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Environment and Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Margarita Espinosa, Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson

The Environment and Parks Committee met on January 18, 2023 via Zoom Audio and Video Conference. The following board members were present at the meeting: Nicole Carter, Margarita Espinosa, Marilyn Gurley, Floretta O'Brien, Paul Ramirez, Carmen Rivera, Kristine Rivera, Carol Robison, Maria Ruiz Gutierrez, Gil Simmons, and Monique Williams.

The Environment and Parks Committee discussed the following information:

- **Discussion with Bronx River Alliance on the East 177th Street, East Tremont Avenue and Devoe Avenue Intersection**

The Environment and Parks Committee was informed by the Bronx River Alliance about the proposed plans for the East 177th Street, East Tremont Avenue and Devoe Avenue Intersection of our district. The Bronx River Alliance is proposing that the improvements to this intersection are implemented because there have been a total of 179 injuries and 1 death that have occurred. They have sent a letter to the New York City Department of Design and Construction and Department of Transportation to petition for a successful project and yield better communication between the Community Board and the City.

- **Discussion of the closure of the Nabila Newsstand located at 413 East Fordham Road**

The Environment and Parks Committee was informed that the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation has proposed to convert the Nabila Newsstand at 413 East Fordham Road into a Street Deliveristas Hub — a spot for delivery workers to rest and recharge. The Department of Parks and Recreation stated that the newsstand is supposed to close on March 14, 2023 and that there's no reconsideration. Nahyan Bhulyan, in defense of his stand, informed us of the importance of this stand as it has become a staple in the community and requested our assistance with reinstating the lease. The Community Board staff has contacted the Bronx Borough President's Office, District 6 Parks Manager and the Fordham Road BID, but has not received a response. It was determined that the Community Board will be planning to assist and will also advocate to relocate the plans across the street at Fordham Plaza, but will take further action if needed. The Environment and Parks Committee stands in firm opposition to the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation's attempts to dissolve the stand as they recognize its importance to the community and the need to relocate the envisioned bicycle stand.

- **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.