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**PARKS' & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 6:30 PM**

- I. Attendance: See the attendance sheet.
- II. "Native Plant Garden" presentation
  - A. James Reed and Joshua Rivera from the New York Botanical Garden presented the plans for the construction of the "Native Plant Garden." The garden will have a water feature and be composed of three levels of circulation. It is a pilot project for sustainable sites and an extension of LEED sites. The area will be used for many educational initiatives. The work will start during this summer and is anticipated to be completed by the spring of 2012. The "Native Plant Garden" is being funded with private monies.
  - B. **Motion #1: The Parks' Committee recommends that the Board send a letter of support for the "Native Plant Garden" to the Design Commission.**
- III. Follow-up from the April Meeting:
  - A. "No-Barbecuing" Signage for Devoe and Mosholu Parkway: Valerie Davis from the NYC Parks' Dept. announced that the signs would be in place by the Memorial Day weekend.
  - B. Illegal Activities in the Parks: Ms. Giga from the PEP Squad related the number of summonses which have been issued at Devoe Park. Unfortunately, there are only 3 PEP officers in the Bronx.
    1. Removal of Branches, and tree stumps: Prior requests have been done. Helene Hartman requested the removal of a loose stump on Mosholu Parkway South between the Grand Concourse and Van Cortlandt Park East.
  - C. Dog-run at Williamsbridge Oval: Ms. Davis promised to get back to the committee regarding this item.
  - D. Signage and Fencing at Harris Field: The fence has been secured and signage is in place.
- IV. It was suggested that the Parks' Dept. send a copy of Park Rules to the Norwood News for publishing.
- V. Requests for the Website: Requests have been e-mailed to the Ad Hoc Committee.
- VI. Harlem River Waterfront: Valerie Davis was asked to set up a meeting with representatives from Community Board #7 and Commissioner Aponte regarding the \$1.7 million appropriated for this project from the filtration monies.
- VII. Pedestrian Bridge Connecting East and West Parts of Van Cortlandt Park:
  - A. The results of a study by DEP show that this bridge is feasible. One of the options is to connect the Old Croton Aqueduct with the Shandler Recreation Area. This bridge would cross the Major Deegan. DEP is currently claiming a lack of funds even though this bridge was approved by the City Council in 1999.



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- B. **Motion #2: The Parks' Committee recommends that a letter of support for the construction of a pedestrian bridge which would connect the East and West sides of Van Cortlandt Park be sent to Commissioners Aponte and Benepe.**
- VIII. Other: A special thanks was given to the Mosholu Montefiore Preservation Co. and to Jen Beaugrand for all the work which she and her crew have done to transform the Gully on Mosholu Parkway South into a beautiful park.
- IX. A list of projects submitted for the 2011 Budget was distributed to committee members. A discussion of these and new projects for the FY2012 budget will take place at the June Parks' meeting.
- X. The meeting ended at 7:40PM