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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Ms. Margarita Espinosa, Committee Chairperson

Mr. Gil Simmons, Committee Co-Chairperson

The Economic Development Committee Meeting met on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 via Zoom Audio and Video Conferencing. The following members were present: Evonne Capers, Nicole Carter, Margarita Espinosa, Frank Franz, Lanell Gardenhire, Audrey Harden, Matthew Martinez, Floretta O'Brien, Rosa Peraza, Kristine Rivera, Gil Simmons and Noorjahan Wells.

The following item was discussed:

- Bronx Zoo

The Bronx Zoo presented on their new temporary Budgie Feeding exhibit and requested our support. Their temporary Budgie Feeding exhibit will allow visitors to walk through with over 700 budgies flying over them. The budgerigar is a small, long-tailed, seed-eating parrot usually nicknamed the budgie. The exhibit will be in a 42,000 sq. greenhouse structure located near the giraffe exhibit and butterfly garden. It will be opening Spring 2022 and will run from April through October for the period of two years. During the winter season, they will be building additional warming shelter for the budgies. Zoo visitors will receive free entry to the exhibit, but will be given the option of purchasing a seed sick for an additional \$2 to feed the budgies. There will be docents in the exhibit to answer visitors questions and to informed the visitors about animal adaption and care.