

**Brooklyn Community Board 17**  
**4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210**  
**Parks & Beautification Committee Meeting**  
**ONLINE**  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

**Call to Order:** This meeting of the Parks & Beautification Committee Meeting was called to order by Berlotte Antoine 7:32 p.m.

**Chairperson's Report:**

- We want to know which parks you want us to work on. Is there any park that you want us to focus on the next time?  
Chairperson Turner: The lighting in Tilden Park.  
Chairperson Bennett: Lighting in Railroad Park  
Chairperson Williams: The lighting in Tilden Park  
Chairperson DaCosta: The lighting in Tilden Park  
Chairperson Gordon: Working on the lightening in the park.  
Chairperson Henderson: I can't really say since I don't frequent many parks.  
Chairperson Tait: The park is very dark and every park in the neighborhood needs more light.
- I wanted to say is that the next meeting will be exactly on election day and I'm trying to see if we can postpone it to November 14<sup>th</sup> instead of November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Presentations:**

**Antonio Whitaker: DSNY**

- Curbside composting and leaving yard waste began yesterday October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Here's a rule of thumb that I tell folks where they asked me about this black bags, equal trash. Clear bags equal everything else, so just keep that in mind when you're putting out your trash and your recyclables.
- All residential buildings can participate, including single family homes, small apartment, buildings, and multi-unit residential buildings collection will be the same day as recycling every week, which means the department will pick up your leaf in your waste and any food scraps that you choose to compost on your recycling day every week.
- So, compost collected in Brooklyn is anaerobic lead digested at the Newtown creek wastewater treatment plant, which is right here in Queens right here the city it's that located in Newtown Creek,
- No commercial landscape for waste is allowed, um, all food waste must be stored in a bin with a secure lid. So don't place your bags of food waste directly on the curve, and you can mix food waste with your leaf in your ways only when you're using a bin with a secure lid.
- So, place your bin at the curve after 6 P.M. the night before your collection day, if your yard waste is in bags, send it out after 8 P.M.

- So, you can order tip sheets, building signage, and bin decals from us directly for free. If you go to [NYC.gov/sanitationmaterials](https://nyc.gov/sanitationmaterials).

**Karley Chamblee Partnerships for Parks:**

- We help to really care for and intend to their local parks.
- Generally, this looks like a volunteer programming and that's how we mostly support groups.
- Other groups with the goals that they have in their communities, and in their green spaces as well kind of working towards advocacy and relaying information from the community to the parks department. there are a lot of opportunities for horticulture projects for painting as well kind of renovating the park itself and bringing more youth programming as well.
- Hoping to provide for the community, to try to form groups or form committees, who can, maybe start small with a little cleanup project and then from there having larger scale community events.
- Any ideas please feel free to reach out at [Karley.Chamblee@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:Karley.Chamblee@parks.nyc.gov), Partnerships for Parks Community Engagement Coordinator.

**Rona Taylor: Executive director of the central and Southeast Brooklyn CDC:**

- Our mission essentially is to prioritize the health and wellbeing of the residents of Central and South these Brooklyn and part of the way that we do this is by connecting people to nature.

**New Business:**

**No new business.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Berlotte Antoine  
Jorge A Tait  
Audrey Henderson  
Karlene Gordon  
Rona Taylor  
Ann Hudson  
Brie DaCosta  
Ricky DaCosta  
Adele Bennett  
Jackie Williams

**Absent:**

**Adjournment:**

Brie DaCosta: Adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.  
Karlene Gordon seconded the meeting for adjournment.

**Meeting Adjourned.**