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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Margarita Espinosa, Committee Chairperson

Gil Simmons, Committee Co-Chairperson

The Parks and Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 through Zoom Audio and Video Conference. The following board members were present at this meeting: Clarita Bailon, John Barczak, Nicole Carter, Margarita Espinosa, Angela Hernandez, Magdamary Marcano and Matthew Martinez.

The following information was discussed:

- **Discussion by the Department of Parks and Recreation on the park maintenance in the district**

Bronx Borough Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa and District 6 Park Manager Clinton Johnson informed us about the park maintenance system that is placed for the Crotona Park Malls, Happy Land Monument, and Walter Gladwin Park. They also informed us that the playgrounds in our district are serviced every day, and that there are some parks that are serviced five times a weeks and other three times a week. There's currently an estimate of twenty-four staff members assigned to our district. They also reported that throughout the pandemic the parks and playground usage increased significantly. We were informed that through the City Cleanup Corps (NYC CCC) they were able to secure additional staff members to assist in park maintenance. Commissioner Rodriguez-Rosa also thanked the volunteers, community groups, community organizations and the elected officials for their participation in servicing different parks and playgrounds throughout the borough during the summer season.

- **Discussion of the Preliminary Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2023.**

The committee members selected the following expense requests:

- Improve trash removal and cleanliness
- Provide better park maintenance specifically in Walter Gladwin Park and Crotona Parkway Malls
- Forestry services, including street tree maintenance specifically on the East Tremont Avenue between Morris Park Avenue and Webster Avenue
- Provide more athletic programming (i.e. league, aquatic)
- Provide more programs in parks or recreational centers