



Chairman: Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager: William Rivera

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Summary

June 7, 2023

Board Members Present: Chiene Joy Jones, Victor Cordero, Sadie Davis, Lena Johnson, Abunoman Rahman

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. Speakers

A. NYC Parks, Harding Park WaterFront (tentative)

NYC Parks Dept representative was not available to officially speak on this topic, however, the concern was discussed for the record.

The concern from residents here is that the new fence near Harding Park limits the access to the gate which makes it very difficult for emergency vehicles to pass through. Recently there was a house that caught fire in this area and gaining access to the house was difficult. In addition, illegal dumping and unwarranted behavior is taking place near the back of the fence. As per Parks representative, homeowners affected by the fence should have received advance notice. The homeowner at meeting does not have a home adjacent to the fence. As per Parks, the fence was put up not to fence up the park but because construction will be taking place here.

DM Rivera will follow-up for more information with appropriate Parks representative on this matter.

III. New Business

A. As per DM Rivera, there is a proposal for a new Rec Center at Soundview Park. Friends of Soundview Park and residents are in support, however parking is a concern for this area. Parking is already limited and hard to come by for local residents.

B. As per Committee Chair, lights are needed at Parque de los Ninos on Watson Ave for the annual basketball tournament. As per Parks, groups that have permits are aware of when lights will go off and are notified and given permission until that time, however, as per DM Rivera if this permit holder has lights go off before their permit time has elapsed, CB9 can request Parks to rectify

C. Achilles International Workouts at the Aileen B. Ryan Recreational Complex's track in Pelham Bay Park (Wednesdays from 6pm-7:30pm)

Achilles International now has a new running and walking workout session in the Bronx on Wednesdays from 6pm-7:30pm. Workouts will be held at the Aileen B. Ryan Recreational Complex's track located in Pelham Bay Park. If you are driving or taking MTA Paratransit, please use this address to either park or be dropped off in the parking lot adjacent to the track's entrance at: 3505 Bruckner Blvd, Bronx, NY 10461. The workout is open to all disabilities

however those who use motorized chairs should bring a manual wheelchair or sportschair to workout in. We do ask and require that you sign up for our workouts at: www.achillesinternational.rosterfy.com. We do offer an adaptive cycling workout on Wednesdays in the Bronx but at another location. Go to: www.achillesinternational.org for more information. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Hector Ramirez at hramirez@achillesinternational.org or Alexandra Hoffman at Alexandra.hoffman@einsteinmed.edu.

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