

## THE CITY OF NEW YORK

## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES Wednesday, May 27, 2015 @ 6:30 P.M.

- I) Attendance sheet in file
- II) Summer Maintenance:
  - A) Patricia Ferguson, the Parks' Manager, reported on both stationary and roving crews that she is using for maintenance
  - B) There were many complaints from residents present regarding illegal barbecuing and the trash left by these groups
  - C) The need to enforce the rules regarding a permit for large groups was discussed
  - D) The Oval, Mosholu Parkway and the southern end of Van Cortlandt Park along Gun Hill Road have been hit with illegal activities, excessive noise, and mounds of trash
  - E) While some attendees felt the need for a designated barbecue area, it was decided that a meeting would be called with the NYPD, PEP, and the Parks' Dept.

## III) Park Walk:

- A) The park walk recently taken with Mr. Scoones was discussed. "No Barbecuing" signs have been installed. We are waiting for the installation of additional benches along the Parkway
- IV) Dog Run at St. James Park:
- A) Yini Montilla, a resident of Kingsbridge presented the need for a dog run at St. James Park. As done in the past, she was asked to get a petition to submit to CB#7 and her local Councilperson V) Follow-up:
  - A) Skate Park at the Oval:
    - 1) An initial scoping session was well attended by residents and skaters. A follow-up meeting is planned in the near future
  - B) Oliver Place Property:
    - 1) A letter requesting information from DEP concerning the infrastructure at this site has been sent. Once we receive the necessary information, we shall discuss viable options
  - C) Mosholu Parkway Town Hall Meeting:
    - 1) Results of the suggestions made at this meeting are still being compiled by Councilman Cohen's office. Once obtained, they will be discussed at a future meeting
- VI) The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Patricia Ferguson requested a change in the meeting night in order to avoid a conflict with CB#8's meeting
- VII) The meeting ended at 8:10 PM.