris Mesa Playground, Mott Haven Playground, and Fountain of Youth Playground. No new funding was appropriated for our board area.

B. Cancellation of Bronx Week Parade & Festival

1. The conflicting reports on the status of Bronx Week were discussed. Currently, the Festival is stated to be back on schedule.

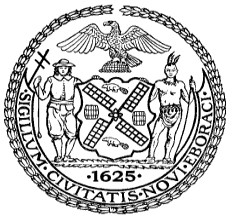
VII. Additional Concerns:

- A.** The need for Parks to check areas along Mosholu Parkway South and the Grand Concourse for stray and abandoned cats was requested. The area has been used as a dumping site for unwanted pets.
- B.** Requests for additional lighting in and around parks were made. A community resident pointed out the need for better lighting along the new path running across Mosholu Parkway between Bainbridge Ave and Van Cortlandt Avenue. Joe Magneri promised to have his staff check the sites requested. If bulbs need replacing, DOT will be contacted. Any additional lighting must be requested through our capital budget.

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- C. A request for a higher fence around the dog park at St. James Park was made. Joe Magneri promised to check if additional fencing could be added to the site.
- D. An appeal to have areas of the parks cleaned prior to mowing was made. In the past, this was not done, and litter was shredded on the newly mowed grass.
- E. A concern about the use of motorbikes and scooters in the parks was raised. A follow-up with PEP was suggested when this happens.
- F. The renaming of the skate park at the Oval after Doug Condit was discussed. Doug was instrumental in securing funding and following up on the project's approval process. 100 signatures would be needed to start the process. A. J. volunteered to start a petition and obtain signatures from the skaters.

VIII. CB 7 Park Recreation Centers & Volunteer Groups Updates (If applicable)

IX. Next Meeting Date: April 08, 2026

X. Discussion on Next Agenda

- A. Hudson River Foundation Presentation: Mosholu Conceptual/Draft Design.

XI. Adjournment