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Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

Chair	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	September 12 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 type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Hunter <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**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
- IV. New Business**

a) After introductions and a welcome to the Bronx Borough Commissioner Iris Rodriquez, a review of the status of the committees’ budget requests was given. Commissioner Rodriquez had reviewed and commented on these requests over the summer. (See attached sheet). The committee decided to make the following adjustments:

- 1. Remove #3 on the latest update: the handball wall has been completed.
- 2. Add the reconstruction/rehab of the bicycle path/ Green Street to the items under Mosholu Parkway rehabilitation.

b) Kirsten Myhr, representing the New York City Parks Dept. gave a presentation on a proposed dog run for Devoe Park. The run would be constructed at the Fordham Road entrance to the park close to Webb and Sedgwick Avenues. The dog run will consist of two separate areas. Small dogs will utilize one. (19 sq. feet) and the second area for larger pets will be on the other side of the entrance area. (24 sq.). The project will cost \$6000, 000. Councilman Cabrera is funding the project. After several questions, the committee unanimously approved the scope of work for this project.

1. **MOTION:** The Parks’ Committee approves the plans for the creation of a dog run at Devoe Park.

c) Problems with grass cutting on the green streets were discussed. Needing attention are: Bryan Park, the islands on the Grand Concourse from



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Kingsbridge Road to Mosholu Parkway, Van Cortlandt Ave. East, and Tracey Towers. Joe Magneri, the manager promised to give the sites his attention.

- d) The removal of the fallen branches on Mosholu Parkway and behind the tennis courts at the Oval will also be done in the near future.
- e) Sarah Bishow, the Director of the Recreation Center at Williamsbridge Oval discussed her upcoming activities. They include a Shakespearian production of a “Mid-Summer Night’s Dream” to be presented on 10/12. Angel Gerena the Assistant Director of the Recreation Center at St. James Park discussed his toddler and dance programs.
- f) Planning for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place in October. The Parks’ Committee will hold a separate meeting to plan for the event. All will be welcome to attend.
- g) Concerns regarding the condition of the Oval and the lights at Harris Field were discussed. Commissioner Rodriquez answered questions concerning the duties and responsibilities of the PEP squad officers.

V. Next month’s meeting date: October 10th.

VI. Discussion on next month’s agenda

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