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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 2, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Attendance sheet: In File
- II. Parks' Department Report by Tannise Palmer, Parks' Manager:
 - A. Answered questions from the committee. She stated that the parks in CB#7 would get daily garbage pick-up. She also gave the summer of 2013 as the opening date for the recreation center at the Oval. In the meantime "porta potties" would be installed
 - B. The following requests were made:
 - i. More trash cans opposite 200 E. Mosholu Pkwy. South
 - ii. A supply of mulch for the north side of the Parkway between Webster and Hull Avenue
 - iii. Better equipment (new brooms) for the clean-up at the Oval for Parks' workers
 - iv. Attention to the problems with metal gratings around trees at Whalen Park and in front of PS 340
 - v. Help with a street tree which raised the sidewalk on Bainbridge Ave. between 198th and 199th Streets
 - C. Ms. Palmer announced that all the trees in the CB#7 area had been pruned
- III. Friends of Mosholu Parkway Update Report by Elizabeth Quaronta:
 - A. Gave an update on her work with the Friends of Mosholu Parkway. The organization is now incorporated. She distributed newly created brochures for the organization and asked for volunteers. A request was made for a path to run from the north side of the Parkway west of Bainbridge Avenue
- IV. PEP Squad:
 - A. The PEP Squad received 81 new hires city wide. There will now be 13 officers located in the Bronx who will rotate assignments to all the borough parks. A request for a walk-through of the Oval and Mosholu Parkway by the police and a PEP Squad member was made. The problem with dog walkers who refuse to pick-up after their pets was discussed
- V. Construction:
 - A. Construction projects on the World War I Monument and the Aqueduct Walk were started. A request to change the plans for Whalen Park was made by Bill Francis. Since the library is in the process of upgrading their outdoor area, it was felt that the space provided for them at Whalen should be used for both a sitting area and a larger play area for children
- VI. VI. Consultant Contracts:



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- A. Mr. Francis announced that the committee was proposing 3 consultant contracts to educate community residents on the care of the parkland. The three sites proposed are St. James Park, Mosholu Parkway, and Williamsbridge Oval. Tannise Palmer requested more information on the project and reminded the committee that our area does not have a gardener and all work would have to be done by volunteers
- VII. Old Business:
 - A. "No Barbecuing" Signs are needed in the parks before Memorial Day weekend
- VIII. New Business:
 - A. Summer activities in the park include movies at the Oval and a camp for youngsters at St. James Park. Parks' staff will also do recreational activities in many of the parks
- IX. Adjournment