



Community Advisory Board for Flushing Meadows Corona Park  
Quarterly Meeting July 17th 2019, 6:30-8:00 PM  
Queens Museum, NYC Building,  
Flushing Meadows Corona Park,  
Corona, NY 11368

### **Call to order**

Meet and Greet took place at 6:30.  
Jean Silva began the meeting at 7:07 pm.

### **Officers in Attendance**

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

### **Special Guest**

Queens Borough Commissioner of Parks, Michael Dockett.  
Alliance Board member, Tom Finkelpearl.

### **Reports**

Janice Melnick, reports the Lawrence Playground is now open to the public. Meadow Lake North Promenade is complete with minor landscape issues. Mauro Playground is under construction. The 111th Street Parking Lot (Henry Hudson Entrance) is under construction. The Reflecting Pool is going under construction September 9th. The Provelian is finishing up procurement so that should start sometime in the fall.

Art in the Parks, they had an open call they gave grants to two artists. One is located at 49th Ave & 111 street, the other at David Dinkins Circle. There will be a third art exhibit on display at the north part of Meadow Lake but was not part of Arts in the Parks project.

The social media frames, Alliance got the graphic artist to design them. The cost to have them produced was more expensive than estimated. Each individual one cost around \$2000, which was the entire budget.

Nike, the sneaker apparel company were doing major projects in 23 parks throughout the city, renovating different types of athletic fields and surfaces. They choose Flushing Meadow to be the beneficiary of two of those projects. Soccer field seven was completely renovated at a cost of \$60,000. They also renovated the Skate park \$135,000. Nike did this work for free.

Jean spoke about the Community Design School report, by Sam Holleran, Sarah Lidgus, José Serrano-McClain and the Pratt Center report are great guidelines for the group to use.

Jean would like to make up a new brochure explaining the function, responsibilities, and what we are trying to do and accomplish at the Alliance and CAB. She asked for volunteers to produce the brochure and also present to Community Boards.

Q & A session compiled in order discussed:

There is a committee that carefully control signage in the park. The Parks Department do a lot of different programming with a lot of different groups. If you would like them to work with your group please contact Janice Melnick. Bike New York has many programs to offer the public. They have programs for adults, children, and anyone with Developmental Disabilities across the spectrum. Any group can reach out to Bike NY and they can work together to figure out a program. There was a desire expressed from the community to have some kind of nature center at Willow Lake. Council member Lancman funded the project. There was a public scope meeting which is the first step in the design process for the capital project. The park was originally built on Marsh land. Even areas that have been fixed will flood. The areas that have been fixed the floods will recede quicker than the areas that have not been fixed. The pickup of garbage in the park is an issue. On weekends due to the volume of people using the park, there are two shifts of people working. Garbage trucks cannot get around the lake due to the volume of cars and parking situations. The Alliance bought gators which are small utility vehicles that can drive on grass. Employees do what is called Zone Management where staff pick up garbage and leave it in places that the gators can easily get to. Another way the park combat garbage is by having staff stay in hot zones called Fixed Post. The Park recycles, however if the garbage is contaminated then you cannot give it to recycling. Flushing Meadows is unique, due to the fact that it is the entrance and exit to every major highway in Queens. We cannot just shut the entrances off to cars. Security cameras are generally handled by NYPD. When the elected officials give money for security cameras they give it to NYPD. The community should continue to ask their elected officials for security cameras. Please reach out to your elected officials and have them support the park. Communication through any type of social media will have to be created and maintained. If anyone is interested in being on any committee you can email Jean at [fmcpcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:fmcpcommunity@gmail.com).

All information on the Alliance Board can be found at <http://allianceformcp.org/>.

Alliance Executive Committee meeting is Friday July 19th in the Olmsted Center. Alliance Full Board meeting is Friday August 2. The Gala will be Wednesday September 25.

### **Approval of minutes**

Minutes were distributed from April 17th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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Jacqueline Colson/Secretary

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Date of Approval