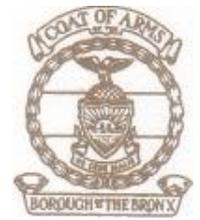




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Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

Chair	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	October 10 th , 2018
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nora Feury <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Royer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed
Minutes Done By:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

- I. Review of last month's minutes**
- II. Introductions**
 - a) The meeting opened with introductions. Commissioner Iris Rodriquez and Councilman Cohen were in attendance
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
 - a) A follow-up of maintenance issues addressed last month was discussed. Almost all of the issues were taken care of by Manager Joe Magneri.
- IV. New Business**
 - a) Frisch Field: Plans to rehabilitate the field were discussed. Frisch is underutilized by teams, and with the residential development along Webster Avenue, is needed as an area for active sports. Councilman Cohen is willing to fund the work up to 5 million dollars. He asked the Commissioner to draw up an estimate of what work can be completed for that amount of funding. Commissioner Rodriquez promised to provide the estimate by the end of this year. The field would be used as a multi-purpose area to include softball, soccer, and volleyball as well as other field sports.
 - b) New Maintenance Issues: Other areas needing work included:
 - 1. Cutting or whacking of curb grass on Botanical Square North along the outfield of Frisch Field and along the entrance to Mosholu Parkway just north of the Webster House.
 - 2. Dangerous hole located along the north side of Mosholu along between Webster and Decatur Avenues. (along westbound lanes)
 - 3. Cutting of over growth along East Van Cortlandt Ave. at center grassy area.



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- c) **Ice/Snow Removal:** Requests were made to plow from north to south along the cross streets of Mosholu Parkway. Park areas around subway stations were also included. E.g. Whalen Park and the area around the #4 Mosholu subway station. Questions regarding the timing for snow clearance were addressed.
- d) A meeting to plan the **Annual Tree Lighting** ceremony will be held on Tues. Oct. 16th at the community board office. The meeting will take place at 10:30. All are welcome.
- e) **Park Events:**
 - 1. Oct. 13th-Bulb Planting at the Oval 10:00-1:00PM.
 - 2. Oct. 27th "It's My Park Day on Mosholu Parkway 10:00-12:30.
 - 3. Angel Gerena, the Assistant Director of Recreation at St. James Park listed the many youth and adult events at the Center. Outreach to veterans for a reduced fee of \$25 per year is underway. Sarah Bishow, the Director of the Recreation Center at Williamsbridge Oval detailed her events for the upcoming weeks. Halloween activities and a Shakespearian play were highlighted.
- f) Zachah Garman, from the School of Public Health at CUNY asked for the board's support for proposed legislation regarding community gardens. The bill is Int 1059-2018. She was asked to provide more information and a copy of the bill for the committee.
- g) **Devoe Park:** Commissioner Rodriquez explained the rationale behind placing Devoe under the jurisdiction of the manager of district 5. Joe Magneri promised to communicate all our needs concerning the park to Clinton Johnson, the manager of district 5. Gregory Faulkner, representing Councilman Cabrera stated that the Councilman is very interested in improving conditions at Devoe. The need for the rehabilitation of the basketball courts was pointed out as a prime concern. Erosion control and other maintenance issues also need attention.

V. Next month's meeting date: Wednesday, November 4th

VI. Discussion on next month's agenda

VII. Adjournment – The meeting ended at 7:40 PM.