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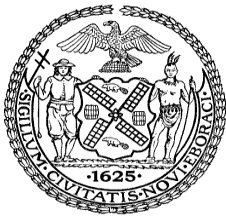
HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT YAJAIRA ARIAS, CHAIRPERSON KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT MANAGER

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	October 09, 2024
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	<u>Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center</u> 3225 Reservoir Oval E, Bronx, NY 10467
Members In Attendance:	✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Gwendolyn Thomas Steed ✓ Tasha Andrews _ Marcus McLarty ✓ Tobie Buford ✓ Esme Sattaur-Low ✓ Jesús López-Jensen
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

- I. Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the meeting were read**
- II. Attendance was taken and quorum was met**
- III. Review of Previous Minutes**
 - A. The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and accepted
- IV. Follow-up from Previous Month**
 - A. A request was made by a board member to include repairs to the flooding condition in the underpass entrance to the Williamsbridge Oval. The request will be taken to the Budget Committee.
- V. New Business**
 - A. Harris Park:**
 - 1. Representatives from the Parks’ Department presented the scope of work for the reconstruction of the turf field. Work should begin this month where carpeting will be removed and drainage improved prior to resurfacing the field.
 - B. Poe Park Reconstruction Presentation:**



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1. The playground will include a water feature and new equipment and two types of showers.
2. New benches will be included and nine trees will be removed with 10 replacements. A playhouse in a neutral color will be created to blend in with Poe's Cottage. The construction will start in 2026 and a request for additional trees was made.

C. **Motion:** A motion was presented by Gwendolyn Thomas Steed and seconded by Esme Sattaur-Low.

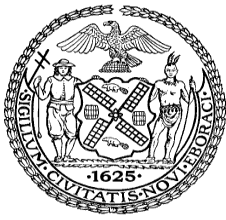
- a) Motion: The Parks' Committee recommends the approval of the design work for the rehabilitation of the playground at Poe Park.
- b) The motion passed the committee by a vote of 6-0.

D. **Vital Parks for All:**

1. The NYC Parks' Commissioner and the Bronx Borough President are hosting a meeting on strengthening communities throughout parks in the Bronx. The meeting will take place at Lincoln Hospital on Oct. 21st at 6:30 PM.

E. **Park Maintenance:**

1. Staffing this fall will remain at 27 and the garbage truck is currently inoperable and staff uses a pick up truck to remove garbage.
2. Webster House had to be gated due to individuals sleeping in the doorway and entrances to the building.
3. A discussion followed regarding the refilling of the pet waste stands. Joe Magneri from the parks department prefers to remove all these stands since once they become refilled, the roll of bags quickly disappears. A request for signage in different languages was made and Joe would find out if this can be done.



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F. Tree Lighting Ceremony:

1. The ceremony is slated for December 12th at 6:00PM and a request was made for P.S. 20 to be part of the entertainment.

G. Parks' Recreation Centers:

1. Ms. Brown, the Recreation Specialist at St. James and Poe Parks announced various programs that both sites are offering
2. The 3rd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness, Fitness, and Wellness Event by Orisha Wholeness will be held at Poe Park on Saturday, Oct. 12th from 1:00-4:00PM.
3. The recreation center has re-opened at St. James Park and Ms. Brown discussed the programs and fees involved.

VI. Next Meeting Date: Nov 13th, 2024

VII. Discussion on Next Agenda

- A. Representatives from the parks department will be in attendance to discuss the "Vital Parks for All" initiative

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Meeting is adjourned