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PARKS' & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 19th, 2009 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Attendance: See the attendance sheet.
- II) Tree Lighting Ceremony: December 10th at 6:00 PM has been chosen as the date for the Tree Lighting on Mosholu Parkway and Bainbridge Ave. Parks will provide the "Wing-o-Wagon" for the event. CB #7 will purchase lights and make the other necessary arrangements.
- III) Harris Field: Shirley Echevarria was not able to provide any additional information on the hazardous materials found at Harris Field. The Parks' Committee requested that Leon Fendley, the Parks' coordinator for the filtration projects, attend our next meeting and provide us with an updated report.
- IV) Jerome Park Reservoir: There have been no new developments regarding access to the proposed park for Community Board 7 residents.
- V) Bryan Park Proposal: Ryan Kelleberg and Tom Fein from the RBA Group presented the preliminary scope for Bryan Park. The project will enlarge and enhance the triangle at Kingsbridge Rd. and East Fordham Road. New paving, landscaping, lighting, and benches are part of the scope. The project will cost about \$2.5 million.
 - A) Motion #1: The Parks' Committee recommends that the Board approve the preliminary scope for Bryan Park.
- VI) Replacement Trees for East 204th Street: Merchant concerns regarding the placement and planting of trees were discussed. It was suggested that we obtain a volunteer to create a tree list for the CB#7 area.
- VII) Harlem River Waterfront: A request for volunteers to work with the graduate students from Columbia University in establishing a plan to develop the recreational, cultural and aesthetic possibilities of the waterfront was made. Volunteers are also being obtained from other Board committees.
 - A) The following individuals volunteered to work on an ad hoc committee with the graduate students: Dawn Stan, Margaret Mack, Helene Hartman, and Zee.



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- VIII) Williamsbridge Oval: Friends of the Oval made a presentation on the need for improvements at the Holt Place entrance to the Oval. There is a major concern for the safety of individuals entering the park at this location.
- A) Their requests include:
- i. A crosswalk
 - ii. The construction of a sidewalk
 - iii. The installation of a stop or yield sign
 - iv. Plantings to enhance the entrance to the park
- B) Motion #2: The Committee recommends that the Board request DOT to prepare a study in coordination with the Dept. of Parks to identify short and long term improvements to make the Holt Place entrance more safe and convenient, and to generally improve the quality of the streetscape along Reservoir Oval East.
- IX) Devoe Park: A request for help with a tree lighting ceremony at Devoe Park was made by Donna Benjamin. Fernando Tirado will work with Ms. Benjamin to obtain the necessary approvals from the Parks' Dept.
- X) Park Maintenance: Shirley Echevarria discussed the problems with maintenance as a result of the renovations in the recreation building at the Oval and the Comfort Station at Devoe Park.
- XI) The meeting ended at 8:00PM.