



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK

## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

### Thursday, February 26, 2009 @ 6:30 PM

- I) **Fordham Landing:** Valerie Davis reported that the homeless area at Fordham Landing Park had been dismantled and cleaned.
- II) **Putnam Greenway:** The committee reviewed the environmental impact study for the Putnam Greenway. The greenway will be constructed along the old Putnam Railroad line. It will connect the east and western sides of Van Cortlandt Park and continue to West 230<sup>th</sup> St. Access to the greenway will be obtained at street level ramps at 230<sup>th</sup>, 234<sup>th</sup> and 238<sup>th</sup> Streets.
  - A) **Motion #1: The committee recommends that the Board approve the initial plans for the Putnam Greenway.**
- III) **Aqueduct Walk Scope:** Brenda Curtis a consultant for the project presented the plans for the area from Kingsbridge Road to Morton Place. The plan calls for new paving, benches, landscaping and new lighting for the area. The total cost of the project is \$3.8 million. Retaining walls and stairways will be reconstructed. The project will start in about a year and take 18 months to complete.
  - A) **Motion #2: The Parks' Committee recommends that the Board approve the scope of work for the Aqueduct Walk.**
- IV) **Fencing at Frisch Field:** Leon Fendley promised to look into the lack of permanent fencing over the bleacher area at Frisch Field. He will report back to the Board on this issue.
- V) **"No Barbecuing Signs:"** A request for signs along Mosholu Parkway was made. Shirley Echevarria, the new manager for our area will follow-up on this request.
- VI) **Reseeding at Jerome Avenue and Mosholu Parkway South:** The MTA has restored much of the area under the new station. An area directly across from Risse St. Park on the east side of Jerome Ave at Mosholu Parkway So. is now a dust bowl. Parks' was asked to reseed the area this spring.
- VII) Ms. Echevarria promised to have the "Cut the Crap" container at Mosholu Parkway So. And Perry Ave. installed.
- VIII) **Budget Requests:** The committee reviewed the capital and expense budget requests for 2010. The Parks' Department was asked to work with DOT regarding the enhancement of the islands along the Grand Concourse from Kingsbridge Road to Mosholu Parkway. This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grand Concourse and the committee requested "Greenstreet" funds to be used on these islands.
- IX) The request for a spotlight at the World War I Monument on Mosholu Parkway was discussed. Parks noted that DOT does all their lighting and suggested that our District Manager convey this request to DOT at the next Borough Board Meeting.
- X) **Street Trees:** Information on the current procedure for obtaining trees was requested. A list of trees planted throughout CB#7 during the fall of 2008 and to be planted in the upcoming spring was again asked of the Parks' Dept.
- XI) The meeting ended at 7:40 P.M. Attendance sheet on file.