



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



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## PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 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>Betty Arce</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Tasha Andrews</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Daisy Perry</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>GwenThomas-Steed</b>
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>

**Minutes:**

- I) **Introductions**
- II) **Review of previous minutes**
  - a) **The minutes from the February 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 well attended. A suggestion by one of the leagues present was to use the outfield for soccer and football. Parks’ will now work on initial designs for the field. Drainage problems must also be corrected.**
  - b) **Removal of the tree over-growth along Bailey Ave to 225<sup>th</sup> Street is still needed. Joe Magneri, the Parks’ Manager promised to have forestry take care of the issue. Tree removal by developers was also discussed. A new tree at 2519 Creston Ave. was requested. Problems with fallen trees and branches in a lot owned by NY State along Sedgwick and Cedar Avenues were also pointed out.**
  - c) **New Benches: Requests for new benches must be submitted in the capital outlay budget. Newer benches have dividers to accommodate more people and discourage sleeping on the benches. A request for additional benches at Devoe Park was made.**



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- d) Spring/Summer Staffing: The pools will be open this summer. Seasonal hires for park maintenance are still uncertain. Interviews, however, are currently taking place with the hope there will be some additional hiring for this summer.**
- e) During April's meeting it is planned to invite police, PEP, and the Parks' Managers from Districts 5 and 7. Since there were numerous issues last summer in the parks, it was thought that a meeting of the agencies concerned would be helpful for local residents who often do not know whom to contact when problems arise.**
- f) Other:**
- 1) Victor Santana discussed the coordination and sharing of ideas among Devoe Park, Aqueduct Walk and University Woods. An initial clean-up is planned for Sat. March `13<sup>th</sup>. A calendar of events for April, May and June has also been created. University Woods will be part of a pilot project for clean-ups to be held twice a month.**
  - 2) Fordham Landing: Toby Byford asked that the park not be forgotten. Joe Magneri promised to check on whether or not the entrance along the stairs could again be used. The park was added to a city-wide list to become a possible candidate for a clean-up by a corporation or company which encourages its employees to do community projects.**
  - 3) A question regarding when the Recreation Centers would open was presented. A request to have a representative from the Forestry Department attend one of our future meetings was also made. Joe Magneri suggested the committee put the request in writing.**
  - 4) Continual problems with the district packer were discussed.**
  - 5) The unsightly nature of the corral set up on Mosholu Parkway and the added burden to Parkway staff were pointed out.**



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**6) Zoom Yoga classes are being conducted at Williamsbridge Oval. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:00 AM.**

- V) Next meeting date: Wednesday, April 14**
- VI) Discussion on next agenda**
- VII) Adjournment**