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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2017
Margarita Espinosa, Committee Chairperson

The Parks and Recreation Committee met on January 18, 2017 at the Bronx Community Board #6's office. During the meeting the following members were present: District Manager, John Sanchez, Claudette Coles, Maria Garcia, Sara Nunez-Mejia, Moussa Siby and Gil Simmons.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Presentation on GreenThumb by Ms. Ariana Arancibia**

Ms. Ariana Arancibia presented on the New York City Parks and Recreation GreenThumb. She discussed that GreenThumb Gardens are diverse, green, committed, connect, and service-oriented individuals. These individuals provide food, flowers, beautification, neighborhood strength, farmer's markets and neighborhood education. She also stated that a GreenThumb Garden are to open to the public 20 hours per week, members maintain the garden's interior and exterior, a one free public event annually is provide, and members are to attend one workshop annually.

Community Members of the Charles W. Cooke Farm garden raised some questions to Ms. Arancibia in regards to the possibility of obtaining additional working hours at the Charles W. Cooke Farm garden. This is the largest garden in our district.

District Manager John Sanchez agreed to assist these members in regards to this matter.

- **Discussion on Bronx Community Board #6's pruning schedule**

District Manager John Sanchez discussed the streets in our district that are scheduled for pruning by the New York City Parks and Recreation's contractors in the coming weeks under the FY 2017 block pruning contract.

- **Discussion on planning for the Happy Land Memorial**

The Happy Land 27th Anniversary is on March 25, 2017. The committee agreed to schedule a cleanup day on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM for the beautification of the Happy Land Monument. The mass will be held on March 25, 2017 at 4:00 PM at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church located at 1900 Crotona Parkway. Additional information will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The Parks and Recreation committee meets every third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM in our district office.