

**Brooklyn Community Board 17**  
**4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210**  
**Parks and Beautification Committee Meeting**  
**ONLINE**  
**June 4th, 2024**

**Call to Order:** This meeting of the Parks and Beautification Committee Meeting was called to order by Ms. Berlotte Antoine at 7:33pm.

**Chairperson's Report:**

- Welcomes the new Board members.
- There was a park clean up on Nostrand playground, students helped clean up the park.
- The Parks Department will have a Health Fair on the 21<sup>st</sup>

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- Lack of quorum so minutes were not approved yet.

**Presentation:**

- Urban Oasis Project (Daniel Abrams. Project Manager: Research and Policy @ New Yorkers for Parks
  - The main topic of discussion is the need for more open spaces and parks in the district, particularly the feasibility of adding swimming pools.
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  - Tilden Park is in need of upgraded equipment.
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  - Safety concerns include poor visibility at night and incidents like a recent shooting.
  - The community also expresses the need for more community gardens in the area.
  - Open-air programming for seniors is desired, including activities like chess and dominoes.
  - Concerns were raised about the safety of elderly individuals in parks, particularly with bikes, and the need for separate areas where they can feel safe.
  - Open streets were also mentioned as a way to increase open space and recreation areas in the district.
  - The Trust for Public Land has identified priority schoolyards and playgrounds in the district for transformation.
  - The committee discussed the possibility of opening up Holy Cross Cemetery for open space, but further discussion was needed.
- Health and Wellness at Paerdegat Park on June 21, 2024, from 10 am -12 pm.

- Members are informed that the event is on a weekday and that they should mark their calendars.
- Requested that members volunteer for the evFent.

**Unfinished Business:**

- No unfinished business

**New Business:**

- No new business

**ROLL CALL:**

Ms. Berlotte Antoine

Linda Turner

Melanie Wilkerson

Jeremiah Ojo

Rick DaCosta

Brie DaCosta

Ann Hudson

Adele Bennett

Alexandra Schmidbauer

**Adjournment:**

**Ann Hudson:** Made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Linda Turner: Seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned.**