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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	June 10, 2026
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center 3225 Reservoir Oval E, Bronx, NY 10467
Members In Attendance:	✓ Barbara Stronczer _ Gwen Thomas-Steed ✓ Tasha Andrews _ Tobie Buford ✓ Yini Rodriguez
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

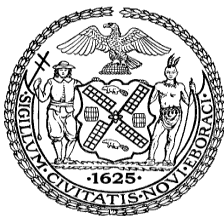
Minutes:

- I. **Guidelines & Code of Conduct:** Read by Barbara Stronczer
- II. **Introductions/Attendance:**
 - A. Quorum was met. 4 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 1 Absent
- III. **Review of Previous Minutes**
 - A. May minutes were voted on and approved.
- IV. **Follow-up from Previous Month (If applicable)**
 - A. The status of a request for Pickleball at the Oval was discussed.
- V. **New Business**
 - A. **Partnership for Parks Presentation**
 1. Robert Madera and Spyridon Hormovas presented Partnership for Parks. Mr. Madera is the representative for our district, while Mr. Hormovas has been newly appointed to represent the southern area of the Bronx. Robert Madera explained how his agency was funded. Their salaries are part of the Parks Department's budget, while funding for projects is obtained from the City Parks Foundation, grants, and City Council members. A request for assistance in a cleanup hosted by the Buccaneers was made. Lehman College has a volunteer group, which would also like to plan cleanups. Mr. Madera agreed to assist both groups.
 - B. **Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) Updates**

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1. Although the Park manager was unable to attend the meeting, he answered our agenda items as follows:
 - a) The PEP squad is down to 32 officers. Many left to become police officers and firefighters.
 - b) Summer Staffing at CB7 Parks: Currently, we have 32 members in our district.
 - c) Webster House: The building is slated to be utilized soon for Mosholu Parkway staff.
 - d) Trash Collection: The packer is currently down. Trash is being picked up in open-back trucks. More trash cans have been placed along Mosholu Parkway.

C. Williamsbridge Oval Park Community Input Meeting

1. The survey link can be found at: bit.ly/3SmTirA

VI. CB 7 Park Recreation Centers & Volunteer Groups Updates:

- A. Fatima Brown, the Recreation Specialist, represented Poe and St. James Parks. St. James Park is planning a Father's Day event, and Poe Park will continue its poetry reading event on the 4th Friday of each month from 6:00-9:00 PM.
- B. Tobie Buford asked about obtaining the Playmobile for Devoe Park. Mr. Madera suggested making the request through her Councilperson.

VII. Next Meeting Date: September 9, 2026

VIII. Discussion on Next Agenda: Bronx CB7 FY28 Statement of District Needs

IX. Adjournment