



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



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**PARKS & RECREATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 @ 6:30 PM**

- I) Attendees were as follows:
  - A) Members: William Francis, Barbara Stronczer, Yvette Page, Margaret Mack, Lisa Sills-Short
  - B) Guests: Lowell Green, Helene Hartman, Eileen Markey, Elizabeth Quaranta, Jennifer Beaugrand, Gal Lavid, Nat Henz, Mary Vallati, Doug Condit, Elizabeth Thompson
- II) Parks Committee voted to approve sending a letter of support for the Botanical Gardens' new Bedford Park entrance.
- III) The committee approved sending a letter supporting The Friends of the Williamsbridge Oval application for a Citizen's Committee of NY grant for buy several of those dispensers for dog waste bags. The rec. center plumbing contractor is in default and sending a letter to Parks asking that they do whatever is possible to get a new bid and contractor so that the construction of the center can be completed.
- IV) The Park's report was given by Parks Manager G. Lavid:
  - A) Harris Park is schedule to open in the fall of 2012. The dog run is now in the requirements contract stage and construction should begin soon.
  - B) The Parks Dept. is holding a ribbon-cutting to celebrate the completion of the Playground/picnic/basketball court renovation. It is Tuesday Nov. 15 at 11 am.
  - C) Poe Cottage is now open but there are no events at the visitors' center, only the restrooms are open.
  - D) The Parks Dept. has removed the trash cans from Aqueduct Walk due to illegal dumping, but now the trash is being dumped on the ground. We will have a follow-up conversation with PM Lavid on this issue.
  - E) The number of park workers (JTP) is still at 25 but more reductions planned. We should expect a very challenging winter season.
  - F) The Aqueduct Walk renovation is still in the planning stage, no further information can be given at this time.
- V) The tree lighting event is moving along, we need a Santa Clause and are looking for donations to defray the cost.
- VI) Motion #1: The Parks' Committee recommends the sending of a letter of support to the Dept. of Design and Construction for the construction of a new entrance gate on the property of the Botanical Garden's at Bedford Park Blvd and Southern Blvd.
- VII) Meeting adjourned