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Environment and Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Margarita Espinosa, Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson

The Environment and Parks Committee met on November 15, 2023 via Zoom Audio and Video Conference and in-person at the district office. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Nicole Carter, Margarita Espinosa, Melissa Guzman, Magdamary Marcano, Reggie Powell, Samsondeen Raheem, Renee Reed, Kristine Rivera, and Carol Robinson.

The Environment and Parks Committee discussed the following information:

- **Informational presentation by the New York City Department of Design and Construction on Walter Gladwin Park Recreation Center**

The Environment and Parks Committee was informed that the design for the Walter Gladwin Recreation Center integrates the natural environment of the park and urban landscape. The center will have a media lab, dance room, cardio room, facilities for strength and cardio training, classrooms, as well as communal lobbies on each floor. The gymnasium will feature court lines for pickleball, volleyball, and basketball. Pedestrian walkways or paths and elevators help ensure the center is accessible. There will be a nominal fee to use the center. Individuals 24 years old and younger are granted free access. Adult memberships are \$60.00 for the year, but seniors and persons with disabilities can purchase yearly memberships at a discounted rate of \$25.00. The roof will have solar panels to offset carbon emissions and the building will be LEED Gold certified. The construction for the Walter Gladwin Recreation Center is anticipated to begin in March 2025 and completed in 2027. The New York City Department of Design and Construction requested an opportunity to deliver the presentation about the Walter Gladwin Park Recreation Center to the Community Board at an upcoming Community Board meeting. They also stated that a letter of support is not needed at this time.

- **Discussion on the Reimagine the Cross Bronx Expressway Study**

The Environment and Parks Committee was informed that the New York State and New York City Department of Transportation and the New York City Department of City Planning presented at the Executive Committee meeting about the current phase of the Reimagine the Cross Bronx Expressway study. District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett informed the Environment and Parks Committee about the workshops and survey, and information on how to sign up for updates on the Reimagine the Cross Bronx Expressway website.