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**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>March 13, 2024</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b><u><a href="#">Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center</a></u> 3225 Reservoir Oval E, Bronx, NY 10467</b>
<b>Members In Attendance:</b>	<b>✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Jesús López-Jensen          __ Daisy Perry __ Gwen Thomas Steed          ✓ Tobie Buford ✓ Tasha Andrews</b>
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>

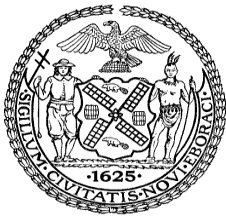
**Minutes:**

- I. Meeting Guidelines and Code of Conduct were read**
- II. Introduction/Attendance-** quorum was met
- III. Review of February 2024 Minutes-** were reviewed and approved
- IV. Follow-up from Previous Month**
  - A. Lighting at the World War I Monument.
    - 1. Valerie Davis, representing the Parks department, promised to follow-up on this issue. Barbara said she saw an electrician working at the site two weeks ago.
- V. New Business:**
  - A. **Dr. Steven Payne**, from the Bronx County Historical Society was not able to attend the meeting but promised to be at our April meeting
  - B. Maintenance Issues -**
    - 1. **Fallen tree branches on Mosholu Parkway:** The debris is slowly being picked up by forestry.
    - 2. **Corral in Devoe Park:** Household garbage and large items are being dumped in the corral. A request has been made to remove the corral

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since it is not being used properly and nearby apartments should not have to deal with trash being set-up opposite of their building entrances. Ms. Davis was also asked to inquire about the tiny pink flags being planted throughout the park.

3. **Lack of Sufficient Trash Receptacles:** The committee requested additional trash receptacles be placed throughout the parks in the CB7 area. Since several of the trash cans are now chained, it was suggested to add receptacles.
4. **Harris Field Renovations:** Frederice Latchman, representing Councilman Dinowitz announced the procurement stage for the rehab of the field which would begin in the Fall 2024. She was asked to follow-up on the status of the contract for the rehabilitation of Frisch Field.
5. **Webster House Utilization:** Ms. Davis announced the building would be put back into service beginning this summer.

C. **CB7's FY25 Capital & Expense Budget Priorities:** Almost all requests for Parks capital outlay projects were answered by advising the Board to consult with the agency for further information.

1. Requests for expense items were to be referred to the council members.
2. There will be a Playground Associate at Devoe Park which will be funded in house.
3. Requests for additional tree plantings and PEP Officers were answered positively but Parks are unsure of funding.

D. **Egg Hunt Events at St. James Park and Williamsbridge Oval on 03/30**

VI. **Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, April 10th

VII. **Discussion for Next Agenda:** The Aqueduct Walk, and the Astronomy Site planned for Goulden Avenue

VIII. **Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.**

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