

Brooklyn Community Board 17
4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210
Parks and Beautification Committee Meeting
ONLINE
September 3rd, 2024

Call to Order: This meeting of the Parks and Beautification Committee Meeting was called to order by Ms. Berlotte Antoine at 7: 35pm.

Chairperson's Report:

- Welcomes committee members.
- Moved the Report to make time for the presentation.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- June minutes will be approved next meeting pending the edits.

Presentation:

- Shirley Chisholm Recreation Center Percent for Art artist: Introduction and scope of the project by Vanessa German
 - The proposal for the Shirley Chism Recreation Center is the Brooklyn Museum of Love and Wonder.
 - The museum will be co-created by the citizens of East Flatbush, honoring their voices, stories, and dreams.
 - Activations include a gate with community locks, art cabinets, benches made from elder hand tracings, and more.
 - Children's voices will be an important part of the project, including a Children's Spirit House.
 - The artwork in the museum is made with materials that are durable and will not fade or deteriorate easily.
 - The NYC Parks department has a team dedicated to maintaining and caring for the permanent artworks in the park.
 - Vanessa German is looking for community groups to participate in hands-on artmaking activities for the quilt cabinets in the museum.
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Unfinished Business:

- The park is neglected and lacks supervision and follow-through.
- The maintenance workers are not doing their job properly, leaving trash and neglecting necessary repairs.
- Action needs to be taken to address the issues, including raising concerns with higher authorities and advocating for better oversight.
- Vital Parks initiative is coming to the area, community board-specific, with funding and utilization considerations.

- Capital expenses for the park need to be identified separately from city council funding.
- Suggestions include conducting a survey within the community and starting a petition to address park improvements.
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New Business:

- Update on Tilden Playground walkthrough
 - There was garbage everywhere and hasn't been picked up in a while.
 - There are cracks and bumps in the group which is unsafe for the children.
 - The park needs regular maintenance and repairs from the Parks Department.
 - Asked for suggestions on improvements to Tilden Park.
- Would like to have a WhatsApp group because it is easier to communicate issues and initiatives for the parks when its only once a month.

ROLL CALL:

Berlotte Antoine
Linda Turner
Brie DaCosta
Ann Hudson
Adele Bennett
Audrey Henderson
Jorge Tait
Ricky DaCosta
Rodrick Daley
Trisha Louison
Jacqueline Williams

Adjournment:

Jorge Tait: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM

Linda Turner: Seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.