

**Brooklyn Community Board 17**  
**4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210**  
**Parks & Beautification Committee Meeting**  
**ONLINE**  
**February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

**Chairperson's Report:**

- Welcomed everyone and expressed gratitude to committee members for all the help.
- Before this meeting, I met with a lot of people among them I met with Partnership for Parks and Rona Taylor, and we talked about what we can do in 2024.
- We talked about some planting and pruning and then mentioned which park to visit and what needs to be done.
- Last year we had a survey, and we asked the community what needs to be done, and then we will go back and review this survey.
- We visited the Railroad Park and saw what needs to be done and secondly a visit will be planned for the Nostrand Avenue Park.
- I also had a conversation with the assistant form Councilmember Louis's office, and he will soon be coming to answer your questions.

**Presentations:**

**Partnerships for Parks: Karley Chamblee:**

- With our community engagement team, we work with different volunteer groups that are interested in stewardship in their local parks. So, we kind of help those groups navigate through the existing parks department resources.
- We can help coordinate and provide supplies for painting projects and tree mulching projects at both Railroad and Tilden Parks.

**Central by Southeast Brooklyn CDC: Rona Taylor:**

- As stated by Karley and Berlotte we met to discuss a number of projects moving forward and these are projects that I plan to work with this committee.
- In addition, there are other events that my organization has planned for the spring. There will be a couple of community bike rides by Brooklyn Bridge Park in collaboration with Citi bike. Thinking of doing a wellness Wednesday's activity.
- My organization is committed to the holistic health and wellbeing of residents of East Flatbush, Flatlands, and Canarsie. So, I'm also working quite a bit with Harold Jones who's the executive director of the Canarsie community development organization.

**CM Louis's Office: Daniel Heredia:**

- it come to our attention that Committee board 17 has been trying to get the revitalization of some parks, especially that of Tilden playground and Harry May's Playground.
- I'll give a special shout out to the community member, Linda Turner, just because we had sat through some of the specific questions for the preliminary ask that council member has made to the mayor regarding the parks department.
- We need to force the parks department to maintain the environments and do a general overhaul of the facilities at Tilden Park.
- CM Louis is submitting a budget ask of the renovation of play equipment amenities. The playground needs new play equipment, with updated foam padding at the base, new benches, water fountains and exterior to support outdoor youth activities and active play.
- The councilmember has a pot of a 1 million dollars that's for the entire district can vote on how to spend. We are including this on the ballot as one of the items that will be voted on by the community.
- The senators, borough presidents and the higher ups need to hear those needs just as loud as the council members and so then we can get access to those funds. In the short term a letter would be great but in the long term, just more amplification from the chair of 17 to not all the electives as well and the citywide electees to make sure that Tilden playground isn't just seen as a small thing but it's important for the safety and livelihood of the community.
- Most light in the park is approved by DOT so the process is a bit tricky. Will talk to Parks and DOT to get a price on adding lights.

**Adjournment:**

**Karlene Gordon:** Motioned to adjourn the meeting.

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

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Berlotte Antoine  
Sherif Fraser  
Rona Taylor  
Adele Bennett  
Kimberly Shelley  
Audrey Henderson  
Brie DaCosta  
Linda Turner  
Jackie Williams  
Ricky DaCosta  
Jorge A. Tait

**Absent:**