

**Brooklyn Community Board 17**  
**4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210**  
**Parks & Beautification Committee Meeting**  
**ONLINE**  
**April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

**Call to Order:** This meeting of the Parks & Beautification Committee Meeting was called to order by Berlotte Antoine at 7:44p.m.

**Chairperson's Report:**

- Welcomed everyone, advised everyone to call in since there are currently some issues with WEBEX.
- I submitted the application for the Green Parks 2024 and put Tilden Park on it. If we get this money, we will do a project at Tilden Playground.
- Our event that was scheduled for tomorrow is cancelled due to heavy rain. We will keep you posted for the next day.
- Thank you to Mr. Tait for the compost that was delivered at Nostrand Park and thank you to Miss Turner, thank you for your involvement.
- Miss DaCosta requested information for a farmers' market, and I met with the chair of the commerce committee, and I will follow up with you so we can have a separate meeting.
- Our big event will be on June 21<sup>st</sup> in the coming days, I will update you.

**Approval of the Minutes: January, February & March Minutes**

**Linda Turner:** Makes a motion to approve the minutes as written.

**Audrey Henderson:** Seconds the motion.

**Motion Approved.**

**Presentations:**

**Daniel Heredia (CM Louis Office):**

- In regard to Tilden Playground, just in terms of the cost updates that we received, so, council member Louis, recently, as a committee member of the committee on finance, and the city council Has been attending the preliminary budget hearings or fiscal year 2025.
- The budget cuts have certainly impacted what amount of the capital budget as well that the parks have in terms of making improvements. The council member will use her own line-item of council funding not related to the mayor's funding at all, to fund certain projects for the community.
- We were able to negotiate a project to expand tree guards and tree protection a long Tilden playgrounds as well as neighboring blocks. We are funding \$56,000 or 3 yards to be placed around Tilden Playground. The guards should have a life expectancy of 10 years, will be painted and they are made out of metal.

- The only way that we're going to be able to get this particular funding for Tilden is if people participate in participatory budgeting in the actual vote week.
- Vote week begins April 6<sup>th</sup> and continues into April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Update on the Shirley Chisholm Recreational Center, on Thursday, the closed off basketball courts will be opened.
- If there are any emergency issues, like a tree that's already hitting the building messing up your roofing kind of causing issues like that. You can bring it up to our office. We will tell the parks department that to issue an emergency contract test to deal with that one tree.

**Parks & Beautification Chair from CB 9:**

- We would like to out together a project, a conference that would be held every 2 years where we get all the community creation culture to exchange ideas and hear from all the stakeholder's concerning parks and recreation and culture. I submitted a proposal and Chair Antoine will share it with you.

**Adjournment:**

**Jackie Williams:** Motioned to adjourn the meeting.

**Linda Turner:** Seconded the meeting for adjournment.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Berlotte Antoine  
 Sherif Fraser  
 Rona Taylor  
 Ann Hudson  
 Adele Bennett  
 Kimberly Shelley  
 Audrey Henderson  
 Brie DaCosta  
 Linda Turner  
 Jackie Williams  
 Rick DaCosta  
 Judith Douglas  
 Jorge A. Tait

**Absent:**