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**BOROUGH OF THE BRONX**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



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**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

<b>Chair:</b>	Barbara Stronczer
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Wednesday, May 12th, 2019
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Bronx Community Board 7   229-A East 204 <sup>th</sup> St.   Bronx, NY 10458
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed
<b>Minutes Done By:</b>	Barbara Stronczer

**Minutes:**

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month's minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
- IV. New Business**
  - a. Staffing: Joe Magneri, the Parks' Manager announced an increase of 3 more
  - b. CSA's. Seasonal workers will be cutting grass on Mosholu Parkway. 2 seasonals have been assigned to the Oval. PEP officers have been assigned to Devoe Park on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. St. James and the Oval also have a PEP officer assigned to their Recreation Centers.
  - c. Williamsbridge Oval Skate Park: The cement on the skate park has cracked and must be removed and replaced by the contractor. The work should take approximately 4 to 5 months.
  - d. Oliver Place Lot: A not for profit, the Bridge Arts Group, is interested in using the lot for a community garden. The lot has been the source of illegal dumping and drug use for many years. CB#7 will try to arrange a meeting with the group and DOT to reach this goal.
  - e. Southeast Corner of Van Cortlandt Park: The construction at this site is for the building of a new golf house. Lynn Pyle, a former member of the Croton Filtration Advisory Council has asked to see the plans for this structure. Some trees in the area will be removed for this construction. The Parks' Committee will reach out to Stephanie Thayer, the Deputy Administrator of Van Cortlandt Park to request a meeting to discuss this issue.
  - f. Enforcement of Rules in District Parks: Two members of the PEP Squad in addition to Crystal Revron, the Community Affairs Officer from the 52<sup>nd</sup> Precinct, discussed plans for the enforcement of illegal activities and quality of life issues. PEP has been reduced from 54 officers to 34 in the Bronx. Several residents from the north side of Mosholu Parkway attended the meeting to complain about illegal dumping, loud music, drug use, and barbecuing along the Parkway. PEP will try to visit the area during the summer. P.O. Reveron discussed the problem of escalating encounters when one attempts to halt the barbecues. It was suggested to call 311 when problems arise. After much discussion, the officers promised to do whatever is possible with their limited staff.
  - g. Garbage Receptacles: The lack of a sufficient number of garbage receptacles in the parks was discussed. Joe Magneri, the manager promised to have additional receptacles in place in two weeks.



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- h. Jennifer Gomez, representing Grow NYC-Youth Market, encouraged everyone to visit the Green Market located at Gun Hill Road and DeKalb Ave. The market is open on Thursday s from 10:00AM-5:00PM.
  - i. Activities in the Parks' for June were highlighted. They include:
    - 1. The Opera at the Oval: June 15<sup>th</sup>-4:00PM
    - 2. Movies at the Oval: June 18<sup>th</sup> - 8:00PM
    - 3. FOMP Garden Festival: June 22<sup>nd</sup> at PS 8 Playground- 12:00PM
    - 4. Community Resource Fair at Poe Park: June 29<sup>th</sup> –12:00PM
  - j. The following issues were brought to Joe Magneri's attention:
    - 1. Trimming of the shrubs at Tracey Tower's triangle
    - 2. Rat abatement on the north side of the Webster House
    - 3. Illegal dumping along Mosholu Parkway North from Webster to Hull Avenues.
    - 4. Locking of Devoe Park every evening
    - 5. Infield clay for Frisch Field and the unlocking of the field for community access
- V. Discussion on next month's agenda**
- VI. Next month's meeting date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019
- VII. Adjournment** – The meeting ended at 7:45 PM.