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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX  
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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**PARKS' & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 6:30 PM**

- I. **Attendance:** See the sign-in sheet.
- II. **Status of Rehabilitation Projects:** Shirley Echevarria, the Parks' Manager for District 7 presented an update on the following parks:
  - A. **Aqueduct Walk:** Work is being held up by some legal issues with a merchant on Fordham Road. The committee requested the name of the contractor and reasons why the project could not be started on Kingsbridge Road.
  - B. **Harris Field:** Ms Echevarria described the process which the Dept. would be using to remediate the toxic waste problem at Harris Field. The Parks' Committee requested to know the name of the contractor, how the wastes would be removed, the amount of truck traffic in the area, and if there would be any danger to nearby residents. The committee also asked that a representative from the Dept. be present at our monthly meeting on Tues. Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. The fields would not be usable this spring and summer.
  - C. **Devoe Park Comfort Station:** Work on the station has begun and would not be completed until the end of 2010. A roving crew would be maintaining the park with no permanent staff during the spring and summer months. A suggestion regarding the use of a local church as a base for maintenance workers is being discussed.
  - D. **Williamsbridge Oval:** Work is continuing on the playground at the Oval. This contractor has been asked to do the work on the proposed dog run. Ms. Echevarria was asked to report back to the committee regarding the amount of money appropriated for the run and to request that any preliminary design work be shared with the Board and the Friends of the Oval. Work on the Recreation Building has not begun. The contractor wants to close the building before performing any roof work. The Parks' Dept. would like to keep certain areas of the building open to continue its recreation programs. The issue is still pending.
- III. **Reseeding of Area Adjacent to the Mosholu #4 Station:** Although the project to renovate the station was done under the jurisdiction of the MTA, the Parks' Dept. was responsible to make sure that the contractor follows-up on this commitment to reseed the staging area after the construction. Ms. Echevarria promised to get back to her legal Dept. to explore the original contract.
- IV. **Whalen Park:** Problems with the daily unlocking of this park were discussed.
- V. **Harlem River Waterfront Park:** (Regatta Park) \$1.2 million had been set aside from the filtration monies for this park. CB#7 has never seen any preliminary scope for the area. Ms. Echevarria was asked to get back to our committee with some information from the Parks' Dept. regarding the status of this project.



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- VI. **Maintenance:** The need for attention to the over-growth at the sitting area on Mosholu Parkway South and Marion Ave. was addressed. A request to re-install the "Cut the Crap" container at this location was also made. Problems with the increase in dog wastes adjacent to Risse St. Park were also presented.
- VII. Park properties needing snow removal were given to the Parks' Manager. These areas included:
- A. The sidewalk on Mosholu Parkway So. going east of the Jerome Ave. #4 station
  - B. Bainbridge Ave. from Mosholu Parkway South to the North side
  - C. The sidewalk adjacent to the PS8 Playground
- VIII. A request was also made to have the trees pruned on Davidson Ave. between Kingsbridge Road and W. 190<sup>th</sup> Street. The over-grown trees during the spring and summer months have covered the street lights and encouraged illegal activities in the area.
- IX. Although the dead trees were removed from the bus stop area in front of Tracey Towers, the stumps were never removed. The Parks' Manager promised to address this issue with the forestry division.
- X. **VII. Bridge Rehabilitation:** Plans for the rehab of the bridge over the Putnam trail and the NYCRR on the Mosholu Parkway extension were viewed by the committee. The project is being done by DOT using state funding. The work will begin in 2012 and may cause some traffic problems to and from the Henry Hudson Parkway. The committee saw no problems with the proposed plans.
- XI. The meeting ended at 8:00 PM.