



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Margarita Espinosa, Chairperson
Gil Simmons, Co-Chairperson

The Parks and Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at the Bronx Community Board #6's district office located at 1932 Arthur Avenue, Room 403-A. At this meeting, the following members were present: Evonne Capers, Nicole Carter, Nelson Chimilio, Margarita Espinosa, Lanell Gardenhire, Audrey Harden, Matthew Martinez, Michael Nelson, Jorge Ortiz, and Gil Simmons.

The following items were discussed:

- **Presentation by the Department of Parks and Recreation on the Quarry Ballfields reconstruction**

Quarry Ballfields is located on East 181st Street and Oak Tree Place between Quarry Road and Hughes Avenue. The Department of Parks and Recreation informed us about the renovations for Quarry Ballfields. They will be renovating the football and soccer field with synthetic turf to enhance field usage, develop a portion of the park for passive recreation to facilitate community gathering and incorporate new trees that will provide additional shade. The total budget for this project is \$7.3 million as part of the Mayor de Blasio's Fiscal Year 2019 and its project size is 2.32 acres.

- **Community Boards Enhancement Initiative Funding Guidelines**

In the Fiscal 2020 Adopted Operating Budget, the City Council, for the second consecutive year allocated supplemental funding each of the 59 Community Boards through the Community Boards Enhancement Initiative. The initiative grants each of the Community Boards an additional \$42,500 in Other than Personal Services funding. All purchases with a value of \$10,000 or more should be approved by a vote of the full Community Board. The money cannot go towards staff salaries, food purchases or one time supply items, but can go towards community event like bouncy houses, paid internship programs, information technology upgrades, community outreach, professional development, consultants and office-wide upgrades. In order for the City Council to evaluate the efficacy of the initiative, each community board will be required to report on the use, or intended use, of the City's Council's discretionary funding. Similar to last year, the City Council will provide a survey mid-year, which all Community Board must complete and return to the Council.

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16th, 2019 at 6:30PM at the Bronx Community Board #6's district office located at 1932 Arthur Avenue, Room 403-A.

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

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