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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT YAJAIRA ARIAS, CHAIRPERSON KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT
 MANAGER

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	June 14, 2023
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/QfoYn7uiyRU
Members In Attendance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tasha Andrews <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daisy Perry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas Steed <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth Caraballo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tobie Buford
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

I. Attendance-quorum met

II. **Minutes:** The minutes from last month’s meeting were approved.

III. **New Business:** Captain Sanchez from the PEP Squad attended the meeting. Even though PEP numbers are down, he promised to do his best in addressing our issues. Problems with illegal activities included using motor scooters in Devoe Park, loud music, illegal barbecuing, and motorized bikes in the Oval. His squad has already had 6 operations along Jerome Ave. side of Van Cortlandt Park. He noted Devoe Park will be closed on the night of July 4th.

He listed the legal park areas for barbecuing. They include Barretto Point Park, Pelham Bay Park, and Van Cortlandt Park.

Complaints and problems in the Parks’ are best addressed by calling 311 and following up with a call to the PEP Squad at 212-274-4560.

THIS MEETING’S MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, CONTACT US AT:

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IV. Follow-up from the Previous Month: Repair of the 4 Damaged Pillars on Mosholu Parkway will be done in- house over the summer months.

V. **Department of Parks' Updates:** Summer Staffing: To date, the district received 3 additional seasonal workers.

Concerns and issues raised included:

1. Lack of garbage cans along West Mosholu Parkway North
2. Garbage pick-up along the outside fence at Williamsbridge Oval
3. Frequency of mowing along Mosholu Parkway
4. Motorized biking at the Oval and Devoe Parks
5. Signage for Devoe Park
6. Infrequent garbage pick-up along Mosholu Parkway
7. Permits at Williamsbridge Oval
8. Opening of the Webster House

VI. Projects on Mosholu Parkway North East of Gun Hill Rd.:

A. Joe Magneri, the Parks' Manager detailed the work to remove invasive species in this area of the Parkway. Trails will also be made at this location. The work is being led by NRG.

B. Marcus Sierra representing a new group called "Mission For Mosholu Parkway," announced his plans to work in this area every Saturday from 7/1/23-9/2/23. He is looking for volunteers to work with him on these summer Saturdays. He plans to reach out to DeWitt Clinton High School. It was also suggested he contact the BID from the Mosholu Preservation Corporation.

VII. **2025 Capital & Expense Budget:** It was suggested to visit the listed website to share your budget preferences. Both committee members and the public were urged to express their opinions.

VII. **Park Recreation Centers:** Sarah Bishow representing Williamsbridge Oval Park announced an art festival for Saturday, June 17th. A Family Fitness Festival will be held on June 24th. Different sports' programs are also being held at the park.



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VIII. Friends' Groups: Tobie Buford, on behalf of the Friends of Devoe Park, reported on the arrival of the Playmobil every Saturday during the month of July. A giant Tic Tac Toe, face painting, and games are also planned.

The next meeting date is scheduled for September 13th; an in -person meeting location will be announced. It was suggested we invite the staff of our elected officials to request some help in seeing our budget requests become a reality.