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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Attendance: Sign-in sheet in file
- II. Van Cortlandt Park Master Plan:
 - A. Charles McKinney, a Parks' Urban Planner, reviewed the projects, which would be included in the CB#7 area of the Park. These improvements included an indoor recreation area at Shandler, additional basketball courts, subway station improvements at the #4 Woodlawn Station, and a pedestrian bridge over Mosholu Parkway. The total master plan will cost approximately \$160 million and will take 20 years to complete
 - B. **MOTION:**
 1. The Parks Committee recommends that the board support the Master Plan for Van Cortlandt Park with the proviso that once funding is obtained for any of the projects in the plan, the Parks ` Dept. will return to the board with a more detailed scope of work for our approval
- III. "Back in the Day of Poe Park:"
 - A. Bridget Bertolini was unable to attend our meeting to discuss this event which will be held at Poe Park on June 21st. Further details will be forthcoming
- IV. Illegal Barbecuing:
 - A. The Parks' Dept. has posted 6 signs along the Parkway. The need for more signs was discussed. Requests for more signage will be sent to Valerie Davis. Inspector Hofmann was praised for the police presence on the Parkway over Memorial Day weekend and their communication with the groups who wanted to barbecue
- V. The need for more enforcement of the dog waste law along the Aqueduct Walk was discussed. A request for a container to hold plastic bags for dog waste was made.
- VI. Update on new projects:
 - A. Bryan Park:
 1. The park is currently under construction. Work is anticipated to be completed on or about August 1, 2014
 - B. Whalen Park:
 1. Plans are in the design phase and should be coming to the board during the fall of 2014
 - C. Poe Park:
 1. \$380,000 has been appropriated by the City Council for the renovation of the cottage. Work will include making the cottage handicapped accessible and improving the landscaping. The plan is going into the design phase
 2. A request for the update on the plan to convert several tennis courts at St. James Park to a soccer and volleyball area was made. Ms. Davis promised to have a report for the next meeting
- VII. Maintenance:
 - A. Valerie Davis from Commissioner Aponte's office addressed the following issues:



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1. Garbage pick-up: During the summer, garbage will be picked up on a daily basis
 2. Additional trash containers were requested
 3. Although grass cutting has been good, there is a need for weed whackers were the mowers cannot reach a site
 4. A request for Parks' to clean the area west of Jerome on Mosholu Parkway North prior to the farmer's market each Wed. was made
 5. The need for daily sweeping along the sidewalk adjacent to the PS 8 playground was discussed. Ms. Davis promised a full time staff person for the playground as well as a staff person responsible for Mosholu Parkway
- VIII. Tree Replacement: New trees along the Parkway were promised to replace those which were recently cut down
- IX. Williamsbridge Oval:
- A. A request was made to repair the collapsed stairs at the Putnam Entrance to Williamsbridge Oval. The need for more plantings to replace those that were inadvertently destroyed by Parks' employees was also made
- X. The next Parks' meeting is scheduled for Wed. June 25th at 6:30 PM
- XI. The meeting ended at 8:00PM