



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

PARKS & RECREATION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 6, 2011 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Members in attendance:
 - A) William Francis
 - B) Barbara Stronczer
 - C) Nora Feury
 - D) Margaret Mack
 - E) Helene Hartman
- II) Community Residents / Members in attendance include;: Anthony Riviuccio, Nat Henz, Loita Watson, Mary Vallati, Pat Kendy (Parks), Doug Condit, Elizabeth Quaranta, Dilletta Pina, Jennifer Beaugrand, Gal Levid (Parks), Jean Hill
- III) The sign Gasoline Alley Park on the Bailey Avenue beautification site is in the wrong place and will be removed
 - A) The area is not a Green Street, but is part of Fordham Landing Park. The Parks Committee voted to begin the process of having the Bailey Ave site which is located on Bailey Avenue between Sedgwick and Heath Avenues renamed to Ozzie Brown Park in his honor.
 - B) The committee also voted in favor of the planting of flowers on a hill at Fordham Landing located between the Major Deegan Expressway and the University Heights Bridge. This site can be seen from Fordham Hill Houses. Ms Jennifer Beaugrand has volunteered to head up this undertaking with help from Parks Dept.
- IV) The committee approved committee member Barbara Stronczer to be in-charge of the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony.
 - A) Pending approval of the Parks Dept the date for the tree lighting will be December 15, 2010
- V) The Park's summer report was given by Parks Manager G. Levid:
 - A) The number of park workers (JTP) is now at 25 from 60 with more reductions planned. They are being replaced with WEB workers but the numbers are not expected to increase very much due to the process of employing the WEB workers.
 - B) Our district has one garbage packer and we are sharing a mini-packer with CB 8. We were scheduled to get a new one but with the city budget cuts it is uncertain if that will happen.
 - C) From fall 2010 to date where have been 1,136 new trees planted in CB7 area
 - D) The committee has voiced its concern of water erosion along Mosholu Parkway and in our major parks. We will be looking for ways to address this problem.
 - E) Community organizations presented a written report of problems they would like to have addressed by CB7 and the Parks Dept. This committee will review this report with Parks and attempt to address the issues presented by the organizations.
- VI) Committee members approved FY'12 budget request and submitted to DM Tirado. The committee agreed to keep last year's request and focus on the top three issues this year.
- VII) Construction Projects
 - A) WW1 Monument on Mosholu Parkway still in design stage (finding right type of lighting) no construction start date



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- B) Recreation Center at the Oval scheduled for completion this winter
 - C) Harris Field in grassing stage scheduled to be open Fall of 2012
 - D) Whalen Park no money allocated (Cost 850,00)
 - E) Aqueduct Lands still in the design stage, no start date
- VIII) I will speak with the Web site Committee about placing the monthly events the St. James Recreation Center is providing to the community on our web site
- IX) Meeting adjournment