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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 10th 2008 @ 6:30 PM

Board Members Present: Nora Feury, Helene Hartman, Margaret Mack, Cynthia O'Neal Riley, John Harris, Ricardo Parker, Greg Faulkner, Barbara Stronczer

Guests: See the attendance sheet.

- I. **Goals:** Goals for the new website were reviewed. Links will be established at a later date.
- II. **Updates**
 - A. The committee was informed by Arnyce Foster that the plans for a farmer's market on Mosholu Parkway North just west of Jerome Ave. had been approved by the Park's Dept. The market would begin in the middle of July and would operate every Wednesday through October.
 - B. The status of the illegal barbecuing problem along Mosholu Parkway was discussed. Conditions have improved at some locations when enforcement was available. Complaints can be made to telephone number 888-nyparks.
 - C. **Devoe Park:** The lack of swings at Devoe Park is due to the contractor not meeting Parks' Dept. specifications. Swings will be installed by the contractor once these specifications are met.
 - D. Requests for a shower area at the southern end of Risse St. Park were reviewed by the Parks' Dept. Currently, there is not sufficient room for a safe installation. To create this area in a safe manner, the current urban garden where the Bronx New School works with children would have to be dismantled.
- III. **Budget Priorities 2010:** Expense and capital projects for the 2009 budget were reviewed. Ms. Foster advised the committee not to submit items which are covered by the filtration monies. She also pointed out that dog runs have not been funded in any parks by capital money. Dog runs in other parks have been funded through private money. Ms. Foster promised to get back to the Board regarding the method used to establish her department's expense items. The committee will meet at a later date to set priorities.
- IV. **Other**
 - A. **Green Streets:** Since the islands on the Grand Concourse are in poor condition, the committee requested that green streets be established along the Grand Concourse from E. 192nd St. to Mosholu Parkway. Ms. Foster suggested contacting Forestry immediately regarding this request.
 - B. **French Charlie's Field:** The poor condition of the field was discussed. The area is not part of CB#7 but many of our residents use the field. It was suggested that our district manager call Board #11 to find out if we could work together to improve conditions.

The meeting ended at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Barbara Stronczer, Parks Committee Chairperson