

Brooklyn Community Board 17
4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210
Parks & Beautification Committee Meeting
ONLINE
January 2nd, 2024

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

Chairperson's Report:

- Welcomed everyone.
- Holiday event – discussed how it went and what improvements can be made for 2024.
- Comments - Chair Tait: No one should change the procedure without the chair's knowledge, people were being let in without tickets, insufficient gifts for everyone.
- DM Fraser: Suggested to have a representative from the council member's office to attend last two meetings of this committee and to have a program in place on how you plan on moving forward.
- Start toy drive from around September to November for unwrapped toys, then the committee can start making requests from community businesses, ask for toys or financial donations.
- Chair Brie DaCosta: Request for toys based on age range, so selection of gifts is sufficient.

New Business:

- Continued Park cleanup and mulching. In 2023 work done at Children's playground at Tilden and Farragut. Moving to other parks in the community while still working on children playground for new equipment continue to do some cleaning as parks and beautification committee.
- January 4, NYC partnership for parks has an appointment for first site visit for 2024, will visit Railroad playground. We would like to visit other parks to see what needs to be done.
- If there are any parks that needs emergency attention, let us know so we can make a schedule for 2024.
- Committee should start thinking about what we want to do for 2024.
- Drop off daffodils at CB 17 office, committee members can stop by and pick some up. Can place in front of your home as part of beautification of community.
- Look for parks and make suggestions, any parks that can use the community service,
- Spoke to 67th Precinct about graffiti removal, ask committee to take pics to see where we can focus our energy.
- DM Fraser: Suggest having graffiti cleanup under the railroad track by Glenwood Road.
- Request for community members to volunteer to do a walk thru and take pictures – Rona Taylor volunteered.
- This is a three-month plan to start working on for the next 3 months.

- Take pictures of walk thru, park that needs our assistance.
- Follow up with Railroad Park progress.
- Will revisit after three months to see any progress and needs.
- Suggestion to have T- Shirts for park and beautification committee.
- DM Fraser: Will have to wait for discretionary funds at the end of the fiscal year. Normally brought to attention of executive boards who decides on how to proceed.
- If no funding for this project, suggest writing and ask elected officials to add discretionary funds. Only received \$5,000 in 2023 from Councilmember Joseph, none from Councilmember Louis. Another suggestion to collect money from members and place order for t-shirts.
- Chair Tait stated that current T-shirts has the Parks and Beautification logo.

Adjournment:

Karlene Gordon: Adjourned the meeting.

Jorge A. Tait: seconded the meeting for adjournment.

Meeting Adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Berlotte Antoine
 Sherif Fraser
 Rona Taylor
 Adele Bennett
 Ann Hudson
 Brie DaCosta
 Linda Turner
 Jackie Williams
 Ricky DaCosta
 Jorge A. Tait
 Karlene Gordon

Absent: