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Board Minutes December 3, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of Community Board #12 (the Bronx) for December 3, 2015 was called to order at 7:38 pm at Town Hall, 4101 White Plains Road, The Bronx, by the Chairman, Father Richard Gorman.

I Approval of the Minutes October 22, 2015

Motion made by Mr. Robert Hall and seconded by Mr. Victor Brown to approve the minutes of October 22, 2015, as printed with the any necessary corrections.

Motion carried 22 Ayes and 7 Abstentions, to accept the minutes as printed with the any necessary corrections.

II Matters Arising from These Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes of October 22, 2015.

III Good and Welfare / Community Speaks

Mr. Peter Dolan / Services for the Developmentally Challenged (SDCNYC)

Mr. Dolan, Executive Director of SDCNYC, stated that he is looking to open a residence in the community for individuals suffering from Prader-Willi syndrome and to provide resources to address their needs.

Mr. Juan Alonzo / Foundation for Law and Government

Mr. Alonzo and Mr. Hernandez both stated that they were Iraqi Freedom Veterans. They reported that 30% of the homeless in NYC are veterans. They were looking to convert the Muller Center on Bronx Boulevard into a commercial office space dedicated to serving the needs of veterans across the City.

Ms. Caitlin Robisch / WE.org

Ms. Robisch stated that their organization works with schools and youth organizations to encourage volunteerism among young people and to help young people make a difference. All services and programs are free.



Mr. Dennis Smith / Community Resident

Mr. Smith stated that there is an abandoned home at 1907 Pittman Avenue that has been taken over by squatters. The illegal residents of the home host regular parties with loud music and marijuana. Neighbors have called the police, 311 and 911. 1909 Pittman Avenue is also a problem.

District Manager Mr. George Torres reported that he investigated the property, and that the squatters are accessing the building from the rear of the property. He reported the issue to the Department of Buildings, but because the front of the property appears to be secure. The Buildings Department will not go to the rear of the property to investigate.

Mr. Junior Campbell / Community Resident

Mr. Campbell stated that he lives next door to the abandoned house referenced by Mr. Smith. He stated that there have been a number of shootings at the property.

Ms. Maria Zacharias and Ms. Kelley Cotton / Department of Corrections – Recruitment

Ms. Zacharias stated that there are upcoming Correction Officer Exams. There are testing sites in lower Manhattan and downtown Brooklyn. Anyone interested in taking the exam must pre-register. For more information call (718) 546-3100 or email TheBoldest@doc.nyc.gov.

Mr. Akeens Edwards and Ms. Patricia O'Rourke / NY Life

Mr. Edwards introduced Ms. O'Rourke, who stated that NY Life wants to help residents understand how to achieve their financial goals.

Mr. Philip Luciano / Department of Consumer Affairs

Mr. Luciano stated that anyone who works at least 30 hours per week is entitled to commuter benefits.

IV _____ Chairman's Report

Father Gorman stated that there will be another graduating NY Police Academy class, 30 Police Officers will be assigned to our community.

He asked everyone to ensure that contact information is up to date, and reminded everyone that contact information provided to the office remains confidential.

He reported that Mr. ShaKing Alston is stepping down from chairmanship of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

The Department of Homeless Services (DHS) informed the Board that scatter site housing would be phased out, however we were recently notified that there will be increased scatter site housing in the area of White Plains Road.

We now have 8 homeless facilities in the community, but we don't know where they all are.

The Board will also be meeting with DHS to discuss why there are 4 additional homeless facilities recently placed in Wakefield. In the Bronx we have 42% of all homeless facilities.

At this point Father Gorman recognized Community Board 12's guests and representatives.

V Report of the District Manager

The report of George L. Torres, II, the District Manager, is appended to these Minutes.

VII Report of the Borough President of the Bronx

- Borough President Diaz urged Bronx Residents to apply to their local Community Board
- Borough President Diaz and the Bronx Borough Board Voted to Oppose Zoning Proposals
- Bronx Unemployment Fell Again—Unemployment Down to 6.5%; More Bronxites Employed Today than Ever Before; Over 100K More Bronx Residents Working Since May 2009
- Mayor de Blasio, NYCEDC, Congress member Serrano, Speaker Mark-Viverito, Council Member Arroyo and Borough President Diaz Jr. Announced Opening of Randall's Island Connector

Upcoming Events

- Borough President's Annual Chanukah Celebration, Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 12:30 PM, The Bronx County Building, Veteran's Memorial Hall
- Borough President's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration, Thursday, December 10, 2015, 5:30 PM, the Bronx County Building—Veteran's Memorial Hall
- Borough President's Annual Diwali Celebration, Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Vishnu Mandir—1216 Noble Avenue

The Report of the Bronx Borough President is available in its entirety at the Community Board office.

VIII Committee Reports

Land Use Committee

Mr. Karl Stricker, Land Use Chairperson, reported that a Public Hearing was held regarding 549-67-BZ—7-9 Elm Tree Lane for an extension of the variance. The Land Use Committee voted **25 Ayes and 5 Abstentions to approve the extension of variance.**

Motion made by Mr. Stricker that the Board accept the recommendation of the Land Use Committee to approve an extension of the variance. **Motion carried 26 Ayes and 4 Abstentions.**

Motion made by Mr. Karl Stricker, to recommend to the Board that the Board accept the Land Use Committee's recommendation regarding the proposed downzoning of a section of Woodlawn Heights Community, City Planning #C160065ZMX. **Motion carried 29 Ayes and 1 Abstention.**

Motion made by Mr. Carl Stricker to recommend to New York City Department of City Planning to approve Application Number C160065ZMX. **Motion carries 29 Ayes and 1 Abstention.**

Health and Human Services Committee

Motion made by Mr. Carl Lanzano that the Board accept the report of the Health and Human Services Committee. **Motion carried 29 Ayes and 1 Abstention.**

Motion made by Mr. Carl Lanzano, Chairperson, Health and Human Services Committee to recommend to New York State Office for Persons Developmental Disabilities not grant the proposal of Services for the Developmentally Challenged (SDC) to operate a community living facility for people suffering from Prader-Willi syndrome at 1052 East 215th Street. **Motion carried 29, Ayes 1 Abstention, and 1 Recusal.**

Economic and Business Services Committee

Motion made by Father Richard Gorman and seconded to recommend to the New York State Liquor Authority the following:

- 4352 Katonah Avenue—4352 Katonah Avenue—On Premise—Renewal
- Rio Cobre Restaurant—4850-52 White Plains Road—On Premise--Renewal

Motion made seconded to accept the committee's report. **Motion passed 29 Ayes and 1 Abstention.**

Motion made and seconded to recommend to the New York State Liquor Authority they renew the above mentioned application. **Motion carried. 25 Ayes and 2 Abstentions.**

Old Business

There was no "Old Business" to discuss.

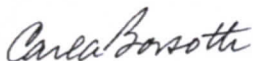
New Business

There was no "New Business" to discuss.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M. The next meeting will take place on January 28, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,



Carla Borsotti
Assistant Secretary
January 26, 2016