



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

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 and Thursday, October 19, 2017 @ 6:00 PM

Location: Mary Mitchell Family and Youth Center and PS 211

Chairpersons: Margarita Espinosa

The Parks and Recreation Committees met on both Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at Mary Mitchell Family and Youth Center located at 2007 Mapes Avenue and Thursday, October 19, 2017 at PS 211 located at 1919 Prospect Avenue. During the Tuesday meeting the following members were present: Kia Ferguson, Victoria Palmas, Margarita Espinosa, Claudette Coles, Diana Diaz, and Ivonne Capers. During the Thursday meeting the following members were present: Victoria Palmas, Margarita Espinosa, Claudette Coles, Maria Garcia, Virginia Bird, Jacquetta Whaley, Marie Louise Ocran, Glenda Bond, and Evonne Capers.

New York City Department of Parks and Recreation held a Community Input Meeting for both Mapes Ballfield and Prospect Playground, as they will be reconstructed under Mayor de Blasio's Community Parks Initiative in the upcoming years. Community Board members and residents suggested a wide variety of designs and amenities for Mapes Ballfield including, but not limited to: bathrooms, a concession stand, a seating area around the tree, more lighting, and a playground for children. They also suggested a number of designs and amenities for Prospect Playground including: bathrooms, more lighting, removal of handball wall and tennis courts, improvement of basketball fields, more entrances, a color coded multi-play sports field, and added bleachers for seating. According the Department of Parks and Recreation, the projects will not begin construction for another year. The park is expected to be complete in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021.

On Saturday, October 14, we held a park cleanup at West Farms Rapids, a park scheduled for completion this fall. Thank you to the board members and community members that attended the cleanup.

On Saturday, October 21, we held a garden cleanup at Charles W. Cooke Farm Garden. Thank you to the NYPD Explorers, board members, community members, and youth groups that attended the cleanup. In December, we will be awarding the youth who volunteer their time and effort to our park cleanups with community service awards.

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 6:30 pm at 1932 Arthur Ave Rm. 403-A

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

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