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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, December 9th, 2020
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leury Acosta <input type="checkbox"/> Tasha Andrews <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daisy Perry <input type="checkbox"/> Gwen Thomas-Steed
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

- I) Introductions**
- II) Review of previous minutes**
 - a) The minutes from the November meeting were approved.**
- III) Follow-up from previous month**
 - a) The over-growth along the sidewalk on Bailey Avenue was discussed. Joe Magneri, the Parks' Manager reported the issue and stated it would be addressed when time and staff were available.**
- IV) New Business**
 - a) Tree Lighting on Mosholu Parkway: The tree was lit without any type of a community event due to Covid 19. Friends of Devoe Park are planning to have a tree lighting on Dec. 17th.**
 - b) Snow /Ice Removal Plan: No official plan was presented. It was requested to give preference to areas near train and bus stops.**

These included:

 - 1) Jerome Avenue and Mosholu Parkway**
 - 2) Jerome Avenue adjacent to St. James Park**
 - 3) Sidewalks adjacent to Devoe Park**



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- 4) Sidewalks around Frisch Field leading to the Metro North Station**
- c) Lighting at the World War I Monument on Mosholu Parkway: Joe Magneri promised to check the site and follow-up with a work order.**
- d) Removal of the Hornet’s Nest at the Oval’s Holt Place Entrance: Joe Magneri promised to address the problem.**
- e) Fordham Landing Park: There is a need for some repair or rehabilitation work at this park. Joe asked for a list of problem areas. Some items may be able to be completed “in house” by the Parks’ Dept. Friends of Devoe promised to check out the area and report back at our next meeting. Since the park is under-utilized, Ms. Bravo suggested contacting the homeless shelter in the area to encourage the residents to use the park for baseball/softball games.**
- f) Status of Dog Run at Devoe Park: Joe Magneri, promised to find out the status of the construction project and report back to us next month.**
- g) Stephanie Ehrlich, the administrator of Van Cortlandt Park reported on various projects near completion or in construction. These included Indian Field and the shower area at the Woodlawn Playground.**
- h) Additional Issues: Neighborhood residents who attended the meeting asked to have the following addressed:**
 - 1) Removal of a motorcycle chained to a tree in front of the Webster House.**
 - 2) Dumping of garbage is a major problem at Aqueduct Walk.**
 - 3) Overgrown weeds also need to be cut to improve the safety of pedestrians walking through the area.**
- V) Next meeting date: Wednesday, January 13th at 6:30 P.M.**
- VI) Discussion on next agenda**



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VII) Adjournment – The meeting ended at 7:20 P.M.