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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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**Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 9, 2008 @ 6:30 PM**

**Board Members Present:** Nora Feury, Margaret Mack, Cynthia O'Neal-Riley, Greg Faulkner, and Barbara Stronczer

**Excused:** Helene Hartman

**Guests:** See the attendance sheet.

**I. Proposal for the Construction of Buildings at the Croton Filtration Plant:**

- A. David Burke presented the DEP's proposal for the construction of the golf driving range, parking, and other buildings at this site. The goals for this project consist of:
  1. Integration and concealment of the project into the surrounding landscape.
  2. Creation of amenities for education and recreation.
  3. Display storm water management.
- B. The driving range will be on the roof of the plant. There will be 75 parking spaces for the public using the golf course. Part of the security system will be the use of the wetlands around the facility. The storage area for the chemicals will be located at a separate entrance which will be used only by DEP workers. There will be 8-10 truck deliveries of chemicals every 24 hours.
- C. Concerns were raised by board members regarding access to the roof during hours when the golf course is closed.
- D. The proposal displayed the alienation of additional park land at the southern end of the plant. This loss of this park space was not part of the original Environmental Impact Study.
- E. The current proposal does not address the issue of public access from the #4 train. Commuters arriving at the park and golf course will be required to walk a distance to enter the park. DEP will maintain access at this location for their trucks and manpower. Shared access for both the Parks' Dept. and DEP at the subway station was suggested.
- F. A resident pointed out that that the community was promised recreational space. This promise was not demonstrated in the proposal. A question was also raised regarding the maintenance of the golf netting and the surrounding area of the park.



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- G. **Motion:** The Parks' Committee recommends to the board that a letter be sent to the Design Commission requesting that changes be made in the existing proposal to conform to the Environmental Impact Study. These changes are:
1. Eliminate any additional alienation of parkland.
  2. Improve access to the park for the public who will be exiting from the Woodlawn #4 subway station.
  3. Provide additional recreational opportunities for families.
- II. **Budget Proposals FY 2010:** The committee was reminded that our public hearing will be held on 10/16/08. The Budget & Personnel Committee together with the Executive Committee will then set priorities before presenting them to the board at the 10/21/08 meeting.
- III. **Report Card for Parks:** Leon Fendley and Anthony Bromell were asked why the 3 parks in our area received low scores from the New Yorkers for Parks 2008 survey. Mr. Fendley claimed that the parks in question were undergoing construction. He promised to look into the matter.
- IV. **Bryan Park Improvement Plan:** Wilma Alonso from the Fordham Road BID explained the improvements slated for this triangular park on Fordham and Kingsbridge Road. Funding has been obtained but the City is requiring the BID to maintain, repair, and cover the liability for this area, once the improvements have been completed. Ms. Alonso requested that our district manager meet with the BID and Commissioner Aponte to discuss this proposal. She also asked the Parks' Committee to be available for further assistance if needed.

The meeting ended at 8:00pm.