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Queens Community Board 11

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Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Michael Budabin **Chairperson** / Joseph Marziliano **District Manager**

To: All Board Members

From: Paul DiBenedetto

Date: October 19, 2021

Re: Parks Committee Report

On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, the CB11 Parks Committee held a meeting to discuss various issues.

Present

Committee Members

Paul DiBenedetto, Committee Chair

Christine Haider, 2nd Vice Chair

Henry Euler, 3rd Vice Chair

Jessica Burke

Robert Liatto

CB11 Staff

Joseph Marziliano, District Manager

Christina Coutinho, Community Associate

Guests

Matt Symons, NYC Dept. of Parks

Dana Gumb, Friends of Crocheron & John Golden Park

Mr. Marziliano opened the meeting by speaking of storm damage to Crocheron & John Golden Park.

Jessica Burke, speaking on behalf of Friends of Crocheron Park & John Golden Park, stated that severe damage was caused by Storm Ida. She then introduced Dana Gumb. Mr. Gumb stated that Storm Ida caused unprecedented flooding, he then gave a presentation showing the damage. The asphalt walkaways were washed out, the pond needs cleanup, overgrown greenery species that need pruning around the pond, and an area behind Corbett Road had a landslide into the Park. Mr. Gumb explained how a catch basin on Corbett Road (Corbett Road abuts the Park) could not handle the overflow of rainwater. A backyard of a home that abuts the Park flooded,

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and the excess water flowed over a retaining wall causing a landslide. The retaining wall appears to be compromised. Mr. Gumb suggested the Dept. of Buildings inspect the retaining wall. The overflow from the landslide dumped debris and sediment into the pond. Mr. Gumb requested capital funding to secure the pond. He showed pictures from 1972 to current date to compare the years of neglect.

Mr. Symons said that the Dept. of Parks has secured areas that are considered a hazard.

Mr. Symons said that monies have been funded to repair certain parts of the Park, this funding is not related to Storm Ida. There is a proposal for the scope of the work. He was not aware of an amount and said work may start close to the Fall of 2022. There are also FEMA submissions for funds to repair flood damage.

Discussion ensued regarding the safety of the Park and how it could be secured. Mr. Symons said he would look into the request.

Mr. Marziliano asked Mr. Symons how the CB can support funding? Mr. Symons said he would get back to Mr. Marziliano. Discussion ensued, and the Committee agreed to support the rehabilitation of the Park in whatever form once the agency informs the Board.

Mr. DiBenedetto asked Ms. Burke to reach out the Congressman Meng office for FEMA funding.

The next topic discussed was the proposal for Waters Edge Park which borders CB11 and CB7. Mr. DiBenedetto said that there is a community input meeting on October 21, 2021.

Mr. Liatto asked Mr. Symons asked about additional clay for the baseball fields. Mr. Symons said he would look further into this matter.

The meeting adjourned.