



*Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager: William Rivera*

## **Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Summary**

### **September 11, 2024**

**Board Members Present:** Chiene Joy Jones, Marie Davis, David Marin, Derrick Holman, Lena Johnson

#### **I. Introduction**

- A. Committee Description:** The Parks and Recreation Committee represents the community's interests with regard to parks, park services and all park related matters and acts as a liaison between parks users and the New York City Parks Department.

#### **II. Notifications**

- A.** Watson Gleason Green Infrastructure Construction Project Completed; Basketball Courts Open to the Public

#### **III. New Business**

##### **A. October Agenda Items**

- BM Daniel Porro raised concerns about no call boxes in all parks and playgrounds and also loitering in park bathrooms as well as weed smoking within parks due to lack on enforcement. In addition parks have no addresses and when incidents occur and emergency services are needed, there is no way to identify parks by exact address.
- BM Lena raised concerns regarding Noble Playground and Basketball Court not being locked at night. Noble Mansion Resident Angel is willing to volunteer to lock playground at night and is awaiting Parks approval. This has been an ongoing condition here.
- As per BM Derrick Holman, unfortunately, cuts in Parks funding have led to a decreased number of PEP Officers in parks and playgrounds.
- As per Chair Chiene Joy Jones, although there is a lot of work still to be done, there are a lot of positive events that also took place in the district over the summer that are not always highlighted at committee due to the recess of meetings. Various Elected Officials including CM Farias hosted Back to School Events, Outdoor Movie Nights, Skate Parties, etc. In addition, studies for flooding mitigation and a Soundview bridge connector were funded and/or in progress as well as a project on the Bronx River for pedestrian access. The 5 Bridges Project is also underway, however, it has proposals that are in opposition from the Bronx River Alliance.
- Request to invite Parks Borough Commissioner to attend a Parks Committee Meeting and/or Valerie Davis O'Neal to give updates to the committee
- As per BM Porro, how many Parks are accessible to children with disabilities, how many parks are ADA complaint? As per BM Derrick Holman on the Parks website each park shares what ADA friendly amenities they have.

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