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**Environment and Parks Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Margarita Espinosa, Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson

The Environment and Parks Committee met on June 21, 2023 via Zoom Audio and Video Conference and in-person at the district office. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Margarita Espinosa, Magdamary Marcano, Kristine Rivera, Monique Williams.

The Environment and Parks Committee discussed the following information:

- **Informational presentation from the New York Restoration Project on the renovations coming to Perry's Garden located on 2139 Daly Avenue**

The Environment and Parks Committee was informed that the New York Restoration Project will be conducting capital improvements to Perry's Garden located at 2139 Daly Avenue. They were informed that New York Restoration Project earlier this year was awarded by the New York State Office of Park, Recreation, and Historic Preservation \$480,000 to conduct improvements at the garden. These improvements will increase urban agriculture and food production of fresh, seasonable vegetables and herbs. These spaces will also encourage composting of organic materials and food scraps, promote healthy communities through gardening, support inter-generational and cross-cultural use of public open spaces, and create a safe space to host cultural and educational programs. In order to move forward on this grant, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation requires a Municipal Endorsement from the Community Board. The Environment and Parks Committee is in favor of the proposed capital improvements to Perry's Garden.

- **Discussion of the Parks and Playgrounds Conditions with the Department of Parks and Recreation**

The Environment and Parks Committee discussed the conditions of the parks and playgrounds in the district with the Department of Parks and Recreation as a result of the increase in complaints. The committee was informed that there has been recent staff changes that has delayed park maintenance and that there has been difficulty hiring and keeping seasonal staff for maintenance. However, they will ensure that the complaints received get addressed. The committee was informed that a new parks manager was assigned to CB6, and the Board's office had connected with him via email.