



Chairman: Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager: William Rivera

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

### **November 10, 2021**

**Board Members Present:** Linda Soto, Abunoman Rahman, Chiene Jones, Daniel Porro, Lena Jones, Monique Farrington, Sadie Davis, Jamaal King, Jorge Hurtado

- I. 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. DM Update/Committee Discussion**
  - CB9 will be moving into the new office space hopefully by the end of the year.
  - CB9 Trunk or Treat event was a success
  - DM Rivera stated that there will be a Seniors Connected Thanksgiving turkey giveaway, will give details when confirmed. The event will possibly be on the Monday or Wednesday before thanksgiving.
  - DM Rivera had a meeting yesterday regarding the Cross Bronx Expressway
  - There was a fire in the District and DM Rivera met with the family, Red Cross is providing services to the family
  - There will be a toy drive for the holidays where toys are dropped off to the pediatric emergency room and a coat drive.
  - CB9 Appreciation Dinner may be held next June
  - The committee and DM Rivera had discussions about different park needs/issues. Chiene Jones (BM) asked the committee if they would like to discuss/suggest any potential events for the spring/summer, BM Ms. Soto suggested having a "Children's Day event". Ms. Jones also stated that there is an ongoing proposal for an administrator for Soundview Park. The committee then went on to discuss locations for a rink in the district, a tennis court, and a cricket field. DM Rivera stated that there is a tennis program at Stevenson and hopefully that court gets renovated. Daniel Porro (BM) brought up concerns about idlers around the children's playgrounds in parks, the committee discussed finding a solution such as having signage put up by the playgrounds so it can help the idling. Concerns about garbage and rodent issue in Virginia

Park was also mentioned, and the committee discussed residents making 311 complaints for this issue so a paper trail can be kept. There is also a huge rodent issue at Parkchester. BM Daniel Porro asked if park hours change with daylight saving time. Jamaal King (BM) stated that for the next parks meeting can the groups that presented in the September and October meeting come back to the next meeting and if we can get the parks department/commissioner to come to the next meeting so all questions that the committee have can be answered.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm

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