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**Environment and Parks Committee Meeting Minutes**  
Margarita Espinosa, Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson  
Wednesday, March 11, 2026

The Environment and Parks Committee met on Wednesday, March 11, 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, Sofia Delgado (Virtual), Margarita Espinosa, Shantavia Inabinet (Virtual), Laura James (Virtual), Nicole N'diaye (Virtual), Jessii Parham (Virtual), Reggie Powell, Renee Reed, Carmen Rivera, Carol Robinson, and Angelina Zervos.

The Environment and Parks Committee discussed the following:

- **Presentation on the Senior Community Luncheon at Drew Gardens Event Proposal**

The committee discussed a proposal to host a senior luncheon event at Drew Gardens in June. The event aims to promote membership and community outreach at Drew Gardens, and also provide inclusive programming on behalf of the Board. The luncheon will offer seniors an opportunity to socialize and celebrate the contributions of a senior in the community. The District Manager will communicate with the offices of elected officials about honoring the individual with a proclamation. The budget for the event is \$1,000.00, covering food and music, with the majority of the work being volunteer-based. A motion to provide funding for the senior luncheon in the amount \$1,000.00 was made by Angelina Zervos, seconded by Margarita Espinosa, and adopted unanimously.

- **Update on Happy Land Social Club Fire 36th Anniversary Memorial Event (3/25)**

Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson, Margarita Espinosa, provided an update on the memorial planning. The 36th Happy Land Social Club Fire Memorial Event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. The Invitations have been sent to elected officials and the District Manager has received a copy of the proclamation that will be presented by Congress Member Ritchie Torres. The renovations of the park malls is almost complete and the office will continue coordinating with the Parks Department to clean the area around the monument.

- **Other Business**

- **Clean up at El Batey De Doña Provi Garden**

A representative from El Batey De Doña Provi Garden shared updates on the status of the garden with the committee. On Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Greenthumb will visit the garden to assess conditions and determine next steps. The garden will canvass the neighborhood to distribute a short survey to collect information from individuals who are interested in membership and possess gardening skills. On March 28<sup>th</sup>, El Batey De Doña Provi Garden will host a community clean up event. The representative will follow up with the District Manager via email to share a flyer for the event, which is open to the community.

- o **Discussion of Potential Programming for an Earth Day Event (4/26)**

Vice-Chairperson of the Environment and Park Committee, Angelina Zervos, provided an update about the event planning for the Environmental Literacy and Climate Resiliency Resource Fair. The event will take place outside of Walter Gladwin Park on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, and will be open to all ages. The event will take place late morning and end in the early afternoon. Environmental organizations and agencies are welcome to table. A representative from the New York Sea Grant Foundation will conduct a workshop on one of the following topics: "Litter and Plastics" or "Our Community in 2036". The event time and flyer will be finalized next week.

- o **Sponsorship Teddy Bear Project**

Roseanne Andrade met with the committee to request a letter of sponsorship for the Teddy Bear Project's application to the Materials for the Arts. This would allow the Teddy Bear Project to obtain donated art materials for community projects. A motion to issue a letter of sponsorship for the Teddy Bear Project's application to the Materials for the Arts was made by Nicole Carter, and seconded by Renee Reed.

