



THE CITY OF NEW YORK THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX



*Community Board #12 (The Bronx)
4101 White Plains Road
The Bronx, New York 10466*

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GEORGE L. TORRES, II
District Manager

Board Minutes May 24, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of Community Board 12, the Bronx, was called to order by Chairman William Hall at 8:04 pm.

IV Report of the District Manager

See Attached.

V Report of the Bronx Borough President

Ms. Bharati Kemraj informed everyone that the Bronx Borough President was hosting Ramadan Iftar Dinner, Breaking the Fast Together on May 31, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Veterans Hall at 851 Grand Concourse and he will be hosting a Dominican Heritage Celebration on May 29, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Veterans Hall—851 Grand Concourse.

Ms. Kemraj informed all Board Members that they should read the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policy booklet that was handed out, they should sign the paper stating that they have received it and return it to the Community Board or e-mail it back to the Borough President office. All papers are due back by July.

At this point the Chairman recognized Council Member Andy Cohen who stated that he values the Community Boards input especially with URLIP matters and is looking forward to working with the Community Board with the rezoning of East 241st Street. The Councilman introduced his assistant Ariana Collado.

At this point Community Board 12's distinguished guest and representatives were introduced.

Mr. Melford informed everyone that District Manager, Mr. George Torres was honored by the NAACP Early Childhood Center. He also informed everyone that On May 31, 2018 the Councilman will host Constituent Service Night at Eastchester Gardens, on June 11, 2018 the



Councilman will host Homeowners/Renters Services Night, and on June 12, 2018 he will be hosting Operation Cleaners Streets at East Gun Hill Road and White Plains Road.

I Guest Speaker Ms. Ileia Burgos /Greenworker Co-Op Academy

Ms. Burgos stated that Green Worker Cooperatives is a South-Bronx based organization dedicated to incubating worker-owned green businesses in order to build a strong local economy rooted in democracy and environmental justice.

She also stated that she came to the Board to request support of a resolution “in support of the development of Worker Cooperatives in the Bronx and the Worker Cooperative Business Development Initiative. She is hoping that the City Council will continue to support their services and initiatives. Ms. Burgos presented a draft resolution.

III Good and Welfare/Community Speaks

Ms. Naderca Reid/Bronx Independent Living Services

Ms. Reid stated that her program serves the elderly and those with disabilities and they connect users of all ages with disabilities in identifying services and access to benefits counselors. Some of the services they link people with include housing services, Medicare and Medicaid applications, transportation services, food stamps, home care, etc. They have offices in all 5 boroughs. The office in the Bronx is located at 4495 Third Avenue in the Bronx. They do home visits depending on severity of the person’s disability, e.g. housebound. Materials are available in multiple languages.

Ms. Pamela Johnson/Eastchester Heights Community Center and Vice President of Community School Board 11

Ms. Johnson informed everyone that if they are a nonprofit organization and are looking for funds to fund their program that on June 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., at Eastchester Heights Community Center located at 3480 Seymour Avenue they will be hosting a community assessment discussion regarding federal fund and what needs does the community feels need to be addressed.

Mr. Tyrell Merritt and Christian Barnes/New York City Department of Education

Mr. Merritt and Mr. Barnes informed everyone that they are an outreach team for Black and Hispanic students. They are reaching out the community to ensure that students are aware of the customized school programs available.

Mr. Hall stated that he would like Mr. Merritt and Mr. Barnes to meet with Mr. Reid, Chairperson of the Youth and Education Services Committee.

Ms. Yodira Moncion/Bragg–Bronx Rises Against Gun Violence

Ms. Moncion informed everyone that they work from an evidence-based model, which is a 3-part model that identify youths at risk for violence. They then provide services to bring them to a level of self-sufficiency and they also sponsor regular community activities. Many staff members are individuals who have lived in streets. Since their inception they have seen a 50% reduction in gun violence in the community to date. There have been no shootings in 240 days in this catchment area.

Maria de la Cruz/Comptroller Scott Stringer’s Office

Ms. De la Cruz announced upcoming events sponsored by Scott Stringer’s office and informed everyone that the shelter population continues to grow.

Mr. Melvin Waddy/Resident

Mr. Waddy is seeking assistance with the removal of a dead tree at 970 East 224th Street.

Mr. Jason Francis/T.O.P. Soccer

Mr. Francis informed everyone that his organization uses soccer as a tool to empower future leaders. They host Soccer Clinics in Shoelace Park. Soccer is used to build character in children ages 4 to 12. T.O.P Soccer will be hosting two upcoming events: Shoelace Park this Saturday May 26, 2018 at Noon with a nutrition educator and on June 2, 2018 they will be hosting a planting event with the Bronx River Alliance.

Mr. Eden Kasaeu/Bronx RX, Inc. Pharmacy

Mr. Kasaeu owns the pharmacy located at 4166 White Plains Road. It is his desire to offer services to the community. The pharmacy does home delivery. Mr. Kasaeu urged everyone not to rely on Dr. Google. He recommended that all prescriptions come to one pharmacy so pharmacist can assess drug interactions.

Ms. Bernadette Wells/Resident

Ms. Wells informed everyone that on Nereid Avenue from Baychester Avenue to Barnes Avenues there are metal plates on the street since last year. The plates are now separating and they pose a risk of damage to vehicles. She also stated that it makes neighborhood look unattractive.

Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Safety Committees

See Attached.

Housing Committee

See Attached.

X Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned due to the lack of a quorum.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Borsotti

District Manager's Report
May 24, 2018

Good evening Board Members, today was a good day. Our Chairman, Dr. Bill Hall, cast the final vote in support of the YMCA at this morning's Combined Bronx Borough Board Meeting. With today's vote the ULURP process is over. This is now in the YMCA's capable hands. They will have shovels in the ground this Fall and fingers-crossed doors opening by 2020.

Additionally, as you can see our tech is up and running. We have some cosmetic changes to make by hiding the cable boxes and CPUs behind the TV.

I am declaring our foray into upgrading our tech done. There may be a new TV here and there but nothing more major on the horizon. We will shift our focus to outreach and getting more people to participate in what is going on here. How we do this is still an open question and I am exploring our options.

I have nothing more to add this evening.

Conclusion

Today marks my 1,025th day as your District Manager or 2-year, 9 months and 21st day of my tenure here. I look forward to each and every day at the Board.

Thank you and Good Night





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COMMUNITY BOARD #12 (THE BRONX)

Committee Meeting Report Form

NAME OF COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE OF MEETING: 05/21/18

LOCATION: 4101 WHITE PLAINS ROAD

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 2

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: N/A

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED: N/A



GUEST: JACLYN SCARING - FOR AKERMAN LLP

AGENDA: REVOCCABLE CONSENT

MOTION/ RESOLUTIONS PASSED: Yes No

NOTES: OK TO PROCEED WITH REVOCCABLE
CONSENT AS STATED TO INSTALL A
4" x 200' SOLAR LINE

OTHER: N/A

Respectfully Submitted: ALFREDO FIGUEROA

Date: 05/21/18



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Committee Meeting Report Form

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Transportation

DATE OF MEETING: May 21, 2018

LOCATION: Bx. Community Board 12

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Norbert Bryan, Clinton Myke, Alfredo Figuera

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: _____

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED: _____



GUEST: Jaclyn Scarinci From Akerman LLP 666 5th Avenue
New York, NY.

Ken Degennaro, Brooker Engineering, 74 Lafayette Avenue, NY, NY

AGENDA: Revocable consent at 3620/3650 Webster Ave,
Bronx, NY.

MOTION/ RESOLUTIONS PASSED: Yes No

NOTES: Building "D" presently under construction needs a sewer
line connected to the building. The sewer line presently runs under-
neath the city sidewalk. The result of this is that the contractor
needs run a 4 inch 200 FT forced sewer line under the sidewalk
as the Webster Ave is on a hill where the bldg is being constructed
and the forced sewer line must be placed behind bldg A, B, & E due to
marshland on the north side of building D.

OTHER:

Respectfully Submitted:



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Committee Meeting Report Form

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Housing

DATE OF MEETING: MAY 15, 2018

LOCATION: 4101 White Plains Road

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Robert Hall

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: Victor Brown

Deron Edward Brown

Walter McNeill

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED: _____



GUEST: _____

AGENDA: _____

MOTION/ RESOLUTIONS PASSED: Yes No

NOTES: *Housing Committee and Health and Human Services met with Center of Family Support. They have a house on Bronxwood Avenue between 218 + 219 Streets for people with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities. They have clinical and supportive staff.*

OTHER: *Committee suggested they install cameras in the facility.*

Respectfully Submitted: *Robert Hall* 

Date: _____