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**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, April 14, 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>	<b>✓ Barbara Stronczer    ___ Leurys Acosta    ✓ Betty Arce ✓ Tasha Andrews    ✓ Daisy Perry    ✓ Gwen 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 March meeting were approved.**
- III) **Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)**
  - a) **Problems with garbage pick-up due to an inoperable packer were discussed. Joe Magneri, the manager announced the arrival of a new packer for District 7. It will be put into use immediately**
- IV) **New Business**
  - a) **Public Art Project for Poe Park: Elizabeth Masella, representing Art in the Parks, introduced Neil Hamamoto from Worthless Studios' Plywood Protection Project, a not for profit which helps struggling artist get their work shown. The project for Poe Park will consist of 8 plywood sculptures on which photos of protesters from last summers' demonstrations will be mounted. A substance from which graffiti can be easily removed will protect the photos. The work will be installed throughout the park on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and will remain in place through October.**
  - b) **Dog Run at Devoe Park: Work on the dog run has begun. It should be completed in one year. A resident complained about the lack of knowledge regarding this project in the community.**



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**He requested a meeting to determine how the dog run would be operating at Devoe. Park**

- c) Corral on Mosholu Parkway: Complaints have been received regarding the location of the corral and the infrequent pick-up of trash from this location. It was suggested that Parks' locate another area on the Parkway, which is not so visible. Joe Magneri claimed the corral was needed due to dumping on the Parkway.**
- d) St. James Park: Two cleanups are planned for the park. One will take place on April 24, and the other on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-1:00. It is hoped a "Friends Group" for St. James will be started as a result of these cleanups.**
- e) Summer Concerns: Residents and the "Friends" of local parks expressed concerns regarding possible illegal activities and quality of life issues in the parks this summer. Representatives from PEP, the Police and the District Managers from both 7&5 attended the meeting. Capt. Sanchez from PEP announced that their numbers for the summer are 62 officers for the Bronx. They work 24/7 and can be reached at #646-613-1200. Summonses will be issued when necessary. Joe Magneri pointed out that permits would not be issued for Mosholu Parkway. Clinton Johnson, the manager for Devoe Park and District 5 stated that no permits for Bingo would be issued. Local residents objected to the lack of cleanup from partygoers at Devoe. A similar situation was reported for Williambridge Oval where partygoers command benches, decorate, and do not cleanup after their events.**
  - 1) Community Affairs Officer Echevarria spoke about the good relationship the Police have with PEP. His department has confiscated stereos, and mopeds from use in the parks. All suggested logging problems with 311 before any other action is taken.**
  - 2) On a positive note, 250 seasonal park workers are being hired for summer work in the Bronx. A grass cutting team will also be organized.**



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**f) Other issues discussed during the meeting included:**

- 1) The loss of 3 benches at Devoe Park.**
  - 2) The need for Kiosks along Aqueduct Walk**
  - 3) Use of a vacant lot at 3313 Perry Ave.**
  - 4) Park cleanups for Devoe on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>**
- V) Next meeting date: Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.**
- VI) Discussion on next agenda**
- VII) Adjournment**