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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:	September 11, 2024
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center 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

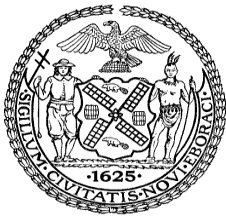
Minutes:

- 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 previous minutes were not read due to a lack of a quorum at that time. They will be voted again for next month’s meeting.
- IV. Follow-up from Previous Month**
 - A. Frisch Field: The scope of work has been expanded to include collapsed and leaking drain pipes. A broken DEP drain line also includes reconstructing the stone retaining walls. Design work is hoped to be completed by October 31st.
- V. New Business**
 - A. Request for Bids (RFB):**
 - 1. A RFB for mobile units to operate concessions for the sale of food was read. The RFB covers sales at Aqueduct Walk, Devoe Park, and Van Cortlandt Park. The deadline for applications is

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10/21/24. Although the Parks' Manager was unable to attend the meeting, he provided the information concerning our request

B. Fall Staffing:

1. There are 27 staff members employed in our district.

C. Harris Field:

1. A pre-construction meeting was held. Parks' is awaiting a starting date.

D. Webster House:

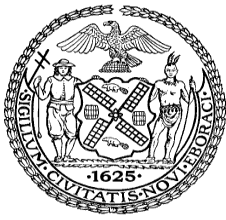
1. No report

E. Community Concerns/Suggestions

1. Committee members suggested establishing some type of communication with community residents regarding the need to keep our parks clean.
 - a) Suggestions included distributing flyers or the use of social media, such as Instagram.
2. A complaint about the corral at Devoe Park was again made where small appliances and household garbage is being dumped in the bin.
 - a) It was suggested to contact Clinton, the Manager at Devoe.
3. An old love seat was dumped in the park along Mosholu Parkway North and Van Cortlandt Avenue. Although it has been reported to Parks, it's still awaiting pick-up.
4. A resident complained about the lack of follow-up on issues presented last spring.

F. Fiscal Year 2026

1. The committee reviewed all of last year's budget requests for Parks and members were reminded to approach their Council Members for any capital requests that they might have. Almost



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all requests were answered with a directive to consult either the Council Member or the Borough President.

2. Changes for the Capital Budget by the committee includes:

- a) Drop #4; work was done in house.
- b) Remove #10; there are sufficient locations in our larger parks for running, jogging, and walking.
- c) Remove #15; request should be made to the Police Dept. Parks' Dept does not operate security cameras.
- d) Drop #17; project has been funded and is in the design phase.

3. The items in the Expense Budget for Parks should remain. Both equipment and additional personnel are needed.

VI. CB 7 Parks Recreation Centers & Civic Groups

A. Friends of Park Groups:

- 1. Elizabeth Quaranta from The Friends of Mosholu Parkland announced their Fall Festival scheduled for Saturday, October 5th. It will take place at the Knox Gate Playground on Mosholu Parkway North & Gates Place. The event runs from 11:00-3:00PM. All are invited.

VII. Next Meeting Date: October 9th, 2024

VIII. Discussion on Next Agenda

- A. At the June meeting, it was decided to invite Robert Madera from “Partnership for Parks” to the October meeting.

IX. Adjournment

- A. Meeting is adjourned