



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2016

Margarita Espinosa, Committee Chairperson

The Parks and Recreation Committee met on October 19, 2016 at The Community Board 6 office. During the meeting the following people were present: District Manager, John Sanchez, Claudette Coles, Moussa Siby, Sahre Davis, April Hurley, Gil Simmons, and German Mejias from Webster playground. The following topics were discussed:

- Gil Simmons and other community residents proposed a community garden on East 181st Street next to the Quarry Ballfield. The Community Board requested that he provides a petition for all those in favor of the garden. Gil was able to submit a list of 70 people who were in favor of the garden, therefore, the Parks Committee unanimously recommended that the board grant a letter of support for this community garden.
- District Manager, John Sanchez met with the Bronx Parks and Recreation Commissioner on October 11, 2016 and they discussed the estimated costs to renovate several parks. The cost to renovate Mapes Ballfield is \$8.25 million, Quarry Baseball Field is \$2 million, and the Quarry football/soccer field is \$7.9 million. The Parks Department wants to do a site visit of these parks on November 9th at 12pm of Mapes, Quarry, and Bathgate Playground.
- Update: Bronx River Trailway West Farms Rapid is undergoing construction of a greenway and a park along the Bronx River from East Tremont Avenue to East 180th Street; scheduled completion of this project is March 2017. Vidalia Park will install a fence in the basketball court area and the expected completion date is spring 2017.
- New park closures will take effect in the near future and the hours will be changed to 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM and 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM during Day Light Savings.
- It's My Park Day was held on October 22, 2016 at Mapes Ballfield located on East 180th street. Despite the weather, we had a great turnout and overall had a successful event. Special thank you to Claudette Coles for always being supportive and active in all that we do. We would also like to thank P.O Perez from the 48th precinct for bring the Explorers to the event, as well as Carmen Rivera from VIP for her help and support. This was also District Manager, John Sanchez first It's My Park Day event and we hope he enjoyed it.

*Honorable Ritchie Torres,
City Council Member, 15th Council District*

*Honorable Rafael Salamanca,
City Council Member, 17th Council District*