

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



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**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>June 12, 2024</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b><u><a href="#">Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center</a></u> 3225 Reservoir Oval E, Bronx, NY 10467</b>
<b>Members In Attendance:</b>	<b>✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Jesús López-Jensen _Gwen Thomas Steed ✓ Tobie Buford _ Tasha Andrews</b>
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>

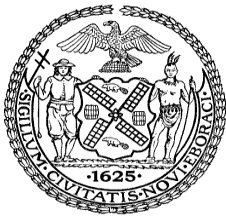
**Minutes:**

- I. Meeting Guidelines were read**
- II. Attendance was taken and quorum was met**
- III. Previous months minutes were reviewed and approved**
- IV. Follow-up from Previous Month**
  - A. Frisch Field: The rehabilitation of the field is slated to begin in the late summer of 2025.
  - B. Summer Staffing: Staffing does not look good this summer. Parks requested 40 grass cutters, but only obtained 20 grass cutters for 5 districts. Hiring of summer staff is still being done, but will be lower than previous years.
- V. New Business**
  - A. Sergeant Marrero - Parks' Enforcement Patrol (PEP)**
    - 1. Staffing is down in the borough overall, where many of his colleagues left PEP for other, better paying positions. He is currently down to 12 officers for areas North of Fordham Road. Although PEP is hiring, staffing is much lower than in past seasons.

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2. The committee spoke about the need for an auxiliary station for PEP in the northwest Bronx. Both Community Board 7 and Community Board 8 have requested this in our annual expense budgets. Sgt. Marrero requested we call 311 to lodge a complaint prior to calling his office. PEP can be reached at 212-274-4560.

#### **B. Kids in Motion Program**

1. The program will operate from June 1st to June 22nd from 2:00PM-6:00PM at both St. James Park and Devoe Park. After June 23rd, the time will be from 10:00AM-6:00PM. The program will consist of staffing in the playgrounds to organize games and sports with the youth. No registration is needed.

#### **C. Process to Request a Section Renaming at a NYC Park**

1. Since the board has received several requests for renaming sections of a park in honor of deceased individuals, the guidelines for this process were reviewed. Some of the guidelines are:
  - a) Waiting for 3 years after the death of an individual
  - b) Obtaining letters of support from the Community Board, Council Member and the Borough President

#### **D. Friends' Groups:**

1. Board Member, Tobie Buford, announced her plans for the play mobile at Devoe Park.
2. The corral continues to be an issue at Devoe Park, where appliances and garbage are being dumped in the corral.

#### **VI. Next Meeting Date: September 11, 2024**

#### **VII. Discussion on Next Agenda**

- A. The committee plans to invite a representative from the “Mosholu Teaching Forest” for the September meeting.
- B. The committee hopes Robert Madera from “Partnership for Parks” will be available for the October committee meeting.

#### **VIII. Meeting is adjourned**

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