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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:	April 8, 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 _ Marcus McLarty _ Tobie Buford _ Esme Sattaur-Low ✓ Jesús López-Jensen ✓ Yini Rodriguez
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

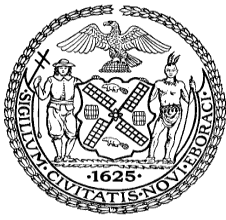
Minutes:

- I. Guidelines & Code of Conduct:** Read by Barbara Stronczer
- II. Introductions/Attendance:** Quorum was met.
- III. Review of Previous Minutes**
 - A. March Minutes voted and approved.
- IV. New Business**
 - A. Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) Updates**
 - 1. Maintenance Issues:
 - a) The worn-out condition of the center of the athletic field at the Oval was reported. The spillage after garbage collection was also not being picked up.
 - 2. Spring/Summer Staffing:
 - a) Summer staff were still being interviewed, but the total number to be hired was still uncertain. Joe Magneri announced the use of the Webster House this summer for some of his staff.
 - B. Hudson River Foundation Presentation**
 - 1. Mosholu Parkway Feasibility Study:
 - a) Christina Carrero, Kevin Dahms, and Ellie Month introduced themselves as representatives for the Urban Waters Federal Partnership. Their goal

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is to identify areas for green infrastructure interventions and to design ways to manage stormwater and create park beautification. The area chosen in CB7 is situated on the north and south sides of Mosholu Parkway, just east of Gun Hill Road. They hope to improve drainage, erosion, and heat control, as well as water quality and the enhancement of biodiversity. These items should improve the park user's experience. They are hoping to obtain funding on the federal, state, and City levels. Next steps include completing the study and design concepts, as well as conducting some tree stewardship activities with the Parks Department. The Parks committee promised to include this work in our next capital budget.

V. Announcement (s)

- A.** Volunteers were asked to attend "Pitch in the Bronx Athletic Field Day on 4/11 at Harris Field from 11:00 -1:00. Help is needed to work on the field.
- B.** The Bronx Week festival is back on May 17th along Mosholu Parkway from noon to 5:00 PM.
- C.** Help is needed to carry petitions to obtain the memorial renaming of the skate park at the Oval in memory of Doug Condit.
- D.** A cleanup of the Oval is planned for Sunday, April 19th, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. All are invited.

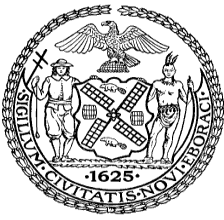
VI. CB 7 Park Recreation Centers & Volunteer Groups Updates (If applicable)

- A.** Concern was expressed regarding a recent incident at the Oval, where a teenage girl was beaten outside the recreation center. Although some cameras were installed after the murder of a youngster last summer, residents present at the meeting did not feel the police were surveying the park area sufficiently. Requests were made to invite the police to our next meeting. Joe Magneri promised to invite the officer in charge of PEP.
- B.** The poor conditions regarding bug infestation in the facility next to the recreation center were expressed.
- C.** The annual tribute at the World War I Monument will be held on the morning of the Bronx Week Festival.
- D.** A request for a pride flag at the monument was made.

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E. Pamela Coleman from the Oval Recreation Center announced the scheduling of a Ping Pong Tournament on April 19th at 1:00 PM. A “Do It Together” Activity is planned for Thursday, April 30th at 11:00 AM.

F. Mr. Magneri announced the installation of pianos at the Oval and at Poe Park.

G. A follow-up on French Charlie’s field was requested.

VII. Next Meeting Date: May 13, 2026

VIII. Discussion on Next Agenda:

IX. Adjournment