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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, May 12, 2021
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	✓ Barbara Stronczer ___ Leurys Acosta ✓ Betty Arce ✓ Tasha Andrews ✓ Daisy Perry ✓ Gwen Thomas-Steed
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

- I) **Introductions**
- II) **Review of previous minutes**
 - a) **The minutes from the April meeting were approved. A motion was made by Gwendolyn Thomas Steed and seconded by Betty Arce.**
- III) **Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)**
- IV) **New Business**
 - a) **“Design Build” Procurement:** The letter received from local 1010 was reviewed. Design Build would provide for both a faster and less costly method of planting trees and rehabilitating parks. The union requested the community board include Design Build in its needs assessment. Contact will be made with the union to find out if they would like us to support the proposal in any other way.
 - b) **Summer Staffing:** Joe Magneri, the Parks’ Manager, announced the hiring of 250 seasonal workers for the summer. Jobs are available and interested parties can check the Parks’ website. Thirty- eight staff members have been assigned to cut grass this season.
 - c) **Ecco-Flora Project:** A new app called Inaturalist will give individuals the ability to name different types of plants in our parks. The app will connect one to others who can help name a given species. Susan Hewitt is available to answer questions at future meetings.



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- d) **Dog Run at Devoe Park:** Toby Buford described the Friends of Devoe's meeting with Commissioner Rodriquez Rosa and Parks' Manager Johnson. Benches must be moved from the construction area. Plans for the management of the dog run are being discussed. PEP will monitor conditions at Devoe during the summer. It was noted that the 52nd Precinct has been doing a good job of providing security in the park after 3:00PM when the park staff ends their workday. Plans for a birdhouse and the painting of benches are being made by the Friends of Devoe.
- e) **Fordham Landing Park:** Toby Buford, Daisy Perry, and Barbara Stronczer, along with Joe Magneri, will set a date to tour the park. It is hoped that some repairs can be done in-house. If not, requests can be made in our 2022-23 capital budget.
- f) **Committee members and residents** were asked to bring requests for new projects for the 2022-23 budget to our June meeting.
- g) **Vision for Parks:** Committee members and attendees were asked to submit a vision or improvement plan for their local park. These plans will be discussed at our next meeting.
- h) **Other:**
 - 1) A meeting will be held on Friday, May 14th at Dewitt Clinton to discuss the closing of the High School's Outdoor Living Center. The meeting will take place at noon and all are invited.
 - 2) Benches were requested for Williamsbridge Oval. Joe Magneri promised to
 - 3) give an estimate of the cost. Tasha Andrews will provide locations.
 - 4) C. A complaint about the condition of the pile of mulch on Mosholu Parkway and Bainbridge Ave was addressed.
- V) **Next meeting date:** Wednesday, June 9th at 6:30 PM.
- VI) **Discussion on next agenda**
- VII) **Adjournment**