



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK

## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

## Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

### Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Attendance: See sign-in sheet.
- II) New York H2O: Buck Moorehead from NYH2O made a presentation on the toxic effects of hydraulic drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale in New York State. The process requires large volumes of water, mixed with toxic chemicals, to burrow through rock to obtain this gas. These chemicals cause toxic problems in both the air and water.
  - A) Motion: A letter to be sent to Governor Patterson and to the NYS Dept. of Energy Conservation requesting the banning of natural gas drilling in New York City's upstate watershed and elsewhere in NYS.
- III) Correspondence: A letter was read from the NYS office of Parks and Recreation stating that Roberto Clemente State Park would not have its swimming facilities open to the public this summer. The rehab work of the pool and locker rooms is slated to be completed by the summer of 2010.
- IV) Sacherah Playground: The Parks' Manager for District #7 does not have jurisdiction in Van Cortlandt Park. She suggested contacting Emilio Lopiz at Van Cortlandt Park.
- V) Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy: Margot Peron, the administrator of Van Cortlandt Park plans to make a presentation on the conservancy in the near future.
- VI) Million Tree Program: Jonathan Pywell, from the NYC Dept. of Parks Forestry division discussed the "Million Tree Program." He agreed to walk with Fernando Tirado along the Grand Concourse to study the area for future greening.
- VII) Sunday Bike Riding on the Grand Concourse: The committee is in favor of closing sections of the Concourse for Sunday biking. The Traffic and Transportation Committee will be asked to present a motion for a letter of support.
- VIII) Maintenance Problems:
  - A) Location of garbage cans in Devoe Park
  - B) Parks' Maintenance along Mosholu Parkway North
  - C) Improved garbage pick-up in district
  - D) Removal of tree branches and compost area on Mosholu Pkwy. So.
- IX) Follow-up:
  - A) The Parks' Manager, Shirley Echevarria agreed to walk with members of the Committee to point out locations for the installation of "No Barbecuing Signs."
  - B) Frisch Field: There is no additional money to complete the fence work over the bleachers.
  - C) The Webster Ave. Comfort Station will not be opened on weekends for Little League use.
  - D) Fernando Tirado agreed to contact Councilperson Koppell to set up a meeting with Parks and the Police regarding the barbecuing situation on Mosholu Parkway.
- X) The meeting ended at 8:00 PM.