

COMMUNITY BOARD #7

PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 2020

Meeting open - 6:30 pm

**Guest Speaker:
PARKS DEPARTMENT**

Agenda:

- **Closing time and process for Bush Terminal Park**
- **Presentation by the Parks Department pertaining to the design for Rainbow Playground..**

Bush Terminal Park

- **Davey Ives, Chief of Staff to the Brooklyn Parks Commissioner gave a quick overview of parks operations during the pandemic.**
 - **Discussion on the time that Bush Terminal Park closes.**
 - **Under normal circumstances Bush Terminal Park usually closes between 10pm to 11pm when sporting events are taking place and the light are operational.**
 - **Due to no sporting events taking place, the park now closes at 8pm.**
 - **He also stated, “there should be signs posted in the park stating the time of closure.”.**
 - **There was a question posed pertaining to the capital project in Bush Terminal pertaining to he lighting in the park.**
 - **The Parks Department representative, who was in attendance at this committee meeting stated, “he was working with EDC on this project. EDC was set to process, they had a contractor to install the light but Covid 19 occurred. At this point OMB paused all projects relating to EDC and Parks Department.**
 - **Fixing the sinkhole inside the park is also on hold at this time.**
 - **The Parks Department was asked a question pertaining to the process of which they utilize to notify people the park is closing. The committee was informed by the Parks Department that one of their employees would walk through the park with a bullhorn notifying park goers that the park is closing in 15 minutes.**
 - **Parks did admitted that individual sometimes get locked in the park due to hiding in the back, but also people jump the fence and enter the park after hours.**

Rainbow Playground 55th and 56th st. & 6th Ave.

- **A slide presentation was given to detail the new design of Rainbow Playground**
 - **Tables were removed due to complaints and replaced with smaller tot tables.**
 - **Replacing the fence around the park so it's a four foot high fence park.**
 - **Expanding the plant beds**
 - **Replacing all the benches with 1939 wolfer bench w/arm & back and also backless**
 - **Standard gray and black safety surface**
 - **Painted games on park ground**
 - **Drinking fountain**
 - **Play equipment**
 - **Playhouse**
 - **There'll be two different platforms that are accessible by wheelchair or those mobility impaired users**
 - **Sonar Arch (first in the City)**
- **Vote by the Parks Committee to accept the Rainbow Playground proposal to be presented to the Community Board**

8:05pm – Meeting adjourned

Victor Swinton

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Chairman**