



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 20, 2017
Margarita Espinosa, Committee Chairperson

The Parks and Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at the Bronx Community Board #6's district office. The following board members attended the meeting Nelson Chimilio, Claudette Coles, Laura James, and Moussa Siby.

The following items were discussed:

- **Discussion on East 181st Street Garden and member recruitment**

The committee reviewed and discussed the community visioning meeting summary of September 12, 2017 of the East 181st Street Garden was discussed.

- **Discussion of Preliminary Community District Needs and Community Board Budget requests for FY 2019.**

We reviewed the Fiscal Year 2019 Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests. The committee included the following in our FY 2019 Budget Request:

- Provide a new or expanded park or amenity for Vidalia Park and Belmont Playground
- Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity for Vidalia Park and Belmont Playground
- Provide better park maintenance for Bronx River Park, Crotona Malls, Tremont Park and Vincent Ciccarone Playground
- Provide more athletic programming
- Support nonprofit cultural organizations
- Provide more or better equipment to a library

I attended the Council District 15 Town Hall with Mayor de Blasio on Wednesday, October 4, 2017. The Mayor announced funding has been provided for the following:

- \$5.4 million to renovate the soccer field of Quarry Ballfield
- \$1.5 million to renovate Mapes Ballfield

I also attended the Health Fair and Salsa Concert on September 16th. I would like to thank Mr. Jose Rivera from X-Tremitez for honoring me for my support and dedication to my community.

The West Farms Rapids Park Clean-Up will held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will be meeting at the trailhead entrance on East 180th Street and Bronx River (next to the River Garden). To RSVP and for more information, please contact the district office by telephone at (718) 579-6990 or by email at bronxcb6@bronxcb6.org.

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

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