

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MARTINEZ, CHAIRPERSON ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	March 9, 2022
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/szF1_aawqKU
Members In Attendance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leurys Acosta <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tasha Andrews <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daisy Perry <input type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas Steed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Caraballo
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

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Attendance: Leurys Acosta, Betty Arce, Tasha Andrews, Ruth Caraballo, Daisy Perry, Barbara Stronczer

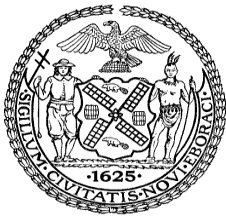
Absent: Gwendolyn Thomas Steed

I. The meeting opened with the reading of the guidelines. The minutes from February’s meeting were approved by Betty Arce and seconded by Daisy Perry.

II. Follow-up: Although our District Manager was able to reach the Forestry Department, Zev Reuter reported that he sent our questions regarding tree planting to Nave Strauss, who is with the planting department. We are still waiting for a response.

III. New Business:

A. Joe Magneri, the Manager for our district reported that interviews for summer staff had been completed. He is still waiting to hear how many of the interviewees will be hired. He reported on the appointment of a new supervisor for Williamsbridge Oval. He is unsure of how many staff persons will be assigned for grass cutting. Questions regarding the number of PEP officers for this summer cannot as yet be answered.



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Requests for funding for the rehabilitation of Devoe Park were made. Tobie, from the Friends of Devoe announced her plan to request money from the Participatory Budgeting process. It was suggested to contact Councilperson Sanchez to request additional funding for the rehabilitation of Devoe Park.

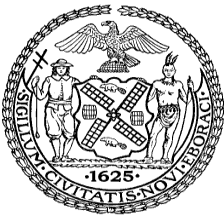
B. The condition of the recreation center at St. James Park was discussed. The need for a recreation staff person, at least for outdoor activities, was pointed out. More information on summer plans for recreation will be announced next month. Joe Magneri promised to forward the name of the Recreation Supervisor and Leurys will find out from staff at the park what plans, if any, have been made for the summer.

C. Maintenance Concerns:

1. Sirio inquired about the graffiti on the wall at Jerome Ave and Mosholu Parkway. Joe Magneri informed him that the wall is DOT property.
2. A request for more trash bags for the staff on Mosholu was made.
3. Additional cleaning of the lot next to 2455 Sedgwick Ave. was requested. Joe Magneri promised to find out if the lot belonged to Parks.

D. Funding for Artists: Information for funding from an organization called Creative Rebuilding for New York City was presented. It was suggested to send the information to Lady K who has done some work in local parks.

E. Poe Park Rehabilitation Meeting: The photos presented at the recent community meeting were reviewed. Additional comments can be sent to Leenda Bonilla. Once the suggestions from this meeting are reviewed, preliminary plans will be created and shared with Community Board #7. Three million dollars from Councilman Feliz has been appropriated for this project.



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F. Recreation Center News: Sarah Bishow reported on the upcoming events planned for Williamsbridge Oval Park. Adult Fitness classes are held from Monday-Friday at 10:00AM. A program for kids is held on afternoons, Monday-Friday from 3:00-6:00 PM. Plans are also being made for the annual spring egg hunt on April 16th.

IV. Next Agenda: Barbara suggested inviting someone to discuss the status of the Golf Center on Jerome Avenue. The center has been under construction for several years. Staffing for the spring and summer months will also be discussed.

V. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2022