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### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

### **Tuesday, October 29, 2014 @ 6:30 PM**

I. Attendance: See sign-in sheet in file

II. Bench Repairs:

- A. Ms. Ferguson reported that additional benches would be removed from the South side of Mosholu Parkway. A survey had been conducted by the Chief of Operations. She was not aware of any immediate plans to restore the benches, which have been removed for safety reasons.

III. Farmer's Market on Jerome Ave:

- A. Ms. Ferguson reported that sales of produce were done on a daily basis. The Parks' Committee reported that the original farmer's market was given a permit for only Wednesdays. Ms. Ferguson reported that the vendor, not Parks' was responsible for clean-up. She would forward a copy of the permit to us.

IV. Preliminary Plans for Construction:

- A. St. James Park Tennis Court Conversion to Soccer Area:
  1. Spring 2015 for start of construction
- B. Whalen Park:
  1. Design to be completed in summer of 2015

V. Snow Removal Plans for District:

- A. Areas of concern in the district were pointed out to Ms. Ferguson. The district has recently purchased a new plow and will be ready for the winter

VI. Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony:

- A. The lighting of the tree will take place on Thursday, Dec. 11th at 6:00P.M. Ms. Ferguson was reminded of last year's problems with the generator for the Wenger Wagon

VII. New Trees:

- A. As a result of the removal of many trees for the construction of the filtration plant, Boards 7 and 8 will be getting 513 new trees. The trees will be planted in open areas and not on sidewalks. CB#7 should see new trees being planted on Mosholu Parkway and in Williamsbridge Oval



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VIII. Oliver Place and Decatur Avenue:

A. A letter to Commissioner Aponte requesting that Parks' take over the area on Oliver Place between Decatur and Marion Avenues was circulated to the committee. The area is currently under the jurisdiction of DOT. The committee would like to see a green space developed at this location

1. **MOTION:** The Parks' Committee recommends that a letter be sent to Commissioner Aponte requesting that the Parks' Department take over the management of Oliver Place between Decatur and Marion Avenues

IX. Long Range Projects:

A. The request of the Long Range Planning Committee was discussed. It was suggested that a project, which the board would like to see considered is the renovation of the Harlem Waterfront. Regatta Park has been an area of concern for this board for many years

X. The following areas of concern were addressed by committee members and community residents:

- A. The large number of lights, which are not operable at Harris Field. The committee was told that they are the responsibility of DOT
- B. The condition of the sitting area at Mosholu Parkway So. and Marion Avenue
- C. The need for the replacement of trees at Williamsbridge Oval and Mosholu Parkway

XI. Next meeting:

A. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the next Parks' Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

XII. The meeting ended at 8:10 P.M.