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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Monday, September 22, 2008 @ 6:30 PM

Members Present: Nora Feury, Helene Hartman, Phyllis Reed, Barbara Stronczer

Members Absent: Margaret Mack, Cynthia O'Neal-Riley

Guests: See attendance sheet.

- I. **Summer Maintenance:** The committee reviewed summer maintenance in the parks in our community board. Garbage pick-up improved but still needs to be collected on a more consistent basis. The barbecuing problem along Mosholu Parkway was much less than in previous summers. Tree pruning is currently being performed in Norwood.
- II. **Report Card for Parks:** New Yorkers for Parks issued their city-wide report card on the maintenance of parks. Three parks in our board area were reviewed. Williamsbridge Oval received 69%; Aqueduct Walk was rated at 33% and St. James Park was given a rating of 67%. The committee found this to be unacceptable. Our district manager was asked to contact Mr. Bromell, the acting Parks' Manager to inquire as to why our parks were rated so low.
- III. **Status of Filtration Projects:**
 - A. **Devoe Park:** The park is complete except for the comfort station. The comfort station is slated to be rehabilitated by spring of 2009.
 - B. **Harris Field:** Work has begun on several of the fields. They are slated to be completed by next spring at which time the remaining fields will be started.
 - C. **Williamsbridge Oval:** The track and field is almost completed.
 - D. **Aqueduct Lands:** The scope of work will be sent to the board sometime during November.
- IV. **Reseeding by MTA at #4 Mosholu Station:** Reseeding has not been done. The Parks' Committee will ask the Traffic and Transportation Committee to follow-up on this matter.
- V. **Borough Consultation Requests:** Fernando Tirado reviewed the requests made. The Parks' Dept. responded in writing to all our requests.
 - A. Two of our requests were referred to the Dept. of Traffic and Transportation.
 1. The request for a spotlight on the World War I Monument on Mosholu Parkway.



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2. The request for the greening and rehab of the islands along the Grand Concourse.
- B. The committee also decided that a request for the Webster Ave. Comfort Station to be opened on weekends for use by the leagues that use Frisch Field should be included in our budget requests for FY 2010. The committee will prioritize its budget requests after the public hearing.
- VI. **Friends of the Woods:** Brandy Cochrane from University Woods Park requested our help in getting better lighting for the park. Since our board area covers only the northern border of the park, she would like us to ask for spotlights to be installed on existing street lights in the area of Cedar Ave. The spotlights would illuminate the park area.
- VII. Jennifer Beaugrand is working as a consultant for the Mosholu Preservation Corporation. She spent the summer doing gardening in a variety of parks in our board area. She plans to plant bulbs in several areas of Mosholu Parkway on "It's My Park Day."
- VIII. The meeting ended at 7:50 PM.