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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

PARKS' & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 23rd, 2010 @ 6:30 PM

- I. **Attendance:** See sign-in sheet.

- II. **Construction Updates:**
 - A. **Aqueduct Walk:** New design work should be completed by the end of this year. The project will go out to bid in the spring with construction starting in the fall of 2011. The original design work by an outside architect has been shelved. It is now an in-house project.
 - B. **Visitor Center at Poe Park:** Work is completed. Con Edison needs to hook-up a gas line. The center will be operated by a concessionaire.
 - C. **Dog Run at Williamsbridge Oval:** The contractor for the recreation building has decided not to take on this project. A new contractor needs to be hired. No date was given for the hiring of a new contractor.

- III. **Regatta Park Meeting:** Councilperson Cabrera held a recent meeting with Parks' and DOT. Ray Acosta and Fernando Tirado reported on the meeting. The original funding has been used to off-set cost overruns on other projects. It was suggested that we contact our elected officials to obtain intermodal funding for this project.
 - A. **Motion #1: A letter be sent to all our elected officials requesting funding for the planning and development of Regatta Park.**

- IV. **Tree Lighting:** The annual tree lighting on Mosholu Parkway is scheduled for Thurs. Dec. 9th at 6:00PM. Fernando Tirado is trying to obtain funding for the lights and the Wenger Wagon.

- V. **Van Cortlandt Golf House:** Additional information has been gathered regarding the golf course's outreach to the community. All local PSAL high school teams play for free. Westchester residents pay more to golf than NYC residents. The Parks' Committee recommends the following:
 - A. **Motion #2: A letter be sent to the Design Commission in support of the renovation of the Van Cortlandt Golf House and the building of a new maintenance facility.**

- VI. **Tree Fund for Community Board #7:** Several boards in Manhattan ask their councilpersons to set aside funding each year for the maintenance and planting of trees. The Parks' Committee is requesting a fund for tree care in our board area.
 - A. **Motion#3: A letter be sent to the three Councilpersons representing our district requesting that they set aside funding each year for the maintenance and planting of sidewalk and park trees throughout Community Board #7.**



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- VII. **Frisch Field:** A request to re-seed the outfield was made to Ray Acosta. Mr. Acosta stated that the re-seeding would take place in the spring.
- VIII. **Snow/Ice Removal:** Areas surrounding park land that have created slippery conditions for residents in the past were presented to the Parks' Manager. These areas include:
- A. Jerome Avenue between Mosholu Parkway South and North
 - B. Aqueduct Walk
 - C. Eastside of Bainbridge, Marion/Hull, and Van Cortlandt Avenues between the east and westbound lanes of Mosholu Parkway.
- IX. **Spring Health Fair:** William Francis would like to organize a Health Fair in the spring. It was decided that the fair would take place sometime during the month of May and be held at Poe Park. Mr. Francis will speak with the Youth and Health Committees to ask if they, along with the Parks' Committee, would be interested in working on this event.
- X. **Meeting Dates:** The Parks' Committee will meet the last Tuesday of each month. Since the December meeting date falls during a holiday week, the members of the committee were asked to attend the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 9th. The next Parks' Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25th at 6:30 PM. The committee has requested someone speak at this meeting on the Recreation Programs in our district.
- XI. The meeting ended at 7:40 PM.