**Community Advisory Board for Flushing Meadows Corona Park**

Quarterly Meeting, May 27 2020, 7:00-8:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

http://allianceforfmcp.org/cab

**Call to order**

Jean Silva began the meeting at 7:09 pm.

**Officers in Attendance**

Jean Silva, Chair, Gregory Spock, Vice Chair, Jacqueline Colson, Secretary.

**Approval of minutes**

Minutes approved from February 26 2020 CAB meeting.

**Special Guest**

Janice Melnick, FMCP Administrator.

**Reports**

* We corrected the amount the USTA contributes from $420,000 to $200,000
* Janice provided updates on the budget and how the Alliance met, but did not have a quorum so they could not vote on the budget. Emergency meeting scheduled for July.
* There is a surplus of money since many of the events and seasonal staff that is usually hired was not - Issues with social distancing

Notes from Gregory Spock:

* In LA restrooms are open to promote hygiene; they are self-cleaning
* This helps with the immense homeless population
* They are at Stage 2 (out of 5) of re-opening

Boston had an expansion of street closures to promote social distancing

* Chicago is seeing an uptick in canoeing and kayak along waterways
* The panelists predicted that natural play areas (less structure, natural elements, etc) and community gardens would be vital post-pandemic
* In the 100 largest cities there are 27,000 playscapes
* $8B in public and private funding, 7% is private

Data on NYC as a whole: [https://www.tpl.org/city/new-york-new-yor](https://www.tpl.org/city/new-york-new-york)​ [k](https://www.tpl.org/city/new-york-new-york)

* Drinking fountains will be a thing of the past
* Look to Atlanta, Houston, and Tulsa for successful parks partnerships - LA is using Eco-counter software to track trail capacity

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Jacqueline Colson joined the meeting at 7:42 PM. All notes pertaining to this meeting were supplied by Gregory Spock, Vice Chair.

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