



Chairman: Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager: William Rivera

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Summary

April 12, 2023

Board Members Attendance: Chiene Joy Jones, Abunoman Rahman, Sadie Davis, Daniel Porro, David Marin, 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. Speakers

A. Borough Commissioner Jessenia Aponte, Meet & Greet

Several parks related community concerns were emailed and discussed with the Parks Borough Commissioner including the need for doggy waste bags and dispensers at district parks, the desire for additional seasonal PEP Officers in Soundview Park (added to CB9 DNS), and the desire for a skate park in the district. Quality of Life Concerns are still active at Noble Park though no longer from baseball permit users, but from unwarranted use of Noble Park.

All Quality of Life related Parks concerns, email Captain Sanchez and NCOs Request for security cameras at parks, however, these are NYPD's responsibility, CB9 to add to DNS. Parks Borough Commissioner had a meeting with 43rd Pct CO on Monday to discuss district quality of life concerns and a walk through of some district parks is scheduled for later this month. As per DM Rivera 43rd Pct CO normally allocates an officer to assist with Parks, this new CO may do the same

Request for smoke detectors in park bathrooms, however, these are not mandated As per DM Rivera, Field of Dreams meeting is upcoming re: status of the future of this park

Parks website is ideal for capital project tracking and programming. DM Rivera uses this resource often.

B. Derrick Holman, Proposal to construct a pedestrian bridge from Hunts Point

Deck was presented at meeting.

The Hunts Point Connector is a proposed pedestrian bridge from Riverside Park to Soundview Park. The Hunts Point Connector was first officially proposed in July 2000 as part of the City's Greenway Master Plan. A bridge from Soundview Park to Hunts Point Riverside Park would reduce the length of this trip from over 6,500 feet (1.2mi) to under

500 feet and reduce the number of times a person had to cross a commercial intersection from 5 to 1. It would also drastically increase pedestrian and biker safety, per FHWA guidelines. This pedestrian bridge would create a direct connection from Soundview to the South Bronx and Bronx River Greenways providing greater access to and from schools, transportation stops, job centers, and parks in Hunts Point, Morrisania, Longwood and Mott Haven.

III. New Business

A. Victoria Toro, Bronx River Alliance - Bronx River Open House on April 22

<https://bronxriver.org/event/the-bronx-river-open-house>

B. Hustlemania Article: Live from the Bronx: Soundview Skate Park Project with Dr. Joel Grassi

<https://www.hustle-mania.com/news/live-from-the-bronx%3A-soundview-skate-park-project-with-dr.-joel-grassi>

C. Borinquen Lion's Club, April 22nd Earth Day planting of tree at Soundview Park CB9 to email Parks with specific location for this request.

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