

THE CITY OF NEW YORK THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX



Community Board #12 (The Bronx)

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Chairman

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District Manager

MINUTES
of the
STATED MEETING
of
COMMUNITY BOARD #12 (THE BRONX)

Thursday
25 June 2015
7:30 P.M.

4101 White Plains Road, Borough of The Bronx

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly-scheduled monthly Stated Meeting of Community Board #12 (The Bronx) for 25 June 2015 was called to order at Town Hall, 4101 White Plains Road in the Borough of The Bronx, by the Chairman, Father Richard Gorman.

The Chairman invited those wishing to participate to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. He then asked for the Community Board and those neighborhood residents present, who wished to do so, to join him in a moment of reflection and meditation for:

- Board Member Carla Borsotti, who recently underwent surgery
- Board Member Walter McNeil's Daughter, who had a car accident and is recovering
- Board Member Anthony Reid's Aunt, who is ill in Florida
- Board Member Desiree Roy, who is the midst of a family emergency
- Board Member Icy May Salkey Thomas, who had a death in her family



- **The Victims of the unspeakable tragedy in South Carolina and their loved ones**
- **The People of Charleston, South Carolina that they may they receive wisdom and healing in the wake of the recent tragic events**
- **The Members of our Armed Forces, who protect us both at home and abroad**
- **Our Veterans, both those who have given their lives in service to our Nation and those who have returned home from conflict wounded and handicapped**
- **Our First Responders in the N.Y.P.D., F.D.N.Y., and E.M.S., who keep us safe here at home**
- **A Summer that will be peaceful and quiet**
- **Carmen Rosa and her Family, who interred her remains this Tuesday past in Woodlawn Cemetery.**

II INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Father Gorman welcomed all to the meeting and mentioned that the composition of the Community Board was a little different this evening than from the prior Stated Meeting. He thanked the following individuals who were no longer Members of the Community Board for their service:

- **Ms. Pauline Wilson, who did not reapply and who has been sick for a very long time**
- **Mr. Walter Burgin, who was not reappointed**
- **Ms. April Robyn-Bobyns was not reappointed as she has moved out of the District**
- **Ms. Pamela Johnson, who was not reappointed**
- **Ms. Cynthia Richardson, who resigned earlier this year**
- **Ms. Karen White, who did not re-apply for appointment.**

The Chairman stated that there are eight (8) new Members of Community Board #12. Father Gorman invited them to introduce themselves to their new colleagues and to the neighborhood residents in attendance:

- **Ms. Evelyn Christian is the President of the Bay-Eden Senior Center and active with *"The Red Hatted Ladies,"* a local neighborhood association. She has also been very active at Mount Saint Michael Academy**
- **Ms. Mary McCloud is a neighborhood resident for over forty (40) years. She is an employee at North Central Bronx Hospital and has served as an official of the local branch of her Union**

- Mr. Franklin Allakpo works in the financial services industry and is a member of *“The Million Dollar Round Table”*
- Ms. Marlene Brown Allen is a Pre-K Teacher and an Education Director.
- Mr. Ivan Anthony Borrás is an eleven-year teacher in the New York City Department of Education (N.Y.C.D.O.E.). He is presently teaching at the Charter Academy in the Hunts Point area of The Bronx. He was born and raised in this neighborhood.
- Ms. Angela Moore also works for the New York City Department of Education (N.Y.C.D.O.E.). She teaches in this neighborhood at the Richard R. Green Campus in the Globe School for Environmental Research.

Two (2) newly appointed Board Members, Ms. Marcia Cameron and Ms. April D. Horton, were not present. *(N.B.: Ms. Erica Simpson, Daughter of the late Reverend Samuel G. Simpson, mistakenly introduced herself as a newly appointed Member of Community Board #12. She is a new member of the Standing Committee on Youth Services and Education. She expressed her desire to keep alive the legacy of her Father by continuing his good works on behalf of needed change in the area.)*

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 28 MAY 2015

Father Gorman called for the approval of the Minutes of the prior Stated Meeting on Thursday, 28 May 2015. He inquired if there were any changes required in the Minutes as printed. Second Vice-Chairman Karl Stricker pointed out that his name was misspelled in the third line of the first paragraph on Page Two (2). Board Member Gideon Dunkley stated that he was not marked present for the meeting although he was in attendance, an error that Father Gorman attributed to Mr. Dunkley’s having probably forgotten to sign the attendance sheet when he arrived. Secretary Carmen Ortiz identified an error regarding a listing of the proper calendar year. Board Member Dr. Dena Robbins indicated that in the third paragraph on Page Three (3), in Ms. Bessie Jackson’s remarks *re “Hands Across Gun Hill,”* the location of the event should properly read “Evander Childs Athletic Field” as opposed to “Evander Childs Campus.”

Second Vice-Chairman Karl Stricker made the motion to approve the Minutes of 28 May 2015 with the aforesaid corrections. Board Member John Isaac seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved by a vote of twenty-one

(21) "AYE" and eleven (11) Members "ABSTAINING" with five (5) Members "EXCUSED," nine (9) Members "NOT PRESENT," and no ("0") "RECUSALS."

IV. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the aforesaid approved Minutes of the previous Stated Meeting.

V. GOOD AND WELFARE / THE COMMUNITY SPEAKS

Ms. Maria Cioffi, I.A. Principal of Public School #483 (P.S. #483)

Ms. Cioffi said that this school, presently known as "*The Matilda Avenue School*," is located in what was formerly Saint Anthony's Roman Catholic Elementary School at 4520 Matilda Avenue. Construction is ongoing at the site and a Certificate of Occupancy ("C of O") is awaited. The school will open in September of this year with two (2) Kindergarten classes and an additional grade level will be added each successive year. All will be invited to the official Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on 9 October 2015.

Ms. Nancy Fares, N.Y.C.D.D.C. Boller Avenue Reconstruction Project Liaison

Ms. Fares reported that construction will terminate by the conclusion of September 2015. The New York City Department of Design and Construction (N.Y.C.D.D.C.) repaired the sewer system between 3602 Boller Avenue and 3606 Boller Avenue, even though such was beyond the scope of the project, as a courtesy to the residents.

Ms. Pamela Johnson, Former Member of Community Board #12 (The Bronx)

Ms. Johnson was thanked by Father Gorman prior to her remarks for her service to the District as a member of Community Board #12 (The Bronx) and as the President of Community Education Council #11 (C.E.C. #11). Ms. Johnson responded that she was extremely disappointed that her reapplication to the Community Board was not accepted because she was dedicated to the service of her neighbors. Although coming to the meeting this evening in order to bid farewell to her former colleagues on Community Board #12, she said that she would remain very active in the neighborhood nevertheless. She will continue to sit on Community Education Council #11 (C.E.C. #11). She wished the new Community Board Members well and concluded with some important news relative to our local schools.

Ms. Sylvia Harris, Longtime Neighborhood Resident at 917 East 232ND Street

Ms. Harris complained about a very large tree that is causing much difficulty with respect to her home and property. Although she would ideally desire to have this tree removed, such cannot be the case. Ms. Harris has inquired about having the tree pruned, as it has not been pruned in at least a decade. She was informed that she cannot receive any assistance in this matter as the tree is on her private property.

Ms. Nicole Miniciello, Environmental Educator and Activist

Although a resident of the Borough of Brooklyn, Ms. Miniciello is currently involved in a project in our Borough of The Bronx. She is involved with an After-School Program that has undertaken a project along the Bronx River. Her organization is sponsoring both a 5K Run and a 3K Walk on 3 October 2015 in Bronx River Park. All are invited. The webmail address is www.walkforourwater.org. She additionally made some comments supporting the banning of fracking.

Ms. Maxine Sullivan, Office of Congressman Eliot L. Engel

Ms. Sullivan reminded all present that she will continue to have office hours for Congressman Engel every other Friday during the Summer months in Town Hall. She also reminded all that the Congressman has another office for constituent services at 177 Dreiser Loop in Co-op City.

Ms. Seagull, Director of 579 Acres in Brooklyn

Ms. Seagull's organization facilitates the transformation of vacant municipally-owned tracts of lands in neighborhood gardens and farms. Most of her work has been in the Borough of Brooklyn. She has yet to undertake any projects in The Bronx. She utilizes an interactive map on-line to identify vacant plots of land throughout New York City. The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (N.Y.C.H.P.D.) frequently makes vacant lots available for one dollar (\$1.00) for both profit and not-for-profit (N-F-P) development. There are currently eighteen (18) such lots available throughout the five (5) Boroughs. One (1) is available in Bronx Community District #12. Ms. Seagull encouraged its improvement.

Mr. Michael Felter, President of the East 233RD Street / White Plains Road Merchants Association

Mr. Felter informed all of a "meet n' greet" event to be sponsored by the Association on Friday evening, 26 June 2015, from 6:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. at **BABY POWER/FOREVER KIDS** on White Plains Road at the intersection of East 236TH Street.

VI. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN/DISTRICT MANAGER

Father Gorman reminded all Board Members to be certain that the contact information for them is accurate and up-to-date. He again told them that any changes in this information have to be reported to the Community Board Office. As members of a Municipal Agency of Government, it is imperative that all Community Board Members can be contacted in both ordinary and extraordinary circumstances. He highlighted the fact that the City of New York is going paperless and that as an Agency of Government, Community Board #12 must follow suit. He emphasized the need for each Board Member to have an e-mail address at which pertinent information and documents can be forwarded.

Father Gorman turned his attention to the projected homeless shelter at the former Sergeant Joseph E. Muller United States Army Reserve Center (Muller U.S.A.R.C.) at the intersection of East 238TH Street/Nereid Avenue and Bronx Boulevard. Thanks to Board Member Anthony Reid and his keen, curious eye, development of the site was uncovered. The New York City Department of Homeless Services (N.Y.C.D.H.S.) had been assuring New York City Council Member Andy Cohen that it was not moving forward with transforming the former National Guard base into a homeless facility. The Agency was not straightforward with the Council Member. Moreover, the Chairman drew attention to a recent media report that N.Y.C.D.H.S. and The Doe Fund, which is contracted to operate the facility, were involved in a legal squabble about the housing of homeless persons with sex offender status. The Doe Fund does not want to house such persons and the Agency is attempting to force them to do so. Father Gorman expressed concern that sex offenders may be housed in the former Muller U.S.A.R.C. as they currently are in a sizeable number diagonally across the street in the homeless facility operated by Project Renewal. The Director of this facility, Ms. Ana Charle, was murdered by a former resident of this shelter in April of this year. Father Gorman warned that it may be necessary for the Community Board and the neighborhood residents to conduct public demonstrations at N.Y.C.D.H.S. facilities in the District.

Father Gorman reported on two (2) recent successes realized by the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee (C.F.M.C.) on which he serves. As a consequence of funding received from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (N.Y.C.D.E.P.) and several of our local elected officials -- *viz.*, New York State Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie, Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz, New York State Senator Jeffrey D. Klein, and New

York City Council Member Andrew J. Cohen -- the long-anticipated bridge over the Major Deegan Expressway in Van Cortlandt Park would now be constructed. Moreover, in the course of her appearance at the last meeting of the C.F.M.C., N.Y.C.D.E.P. Commissioner Emily Lloyd announced that the promised pilot project that would again permit local residents inside of the fence encompassing the Jerome Park Reservoir (J.P.R.) would be conducted in the early Fall. Access to the Reservoir has been prohibited by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (N.Y.C.D.E.P.) since the inception of the construction of the Croton Water Filtration Plant. This surprise move by Commissioner Lloyd was a major reversal on the part of N.Y.C.D.E.P. A Task Force nominated by the Monitoring Committee will be working with the Commissioner in order to organize this event.

Father Gorman reported on his recent meeting with Mr. Jay Gottlieb of the New York City Office of Management and Budget (N.Y.C.O.M.B.) and the New York City Department of City Planning (N.Y.C.D.C.P.) concerning the revised program for Borough Budget Consultations, which will take place in September and October later this year.

Father Gorman informed those present of the measures undertaken by the New York City Police Department (N.Y.P.D.) in order to insure that the Summer ahead will be safe. Last Summer witnessed a very large surge in crime, particularly in violent crimes such as murder and shootings. Forty (40) Police Officers from N.Y.P.D. Headquarters at One Police Plaza as part of this year's "ALL-OUT" strategy will join the over forty (40) new Police Officers that were assigned to our Forty-seventh Precinct late last calendar year. These Officers will be working twelve-hour shifts in particularly high-crime locations. Moreover, the Precinct is expecting a significant number of Rookie Officers in early July from the most recently graduated class of the New York City Police Academy.

Father reminded all Standing Committee Chairmen/women that care must be exercised in the scheduling of the meetings of our Standing and Special Committees. Our Town Hall Building Superintendent, Mr. Peter Coll, cannot remain in Town Hall every weekday night or on every weekend for endless overtime hours, especially absent sufficient and proper notice. Father Gorman said that all, including our local community-based organizations (C.B.O.'s), must be cooperative and prudent in this regard because of the concerns and the new requirements of the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services (N.Y.C.D.C.A.S.), which oversees the operation and the care of Town Hall. The Chairman said that the days of

having two (2) Building Superintendents with round-the-clock presence in Community Board Headquarters were over.

Father Gorman related that he had participated in a conference call conducted by the Mayor's Community Assistance United (C.A.U.) and the Office of the N.Y.P.D. Chief of Department relative to new policing strategies and the prospective deployment of the one thousand three hundred (1,300) Police Officers eventually to be hired as a consequence of the funding included in the most recent Municipal Expense Budget. Emphasis is being placed on having Police Officers come into closer contact with the residents of the areas in which they serve in an endeavor to improve relations between local residents and the Officers of the N.Y.P.D. For example, Police Officers on patrol will be required to get out of their sector cars and do some patrolling on foot in order to interact with folks on the street.

Father Gorman concluded his remarks by introducing our guests and the representatives of our local public officials.

VII. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

Mr. Thomas Lucania, the Director of Community Boards and Legislative Affairs for the President of the Borough of The Bronx, congratulated the newly-appointed Members of Community Board #12 and expressed his appreciation, as well as that of Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., for the service of those individuals who were leaving Community Board service. He highlighted several parts of the Monthly Report of Borough President Diaz, the entirety of which is appended to these Minutes.

VIII. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees on Housing and on Libraries and Cultural Concerns

As there were no voting matters to be presented by these Standing Committees, the Chairman directed that their report be delivered to Staff Associate Jakira Torres by Housing Chairman Robert Hall and Libraries and Cultural Affairs Chairwoman Joan Clodd. Said reports are appended to these Minutes.

Standing Committee on Economic Development and Business Services

Standing Committee Chairman Felix Roldan reported that three (3) of the four (4) establishments to be interviewed by the Standing Committee appeared at its most recent meeting. *THE HOLLERS LOUNGE* at 2417 Hollers Avenue had failed to attend. Mr. Roldan will reach out to this business again.

Mr. Roldan put forward three (3) motions, the first one for the renewal of an On-Premises Liquor License for *THE COACHMAN INN* at 4342 Katonah Avenue, the second for the renewal of a Wine and Beer License for *MAMA G. AFRICAN KITCHEN* at 3650 White Plains Road, and the third one for the renewal of a Wine and Beer License for *BEATTY EQUITIES* at 4565 White Plains Road. None of these motions required a second.

The initial motion for *THE COACHMAN INN* on Katonah Avenue was approved by a vote of twenty-two (22) "AYE," one (1) "NAY," with nine (9) Members "NOT PRESENT," nine (9) "ABSTENTIONS," and five (5) "EXCUSALS." The motion for *BEATTY EQUITIES* was approved with twenty-eight "AYES," one (1) "NAY," eight (8) Members "NOT PRESENT," four (4) "ABSTENTIONS," five (5) Members "EXCUSED," and no ("0") "RECUSALS." The final motion *re MAMA G. AFRICAN KITCHEN* passed with a vote of twenty-seven (27) *IN FAVOR*, one (1) *OPPOSED*, eight (8) "NOT PRESENT," five (5) "ABSTAINING," five (5) "EXCUSED," and no ("0") "RECUSED."

The report of the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Business Services is attached to these Minutes as an Appendix.

Standing Committee on Transportation and Capital Projects

Standing Committee Chairman John Isaac gave a detailed report on the renovation of the retaining wall on Bronx Boulevard (Project #RWX022). There was a brief discussion on the matter. Mr. Isaac moved that Community Board #12 support this undertaking. No second was required as the motion was from a Standing Committee. The motion carried with all thirty-three Board Members present voting in the *AFFIRMATIVE*. Eight (8) Members were recorded as "NOT PRESENT" and five (5) were listed as "EXCUSED." Mr. Isaac's report is appended to these Minutes.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be conducted by the Community Board.

X. NEW BUSINESS

The Chairman, Father Gorman, distributed a copy of correspondence recently written by Community Board #8 (The Bronx) expressing appreciation to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (N.Y.C.D.E.P.) for reversing its prior position and partially funding the Pedestrian Bridge over the Major Deegan Expressway. Father Gorman proposed accepting a similar position and forwarding a comparable letter. Such motion was made by Second Vice-Chairman Karl Stricker and seconded by Board Member Felix Roldan. Board Member John Isaac asked to be recused from voting as he is an employee of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (N.Y.C.D.E.P.). The vote approving the motion was thirty-two (32) "AYE," eight (8) "NOT PRESENT," five (5) "EXCUSED," and one (1) "RECUSED" with no ("0") votes in the *NEGATIVE*. A copy of the aforesaid correspondence from Community Board #8 is attached to these Minutes.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Community Board went into Executive Session in order to consider the matter of hiring a new District Manager to replace the late Carmen L. Rosa.

XII. HIRING OF NEW DISTRICT MANAGER GEORGE L. TORRES, II

Pursuant to its deliberations in Executive Session, Community Board #12 (The Bronx) decided to engage Mr. George L. Torres, II, currently of the Staff of the New York City Department of Buildings (N.Y.C.D.O.B.), as the next District Manager of Community Board #12 succeeding the late Carmen L. Rosa. The vote hiring Mr. Torres was twenty-two (22) "AYE," eight (8) "NOT PRESENT," eight (8) "ABSTENTIONS," and five (5) "EXCUSED." Board Members Hilary Bloomfield, John Isaac, and Theodore James were recorded as "RECUSED." Said Board Members could not participate in voting for a new District Manager as they had been interviewed as candidates for this position. Mr. Torres delivered some brief remarks thanking the Community Board for their employment of him. He stated that he was looking forward to working with his new colleagues at Community Board #12 as well as with all of the residents in Bronx Community District #12. It is his intention to meet as many local residents as possible and to attend as many meetings in the District as he can.

XIII. ELECTION OF COMMUNITY BOARD OFFICERS

Father Gorman surrendered the chair to Board Member Carl Lanzano, Chairman of the Nominations Committee. Mr. Lanzano again reported the Committee's recommendations for Community Board Officers. They were:

- Father Richard F. Gorman -- Chairman
- Mr. William Hall -- First Vice-Chairman
- Mr. Karl Stricker -- Second Vice-Chairman
- Ms. Carmen Ortiz -- Secretary
- Ms. Hilary Bloomfield -- Treasurer

Mr. Lanzano read the name of each Nominee and after each inquired three (3) times if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing no such nominations for any Office, Mr. Lanzano requested Board Secretary Carmen Ortiz to cast a single vote in order to elect each Candidate. All of the aforesaid Nominees were elected.

XIV. CONCLUDING REMARKS

Board Member Dr. Dena Robbins invited all to attend *Hands Across Gun Hill* on the Fourth of July. This free event will run from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. at the Evander Childs Athletic Field and is open to all. There will be food, music, drumming, and much more. Vendor opportunities are available.

Father Gorman expressed his profound gratitude for being re-elected as Chairman. He wished all a peaceful and relaxing Summer.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Father Gorman adjourned the meeting at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

CARMEN ORTIZ

Secretary of Community Board #12 (The Bronx)

HONORABLE RUBEN DIAZ JR, BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT
COMMUNITY BOARD #12

ATTENDANCE SHEET

FATHER RICHARD GORMAN
CHAIRMAN

DATE: 6/25/15

ALLAKO, FRANKLIN

Franklin Allako

ALSTON, SHAKING

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BENITEZ, JUDITH

[Signature]

BERRY, HAZEL

Hazel Berry

BLOOMFIELD, HILARY

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BORRAS, IVAN ANTHONY

Ivan A Borras

BORSOTTI, CARLA

EX(USE)

BROWN-ALLEN, MARLENE

Marlene Brown

BRYAN, NORBERT

NORBERT BRYAN

BROWN, VICTOR

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BROWNE, DEACON EDWARD

EX(USE)

CAMERON, MARCIA

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CAMPBELL, SADIE

Sadie Campbell

CHRISTIAN, EVELYN

Evelyn Christian

CLARKE, GAIL

Gail Clarke

CLODD, JOAN

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DICKERSON, TOLLYNE

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DUNKLEY, GIDEON JR.

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EASTMOND, LAURA

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EVANS, RAYMOND

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FIGUEROA, ALFREDO

EX(USE)

GIBSON, LAGRANT BARBARA

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GOFF, JOHNNIE

J. Richard Gorman

GORMAN, FR, RICHARD

Robert Hall

HALL, ROBERT

Will Hall

HALL, WILLIAM

HORTON, APRIL	
ISAAC, JOHN	<i>John Isaac</i>
JAMES, THEODORE	<i>Theodore James</i>
LANZANO, CARL	<i>Carl Lanzano</i>
MARTIN, LUCILLE	
• MCCLOUD, MARY	<i>Mary McClood</i>
MCNEIL, WALTER	<i>Walter McNeill</i>
MOORE, ANGELA	<i>Angela Moore</i>
MORGAN, MICHAEL	
ORTIZ, CARMEN	<i>Carmen A. Ortiz</i>
PORTER, FRANK	<i>Frank Porter</i>
POWELL, CLAUDIA	<i>Claudia Powell</i>
REID, ANTHONY	EX (USE)
ROBINS, DR. DENA	<i>Dr. Dena Robins</i>
ROLDAN, FELIX	<i>Felix Roldan</i>
ROY, DESIREE	EX (USE)
SALKEY, ICY MAE THOMAS	EX (USE) <i>Icy Mae Salkey</i>
STRICKER, KARL	<i>Karl Stricker</i>
• WEIR, NICOLE	
WILES, NORMA	<i>Norma Wiles</i>
• ERICA Simpson	<i>Erica J. Simpson</i>

TOTAL BOARD MEMBERS	46
QUORUM NUMBER	24
TOTAL PRESENT	—

**VOTING SHEET
COMMUNITY BOARD 12, BRONX**

DATE 25 June 2015

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COACHMAN
or - Premises
License

Residential For
Death Equipped

Manna G Kitchen - Beer/Wine License

Beer/Wine Only

Transportation - Accept DDC

Returning Hold of Ex. Blvd

CBG Bridge Van Certificate Approval

MOTION NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ALLAKPO, FRANKLIN	ABS	ABS	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
ALSTON, SHAKING	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
BENITEZ, JUDITH	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
BERRY, HAZEL	Aye	Aye	Aye	ABS	Aye	Aye
BLOOMFIELD, HILARY	NP	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
BORRAS, IVAN ANTHONY	ABS	ABS	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
BORSOTTI, CARLA	E	E	E	E	E	E
BROWN-ALLEN, MARLENE	ABS	ABS	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
BROWN, VICTOR	Aye	N	N	N	Aye	Aye
BROWNE, DEACON EDWARD	E	E	E	E	E	E
BRYAN, NORBERT	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
CAMERON, MARCIA	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
CAMPBELL, SADIE	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
CHRISTIAN, EVELYN	ABS	ABS	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
CLARKE, GAIL	ABS	ABS	ABS	ABS	Aye	Aye
CLODD, JOAN	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
DICKERSON, TOLLYNE	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
DUNKLEY, GIDEON JR.	Aye	NP	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
EASTMOND, LAURA	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
EVANS, RAYMOND	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
FIGUEROA, ALFREDO	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
GIBSON, LAGRANT BARBARA	E	E	E	E	E	E
GOFF, JOHNNIE	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
HALL, ROBERT	ABS	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
HALL, WILLIAM	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Simpson, ERICA	ABS	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

HORTON, APRIL	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
ISAAC, JOHN	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	R
JAMES, THEODORE	ABS	ABS	ABS	ABS	Aye	Aye
LANZANO, CARL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
MARTIN, LUCILLE	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
MC CLOUD, MARY	ABS	ABS	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
MCNEIL, WALTER	Aye	ABS	ABS	ABS	Aye	Aye
MOORE, ANGELA	ABS	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
MORGAN, MICHAEL	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
ORTIZ, CARMEN	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
PORTER, FRANK	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
POWELL, CLAUDIA	ABS	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
REID, ANTHONY	E	E	E	E	E	E
ROBINS, DR. DENA	Aye	ABS	ABS	ABS	Aye	Aye
ROLDAN, FELIX	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
ROY, DESIREE	E	E	E	E	E	E
SALKEY, ICY MAE THOMAS	ABS	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
STRICKER, KARL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
WEIR, NICOLE	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
WILES, NORMA	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
GORMAN, FR RICHARD	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

A = AYE
N = NAY
NP = NOT PRESENT
ABS = ABSTAINED
E = EXCUSED
R = RECUSE

**VOTING SHEET
COMMUNITY BOARD 12, BRONX**

DATE 25 June 2015

George Torres for District Manager

MOTION NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ALLAKPO, FRANKLIN	Aye					
ALSTON, SHAKING	Aye					
BENITEZ, JUDITH	Aye					
BERRY, HAZEL	Aye					
BLOOMFIELD, HILARY	R					
BORRAS, IVAN ANTHONY	ABS					
BORSOTTI, CARLA	E					
BROWN-ALLEN, MARLENE	ABS					
BROWN, VICTOR	Aye					
BROWNE, DEACON EDWARD	E					
BRYAN, NORBERT	ABS					
CAMERON, MARCIA	NP					
CAMPBELL, SADIE	Aye					
CHRISTIAN, EVELYN	Aye					
CLARKE, GAIL	Aye					
CLODD, JOAN	ABS					
DICKERSON, TOLLYNE	NP					
DUNKLEY, GIDEON JR.	ABS					
EASTMOND, LAURA	NP					
EVANS, RAYMOND	NP					
FIGUEROA, ALFREDO	Aye					
GIBSON, LAGRANT BARBARA	E					
GOFF, JOHNNIE	ABS					
HALL, ROBERT	Aye					
HALL, WILLIAM	Aye					

Simpson, ERICA

Aye

HORTON, APRIL	NP					
ISAAC, JOHN	R					
JAMES, THEODORE	R					
LANZANO, CARL	Aye					
MARTIN, LUCILLE	NP					
MCCLOUD, MARY	Aye					
MCNEIL, WALTER	Aye					
MOORE, ANGELA	ABS					
MORGAN, MICHAEL	NP					
ORTIZ, CARMEN	Aye					
PORTER, FRANK	Aye					
POWELL, CLAUDIA	Aye					
REID, ANTHONY	E					
ROBINS, DR. DENA	ABS					
ROLDAN, FELIX	Aye					
ROY, DESIREE	E					
SALKEY, ICY MAE THOMAS	Aye					
STRICKER, KARL	Aye					
WEIR, NICOLE	NP					
WILES, NORMA	Aye					
GORMAN, FR RICHARD	Aye					

A = AYE
N = NAY
NP = NOT PRESENT
ABS = ABSTAINED
E = EXCUSED
R = RECUSE

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.
June 2015
Community Board Report

**Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. Makes 2015
Community Board Reappointments**

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. has made reappointments to Bronx Community Board and will complete his appointment of new members by the end of June. It is anticipated that over 90 new members will be appointed to board's borough wide. The Borough President welcomes all of the new members and thanks those members who are not returning to the board for their years of service to the community board.

Orientation for new community board members will take place on Monday July 20, 2015 at 6pm at Lehman College. All new members should have received information on this session in the mail.

Borough President Diaz looks forward to working with the all of the members of the Community Board as we move ahead and deal with the many important issues affecting our communities.

**BP Diaz & Bronx Jewish Historical Initiative
Launch New Website & Hall of Fame**

On Tuesday, June 2, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and the Bronx Jewish Historical Initiative co-hosted an event launching the initiative's new website and celebrating the induction of the inaugural class of the "Bronx Jewish Hall of Fame."

Inductees included former Bronx Borough President and New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams, activist and author Blu Greenberg, comedian and author Robert Klein, author Cynthia Ozick and Daniel Reingold, President and CEO of the Hebrew Home at Riverdale by RiverSpring Health. The event's emcee was Mike Woods of FOX 5's "Good Day New York." The event was sponsored in part by the Hebrew Home at Riverdale by RiverSpring Health, MacQuesten Development and Riverside Memorial Chapel.

"The Jewish community has a long and proud history in The Bronx, and we would not be where we are today without their significant contributions," said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. "This new website will help document the stories of our borough's Jewish experience for future generations, and the 'Bronx Jewish Hall of Fame' will help us honor some of the legends from this community who have made an impact not only in The Bronx, but across the world."

BP Diaz Issues Letter on Bronx Taxi Incident

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. has issued a letter to Taxi & Limousine Commission Chairperson Meera Joshi in response to reports that Carmen Yulin Cruz, the Mayor of San Juan, Puerto Rico, was denied taxi service to The Bronx during her recent visit to New York City.

In his letter Borough President Diaz, himself a former employee of the Taxi & Limousine Commission, notes that such refusal is illegal, and calls for Commissioner Joshi to investigate not only Mayor Cruz's complaints but the attitudes of yellow taxi drivers towards The Bronx, as well.

"If yellow taxi drivers are refusing service to The Bronx, or only providing that service begrudgingly, how many potential tourists is my borough losing because of this?," wrote Borough President Diaz. "The Bronx has seen significant transformation in recent years, and we cannot effectively tell that story if yellow taxi drivers are refusing to bring passengers here."

The Party is Not Over! An Extended Weekend at The Bronx Ball on BronxNet

Not only will Bronxites have the opportunity to experience Bronx Week and the borough's signature celebration, the Bronx Ball, on the BronxNet TV channels, but viewers around the world can also share the experience via the web. The 2015 Bronx Ball will be televised on BronxNet – Cablevision Channel 67 in HD and Verizon FiOS Channel 33 on June 11th, at 7pm. Moreover, the show can be viewed at www.bronxnet.org. A Bronx Week marathon featuring previous Bronx Ball celebrations and other Bronx Week events will air over the weekend on Saturday, June 13th from 1:30pm to 5pm and Sunday, June 14th from 12pm to 4pm.

The Bronx Ball, the highlight of Bronx Week, was held in May in a gala setting at Orchard Beach. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and hundreds of guests, including Bronx leaders, organization representatives, and residents shared a festive evening as they recognized 2015 Walk of Fame Honorees: Actress and TV personality Stacey Dash, Pro Basketball Legend Dolph Schayes, Business Leader and Philanthropist Alfredo Thiebaud posthumously, and Film and TV Actor Malik Yoba.

Bronx Week, presented by Borough President Diaz and co-produced by The Bronx Tourism Council and the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, features an array of activities that showcase the borough's vibrant life and growth.

"Bronx Week is an amazing celebration of everything that makes our borough a great place to live, work and raise a family. The highlight of the week is our annual 'Bronx Ball,' a black tie affair on the shores of the Bronx Riviera, Orchard Beach. I invite everyone to check out Bronxnet's coverage of this wonderful event, and to submerge themselves in not only this year's gala, but the highlights of years past, as well," said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

City and State Officials Join The Rockower Corporation, M. Melnick & Co. and Partners to Break Ground on 810 River Avenue in The Bronx

The mixed-income, mixed-use 810 River Avenue development will be the first project to take advantage of the 2009 New York City Department of City Planning 161st Street/River Avenue Rezoning

The New York City Housing Development Corporation (HDC), Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), join Rockower Corp., M. Melnick & Co., Inc. and partners to celebrate the groundbreaking for 810 River Avenue, the first project to benefit from the 161 Street / River Avenue Rezoning. A green, mixed-use, mixed-income, transit-oriented development, 810 River Avenue will include 134 units of affordable housing for very low-, low-, and middle-income households. The project will also include approximately 26,000 square-feet of commercial and community facility space and a 61-space garage. The 20,000 square-foot development site is located at 810 River Avenue between 157th & 158th Street in the Bronx, and will help spur residential and commercial development in the area.

The 810 River Avenue development is financed under Mayor Bill de Blasio's Housing New York: A Five- Borough, 10-Year Housing Plan. The most comprehensive affordable housing plan in the City's history and largest municipal housing plan in the nation, its goal is to create and preserve 200,000 units of affordable housing for very low- and middle income families to help address New York City's affordability crisis.

"Creating affordable housing with commercial and community space is very important to me, and it is a part of the transformative vision I have for The Bronx. This project will offer energy efficient amenities that will help tenants save money while also building a greener borough. Projects like 810 River Avenue are steps in the right direction towards greener and better life style for all Bronxites, and that's why I was proud to provide \$1 million in my own capital funding to this effort," said **Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Caribbean Heritage Month Celebration

Thursday June 18, 2015

Noon- 3pm

Bay Eden Senior Center 1220 East 229th Street

RSVP to 718-590-3522 or lroldan@bronxbp.nyc.gov



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COMMUNITY BOARD #12 (THE BRONX)

Committee Meeting Report Form

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Parks Committee

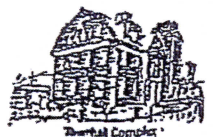
DATE OF MEETING: 6/23/15

LOCATION: Community Board 12 Townhall

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Shaking Alston, Frank Purfu

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: Ted James

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSE: _____



GUEST: non

AGENDA: upcoming events, summer activities

MOTION/ RESOLUTIONS PASSED: none

OTHER: SYEP, mtg w Friends Groups

Presentations to be scheduled
from outside groups and agencies.

Respectfully Submitted: Shaking Alston

Date: 6/25/15



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Committee Meeting Report Form

NAME OF COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC & BUSINESS SERVICE

DATE OF MEETING: 6/16/2015

LOCATION: CB12 4101 WHITE PLAINS ROAD

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: _____

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: MICHAEL FELTER

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSE: MICHAEL MORGAN



GUEST: _____

AGENDA: _____

MOTION/ RESOLUTIONS PASSED: _____

MAMA G AFRICAN KITCHEN INC. = APPROVED

COACHMAN INN = APPROVED

BEATTI EQUITIES LLC. = APPROVED

HOLLERS LOUNGE INC = NO SHOW

OTHER: _____

Respectfully Submitted: Felip M. Kold

Date: 6/16/15



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NAME OF COMMITTEE: TRANSPORTATION & Capital improvement

DATE OF MEETING: JUNE 16, 2015

LOCATION: 2601 White Plains Road

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Norbet Byan, JOHN ISAAC

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: Claudia Powell
Hillary Bloom Fule

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSE: _____



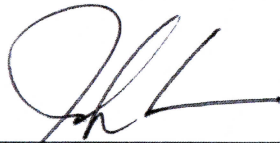
GUEST: THE Department of Design & Construction
& ARCOM CONSULTANT ENGINEERS

AGENDA: REVIEW of Project ID# RUX022
Rehabilitation of Retaining wall at Bronx Blvd

MOTION/ RESOLUTIONS PASSED: NONE - THE Department
of Design & Construction need a letter in support
of the project. The project will start in 2016
JUNE Approx. The project will repair existing
streetscape and stairs. Project will provide
AN upgrade to the neighborhood

OTHER:

Respectfully Submitted:



Date: June 16, 2015

COMMUNITY BOARD #12
Library & Cultural Affairs Committee
June 25, 2015

The Library & Cultural Affairs Committee met on June 11, 2015 at 4101 White Plains Road, Bronx, New York 10466.

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Joan Clodd. Invocation by Joan Clodd.

There were four members in attendance.

We continue to plan for events to be held at the Carriage House.

We toyed with the idea of having a diversity program in October but then realized that we need more time for this so we have put that idea on hold.. Maybe that can be done sometime next year.

Our immediate plan is to have a Family Games Event on a Friday night if that is allowed. If not Friday night, then maybe on a Saturday morning from 12 noon to maybe 2:00 p.m. We would provide the board games and light refreshments. So far, our target date is October 2nd and everyone would be invited.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan A. Clodd

Housing Committee Report

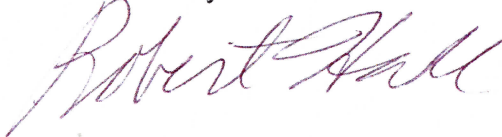
On June 11th, the Housing Committee met with Developers of the STAGG Group which is constructing a 118-unit building on East 216 Street and White Plains Road.

Market Affordable Housing with 60% AMI is in the \$55,000 Range. Very few amenities consisting of only a landscaping backyard and the front glass DOI is at 35 decimal levels, drowning out noise from the IRT #2 train. There will be gym training room for residents.

HPD lottery is the method of application process being used.

There were concerns regarding construction where only a few residents were chosen to help construct the unit.

Submitted by



Robert Hall
Committee Chair
July 1, 2015



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June 15, 2015

Fr. Richard Gorman
Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee
Bronx Community Board 12
4101 White Plains Road
Bronx, NY 10466

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Aging

Karen Pesce

Dear Fr. Gorman,

Budget

Vacant

At its regular Board meeting held on June 9th, 2015, Bronx Community Board No. 8 passed the following resolution by a vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions:

Economic Development

Sergio Villaverde

Education

Sylvia Alexander

Whereas a pedestrian bridge over the Major Deegan Expressway in Van Cortlandt Park is an important component of the Van Cortlandt Park Master Plan that was approved by the Parks & Recreation Committee of Community Board 8; and

Environment & Sanitation

Robert Fanuzzi

Whereas New York City Resolution 993 created a Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee (CFMC) to advise from a community perspective on matters relating to the construction of a water filtration plant in Van Cortlandt Park and also authorized a study of the feasibility of building a pedestrian bridge over the Major Deegan Expressway in Van Cortlandt Park; and

Health, Hospitals & Social Services

Steven Froot

Housing

Paul Ellis

Land Use

Charles G. Moerdler

Whereas that study was completed in 2009, presented to the CFMC, and demonstrated the feasibility of building this bridge, whereupon the CFMC called for the bridge to be built; and

Law, Rules & Ethics

Martin Wolpoff

Libraries & Cultural Affairs

Marvin Goodman

Whereas at its June 2010 meeting, Community Board 8 unanimously passed a resolution calling for the construction of this pedestrian bridge in Van Cortlandt Park; and

Parks & Recreation

Bob Bender

Public Safety

Arlene Garbett Feldmeier

Whereas funding for construction of that bridge has now been secured through equal contributions of \$4 million each from the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, and the State of New York;

Traffic & Transportation

Michael Heller

Youth

Lamont Parker

Therefore Be It Resolved that Bronx Community Board 8 thanks the following elected officials, agencies, and organizations for their advocacy for the bridge and for

*Serving the neighborhoods of Fieldston, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights,
Marble Hill, Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil, and Van Cortlandt Village*

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securing the funds to build it: Councilman Andrew Cohen, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Jeffrey Klein, Congressman Eliot Engel, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr, Mayor Bill de Blasio, the NYC Department of Environmental Protection, the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation, the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee, Bronx Community Boards 7 and 12, and the Friends of Van Cortlandt Park.

Very Truly Yours,



Daniel Padernacht
Chairman

DP:db

C: Honorable Eliot Engel, Congressman
Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Honorable Ruben Diaz, Jr., Bronx Borough President
Honorable Jeffrey Klein, State Senator
Honorable Carl Heastie, Assembly Speaker
Honorable Jeffrey Dinowitz, Assemblyman
Honorable Andrew Cohen, Councilmember
Emily Lloyd, NYC DEP Commissioner
Mitchell J. Silver, NYC Parks Commissioner
Adeline Walker, Chair, Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee
Christina Taylor, Friends of Van Cortlandt Park