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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Attendance: See sign-in sheet
- II) Representatives from DOT, DEP, Parks' and Councilman Torres' office attended the meeting to follow-up on the vacant site at Decatur Ave. and Oliver Place. Keith Kalb, from DOT announced that a fence would be in place at the site by MAY 1ST. Both DOT and Community Board 7 will have a key to the site. Mr. Sojar, representing DEP did not have the information regarding the sewer connection which runs under this site. The location of the piping would determine what could be placed on the site. Larry Scoones, Chief of Operations for the Parks' Dept. announced that his agency did not have the funding for a project at this location. Ron Jordan, representing Councilman Torres was asked to have the lot cleaned by Wildcat as soon as the fencing and lock were in place.

In order to determine the options available for the site, information from DEP is necessary

A) Motion 1:

- 1) The Parks Committee recommends that the board send a letter to the Department of Environmental Protection requesting information on their infrastructure at Oliver Place and Decatur Ave. We are also requesting an estimate for rerouting the infrastructure

It was also brought to our attention that two home owners had encroached on City property at this location. In order to ascertain the exact nature of the encroachment, the committee recommends:

B) Motion 2:

- 1) The Parks Committee recommends that the board send a letter to the Department of Transportation requesting an assessment of private property encroachments on City property at Oliver Place

In order to improve the appearance of the area and to establish some type of recreational use for the lot, DOT was asked if a community group could use the site for passive recreation. DOT asked that a proposal be written by a group for their review

III) Follow-up Items:

- A) Mr. Scoones promised that the appropriate signage for the World War I Monument would be installed
- B) Pillar Repairs: The two pillars, which were heavily damaged as a result of an auto accident, will be repaired during the summer
- C) Stump removal: A list of sites is needed
- D) Tree cutting and replacement is ongoing at the Oval
- E) New Benches on Mosholu Parkway: Dustin will set up a date for a park walk with a representative from Parks'. Sites for "No Barbecuing" signs will also be determined on the walk.



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A resident from Knox Place complained about the illegal barbecuing along West Gun Hill Road in the southern end of Van Cortlandt Park.

Mr. Scoones was asked to explore the use of the area behind the Allerton Ball fields (French Charlie's) as a barbecue site. The site is not near any apartment buildings or homes. Everyone was encouraged to attend the Town Hall meeting scheduled for Wed. April 29th to discuss community priorities for Mosholu Parkway.

IV) The meeting ended at 8:10 PM.