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Environment and Parks Committee Meeting Minutes
Margarita Espinosa, Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson
Wednesday, November 12, 2025

The Environment and Parks Committee met on Wednesday, November 12, 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, Sofia Delgado, Shantavia Inabinet, Maria Garcia, Angel Nunez-Garcia, Magdamary Marcano, Carmen Rivera, and Reggie Powell.

The Environment and Parks Committee discussed the following:

- **Update from NYC Department of Parks and Recreation on ongoing capital projects in CB6**

Valerie Davis, of the Bronx Borough Commissioner's office briefed the committee on the status of capital projects at the following locations: Bathgate Playground, Crotona Parkway Malls, and Ciccarone Park.

The reconstruction of Bathgate Playground is fully funded, with \$6 million dollars allocated through the City of Yes. The Parks Department anticipates the design will be finalized in the summer 2026. The committee requested information about the Parks Department's RFP process, and expressed support for the consideration and selection of MWBE businesses.

The reconstruction of mall 4 located at Elsmere Place and East Tremont Avenue, and mall 9 located at east 181st Street and east 182nd Street, were completed and are now open to the public. The Parks Department anticipates the reconstruction of the following malls to begin later this winter: mall 6 located at East 178th Street and East 179th Street, mall 7 located at East 179th Street and East 180th Street, and mall 8 located at East 180th Street and East 181st Street.

Chairperson of the Environment and Parks Committee, Margarita Espinosa, noted that the malls undergoing reconstruction this winter may affect access to the Happy Land Memorial. She requested clarification regarding the areas that will be impacted by the reconstruction of the Crotona Parkway Malls and an estimate of the time required to complete the reconstruction.

Currently, no funding is allocated to Ciccarone Park. The cost-estimate will be produced in a few months. The committee also requested that the Parks Department follow-up with information about future plans, if any, to allocate funding to Ciccarone Park, which is frequently visited by both local residents and tourists.

- **Presentation on NYS Plastic Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act**

Representatives from Beyond Plastics conducted a presentation about the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (PRRIA). The act establishes a statewide Extended Producer Responsibility program for almost all packaging. It aims to reduce plastic packaging by 30% over 12 years, as well as increase recycling and reuse rates to 75%. The bill places the responsibility for waste management costs on companies, which encourages them to reduce packaging and decrease the chemical recycling process that releases toxic chemicals into our communities. This act would apply to companies that gross more than \$5 million dollars in sales or produce more than 2 tons of packaging annually. Under this law, these companies would have to pay fees to municipalities to cover the waste management of their packaging.

Beyond Plastics is seeking a letter of support for Senate Bill 1464 and Assembly Bill 1749, the legislation that enacts the PRRIA. The committee discussed the status of the legislation, which passed in the Senate but is stalled in the Assembly. Since all of the state elected officials who cover the district have already signed onto the bill as co-sponsors, the committee proposed writing a letter of support to ask state elected officials to continue their support for enacting the PRRIA in the next legislative session.



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**Economic Development, Environment and Parks, Sanitation,
and Public Safety and Licensing Committee Meeting**
Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Environment and Parks Committee		
Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sofia Delgado		<input type="checkbox"/>
Margarita Espinosa	<i>M. Espinosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Reed		<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Robinson	<i>Carol Robinson</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angelina Zervos		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sanitation Committee		
Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sofia Delgado	<i>Sofia Delgado</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Margarita Espinosa	<i>M. Espinosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Reed		<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Robinson	<i>Carol Robinson</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angelina Zervos		<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development Committee		
Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Margrita Espinosa	<i>M. Espinosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shantavia Inabinet	<i>M.A. Inabinet</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Ndiaye		<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Reed		<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Robinson	<i>Carol Robinson</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angelina Zervos		<input type="checkbox"/>

