



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager: William Rivera

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Summary

April 10, 2024

Board Members Present: Sadie Marie Davis, Abunoman Rahman, David Marin, Derrick Holman,

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. Speakers

A. DEP, Cloudburst Study for Parkchester/Morris Park (Attached)- DEP presented on Cloudburst Planning in NYC. Cloudburst is a sudden, heavy downpour where a lot of rain falls in a short amount of time. Cloudbursts can cause flooding, damage property, disrupt critical infrastructure, and pollute New York's River and Harbor. Cloudburst management is a way of absorbing, storing, and transferring stormwater to minimize flooding from heavy rain events. Cloudburst management uses a combination of grey infrastructure, like trees and rain gardens. During Heavy rain events, cloudburst management can minimize damage to property and infrastructure by reducing pressure on the sewer system. In January 2023, the Mayor announced an expansion of the city's cloudburst program to four new sites as part of ongoing resiliency efforts to better prepare for intense rain events. Supported with nearly \$400 million in capital funds, these specially designed, built, and engineered infrastructure projects will protect residents and property in Corona and Kissena Park, Queens, Parkchester, Bronx, and East New York, Brooklyn from future extreme weather brought about by climate change. [Nyc.gov/dep/cloudburst](https://nyc.gov/dep/cloudburst)

III. New Business

A. Summer Priorities- Chris Acosta stated that residents can apply for summer jobs with parks and volunteer for go green.

B. Update regarding Hunts Point Access Improvement- Contract D900055 – Hunts Point 3 is currently in Stage 3 / 4 construction. Stage 2 construction for Eastbound Bruckner Expwy will be completed this month switching traffic to the newly constructed Ramp SN. Work on EB Bruckner Blvd. Continues. A temporary slip ramp was constructed from SB Sheridan Blvd. to Whitlock Ave. allowing construction for Ramp SS, (Southbound Sheridan Blvd. to Westbound Bruckner Expwy.) and the Westbound Bruckner Expressway to commence. The construction of the above grade structure for both the ramp and the WB Bruckner Expwy will be completed by the end of the year. Final at grade work will follow. Demolition for the Bryant Ave. Pedestrian Bridge was completed, and the new structure is under construction with a scheduled completion by Labor Day.

C. Bejay, Resident Concern- The resident stated that he has been advocating for a cricket field in the district. DM Rivera spoke to the resident and came up with a resolution to discuss getting a cricket field in the district.

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