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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 23, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Attendance: See sign-in sheet (in file)
- II. Van Cortlandt Park Master Plan:
 - A. Mr. Charles McKinney from the New York City Parks' Dept. gave an overview of the master plan. The plan will include two new pedestrian bridges, a land bridge over the Major Deegan Expressway, an improved Putnam Trail, a new playground, and many additional features. It would also provide an enclosed recreational center at the Shandler Field area.
 - B. Since time did not permit a more detailed report, Mr. McKinney promised to return in the future in hopes of obtaining a letter of support for the Master Plan. Funding for the plan has not as yet been established and federal money may be sought.
- III. Putnam Trail:
 - A. Representatives who are advocating to keep the trail unpaved were not able to attend the meeting. They plan to address their cause at a future meeting
- IV. Tree Replacement:
 - A. Ms. Patricia Ferguson introduced herself as the new Manager for our district. She is replacing Tannise Palmer who is on maternity leave. Ms. Ferguson has many years of experience with the Parks' Dept. Complaints were addressed regarding the removal of trees along Mosholu Parkway and neighboring streets. Huge tree stumps remain and are a safety hazard for the area. Promises of tree replacement have yet to materialize. Ms. Ferguson pointed out that trunk removal is a separate contract. A list of these sites will be forwarded to Ms. Ferguson
- IV. Park Maintenance:
 - A. Ms. Ferguson described her staff for the summer months. She will have an additional supervisor and two garbage trucks for pick-up. It was announced that Mosholu Parkway would become a Safe Zone in the fall. She was asked to install "No Barbecuing" signs along Mosholu Parkway prior to Memorial Day weekend
 - B. Ms. Ferguson was thanked for the beautiful flower display at the World War I Monument.
- V. Community Events:
 - A. Doug Condit of the Friends of Williamsbridge Oval reported on the very successful Easter egg hunt which was held on 4/19
 - B. A Whalen Park clean-up was announced for 4/26
 - C. A clean-up by the Friends of Mosholu Parkland was announced for 4/27
- VI. The meeting ended at 8:00PM. The next Parks' Committee meeting is scheduled for May 28th