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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MARTINEZ, CHAIRPERSON ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, October 13, 2021
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Members In Attendance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leurys Acosta <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Caraballo <input type="checkbox"/> Tasha Andrews <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daisy Perry <input type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas Steed
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

- I. **Committee Attendance:** Betty Arce, Ruth Caraballo, Daisy Perry, Barbara Stronczer
Absent: Tasha Andrews, Gwendolyn Thomas Steed
- II. The minutes from the September meeting were approved.
- III. Follow up From Previous Month:
The status of boiler renovations at the Webster House was discussed. The project has been in the pipeline for many years. A definite date for procurement and construction was not given.
- IV. New Business:
 - a. The status of forestry issues could not be determined since no one from the forestry division attended the meeting. An announcement by DCAS concerning tree work being done by DDC was discussed. Members want to know why CB#7 was not included on the list for this project.
 - b. Garbage Collection: The gators are back in operation on Mosholu Parkway. There were no other complaints about district pick up of refuse.
 - c. New Items for Capital Budget Requests:
The list of new items previously given were reviewed. They included:
EXPENSE ITEMS
 1. **Provide Better Park Maintenance**
 2. **Remove Old Tree Stumps and Plant New Trees in District 7**



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3. **Maintain the Trees along the Islands of the Grand Concourse from Kingsbridge Road North to Mosholu Parkway. Plant New Trees Where Needed.**
 4. **Provide More Cultural Programs in our Local Parks**
- CAPITAL ITEMS**

1. **Provide ADA Accessibility for the Recreation Center at Williamsbridge Oval.**
2. **Install Cameras at Devoe Park**
3. **Rehabilitate Fordham Landing Park**
4. **Install Railings Along the Path at University Woods Park**
5. **Install Running/Jogging Areas in large Parks and around Playing Fields in our District**

Suggestions for additional requests were discussed. They included the rehabilitation of the old Bocce court at the Oval. An active sports area was suggested. The need for rehabilitation work at the recreation center at St. James Park was also suggested.

- d. **Annual Tree Lighting:** The holiday tree lighting ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 9th. Joe Magneri suggested submitting our application to Parks' asap. A committee will be formed to organize the event.
- e. **EVENTS:** Sarah Bishow, the Recreation Director at the Oval announced the reopening of the Center. Admission will be free until the end of the year, provided one shows proof of vaccination. Sarah described the classes offered and invited all to their Halloween Event on Saturday, Oct. 30th.
- f. Lucy Aponte, the Director of the Poe Center informed the committee that the Poe Center remained closed. Many activities are being held outdoors. The Bardekova Ensemble slated for Nov. 9th has been moved to the Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center.
- g. The Bedford Mosholu Community Association is planning a cleanup and planting for Sat. Oct. 23rd.
- h. Friends of Mosholu Parkland has scheduled a bulb planting for Sun. Oct. 31st.
- i. Other:



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1. A request for the rehabilitation of the playground at St. James Park was made by a community resident.
2. The removal of the memorial set-up along the entrance to the park on 191st Street and Creston Ave. was also addressed. The memorial has been at this site for close to one year.
3. The status of the construction of the dog run at Devoe Park was also addressed.
4. A hole in the earth along the curb at Kossuth Ave. and Mosholu Pkwy. North was reported. The park manager promised to take care of the problem.
5. Requests for better lighting in and around parks were also made.

The next meeting of the Parks' Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10th.