



Community Board #12 (The Bronx)
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MINUTES of the STATED MEETING Of COMMUNITY BOARD #12 (THE BRONX) 28 May 2015, 7:30 P.M. Town Hall 4101 White Plains Road, The Bronx, New York 10466

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of Community Board #12 (The Bronx) for 28 May 2015 was called to order at 7:40 P.M. at Town Hall located at 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. He then asked for the Board and those neighborhood residents present to join him in a moment of silent remembrance and reflection for:

- Board Member Icy May Salkey Thomas, who had a death in her family
- The young lady hit by car on East 213TH Street and Barnes Avenue
- Those who have been victims of crime or violence since we last met in our Precinct
- Those who serve on the Armed Forces of the United States
- Our veterans, especially those who have given their life or who have been injured in the service of our Country
- Our first responders the NYPD, FDNY, and EMT's -- who keep us safe at home.

II Approval of the Minutes of 24 April 2015

After the moment of reflection, Father Gorman welcomed the Board Members and guests. He asked that all cell phones and electronic devices be turned off. Father Gorman announced the presence of

a quorum and went on to request a motion to approve the Minutes of the May Stated Meeting as proposed and printed, with any requisite corrections, and to waive the reading thereof. Second Vice-Chairman Karl Stricker made such a motion. It was seconded by John Isaac. The motioned carried with twenty-two (22) affirmative votes, two (2) abstaining votes, and no ("0") recusals or votes in the negative.

III. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Father Gorman mentioned that correspondence pertaining to recently proposed group homes had been forwarded to the appropriate agencies. He said that he has contacted and will be cooperating with the Staff of New York State Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie in order to address the facility proposed by the New York City Administration for Children's Services (N.Y.C.A.C.S.) at 3030 Bruner Avenue.

IV Good and Welfare / The Community Speaks Cynthia Overo, Pre-K Coordinator, N.Y.C.D.O.E.

Ms. Overo from the New York City Department of Education (N.Y.C.D.O.E.) shared updates regarding Pre-K Registration in New York City. Pre-K is free for all four-year olds and is for a full day. Starting in September, the program will be available in public schools, urban centers, and Headstart Programs. Children in the program will be engaged for approximately six (6) hours and thirty (30) minutes. The second admission application is coming up 2 June 2015 to 19 July 2015 and Parents will have to apply in person. They are encouraged to apply on-line in order to find a school. The link is $\underline{www.nyc.gov/prek}$ or one can call " 3-1-1" for assistance.

Charity Goh, Edenwald Library Manager, New York Public Library (N.Y.P.L.)

Ms. Goh informed those present that there will be a rally on 1 July 2015 to call for sparing the New York Public Library (N.Y.P.L.) any funding cuts in the upcoming Municipal Budget. She urged all to come out in support of the Library, especially for our youth who so need the services of our Libraries.

Daniel Anderson, Family of The Honorable Samuel D. Bea, Jr.

Mr. Anderson, the Son-in-law of the late Honorable Samuel D. Bea, Jr., former District Manager of Community Board #12 and Member of Assembly, informed all present that it is the desire of Mr. Bea's Family that TOWN HALL not be jointly named for Mr. Bea and the late Carmen L. Rosa, his successor as Community Board #12 District Manager. The family wants TOWN HALL to be named exclusively for Mr. Bea. If this is not the case, than Mr. Bea's Family does not want Sam's name on the Town Hall at all.

Errol Smith, North Bronx Adventist Church

On 6 June 2015 at 6:00 P.M., The North Bronx Adventist Church is sponsoring a Community Guest Day. It is also a Community Service Day inviting all local residents to see the services that are being offered at the Church. All Board Members and neighborhood residents are invited and urged to attend.

Hector Cortez, Resident

Mr. Cortez expressed concerns \underline{re} the adverse impact of the PROJECT RENEWAL facility for the homeless on the neighborhood, the absence of the American Flag in the Carriage House, and the issue of rent stabilization legislation.

Crystal Jones, Host of The Crystal Jones Show (Christian Programming)

Ms. Jones informed those present of her faith-based show on Christian living. She will be organizing a series of conferences of finances, wellness, and women's issues. The conference \underline{re} finance is scheduled for 3 October 2015.

LaCrown Oloruntoba, C.E.R.T. Team

Mr. Oloruntoba invited all to an upcoming Emergency Preparedness Awareness Fair to be held on Saturday, 13 June 2015 from 11:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. on East 229TH Street between White Plains Road and Lowerre Place.

Bessie Jackson, Hands Across Gun Hill

Ms. Jackson informed all present of an event on the Fourth of July to mark the one hundred eightyeight years since the abolition of slavery in the United States. It will be held at the Evander Childs Athletic Field. She also mentioned a breakfast at Lehman College that will take place on Saturday, 23 May 2015.

David Paul-Gerber, Resident

Mr. Paul-Gerber thanked Ms. Jakira Torres of the Town Hall Staff for her assistance with a difficulty involving the placement of rubber cones and garbage cans in order to block off parking spaces. He called for stricter observance of driving laws and regulations.

Richard Gordon, National Action Network

Mr. Gordon is a member of the National Action Network (N.A.N.). He spoke about those experiencing housing problems due to the inability to pay their mortgage due to hardship and homeowners saddled with bad mortgages. N.A.N. meets on the first Wednesday of every month. People whose mortgages are higher than the value of the home and those who just want to get an understanding of the mortgage crisis should attend the meeting and sign up for the clinic. He is likewise involved in The Hands Across Gun Hill event on Independence Day, 4 July 2015.

Nancy Fares, Community Liaison for Boller Avenue Project, N.Y.C.D.D.C.

Ms. Fares from the New York City Department of Design and Construction (N.Y.C.D.D.C.) informed those present of several problems that have arisen relative to the Boller Avenue Project.

Jeremy Skehan, President of Webster Avenue Taxpayers Association

Mr. Skehan spoke about the difficulty of finding a parking space on Webster Avenue above East 233RD Street. He suggested increasing the number of spaces by the introduction of angle parking on the Bronx River Parkway side of Webster Avenue. A civil engineer engaged by his organization has stated that the use of angle parking could make eighty-four additional parking spots available between East 234TH Street and Nereid Avenue. The construction of new apartment buildings on East 236TH Street exacerbates this parking problem.

Kelly Vasquez, Office of Council Member Councilman Andy L. King

Ms. Vasquez informed those present that Council Member King will have his Staff at the Boston Secor Houses in order to bring Mr. King's services to those who cannot travel to one (1) of his District Offices. The Council Member will have his Staff visiting a N.Y.C.H.A. development every two (2) weeks. He is particularly concerned about the needs of senior citizens. The Council Member will be sponsoring a Youth Day on 20 June 2015 from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 P.M. at 836 Tilden Street. All graduates and their Families are invited to attend. Ms. Vasquez reminded all that Council Member King's office is open from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.

IV Report of the Chairman / District Manager

Father Gorman announced those Board Members who had been excused -- <u>viz.</u>, Raymond Evans, Anthony Reid, and Icy May Salkey Thomas. He also introduced the guests for the evening and those representing our elected officials: Mr. Tom Lucania (Office of the Borough President of The Bronx), Mr. Daniel Johnson (Chief of Staff to Council Member Andrew Cohen), Mr. Ivan Nedds (Office of Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz), Mr. Dana Driskell (Liaison to the New York City Department of City Planning), and Ms. Nancy Fares (Boller Avenue Project Coordinator from the New York City Department of Design and Construction).

Father Gorman addressed the continuing difficulties relative to the Project Renewal facility for the homeless on 4380 Bronx Boulevard. After the recent murder of its Director, Ms. Ana Charle, a demonstration was organized by our elected officials to be held in front of the location. Great pressure was exerted upon the public officials and the Community Board to cancel this event. When this request was refused, the Municipal Administration organized a counter-demonstration at the locale. Supposed friends of Ms. Charle, the counter demonstrators were there to intimidate us. Correspondence to Mayor Bill de Blasio has been forwarded by Congressman Eliot L. Engel, New York State Senator Jeffrey D. Klein, Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz, New York City Council Member Andrew Cohen, and New York City Council Member Andy L. King demanding that the facility be shut down at once. Father Gorman urged all Board Members and neighborhood residents to be prepared to take whatever action necessary in order to bring about this closure.

Developer Mark Stagg is constructing another multi-residential building on White Plains Road and East 216TH Street. Father Gorman is asking Mr. Robert Hall, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Housing to conduct a meeting with this developer.

Father Gorman addressed the Plan for Quality and Affordable Housing being put forward by Mayor de Blasio and the New York City Department of City Planning (N.Y.C.D.C.P.). He noted that it has several flaws and is not in the interests of Community Board #12 (The Bronx). Among other things, it would (1) alter the zoning in some of the areas which the Community Board had rezoned in the past few years; (2) squeeze higher-density buildings into lower-density zones; (3) create housing units with reduced dimensions for those requiring affordable housing and for seniors; and (4) eliminate parking requirements for affordable and senior housing buildings. Father Gorman will forward correspondence to N.Y.C.D.C.P. outlining the objections of the Community Board to this proposal.

Father Gorman directed Mr. Felix Roldan, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Business Services to organize a meeting involving a local business, PASCAP, a metal recycling outfit, and SoBRO, the South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, and the New York City Departments of Citywide Administrative Services and of Transportation (N.Y.C.D.C.A.S. and N.Y.C.D.O.T.). PASCAP is losing its lease for municipal property that N.Y.C.D.O.T. now needs for its concrete construction crews in The Bronx. PASCAP employs approximately five hundred (500) individuals. The forfeiture of these jobs would adversely impact our neighborhood and the Borough.

Father Gorman announced that, due to a recent agreement between several of our local elected officials and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (N.Y.C.D.E.P.), the long-sought Pedestrian Bridge in Van Cortlandt Park will be constructed. The bridge was originally

promised to Bronxites as a consequence of having the Croton Water Filtration Plant built in Van Cortlandt Park. N.Y.C.D.E.P. refused to expend any monies on this project for many years. The Department is now putting up a portion of the funding for the bridge as are New York State Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie, New York State Senator Jeffrey D. Klein, New York State Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz, and New York City Council Member Andrew Cohen. This bridge will facilitate and enhance the utilization of Van Cortlandt Park by residents of Community Board #12. Father Gorman also announced that New York City Department of Environmental Protection (N.Y.C.D.E.P.) Commissioner Emily Lloyd would attend the next meeting of the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee (C.F.M.C.) on Monday, 22 June 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the N.Y.C.D.E.P. Outreach Office on Jerome Avenue.

Father Gorman expressed admiration for a recent statement, reported in *THE NEW YORK POST*, by Mr. Mitchell Netburn, Executive Director of Project Renewal. In light of the murder of his employee, Ana Charle, Mr. Netburn told the Mayor's Wife, Chirlane McCray, at a recent meeting that some homeless individuals with violent backgrounds and extreme problems do not belong in shelter facilities with other homeless people. Father Gorman sent a text message to Mr. Netburn thanking him for his courageous honesty in giving voice to this issue.

Father Gorman announced with great regret the resignation of Board Member Monica Miroxian as of 19 June 2015. He expressed his gratitude to Monica for her service in recent correspondence responding to her letter of resignation.

Father Gorman expressed gratitude to Council Member Andy Cohen for the many projects in this area that will be funded as a result of his Participatory Budgeting Process. He likewise enumerated several events of note and interest that were scheduled in the forthcoming weeks.

V Report of the Borough President of the Bronx

Mr. Thomas Lucania, Director Community Boards and Legislative Affairs for the Borough President of The Bronx, delivered the report of Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. The report is appended to these Minutes.

VI Council Member Andy L. King

The Honorable Andy L. King, New York City Council Member, conveyed warm greetings to all present. He reported on some recent events and conferences that he had recently attended. He singled out his particular concerns relative to day care. He is organizing a rally soon on behalf of quality education in our schools. The Council Member asked all those in attendance to watch for the e-mail announcing this event and to participate in it.

The Council Member paid tribute to our late District Manager, Carmen L. Rosa. He warmly recalled her many fine personal attributes and her outstanding service to the neighborhood. Hence, he requested of the Community Board a motion to support the addition of the appellation "CARMEN L. ROSA WAY" to East 229TH Street between White Plains Road and Lowerre Place. Father Gorman called for such a motion, which was made by Board Member Victor Brown and seconded by Second Vice-Chairman Karl Stricker. The motion was unanimously approved by all twenty-five (25) Community Board Members in attendance. Father Gorman immediately handed the Council Member a letter conveying the Community Board's support of this proposal.

VII Report of the Standing Committees

The reports of all Standing Committees are attached to these Minutes.

Standing Committee on Economic Development and Business Services

Committee Chairman Felix Roldan reported that his Standing Committee had recently met with the proprietors of THE RAMBLING HOUSE on Katonah Avenue in order to examine their application to renew their on-premises liquor license as well as their application to renew the license for their sidewalk café. The Committee also met with the owner of THE TOMBSTONE SALOON on East 233RD Street to discuss their application to renew their on-premises liquor license. The owners of AQUEDUCT NORTH, a bar on Katonah Avenue, failed to respond to the invitation to testify about its liquor license renewal before the Standing Committee.

Mr. Roldan moved on behalf of the Standing Committee to recommend the approval of the renewal of the on-premises liquor license for THE TOMBSTONE SALOON. The motion passed with twenty-one (21) affirmative votes, one (1) negative vote, two (2) abstaining votes, and no ("0") recusals.

Mr. Roldan then moved on behalf of the Standing Committee to recommend the approval of the licenses for on-premises liquor service and a sidewalk café for THE RAMBLING HOUSE. The motion carried with twenty-two (22) affirmative votes, one (1) abstaining vote, and no ("0") negative votes or recusals.

Standing Committee on Transportation and Capital Projects

Committee Chairman John Isaac reported on the recent meeting of his Standing Committee to examine the proposal for angle parking on the Bronx River Parkway side of Webster Avenue between East 234TH Street and East 238TH Street. He mentioned not only the benefit of having additional parking spaces but some of the problems connected with the idea as well:

- Webster Avenue is the route for the BX16 bus; and
- Webster Avenue is an emergency route for the Bronx River Parkway when there is a flood or an accident.

Mr. Isaac suggests re-visiting the idea. Father Gorman asked him to conduct a public hearing with all stakeholders -- <u>i.e.</u>, local residents, elected officials, N.Y.C.D.O.T. and the N.Y.P.D. Mr. Johnson, Chief of Staff to Council Member Cohen, stated that the Council Member is in favor of this idea. Second Vice-Chairman Karl Stricker enumerated his concerns regarding it.

Standing Committee on Land Use

Committee Chairman Karl Stricker reported on presentations concerning the re-zoning of a small portion of Webster Avenue in Woodlawn Heights and the Mayor's proposal for Quality and Affordable Housing. He indicated that there would be further briefing and developments on these matters and that a vote on them by Community Board #12 (The Bronx) would probably be required at some point.

Standing Committee on Libraries and Cultural Affairs

Committee Chairwoman Joan Clodd met with her Standing Committee and is considering several activities in the coming months: jewelry making, knitting, crocheting, a Christmas play, a diversity fair, and senior acting workshops/auditions to be led by Ms. Leona Hull, the former Youth Coordination of Community Board #12. Ms. Hull is also an actress.

VIII Report of the District Manager Search Committee

Father Gorman gave a thorough report and answered questions concerning the search for a new District Manager. The Search Committee is comprised of the five Officers of Community Board #12 - viz., Board Chairman Father Gorman, First Vice-Chairman William Hall, Second Vice-Chairman Karl Stricker, Secretary Carmen Ortiz, and Treasurer Hilary Bloomfield. One (1) Officer resigned from the Committee and asked to be interviewed for the position. Twenty-one (21) applications were received. One (1) arrived after the deadline for submissions and was not considered. The Search Committee took a great deal of time carefully going over all of the applications and decided to interview eleven (11) of the candidates. Appointments for such were scheduled. One (1) of these selected applicants decided to withdraw from consideration. The Search Committee will continue the process. Father Gorman distributed detailed Minutes of all of the meetings of the District Manager Search Committee to the Board Members, which are appended to these Minutes.

IX Report of the Nominating Committee

Committee Chairman Carl Lanzano reported that the following slate of candidates was selected by the Nominating Committee to serve as the Officers of Community Board #12 (The Bronx) for the forthcoming year:

• Father Richard Gorman -- Community Board Chairman

Mr. William Hall
 Mr. Karl Stricker
 Second Vice-Chairman

Ms. Carmen Ortiz
 Ms. Hilary Bloomfield
 Treasurer

In response to a question from Board Member Dr. Dena Robins, Mr. Lanzano stated that none of the aforementioned candidates was a member of his Committee.

X New Business

Father Gorman proposed a motion to support the efforts of The Honorable Ruben Diaz, Jr., the Borough President of The Bronx, to keep the Office of the New York City Medical Examiner (N.Y.C.O.M.E.) in the Borough of The Bronx open. Mr. Walter Burgin made the motion and Treasurer Hilary Bloomfield seconded it. The motion carried unanimously with all twenty-four (24) Board Members in attendance voting in the affirmative.

XI Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct, Father Gorman adjourned the Community Board until its June Stated Meeting on Thursday evening, 25 June 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in TOWN HALL.

Respectfully submitted,

MKIRA TORRES

Community Service Aide

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

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BERRY, HAZEL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	
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BRYAN, NORBERT	Aye	Aue	Aye	Aye	Aye	
BURGIN, WALTER	Aye	Aye	Aue	Aye	Aye	
CAMPBELL, SADIE	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	
CLARKE, GAIL	NP	NP	MP	NP	NP	
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SMITH, RONALD					
STRICKER, KARL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
WHITE, KAREN	NP	NP		NP	NP
WILES, NORMA	Aye	Aye	Α	1	Aye
WILSON, PAULINE	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
GORMAN, FR RICHARD	Aye	Aye	Α.	Aye	Aye

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Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. May 2015 Community Board Report

2015 Community Board Reappointments

Community Board members who have submitted a reappointment application should continue to serve until they receive a letter from the Borough President regarding their reappointment. The terms of community board members who have chosen not to reapply for a new term ended on March 31st.

New applicants will receive a letter from the Borough President regarding appointments in the middle of May.

Borough President Diaz Officially Kicks Off Bronx Week 2015

Malik Yoba, Dolph Schayes, Stacey Dash & Alfredo Thiebaud to be Inducted Into Bronx Walk of Fame

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. officially launched Bronx Week 2015 on Sunday May 3rd, hosting a celebration of the "Best of the Bronx" with a street festival at the Bronx General Post Office on Grand Concourse and East 149th Street.

"I always look forward to this time of the year, when we celebrate everything that is great about The Bronx," said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. "We kick things off with this great street fair on Sunday, holding 10 days' worth of amazing and fun events for the whole family throughout the borough, all culminating with the Walk of Fame inductions and parade."

A full calendar of events is available at www.ilovethebronx.com.

"Bronx Week is the opportunity to showcase the Best of The Bronx," said Bronx Tourism Council Executive Director Olga Luz Tirado. "There is a lot to celebrate -- tourism, overall, is up in the borough. Our attractions are reporting a substantial increase in visitors. We are enjoying increased positive coverage from media. It's a great time to be in The Bronx right now."

"Bronx Week is a time to celebrate our businesses, big and small, that provide much needed jobs to our community as well as a time to honor veterans, seniors, youth, volunteers and our hometown greats," said Marlene Cintron, president of The Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation.

"As a new member to the community, we are excited to be a part of our first Bronx Week and to host the first event with Borough President Ruben Diaz at this iconic site," said Christine Nebiar, marketing director for Youngwoo & Associates, LLC, who is sponsoring the kick-off event alongside The Bristol Group. "The Bronx has so much to celebrate and we are thrilled to invite

New Yorkers to experience the borough at its best. The historic Bronx Post office will transform into a center of culture, community, and commerce and we hope to feature the great talents in food, art, music, and business."

This year, four new individuals will be inducted to the Bronx Walk of Fame. They are actor and activist Malik Yoba; National Basketball Association (NBA) Hall of Famer Dolph Schayes; and actress, author and television commentator Stacey Dash. Longtime borough business leader, philanthropist and the founder of Delicioso Coco Helado, Alfredo Thiebaud will also be posthumously inducted in to the Bronx Walk of Fame.

Bronx Week 2015 is made possible thanks to the support of the Montefiore Medical Center, the principal sponsors of this year's events.

"Montefiore is proud to support Bronx Week," said Steven M. Safyer, M.D., president and CEO of Montefiore Health System. "Bronx Week is an opportunity for us to celebrate our strengths and the progress we are making to improve our communities. It's a chance to highlight how healthcare providers like Montefiore, community based organizations and elected officials are joining forces to ensure Bronx residents have the tools and access they need for optimal health and wellness. Working together, the future of our borough is bright."

Other Bronx Week 2015 sponsors include Care Connect, United HealthCare Community Plan, Healthfirst, HealthPlus Amerigroup, CenterLight Healthcare, conEdison, Lehman College, Bronx Community College, Hostos Community College, Cablevision, WellCare, Affinity Health Plan, AT&T, News 12, Domino's, Bronxnet, Delicioso Coco Helado, Bronx Design Group, Emblem, Jewish Home LifeCare, Millennium Medical Staffing, and VNSNY.

Borough President Diaz Reacts to Latest Job Numbers

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. is praising new job numbers from the New York State Department of Labor, which show even more improvement in the borough's unemployment rate.

"As I have said in the past, what we are doing in The Bronx is working. Our efforts are bearing fruit. We are creating jobs, and we are making sure that Bronx residents are getting the jobs we are creating," said Borough President Diaz.

Last week, the New York State Department of Labor released new unemployment figures for March 2015 which showed The Bronx unemployment rate at 8.9%, down from 9.8% in February 2015 and down from a peak of 13.9% in January 2010. The latest numbers show that Bronx County is no longer the county with the highest unemployment rate in New York State, as well.

The Department of Labor's complete release can be found at http://on.ny.gov/1KdpGil.

Since Borough President Diaz took office in 2009, The Bronx has seen more than \$7 billion in total development, which has led to the creation of over 15,000 new jobs. In addition, a partnership created by Governor Andrew Cuomo in August between the New York State Department of Labor and the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, as part of the "NY Works" program,

is placing Bronx residents in these jobs, helping to ensure that new development here benefits everyone, especially Bronxites.

"We are making considerable progress in The Bronx, and this is very positive news. But there is more work that needs to be done. My office will continue to work with the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, our elected officials, business community, community boards, non-profits, and the 1.4 million people who call this borough their home to make The Bronx an even better place to live, work and raise a family. Great things are happening in The Bronx, and the best is yet to come," added Borough President Diaz

The following is a list of placements by community boards:

Placements by CB District				
CB District	Unique Individuals Placed in Employment			
1	523			
2	262			
3	481			
4	679			
5	386			
6	403			
7	537			
8	214			
9	880			
10	517			
11	449			
12	726			
Other ¹	250			

Represents the number of individuals who no longer reside in the Bronx or had insufficient address on file to identify a corresponding district.

Statement from Borough President Diaz regarding President Obama's Visit to The Bronx

"I was thrilled to welcome President Obama to The Bronx today. But I am even more excited to hear his words. The President's stated commitment to the future of urban youth, especially young men of color in the United States, through the launch of his 'My Brother's Keeper Alliance,' is worthy of considerable praise. I know firsthand the struggles young men of color face in this nation, and I know how challenging it can be to both lead one's own life on the right path while

also guiding others in that same direction. This initiative, which will combine public and private resources for the greater good, is welcome not only in The Bronx but across the United States.

"I am proud to have been present for today's historic announcement, and I look forward to working with the 'My Brother's Keeper Alliance' to help young men, of color get the help they need to succeed," said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

City Announces Plans to Construct New Pedestrian Bridge Over Major Deegan to Improve Community Access to Van Cortlandt Park

\$12 Million Pedestrian Bridge is Part of Master Plan to Knit the Park Back Together and Restore the Natural Beauty Identified by Olmsted

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner, Emily Lloyd today joined Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP, Department of Design and Construction (DDC) Commissioner Dr. Feniosky Peña- Mora, and several elected officials and community leaders to announce plans for a \$12 million pedestrian bridge that will span the Major Deegan Expressway and improve community access to Van Cortlandt Park by connecting the Croton Woods and the Allen Shandler Recreation areas in the northeast section of the park. DEP and Parks will each invest \$4 million to construct the bridge, and the remaining \$4 million will be paid for with state funds secured by State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz, and the Assembly Bronx Delegation, as well as State Senator Jeffrey Klein. DDC will manage the design and construction of the bridge, which is expected to be completed in 2019.

"The communities surrounding Van Cortlandt Park have waited years to realize the promise of this long-anticipated project," **Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz** said. I am proud to have worked with my colleagues in government, the various city agencies, local activists, our community boards, neighborhood organizations and park enthusiasts whose vision for improved east/west access within Van Cortlandt Park will now be realized. This project is a bridge across the Bronx, uniting communities through recreation, and I am proud to be a part of this wonderful announcement."

In 2008, as a mitigation project associated with the construction of the Croton Water Filtration Plant, which was built underneath the Park and is slated to open later this year, DEP conducted a feasibility study to develop and evaluate alternatives to connect the Croton Woods and Allen Shandler Recreation Area with a pedestrian access bridge. The new pedestrian bridge, along with a new trail on the south side of the Expressway, will connect existing walking paths on either side of the Expressway that follow the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail. The bridge is part of the 2014 Van Cortlandt Park Master Plan – a comprehensive plan to knit the park back together and restore the natural beauty identified by Olmsted.

Plans for the new bridge were developed with extensive input from the Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy, Community Boards 7, 8, and 12, Friends of Van Cortlandt Park, the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee, and local elected officials.

IBO Issues Financial Assessment of Salon & Spa Letter Grading Program

In advance of tomorrow's hearing on the legislation, the Independent Budget Office (IBO) has issued a financial assessment regarding the potential cost of the salon and spa letter grading program proposed by Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

The IBO analysis, which was requested by Borough President Diaz, shows that a salon and spa letter grading program would cost the city \$7.2 million at the high end. This would provide for the twice-yearly inspection of each of the more than 5,300 nail salons, beauty salons and other personal care facilities located throughout the city. The cost could vary depending on specific changes made to the city's health code and facilities covered under such an inspection system.

"I would like to thank the Independent Budget Office for taking the time to score the potential cost of this major public health initiative," said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. "While we should not put a price tag on the health and well-being of our city and its residents, the IBO's analysis suggests this program would be incredibly cost-effective. We can provide for the health and safety of salon customers and employees without placing a major burden on the city's budget."

The IBO's analysis of the program can be read at http://on.nyc.gov/1GFfKgo.

Bronx Borough President Diaz will testified before a joint hearing of the New York City Council's Committees on Consumer Affairs and Health on April 27th in support of a legislative package concerning the creation of a "Nail & Beauty Salon" letter grading system, similar to one used by the food and dining industry in New York City, which he initially proposed last year.

The legislative package would allow for the creation of a system of letter grades for cosmetology businesses, based on the existing restaurant letter grading system already in effect in this city. It would also create a 'Customers' Bill of Rights' for such establishments, and call on the State to expand training options available for licensed cosmetology professionals.

The legislation was introduced to the City Council at the borough president's behest by Council Member Rafael Espinal, chairman of the Council's Committee on Consumer Affairs.

Statement from Borough President Diaz RE: Governor Cuomo's Emergency Measures to Protect Nail Salon Workers

"I want to thank Gov. Andrew Cuomo for the swift action he has taken on this pressing issue. As last week's *New York Times* exposé showed, there are serious issues that need to be addressed in the spa and beauty industry as far as ensuring the health and safety of both customers and employees in these establishments—especially in regards to helping those workers in the industry who feel they have no voice as far as the substandard conditions in which they are forced to work. That cannot be tolerated.

"The proposals we have presented to the City Council will go a long way towards ensuring that the people of this city, employees and customers alike, have a clean and safe atmosphere to get their hair done, to get a manicure or pedicure, or any of the other practices typically found in

spas and beauty establishments. This is an important public health issue, one that benefits not only customers but also protects the personal safety and workers' rights of those in the industry. I look forward to working with Governor Cuomo, as well as all interested parties at the city and state levels, to make the cosmetology industry safer for everyone," said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

In August, Borough President Diaz proposed a legislative package relating to the creation of a letter grading system for cosmetology businesses, including nail salons, spas, barber shops, beauty parlors and other similar establishments throughout the five boroughs. More information on that legislation can be found at http://on.nyc.gov/17jqxjX.

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NAME OF COMMITTEE: L'CONOMIC + BUSINESS SERVICE
DATE OF MEETING: 6/16/2015
LOCATION: CB12 4101 WAITEPLAINS ROAD
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MEMBERS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: MICHAEL FELTER
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DISTRICT MANAGER SEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the DISTRICT MANAGER SEARCH COMMITTEE of COMMUNITY BOARD #12 (THE BRONX)

14 May 2015

The meeting convened at 5:20 P.M. in the Hospitality Room on the fifth floor of Calvary Hospital, 1740 Eastchester Road in the Borough of The Bronx. Father Richard Gorman acted as Chairman. In attendance were Committee Members Community Board #12 Chairman Father Gorman, First Vice-Chairman William Hall, Second Vice-Chairman Karl Stricker, and Secretary Carmen Ortiz. Community Associate Ursula D. Cruz-Greene was invited to attend in order to assist with the proper opening of the envelopes containing the applications for the position of District Manager. Father Gorman was requested by the Committee to take the Minutes.

The advantages/disadvantages of getting the selection process completed by the May Stated Meeting of the Community Board as opposed to its June Stated Meeting were extensively discussed. It was finally decided that, even if the selection process went into June, nevertheless to expend as much time as necessary so that the search process would be as thorough as possible and afford each candidate a meticulous interview and comprehensive vetting.

With the assistance of Ms. Cruz-Greene, the applications were opened in the order in which they were received. A total of twenty-one (21) applications were received. One application was received after the specified application date and <u>via</u> Internet. The Committee determined that this applicant should not be interviewed for making a submission to the Committee in an untimely manner and not following the specified submission procedure.

A preliminary schedule of meetings for the Search Committee was formulated:

- Monday, 18 May 2015: 9:15 A.M. 11:45 A.M.
- Tuesday, 19 May 2015: 9:15 A.M. 11:45 A.M.
- Wednesday, 20 May 2015: 9:15 A.M. 11:45 A.M.
- Thursday, 21 May 2015: 9:15 A.M. 11:45 A.M.
- Friday, 22 May 2015: 9:15 A.M. 11:45 A.M.
- Saturday, 23 May 2015: 3:30 P.M. 8:30 P.M.
- Sunday, 24 May 2015: NO
- Monday, 25 May, 2015: MEMORIAL DAY
- Tuesday, 26 May 2015: NO
- Wednesday, 27 May 2015: 10:00 A.M. 3:30 P.M.

The aforesaid tentative schedule was determined in order to permit an interview of every applicant, if such was needed and desired.

It was decided that a copy of each application would be given to each member of the Search Committee for his/her reading and critique.

The Committee extensively debated how to take into account and to weigh the qualification of "community service." It was decided to take into account the applicants:

- Involvement with local Community-based Organizations (C.B.O.'s): Is the applicant's C.B.O. work voluntary, uncompensated, and/or essentially for the neighborhood and/or a civic cause.
- 2. Political Involvement and Experience: Is the applicant on the staff of a political organization or a public official either in a voluntary or remunerated status.
- 3. Current or Career Civil Servant/Appointed Government Employee: As a civil servant or appointed Government employee, emphasize the applicant's interaction with citizens over his/her merely administrative/bureaucratic role. A career civil servant/appointed Government employee would be defined as an individual whose employment history was at least fifty-percent as a civil servant and or employee of the Government who did not come under civil service classification.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting concluded at 7:00 P.M.

It was determined that the identification of individual applicants and any deliberation and reflection upon any of them would not be publicly discussed or disseminated in order to respect their privacy, especially for those persons who did not wish to divulge their application to others -- <u>e.g.</u>, present employer.

Respectfully submitted,





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19 May 2015

The meeting convened at 9:40 A.M. in the upstairs Conference Room at Town Hall of Town Hall at 4101 White Plains Road in the Borough of The Bronx. Father Richard Gorman acted as Chairman. In attendance were Committee Members Community Board #12 Chairman Father Richard Gorman, First Vice-Chairman William Hall, Second Vice-Chairman Karl Stricker, and Secretary Carmen Ortiz. Father Gorman was requested by the Committee to take the Minutes.

It was decided that Treasurer Hilary Bloomfield must submit her reasons for resigning as a member of the District Manager Search Committee in writing

It was first agreed upon that it was not essential or considered necessary to interview each of the applicants. A rating grading system was developed that consisted of each Committee Member assigning a number value between one (1) and four (4) to each applicant based upon the content and presentation of an individual applicant's résumé and the degree to which a given applicant measured up to the qualifications required for District Manager. The grading system was established as follows:

- 1: Unqualified
- 2: Barely Qualified
- 3: Qualified / Well Qualified
- · 4: Exceptionally Qualified

It was agreed upon that an applicant receiving a grade/rating of nine (9) or above would be requested to interview with the Search Committee.

Due to changing commitments of the Committee Members and time restraints upon them, another schedule of interviews needed to be devised. The confirmed schedule for interviewing the applicants was concluded as follows:

- Wednesday, 20 May 2015: 9:15 A.M. 11:45 A.M.
- Thursday, 21 May 2015: 8:30 A.M. 11:30 A.M.
- Friday, 22 May 2015: NO
- Saturday, 23 May 2015: 6:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M.
- Sunday, 24 May 2015: NO
- Monday, 25 May, 2015: MEMORIAL DAY
- Tuesday, 26 May 2015: 9:30 A.M. -- 3:30 P.M.
- Wednesday, 27 May 2015: IF NECESSARY

A brief discussion ensued as to what salary would be offered to the incoming District Manager. No decisive determination was reached in this regard and the Committee decided to inquire about the salary expectations of the applicants invited for an interview.

The rating/grading of the applications was commenced.

The need not to engage in public discussion of the candidates was once more emphasized.

The Search Committee adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,





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20 May 2015

The meeting convened at 9:30 A.M. in the upstairs Conference Room at Town Hall of Town Hall at 4101 White Plains Road in the Borough of The Bronx. Father Richard Gorman acted as Chairman. In attendance were Committee Members Community Board #12 Chairman Father Richard Gorman, First Vice-Chairman William Hall, Second Vice-Chairman Karl Stricker, and Secretary Carmen Ortiz. Father Gorman was requested by the Committee to take the Minutes.

The grading/rating of applications was resumed and completed. It was decided to interview eleven of the twenty (20) applications read and weighed.

Father Gorman was requested by the Committee to schedule three (3) interviews for Thursday morning, 21 May 2015 at 8:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., and 10:30 A.M.; on Saturday evening, 23 May 2015 at 6:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M., and 8:00 P.M.; and on Tuesday, 26 May 2015 at 9:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M.

Father Gorman was directed by the Committee Members to send our letters to those applicants not selected for an interview once all of the scheduled interviews were completed.

The need not to engage in public discussion of the candidates was once more emphasized.

The Search Committee adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,





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21 May 2015

The meeting convened at 9:30 A.M. in the upstairs Conference Room at Town Hall of Town Hall at 4101 White Plains Road in the Borough of The Bronx. Father Richard Gorman acted as Chairman. In attendance were Committee Members Community Board #12 Chairman Father Richard Gorman, First Vice-Chairman William Hall, Second Vice-Chairman Karl Stricker, and Secretary Carmen Ortiz.

The first three (3) of the eleven (11) candidates selected for an interview were interviewed. After each individual interview, the Committee Members discussed the candidate. Each Committee Member kept his/her own personal notes of each interview for further discussion of the applicant.

The need not to engage in public discussion of the candidates was once more emphasized.

The Search Committee adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,





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23 May 2015

The meeting convened at 6:15 P.M. in the upstairs Conference Room at Town Hall of Town Hall at 4101 White Plains Road in the Borough of The Bronx. Father Richard Gorman acted as Chairman. In attendance were Committee Members Community Board #12 Chairman Father Richard Gorman, First Vice-Chairman William Hall, Second Vice-Chairman Karl Stricker, and Secretary Carmen Ortiz.

The next (2) of the eleven (11) candidates selected for an interview were interviewed. After each individual interview, the Committee Members discussed the candidate. Each Committee Member kept his/her own personal notes of each interview for further discussion of the applicant. A candidate scheduled for an interview informed Father Gorman by telephone conversation and e-mail that she no longer wished to be considered for the position of District Manager. After each individual interview, the Committee Members discussed the candidate. Each Committee Member kept his/her own personal notes of each interview for further discussion of the applicant.

The need not to engage in public discussion of the candidates was once more emphasized.

The Search Committee adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,





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26 May 2015

The meeting convened at 9:45 A.M. in the upstairs Conference Room at Town Hall of Town Hall at 4101 White Plains Road in the Borough of The Bronx. Father Richard Gorman acted as Chairman. In attendance were Committee Members Community Board #12 Chairman Father Richard Gorman, First Vice-Chairman William Hall, Second Vice-Chairman Karl Stricker, and Secretary Carmen Ortiz.

The final five (5) of the eleven (11) candidates selected for an interview were interviewed. After each individual interview, the Committee Members discussed the candidate. Each Committee Member kept his/her own personal notes of each interview for further discussion of the applicant. After each individual interview, the Committee Members discussed the candidate. Each Committee Member kept his/her own personal notes of each interview for further discussion of the applicant.

The need not to engage in public discussion of the candidates was once more emphasized. The prerequisite for any member of Community Board #12 (The Bronx) to recuse him/herself from all consideration and decision-making relative to the selection of the next District Manager was discussed. Father Gorman will remind all Community Board Members of this necessity at the May Stated Meeting.

A hand-written letter from Treasurer Hilary Bloomfield was received in which she resigned as a member of the District Manager Search Committee.

It was decided to consider if there was a necessity to re-interview a second round of candidates from the eleven (11) already assessed. The Search Committee will come to a decision relative to this topic after the May Stated Meeting on Thursday, 28 May 2015. The Search Committee adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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