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Environment and Parks Committee Meeting Minutes
Margarita Espinosa, Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson
Wednesday, April 15, 2026

The Environment and Parks Committee met on Wednesday, April 15, 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, Margarita Espinosa, Shantavia Inabinet, Magdamary Marcano, Reggie Powell, Renee Reed, Carol Robinson, and Angelina Zervos.

The Environment and Parks Committee discussed the following:

- **Update on the Garden of Youth from the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)**

The District Manager shared an update regarding the Garden of Youth. Currently, the city is working to buy back a portion of a community garden that was accidentally sold to a private developer due to a tax lien. DCAS has already conducted an assessment of the land and is waiting for final approval from the Mayor's Office for the purchase of the land, with funds that have been allocated by Council Member Feliz's office.

- **Update on Bronx Community Board 6's Earth Day Event (Saturday, April 26)**

The committee discussed the agencies and organizations that are confirmed for the Earth Day Event on Sunday, April 26th. The Department of Sanitation (DSNY), Fire Department (FDNY), Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), and the New York City Office of Emergency Management (NYCEM) are all confirmed. The Bronx River Garden, Excellence Community Schools, and New York Sea Grant Foundation are also tabling. The Earth Day Event will feature environmental displays, yoga, bilingual story time, and a "passport" system to distribute tickets to the Bronx Zoo to attendees who engage with the presentations.

- **Discussion on the Bronx Community Board 6's 5K Run (Saturday, May 30)**

The Board is organizing its third annual 5K event with an estimated \$2,000.00 budget for medals, t-shirts, and refreshments. The anticipated date for the 5K Walk/Run is Saturday, May 30th. A motion to approve the budget of \$2,000.00 for 5K event was made by Margarita Espinosa, and seconded by Renee Reed. District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett noted that the cost estimate did not include the purchase of t-shirts for the event.

- **Other Business**
 - **Happy Land Memorial**

The Chairperson for the Environment and Parks Committee expressed gratitude for the assistance in planning and hosting the Happy Land Memorial event.

- **Park Visits**

The committee discussed plans to walk through Bronx Park and Vidalia Park, as well as visit nearby community gardens.

