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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MARTINEZ, CHAIRPERSON ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

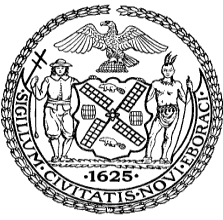
Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	February 9, 2022
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Members In Attendance:	✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Leury's Acosta ✓ Betty Arce ✓ Tasha Andrews ✓ Daisy Perry ✓ Gwendolyn Thomas Steed _ Ruth Caraballo
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

I. Attendance: Barbara Stronczer, Leury's Acosta, Betty Arce, Tasha Andrews, Daisy Perry, Gwendolyn Thomas Steed
 Absent: Ruth Caraballo

II. Minutes: The minutes from last month's meeting were approved with a motion by Tasha Andrews and seconded by Gwendolyn Thomas Steed.

III. Mosholu Parkway Safety Improvement Project: A review of some of the ideas presented at the virtual workshop was presented. It was pointed out that in-house funding from DOT would be used to provide some safety enhancements along the Parkway. These improvements would include left turn lanes, and the possibility of an additional traffic light. Standardization of the number of lanes along the Parkway was also discussed. DOT will present changes to CB#7 in the spring with a late fall implementation date.



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IV. Forestry Concerns: Since a representative from Forestry was not available for a night meeting, the Parks' Chair met with Zev Reuter via Zoom during the day. Requests included the following:

- A. A list of tree planting sites in CB#7 for spring/fall 2022.
- B. Process for follow-up on 311 complaints
- C. Why was a Young tree removed at 306 East Mosholu Pkwy?
- D. What can be done about cemented stones in tree pits?
- E. What can be done about lights wrapped around tree branches?

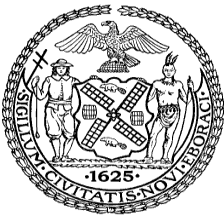
A request for the regulations regarding the size of tree pits was made. Although some work on the trees along Bailey Avenue was done, the work has not been completed.

It was decided to ask the board staff to follow-up with Forestry to obtain answers to our questions. Complaints were made regarding the unresponsiveness of this division of the Parks' Department.

V. Snow Removal Along Park Lands: Many areas were well done, however, some areas were in need of better cleaning. These included the track at the Oval, paths in and around Devoe Park, and the sidewalk areas near Hull Avenue.

VI Bronx Parks' Speak-Up: The annual event is scheduled for Saturday, February 26th from 11:00-3:00 PM. The theme this year is "Building a Healthier Bronx". All workshops are online and admission is free.

VII. Recreation Centers: Sarah Ebs reported from Williamsbridge Oval. During mid-winter recess from 2/21-2/24, many events are planned for the afternoon hours. These include Arts & Crafts and Winter Olympics. All children, however, must be vaccinated to attend events indoors.



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Sarah also reported on the transfer of the recreation specialist from St. James to St. Mary's Park. Since last fall's storm, much work is still needed on the facility at St. James Park.

VIII. Concerns regarding staffing and the number of PEP officers for this summer were also raised. Since no one from Parks' attended the meeting, these concerns will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Next month's meeting: [Wednesday, March 9, 2022](#)

The meeting closed with a motion by Betty Arce and seconded by Daisy Perry.