



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder – District Manager: William Rivera

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Summary

September 9, 2026

Committee Members Present: Marie Davis, Abunoman Rahman, Kevin Kiernan
Shantel Castro, Savannah Lily

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.

I. Introduction

A. Members Roll Call

II. New Business

A. Tree Removal at Olmstead Ave

- Community members discussed a property development at 5955 Avenue involving demolition and construction of a new building with 19 apartments, including 20% affordable units. A significant issue is the city's \$90,000 charge for removing two deteriorating trees on city property that obstruct sidewalk construction and building accessibility.
- The developer and community members are seeking assistance to have the trees re-inspected or negotiate removal to proceed with construction.

B. Playground Request

- A resident requested a new playground in Academy Gardens near Soundview Park.
- DM Rivera shared that the playground request can be included in the district needs.
- However, funding limitations by the Parks Department might be a potential obstacle.
- The committee can support the request by attaching letters and advocating with elected officials.

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