



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK**  
**BOROUGH OF THE BRONX**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



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ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

## PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, February 10, 2021</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Via Zoom Video/Teleconference</b>
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Barbara Stronczer</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Leurys Acosta</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Tasha Andrews</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Betty Arce</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Daisy Perry</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed</b>
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>

**Minutes:**

- I) Introductions**
- II) Review of previous minutes**
  - a) The minutes from the January meeting were approved.**
- III) Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)**
- IV) New Business**
  - a) A Community Input meeting on renovations for Frisch Field was announced. The viral meeting will be held on Wed. February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Interested individuals must register prior to the meeting date.**
  - b) Pilar Maschi from the “Catalyst Program” of the City Parks Foundation reported on the work she has done to organize “Friends” groups in both Devoe Park and at the Aqueduct Walk. She spoke about how she flyered buildings to obtain interested residents to join her groups for the purpose of improving their local parks. She discussed the diversity of people using these two parks and the resources needed to see some improvements. Her 311 campaign worked to record many problems in the parks. Her success was also demonstrated by the number of attendees at our meeting from these two parks. She also expressed an interest in helping residents organize a ‘Friends’ group at St. James Park.**



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- c) **Rat Problem at Jerome Ave. and Mosholu Parkway North:** Residents have reported the sighting of rats in this area. Joe Magneri, the Parks' Manager was asked to get the area baited.
- d) **Repairs Needed at Fordham Landing:** Toby Byford reported on the condition of the park. She noted that many sports could be played at this park. She promised to forward photos. A water condition in the outfield around a sewer cap was noted. The closing of stairs, which had been used in the past as an entrance to the park, was also noted. Mr. Magneri was asked to try to have the entrance re-opened.
- e) **Snow Removal:** The Parks' Manager was asked to salt/sand the area along Bainbridge Ave. and Mosholu Parkway and along the sidewalk around Frisch Field. A complaint about Devoe Park being locked during the day was also addressed. It was thought the reason was icy conditions.
- f) **Budget Responses:** The City's answers to our budget requests were reviewed. The agency agreed with our expense requests but was not sure of any funding. Most of the items in our capital budget were answered with "funds not available," consult your council member or the borough president. Residents at the meeting were told that many of our capital requests for parks have come from the local councilperson's budget and now that they have formed groups working as volunteers in the parks, they should not hesitate to meet with their councilperson.
- g) **Other:** Issues raised were as follows:
  - 1) The lettering on the new signage in the parks was considered too small and confusing to read.
  - 2) A resident asked to have the "NO Barbecuing" signs secured better when installing. It was asked that they be cemented in place.
  - 3) Joe Magneri was thanked for having the lighting repaired at the WWI Monument on Mosholu Parkway.
  - 4) Work on the dog run at Devoe Park will begin soon.

V) **Next meeting date: Wednesday, March 10**



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**VI) Discussion on next agenda**

- a) At the next Parks' meeting, Joe was asked to give a report on proposed staffing for the spring and summer seasons.

**VII) Adjournment**