



THE CITY OF NEW YORK BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 6

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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Margarita Espinosa, Committee Chairperson

Gil Simmons, Committee Co- Chairperson

The Parks and Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 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, Nelson Chimilio, Margarita Espinosa, Lanell Gardenhire, Julisa Hamilton, Audrey Harden, Matthew Martinez, Michael Nelson, and Reggie Powell.

The following items were discussed:

- **It's My Park Day at the Happy Land Memorial Monument**

The committee announced that the It's My Park Day Happy Land Memorial Monument will be on Saturday, March 14, 2020 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. The Department of Parks and Recreation assured us that the area is cleaned for the event and will ensure that the benches are painted for the event.

- **Happy Land 30th Anniversary Memorial Mass**

The Happy Land 30th Anniversary Memorial will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 6:00 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Church located at 1900 Crotona Parkway. Procession towards a vigil at the Happy Land monument following mass ceremony.

In addition, we submitted a request to the Department of Parks and Recreation to ensure that the stretch from the church to the monument is clean. We would also like to remove the sign with the names of those being remembered because it is already on the monument but she would only take action after discussing the matter with the families and getting their confirmation in writing.

- **Discussion of Parks Capital Projects**

The committee requested an update of all the capital improvements projects occurring within the parks of the district and a report of what's happening in each of the parks to discuss at the committee meeting for the month of April, including any ribbon cutting and information regarding Starlight Park.

- **Discussion of Community Paddling Day and Native American Appreciation Workshops**

District Manager, John Sanchez, announced that the Community Paddling Day and Native American Appreciation Workshops will be an event sponsored by Bronx Community Board #6 in partnership with the Bronx River Alliance. The event will take place on May 30, 2020 between 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.