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Environment and Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Margarita Espinosa, Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson
Wednesday, October 15, 2025

The Environment and Parks Committee met on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 in-person at the district office and on Zoom Video Communications. The following board members attended the Environment and Parks Committee Meeting: Nicole Carter (virtual), Margarita Espinosa, Carol Robinson, Angelina Zervos, Sofia Delgado, Shantavia Inabinet, Renee Reed, Magdamary Marcano, Laura James, and Reggie Powell.

The Environment and Parks Committee discussed the following:

- **Presentation by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation on the Walter Gladwin Recreation Center's Art**

The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation provided an update on the public artwork design for the Walter Gladwin Recreation Center, which is made possible through the Percent for Art Program. The artist, Glendalys Medina, revised the original design based on the committee's feedback. The new design incorporates the history and diversity of the Bronx, including the Cross Bronx Expressway's impact on the community. The design aims to represent hope and unity, featuring abstract elements that evoke the movement and migration of people, with a focus on the diverse cultural groups that have contributed to the area. While the design maintains the original flag theme, the artist has made changes to create a collection of art pieces that resonates with the diverse population. The artist, who has experience with public art installations, aims to engage the local community, particularly students, by incorporating the flag motif into educational programs and encouraging creative exploration. The project seeks to, symbolizing a journey towards justice for the various different populations in our community.

- **Informational Presentation by the New York City Office of Emergency Management on Ready New York**

The New York City Office of Emergency Management (NYCEM) conducted a presentation on the steps residents can take when planning for extreme weather or other local emergency. Storm season runs from June 1st to November 30th, with the highest storm risks occurring between the months of August and October in New York City. It is crucial for residents to have an emergency plan in place before a storm hits, including knowledge of evacuation routes. New York City has six hurricane evacuation zones and areas near coastal areas are especially vulnerable to storm surges during hurricanes. You can stay informed before, during, and after an emergency by following the online channels of your local elected officials, community board, and NYCEM. In case of an emergency or evacuation, residents should make a go-bag with essentials like IDs, vital documents, medications, flashlight, batteries, phone chargers, cash, and credit cards. In the event that residents need to shelter in place, an emergency stay-at-home kit should have 7 days worth of supplies in an accessible container. For emergency alerts, New Yorkers can text "NOTIFYNYC" to 692-692 to receive citywide emergency updates straight to their phone. To check your evacuation zone, visit NYC.gov/knowyourzone or call 311. NYCEM also recruits neighborhood volunteers to be part of the CERT Team, which receives training to provide on-the-ground assistance to residents during an emergency and coordination with law enforcement, and first responders.

- **Informational Presentation by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection on the Lead Service Line Replacement Program**

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection is inspecting and replacing lead and galvanized steel water service lines in the district at no cost to qualified homeowners. Water service lines connect your home's plumbing to the City's water main in the street. Homeowners own and are responsible for their entire service line. While NYC banned lead service lines use in 1961 and lead in household plumbing in 1987, some older homes (particularly 1-to-4-family homes) may still have lead pipes and fixtures. New York City's water is delivered lead-free and meets or exceeds federal and state health standards. However, if your private service line and/or household plumbing contain lead, it could increase your risk of exposure to lead through your drinking water. Lead can cause serious health problems, particularly for young children and pregnant women. We strongly encourage anyone with a lead service line to replace it to reduce the risk of lead exposure from household plumbing. Replacing lead service lines can cost more than \$8,000.00, but is free for eligible homeowners through this program. You can search the NYC Service Line Map to see if your property has a lead service line.

For homeowners who are not eligible for the program, DEP recommends enrolling in the Service Line Protection Program to avoid unexpected service line repair costs. Residents who are concerned lead levels in their home's water can request a free lead test kit by calling 311 or by searching for "DEP lead kit" online at portal.311.nyc.gov.

- **Review of the Bronx Community Board 6's Preliminary Community District Needs for Fiscal Year 2025**

The committee reviewed the following items from the District Needs Statement: allocation of capital funding to renovate Bathgate Playground, street cleaning equipment for DSNY, requests for more cameras to curtail illegal dumping, previous efforts for an advocacy group to lead the request for a dog-run, request for NYC Parks Department to supply disposable dog bags, request for rain gardens, funding for more out-of-school programs and creation of vocational trainings for young adults, participation in Workforce1 Community Partnership Program, continuation of merchant organizing on East Tremont, maintenance and planting of street trees, increasing trash clean-up of local parks, and including a request for repairs of Belmont playground and the car safety service track around the field.

- **Other Business**
 - **Crotona Malls**

The committee will discuss the repair work of the Crotona Mall and address outstanding questions next month.



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Economic Development, Environment and Parks, and Sanitation Committee Meeting
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Environment and Parks Committee		
Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		☒
Sofia Delgado		☐
Margarita Espinosa	M. Espinosa	☐
Renee Reed		☐
Carol Robinson		☐
Gil Simmons		☐
Angelina Zervos		☐
Sanitation Committee		
Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		☒
Sofia Delgado	Sofia Delgado	☐
Margarita Espinosa		☐
Renee Reed		☐
Carol Robinson		☐
Angelina Zervos		☐
Economic Development Committee		
Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		☒
Margrita Espinosa		☐
Shantavia Inabinet	Mrs. Inabinet	☐
Nicole Ndiaye		☐
Renee Reed	Renee Reed	☐
Carol Robinson		☐
Angelina Zervos		☐
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