



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, April 21, 2011 @ 6:30PM

- I. Attendance list on file
- II. The Information Center at Poe Park had a check list walk through on Wednesday 4-21 CB7 not notified. Only the restrooms will be opened starting Friday 4-22
- III. Aqueduct Walk schedule to start work in Spring of 2012, still in scoping stage. Will be reconstructing the entire asphalt walk, 2 blocks or the concrete sidewalk, new pipe rail fence with landscaping throughout. The handball courts south of W. Fordham Rd. will be removed. The committee requested to see the new plans before any work started.
- IV. Joshua Rivera of the Botanical Gardens presented a plan for the Garden to buy or have the parkland surrounding the Metro North stop transferred to the Garden. The committee voted not to support this plan purchase/transfer. The Parks Committee does not support the selling/transferring of park land surrounding the Metro North train stop adjacent to the Botanical Gardens or any other park land. Since the sale is for the beautification of the area we propose a joint partnership between the Parks Dept. and the Garden. With a community volunteers program to help maintain the area. We believe this is a win, win situation for all involved. The Botanical Gardens would save the money from the sale, while only having to purchase the land owned by Metro North. This way the land would remain a public park rather than a private one, and the Garden would have the chance to partner with neighborhood volunteers while still beautifying the area.
- V. The committee voted to approve a contract between the board and Jennifer Beaugrand for the landscaping of two possible areas in the CB7 area. The contract would be paid for with the \$15,000 from Councilman Cabrera's office.