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Environment and Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Margarita Espinosa, Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

The Environment and Parks Committee met on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 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), Sofia Delgado, Margarita Espinosa, Shantavia Inabinet (virtual), Magdamary Marcano, Jessii Parham (virtual), Reggie Powell, Renee Reed, Carol Robinson, and Angelina Zervos.

The Environment and Parks Committee discussed the following:

- **Discussion on Climate Change Workshops**

Angelina Zervos provided an update to the committee about the Climate Change Workshops that will be hosted in partnership with New York Sea Grant Foundation. The foundation is willing to provide funding, but the committee must decide the direction for the workshop and target audience.

The committee discussed hosting the workshops in the area around Bronx River Garden, suggesting a climate carnival or family day event. The foundation may be able to connect the Board with the climate educators working in the boroughs to assist. The Mayor's Office for Climate Justice Advisory Board will host a public forum at BRAC in the February, which may help refine the theme for the climate workshops according to the community's interests.

- **Discussion on the 36th Happy Land Social Club Fire Memorial Event**

Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson Margarita Espinosa provided an update on the planning for the 36th Happy Land Social Club Fire Memorial Event. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th. The planning process has been helpful for clarifying the support roles of various partners who will help with the memorial event. Invitations will be sent out at the end of the month to elected officials, including the new mayor. The committee Chairperson is waiting for an update on the renovations of the Crotona Park Malls, and ensuring it will not interfere with the memorial.

- **Discussion on Community Garden By-Law Writing Workshops (Clean up @ El Batey De Doña Provi Garden on March 28, 2026)**

El Batey De Doña Provi Garden first reached out for help getting a loading zone, which was approved. The garden recently reached out to the Parks Department and district office for assistance with a clean-up event, which would help the garden be in compliance with maintenance of the garden

and taking down an unauthorized shed. The event will also help the garden with recruitment of more members.

The district office will also assist the garden with drafting their by-laws. The Parks Department will share a list of community gardens that need updated by-laws for the district office to reach out to and offer assistance.

The committee is considering making this March 28th event an “It’s My Park Day”, in addition to a separate park day in April. The District Manager will forward the selected park days to the appropriate park representatives for planning.

- **Review of Committee Meetings Quorum Records**

The committee reviewed and discussed committee meeting quorum records, quorum requirements, and the inconsistencies in their application during committee meetings. It was clarified that, pursuant to the New York State Open Meeting Law, meetings and votes require a majority of committee members to be physically present. Virtual participation is permitted only under limited circumstances. Quorum has frequently not been met, which limits the Board’s ability to conduct official business. To address this, starting in February, the Board will begin enforcing stricter quorum requirements.

These measures include more rigorous standards for virtual attendance and earlier quorum deadlines. Additionally, the Executive Committee will meet to review attendance and overall committee structure. The committee also discussed potential strategies to improve in-person participation, such as consolidating committees, improving communication, and adjusting member assignments.



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**Economic Development, Environment and Parks, Sanitation,
and Public Safety and Licensing Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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

Angelina Zervos		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Jessii Parkham - Virtual (SB)

Reggie Powell - Present (SB)

Margormary Marciano - Present (SB)

