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Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Summary **October 11, 2023**

Board Members Present: Lena Johnson, Marie Davis, Nellie Santiago Rivera,

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. Jennifer Seda, Bronx River Alliance- The Bronx River Foodway Team is excited to announce the 2nd annual Community Banquet. What started as a culminating event for the Edible Banquet workshop series in 2022 has become a new annual tradition for the Bronx River Alliance celebrating the Bronx River Foodway and the importance of public edible food forests in NYC. This year they are inviting NYC based foragers, chefs, cooks, artists, and stewards of the land to partner in the 2nd FREE annual Community Banquet, set to take place in Concrete Plant Park on Saturday, November 4th (no rain date) from 12-4pm.

This year features:

- Foragers, cooks, chefs, and other food vendors willing to share wild tastings and edible offerings from our gardens and edible landscapes
- Facilitators interested in offering Art / Creativity / Educational based activities
- Partners interested in offering Handouts / Tabling around food, garden, and other environmental topics"

III. Notifications

A. Soundview Park Bolton Point Coastal Habitat Restoration and Park Construction (20DPR007X) - Negative Declaration- Emailed to committee.

IV. DM Report

- A.** Joining meetings remotely may prove to be a challenge as hybrid meetings are regulated by the Open Meetings Law which does not allow for virtual Board Members attendance to be counted for quorum. In addition, members who are logged in remotely cannot be muted as to just listen in and must be allowed to participate same as in person participants which can provide difficult given the limited staffing at Community Boards.
- B.** Friends of NCNW Co-Op City, East & North Bronx Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, Sunday, October 22, 2023. 8am at Bay Plaza Shopping Center.

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