



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MARTINEZ, CHAIRPERSON ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, February 12th, 2020
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Leurys Acosta ✓ Tasha Andrews ✓ Betty Arce ✓ Kevin Davis _ Morganne Maselio ✓ Gwen Thomas-Steed
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

- I) Introductions**
- II) Review of previous minutes**
- III) Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)**
- IV) New Business**
 - a) Commissioner Rodriquez responded to our support letter for the community garden on East 190th Street and Davidson Ave. She will forward it to Green Thumb.**
 - b) A copy of a letter from CB#8 regarding the proposal to move the Governors Ball from Randall Island to Van Cortlandt Park was discussed. It was determined that this proposal would not go into effect.**
 - c) Bid Process for Mobile Food Carts: Park Dept., employees have been invited on two occasions to attend our committee meeting and discuss the procedures used for issuing permits. Joe Magneri, the Parks' Manager suggested we send him any questions we may have regarding these food permits. He promised to obtain the answers.**
 - d) Friends of Devoe and Aqueduct Parks: Although no one attended to represent either park, minutes of the last meeting of the Friends' of Devoe Park were sent. It was noted that the group was not in favor of the construction of a dog run at Devoe. They felt there were more urgent needs for the park and planned to initiate a petition drive against the dog run.**
 - e) Gardening Needs at Williamsbridge Oval: Andrea Gaskin, the gardener at Williamsbridge Oval discussed her plans for the Oval.**



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She gave us a list of her equipment needs, which included a Gator, peat moss a mulch lawn mower, a rotor-tiller, tree guards, and a compost tumbler. Joe Magneri took down her requests and it was suggested that the Friends of the Oval apply for a grant with the Citizen's Committee to obtain some of these items.

- f) **Risse Street Garden:** Although a garden member had asked to be put on the agenda, no one from the Risse Street community garden attended the meeting.
- g) **Questions for a Community Survey:** Members were asked to provide two questions for a survey proposed by the Chair of CB#7.
 - 1) **For what do you use your park?** - Was submitted by one of our members. The committee was told to email additional questions to the parks' chair.
- h) **Removal of 85 Trees at the Golf House on Jerome Ave.** A letter from Assemblyman Dinowitz to DDC was discussed. The assemblyman questioned the location of the trees being cut and the ratio of how they would be replaced. He also requested that DDC meet him for a walk of this area.
- i) **The upcoming annual Bronx Parks' Speak Up** was announced for Saturday Feb. 29th at Lehman College.
- j) **Requests/Complaints given to the Parks' Manager** included:
 - 1) A resident complained about the rat problem on Mosholu Pkwy. No. between Gun Hill and Gates Place.
 - 2) A request was made by the Buccaneers to keep the restrooms open later at the Oval during the football season. During the fall they close at 3:30 PM.
 - 3) The name of the vendor who planted the new trees at the Oval and the length of the contract were asked.
 - 4) The Status of the installation of a new boiler for the Webster House was also requested. The contract was developed in 2016 but work has not started.
 - 5) A resident requested the removal of the barriers around the trees in certain areas of Mosholu Parkway.



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6) Joe Magneri, the manager, described the work being done at both Harris Field and Fordham Landing. Shrubs are being planted over fabric to prevent the growth of weeds. He agreed to find answers to questions involving forestry and permits.

V) Next month's meeting date – Wednesday, March 11, 2020

VI) Discussion on next month's agenda

a) A power point presentation by the Friends of Mosholu Parkland

b) A discussion of illegal barbecuing and the need for the PEP squad in certain parks.

VII) Adjournment