



Chairman: Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager: William Rivera

## **Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Summary** **September 8, 2022**

**Board Members Present:** Chiene Jones, Sadie Davis, Lena Johnson, Abunoman Rahman, Julio Quinones Jr., Kristine Garcia, Monique Farrington, Robbin Kelly, Brent Woodie, Tenisha Morrison, DM Rivera

**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.

### **I. Speakers**

**A. DEP, HP-009 Soundview Park (Presentation was emailed)-** DEP gave a presentation “Bronx River CSO LTCP Project HP-009 Project Area”. The purpose is to improve NY waterways by reducing combined sewer overflows, improve sewer capacity and provide CSO “floatables”. NYC’s sewer system is approximately 60% combined, which means it is used to convey both sanitary and storm flow to the treatment plant. When the sewer system is at full capacity, a diluted mixture of rainwater and sewage may be released into local waterway. This is called combined sewer overflow (CSO). CSO’s causes public health and environmental hazards. Existing problem is the high annual average CSO volumes discharged into the Bronx River through outfall. The project benefits are, improved water quality in the Bronx and East Rivera, approximately 40% reduction of CSO volume, more CSO goes to the WRRF for treatment, and reduces CSO impacts on recreational uses. The objectives are to minimize park and DSNY disruptions and environmental impacts, ensure safety of workers, pedestrians, bicyclists, maintain all utilities in service, and stay on schedule to eliminate project delays. The construction schedule, notice to proceed construction late summer 2023, field activities fall/winter 2023, construction completion, winter 2025.

**B. John Vallacchi - Environmental Program Manager, Bronx is Blooming-** At the Bronx is Blooming, the mission is to grow and support a culture of environmental stewardship in the Bronx. Bronx is blooming inspires communities to advocate for their parkland as well as promote civic engagement, youth development, and community building. The Bronx is Blooming trains local youth to lead volunteer projects in Bronx parks. The programs allow Bronx residents to drive change in their neighborhoods. Mr. Vallacchi announced two upcoming events “Native Tree Giveaway”, Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> , 10am to 3pm at Soundview Park, and “Saturdays on the Sound”, which is every Saturday 10am to 1pm. You can register at [bronxisblooming.org](http://bronxisblooming.org).

## **II. New Business**

- A. October Agenda Items- BM Lena Johnson requested for Noble Playground to be added on the Parks Committee agenda for next month.
- B. Joan Barnes asked for help for the National Coastal cleanup on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm

## **III. DM Update**

- A. The District Needs Report and Budget priorities are submitted annually around this time of year and encompasses all aspects of government with CB9 recommendations. CB9 involves community board members via a survey that lists district priorities. The form is easy to fill and collectively as a Board these are reflected on the District Needs report. District Needs Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/52MG3JB>

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:25pm**

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