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Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Summary

January 15, 2025

Board Members Present: Chiene Jones, Abunoman Rahman, David Marin, Esther Ford, Lena Johnson

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The Parks and Recreation Committee represents the community's interests with regard to parks, park services and all park related matters and acts as a liaison between parks users and the New York City Parks Department.

II. Speakers

A. Illusion Rivera and Jada Henry, Billion Oyster Project

- Full presentation can be accessed here:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Cj2_mxCXHiw2Z9wAiBJ9Jt4w4-eQpTy6krCfqpMJF30/edit?usp=sharing
- What Is Billion Oyster Project? Restore One BILLION Oysters with One MILLION People by 2035
- Mission: Restoring oyster reefs to NY Harbor through public education initiatives
- Oysters Provide Benefits: Filter water; Increase habitat and biodiversity; Protect shorelines from storm surges
- Restoration Problem Statement: The absence of self-sustaining oyster populations in New York Harbor reduces habitat complexity, connectivity and biodiversity; impairs water quality; and exacerbates shoreline erosion. Oysters are a keystone species and ecosystem engineer; the restoration of oyster reefs is critical to the long-term recovery of the estuary.
- To address these challenges, the Billion Oyster Project works to restore oysters in four key areas of New York Harbor (Hudson Region, W. L.I. Sound Region, Upper/Lower Harbor Region, Jamaica Bay Region)
- Be a Part of Restoring New York Harbor! Sign up for Events: Participate in hands-on environmental programs; Volunteer: Help with restoration projects and community events; Get Your Community Involved: Collaborate with us to expand our impact within the community; Share Project Feedback: Share your insights on our work
- Learn more at <https://www.billionoysterproject.org/volunteer>
- Billion Oyster Project - <https://www.billionoysterproject.org/>

III. Notifications

A. 2025 Winter Festival at Soundview Park on 2.21.25 12pm-3PM

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