



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 6

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## **Environment and Parks Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Margarita Espinosa, Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson

The Environment and Parks Committee met on February 15, 2023 via Zoom Audio and Video Conference. The following board members were present at the meeting: Nicole Carter, Margarita Espinosa, Maria Garcia, Magdamary Marcano, Matthew Martinez, Floretta O'Brien, Reggie Powell, Samoondeen Rahem, Paul Ramirez, Carmen Rivera, Kristine Rivera, Carol Robinson, Maria Ruiz Gutierrez, and Monique Williams.

The Environment and Parks Committee discussed the following information:

- **Informational announcement by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection on their amnesty program**

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection informed the Environment and Parks Committee about their amnesty program. This is a temporary water bill amnesty program to help New Yorkers save up to \$150 million of interest when they pay their overdue water bills. The limited time program will forgive up to 100 percent of interest when customers pay a portion or all of their outstanding water bills. With nearly 200,000 customers owing a combined \$1.2 billion in water bill charges to New York City Department of Environmental Protection, this program will help New Yorkers both clear their debt and save money, while ensuring that the city can continue to invest in and maintain the city's critical water infrastructure. The amnesty program, authorized by the New York City Water Board, will only run for 90 days, from January 30, 2023 to April 30, 2023. Individuals interested in receiving amnesty and confirm eligibility, or for more information, they should visit the Department of Environmental Protection's water amnesty website or call (718) 595-7000.

- **Discussion and Planning of the Happy Land 33rd Anniversary Memorial**

The Environment and Parks Committee discussed and planned the Happy Land 33rd Anniversary Memorial. The memorial will consist of a mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church followed by a prayer and vigil at the Happy Land Monument located at East Tremont Avenue and Southern Boulevard.