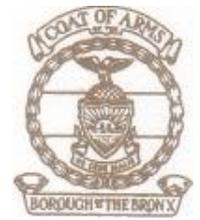




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## Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

<b>Chair</b>	Barbara Stronczer
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Thursday, November 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance)</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed
<b>Minutes Done By:</b>	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) A presentation by DDC on the final design for the Van Cortlandt Park Pedestrian Bridge was postponed. Plans were sent but pictures of the final design were not included.
  - b) Frisch Field: A neighborhood league began using the field this fall. The league has a girls’ softball team and a boys’ baseball team. Plans to rehab the field for several sports were discussed. One resident objected to the addition of other sports.
  - c) Plans for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony were updated. Students from PS 20 and the Academy of Mt. St. Ursula will be singing. The event on Dec. 6th will be in place of our monthly meeting.
  - d) Contracts: Joe Magneri, the Parks’ Manager promised to follow-up on the status of the new boiler for the Webster House. Fencing for Devoe Park is in progress. There was no update for Kossuth Playground.
  - e) Intro 1058: Sasha Zachah Koufalis, a community resident and graduate student requested our support of this bill which is before the City Council Committee on Land Use. The bill requires the Dept. of City Planning to



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develop an urban agriculture plan to address land use policy for the purpose of encouraging urban agriculture in the City. It is felt the plan would expand the availability of healthy food in low-income neighborhoods, provide education on local food production, and establish jobs in the field of agriculture. The following motion was passed by the committee.

f) **Motion:**

1. A letter be sent to Councilman Rafael Salamanca, stating that A tally of the crimes committed in the district parks since the start of 2018 was given. A request for knowledge of the location of the 4 crimes on Mosholu was made.

g) Trees: Several matters concerning the Forestry Division of Parks were raised. The removal of dead trees, stumps, and the method used to classify dangerous trees are all issues, which need further clarification. The committee will try to get a representative from the Forestry Division to a future meeting.

h) Sarah Bishow, the Executive Director of the Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center announced upcoming events. They include a Literacy Day on Thurs. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM and a Winter Wonderland celebration on Sat. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:30 PM. Volunteers are needed for these events.

i) Everyone was urged to attend the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**V. Next month's meeting date:** Wednesday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**VI. Discussion on next month's agenda**

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