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## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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

### **Wednesday, October 14, 2015 @ 7:15 PM**

- I. Review of Budget Priorities:
  - a. The meeting opened with a review of the budget priorities for 2017
  - b. Two items, which were in construction or completed were removed. They were numbers 16 and 30. In their place we added the repair of the stone pillars along Mosholu Parkway So. and North and the repair of the stairs at Williamsbridge Oval
- II. Presentation regarding Van Cortlandt Park by Margot Perron:
  - a. Margot Perron, the Administrator of Van Cortlandt Park presented a proposal for a new barbecue area along Jerome Ave. just north of Gun Hill Rd. The area along Gun Hill Rd. just west of Jerome Ave will be reseeded and off limits for barbecuing
  - b. Ms. Perron also discussed a proposal for a methane converter to harness energy from dog poop. The proposal will be presented at a future meeting
- III. New Borough Commissioner, Iris Rodriguez-Rosa:
  - a. The new Borough Commissioner, Iris Rodriguez Rosa attended the meeting and took maintenance complaints regarding Williamsbridge Oval and Mosholu Parkway. She promised to get information on the replacement of new benches for Mosholu Parkway  
Final plans for the skate park at the Oval would be coming to CB#7 in the very near future. The repair of the north stairwell at the Oval would also be started within the next two weeks.
- IV. Tree Lighting:
  - a. Plans are being made for the holiday tree lighting. The date will be set in the near future.
- V. Adopt a Park:
  - a. The borough commissioner promised to obtain more information on how the Dept. of Highways gets sponsors to clean various roads. With the reduction in Parks' workers, obtaining sponsors for the parks in CB#7 may be a solution
- VI. Mosholu Walk by the Traffic & Transportation Committee Chair:
  - a. The recent walk along Mosholu Parkway taken by the Traffic and Transportation committee recommended a reduction of the speed limit on the Parkway and the addition of a traffic light between East Van Cortlandt Ave. and Bainbridge Ave. The Parks' committee was in favor of this proposal



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- VII. Ratings for Parks:
- a. Ratings for the parks in CB#7 were conducted by "New Yorkers for Parks". Parks in Council District 11 were rated as 76% acceptable while those in District 14 were rated as 71% acceptable. The City average is 86%
- VIII. Next Meeting:
- a. Due to Veteran's Day, the next Parks' Committee meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 P.M.
- IX. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.