



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 6**

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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 15 @ 6:30 PM

Location: 1932 Arthur Avenue, Room 403-A

Chairperson: Margarita Espinosa

The Parks and Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, November 15th, 2017 at the Bronx Community Board 6 Office located at 1932 Arthur Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457. During the meeting the following members were present: Claudette Coles, Margarita Espinosa, Lanell Gardenhire, Laura James, and Michael Nelson.

Bronx Parks Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa attended our committee meeting to discuss the proposed East 181st Street Garden located adjacent to Quarry Ballfield. She informed us that we would be unable to legally transform the lot into a garden through Greenthumb, but that she hopes to designate some of the money allocated by the mayor to the lot. If her proposal goes through, she will consult with the community and with our committee and gain input regarding design.

The present board members took advantage of the Commissioner's presence to inquire about parks in the district. We learned that construction of West Farms Rapids will resume shortly. Complaints about the maintenance of Crotona Parkway Malls and the Happy Land Memorial were brought to the Commissioner's attention, and she assured us that NYC Parks would address these concerns.

Yolanda Rodrigues from Bronx Arts Factory presented to the board about the a grant their organization received to install public art and facilitate programming in Tremont Park. She displayed images of the proposed artwork and showcased the finished product of the event Bronx Arts Factory held on November 4th outside of Tremont Park. Yolanda would like to present to the full board in January or February 2018 and solicit ideas for programming in Tremont Park.

The Parks and Recreation committee will meet next at 6:30PM on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at the Bronx Community Board 6 Office at 1932 Arthur Avenue, Room 403-A.

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

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