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**Environment and Parks Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

**Margarita Espinosa, Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson**

The Environment and Parks Committee met on March 20, 2024 at the district office and via Zoom Audio and Video Conference and in-person at the district office. The following board members were present: Angelina Zervos (Virtual), Carol Robinson (Virtual), Cornell Brown (Virtual), Gil Simmons (Virtual), Kristine Rivera, Laura James (Virtual), Magdamary Marcano (Virtual), Margarita Espinosa, Melissa Guzman, Nicole Carter (Virtual), Renee Reed

**The Environment and Parks Committee discussed the following information:**

- **Discussion on the Discussion on Happyland Memorial event**

The committee spoke with the Park Manager for Community District 6 regarding logistics for the 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Happyland Memorial Event. The memorial and surrounding area were cleaned in time for the event. The families and friends of victims will also have access to the memorial beforehand so offerings or decorations can be brought in honor of their loved ones. The NYC Parks Department staff may not be available to close the park once the event ends because of budget cuts impacting overtime. The committee volunteered to close the park after the memorial event if necessary.

- **Planning for 5K Run in Walter Gladwin Park**

The committee proposed hosting the 5K run on June 1, 2024 at Walter Gladwin Park to raise diabetes awareness. District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett will forward the proposed path for the run and coordinate with NYC Parks for a site walk-through with the Commissioner. In addition to the pending approval from NYC Parks, the committee discussed plans to have a DJ at the 5K run and asked the District Manager to apply for the appropriate permit from the NYPD for the music. If elected officials will be in attendance, then the Borough Commissioner for NYC Parks would like an invitation. The Director for Community Engagement at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), who participated in the 5K run in 2019, was in attendance during the committee meeting. The Director for Community Engagement shared that DOHMH can partner with the board for the event, either by offering services and resources to community members, or referrals. The committee also discussed future planning tasks, such as inviting organizations to table at the 5K run and soliciting donations from businesses for items like water bottles.



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- **Other Business (if any)**

- **Quarry Fields**

Construction has begun at Quarry Fields. Monterey residents look forward to its completion and are in discussion about how to monitor and care for Quarry Fields in the future. Committee Member Gil Simmons hopes to discuss a street naming in the future. The street by Quarry Fields would be renamed "Miller's Corner" to honor the positive impact of this individual on the community.

- **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Melissa Guzman and seconded by Magarita Espinosa.