



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK

## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## PARKS' & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 6:30 PM

- I. **Attendance:** See sheet (Joint meeting with Public Safety Committee)
- II. **Illegal Activities in the Parks:** The problem with illegal activities such as gambling, prostitution, barbecuing in unauthorized areas, and parties lacking permits were discussed.
  - A. Lt. Michael Vitalo, the Supervisor of the Conditioning Unit at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Precinct promised to alert his staff and to set up patrols during the hours of the day and night when these events occur.
  - B. Raymond Acosta, the new Parks' Manager for our district planned to make sure that appropriate signage was in place at the parks in question prior to the Memorial Day weekend. He also announced that Parks' Supervisors are on duty from 9:00AM-4:30PM every weekend. Residents can call them at Tel. # 646-613-1200 if illegal activities are in progress during these hours.
- III. A representative from the Bronx Community Solutions reported on their work with prostitutes who had been arrested. She requested a letter to the Chief Judge describing the impact of prostitution on community residents who use the parks and on area residents who live on streets where prostitution is taking place.
  - A. **Motion:** A letter describing the impact of prostitution on our parks and community be sent to the Chief Judge at the Bronx County Court House.
- IV. **Letter from Friends of the Oval:** A letter requesting information on the rehab work at the Williamsbridge Oval was discussed.
  - A. Residents are upset with the pace of the work.
  - B. Mr. Acosta described a recent meeting regarding the need for a different source of water during the construction work.
  - C. The recreation building will be closed during the roof work. He will get back to the committee regarding work on the dog run.
- V. A request for the removal of fallen trees and branches along Mosholu Parkway was made.
- VI. Andrew Laiosa pointed out the problem with illegal parking around Williamsbridge Oval. Both Police and the Parks Departments promised to follow-up on the matter.
- VII. The meeting ended at 8:25 PM.