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BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

GLORIA ALSTON
CHAIRWOMAN

JOHN W. DUDLEY
DISTRICT MANAGER

BOARD MINUTES

Date: 4/08/114
 Place: 1332 Fulton Avenue
 Time: 6:00 P.M.

Members Present

- Gloria Alston
- Xiomara Arriola
- Valerie Bailey
- Winifred Bama
- Janet Bullock
- Dea. Ernest Dawkins
- Evang. Patricia Dyson-Johnson
- Wanda Ellis
- Gail Gadsden
- Ernestine Graham Wright
- Juanita Hamilton
- Kathy Johnson-Morris
- Linda Kemp
- Una Lawrence
- Jose Perez
- Leslie Phipps
- Terrence Podolsky
- Edna Quinones
- Rev. Bruce Rivera
- Rafael Rivera
- Deborah Terrell
- Walter Thomas
- Clyde Thompson
- Joanne Webb-Dixon
- Rev. Monte Witherspoon-Brown

Guests Names

- Sr. Mary Elizabeth, St. John Chrysostom School
- Sr. Maureen, St. John Chrysostom School
- All Other Guests Names on File

Staff Present

- Etta F. Ritter
- John W. Dudley

Members Excused

- Cordelia Gilford
- Rita Jones
- Elizabeth Luciany
- Marlon Molina
- Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr
- Dave Dominick Reid
- Allen Rey

Members Absent

- Rev. Joel M. Bauza
- Nicole Brown
- Shirley Conyers
- Ahmadou Diallo
- Abdul Johnson
- Wilbert Tee Lawton
- John Watson

Councilwoman Vanessa L. Gibson's Office

Yves Filius

Senator Gustavo Rivera's Office

Sen. Gustavo Rivera
 Latoya Matthew

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Bronx Borough President's Office

Andy Toledo

NYC Comptroller's Office

Scott Stringer
Joel R. Rivera

NYC Public Advocate's Office

Timothy Tapia

Senator Ruben Diaz's Office

Rev. Samaris Gross

Call To Order

Ms. Gloria Alston, chairperson at Bronx Community Board Three, called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

Invocation

Rev. Bruce Rivera led us in prayer.

Community Concerns/Exchange of Information

At this time, there were no community concerns or exchange of information.

Roll Call

Ms. Gail Gadsden, secretary, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Members Requesting to be Excused

Cordelia Gilford
Rita Jones
Elizabeth Luciany
Marlon Molina
Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
Dave Dominick Reid
Allen Rey

Motion

It was motioned and seconded to excuse the following member(s):

Cordelia Gilford
Rita Jones
Elizabeth Luciany
Marlon Molina
Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
Dave Dominick Reid
Allen Rey

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

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Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Motion

It was motioned and seconded to approve the minutes of the prior meeting held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 with the necessary corrections, if there be any.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Presentation(s)

Sr. Mary Elizabeth Mooney, Principal, St. John Chrysostom School

Rev. Bruce Rivera, 2nd Vice-Chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three, introduced Sr. Mary Elizabeth Mooney, principal at St. John Chrysostom School, to those in attendance.

Sr. Mary Elizabeth Mooney came before the General Board to request a letter of support for the re-naming of Hoe Avenue between East 167th and Home Street to "**Dominican Sisters of Sparkhill Place**" in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of St. John Chrysostom School. Sr. Mary Elizabeth stated that St. John Chrysostom School was established in 1914 to educate the children of the South Bronx.

St. John Chrysostom School is a Catholic school community of faith and learning. St. John Chrysostom School is situated in an economically disadvantaged neighborhood where violence, substance abuse and gang proliferation exists. Students who attend St. John Chrysostom School are taught to rise above their circumstances through determination and faith which strengthens them through their adversities. St. John Chrysostom School embraces the nonviolence of Jesus as central in all they do and they accept the need to teach peace values and skills. Regardless of the chaotic society outside their walls, they strive to build an ordered world. Respect and self-discipline is fundamental in establishing a school environment that is a safe and caring place of learning.

Sr. Mary Elizabeth concluded by stating that "What greater work is there than training the minds of the young". The Dominican Sisters of Sparkhill are requesting that favorable consideration be made in their request to rename Hoe Avenue between East 167th and Home Street to "**Dominican Sisters of Sparkhill Place**".

At this time, questions and comments were entertained and answered satisfactorily. Ms. Gloria Alston requested that a motion be made:

Motion

It was motioned and seconded approve a letter of support for the re-naming of Hoe Avenue between East 167th and Home Street to "**Dominican Sisters of Sparkhill Place**"

YES

NO

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ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Dudley requested that Mr. Yves Filius find out the timeline when street re-naming requests are entertained by the City Council and inform the Community Board of said information.

State Senator Gustavo Rivera Report

Ms. Gloria Alston, chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three, introduced State Senator Gustavo Rivera to those in attendance. The State Senator Gustavo Rivera thanked those in attendance provided a brief overview of what his office is undertaking at this time, not limited to the following:

- Community Centers Offering **Free Tax Preparation Assistance** in State Senator Gustavo Rivera's District & the Surrounding Areas
- NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera launches **Legal Clinics/Workshops**
- **Senior Appreciation Day** scheduled for Friday, May 16th at Monroe College, more information will follow
- \$143 billion State budget passed
- Universal Pre-K secured \$300mil starting in September 2014 this provides 52,000 available spots for students

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- The DREAM Act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) legislation has not passed yet.

Councilwoman Vanessa L. Gibson Report

Mr. Yves Filius, chief of staff for Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson, stated that the Councilwoman was hosting a “**Vision Zero**” event this evening between 6:00pm and 8:00pm. Councilwoman Gibson is hoping to lower the number of deaths due to pedestrian accidents and decrease the miles per hour from 30 to 20. Mr. Filius noted that if the community board meeting is over early that those in attendance are invited to the Vision Zero event afterwards.

Mr. Yves Filius distributed the following flyers:

- **News...From Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson** which provides a listing of the Community Council meeting dates, times and location for the month of April.
- **News...From Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson** pertaining to the following topics:
 - **Council Member Gibson Takes the Lead on Traffic Safety**
 - **Council Member Gibson Co-Sponsors Legislation to Assist Families in Housing Court**
 - **Council Member Gibson Supports Diversity in Our Schools**
 - **Our Families Win Rental Subsidy Victory with the Help of Council Member Gibson**
- Council Woman Vanessa L. Gibson & Martin Luther King Jr. Resource Center for Nonviolence, presents their **2nd Annual “FREE Job Fair”** on Thursday, April 17th from 10:00am-2:00pm at Harriet Tubman Charter School, located at 1176 Franklin Avenue

Mr. Filius concluded by stating that the Councilwoman has an open ear to diversity in schools and that she supports an “Halal lunch menu” in public schools for those who have religious beliefs.

Ruben Diaz, Jr.-Borough President’s Report

Mr. Andy Toledo, representative from the Bronx Borough President’s Office, provided the following report for the month of April, not limited to the following:

- Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Council Woman Vanessa L. Gibson & Martin Luther King Jr. Resource Center for Nonviolence, presents their **2nd Annual “FREE Job Fair”** on Thursday, April 17th from 10:00am-2:00pm at Harriet Tubman Charter School, located at 1176 Franklin Avenue
- The Banknote building located in the Hunts Point section of the Bronx is the Bronx Incubator for Technology. The BankNote Building can eventually house up to 400 entrepreneurs who will be able to set up shop and turn their ideas into a reality.

Senator Ruben Diaz’s Report

Rev. Samaris Gross, representative from Senator Ruben Diaz’s Office, stated that the Senator sends his regards and would like for his constituents to feel free in contacting his district office if he can be of assistance.

- Senator Ruben Diaz will provide a “free” bus trip to Washington, D.C., protesting his support of “**Traditional Marriage**” on June 9, 2014. Please contact the Senators office if further information is needed.

Scott M. Stringer, NYC Comptroller’s Report

Mr. Joel Rivera, representative from the NYC Comptroller’s Office, introduced Mr. Scott Stringer, New York City Comptroller to those in attendance. Mr. Scott Stringer stated that he is the City’s Chief Financial Officer, responsible for providing an independent voice to safeguard the fiscal health of the City, root out waste, fraud and abuse in City government and ensure the effective performance of City agencies to achieve their goals of serving the needs of all New Yorkers.

Mr. Scott Stringer came before the community at-large to provide a brief update on his first 100 days in office, not limited to the following:

- The NYC Pensions are in good standing and letters were sent to twenty of the Funds’ largest holdings, asking them to disclose performance figures on their supplier diversity programs.
- On January 2, 2014 an “**engagement letter of audit**” was sent to the New York City Housing Authority.
- The Comptroller’s Office is looking to revamp the \$116billion “procurement process”. The Comptroller’s Office is looking to secure that 2.7% of the procurement contracts go to women and minority owned businesses. The women and minority owned business are certified however, they are not obtaining any contracts. Agencies will begin to be graded to ensure they are following the procurement policies

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- There is a disparity in "Arts Education" and the Comptroller's Office will work with the Department of Education to hire more "art teachers" and to re-instate arts and crafts in public schools.
- The Comptroller's Office will look to increase the 59 community board's budget. The 59 community boards have not received an increase in their budget for approximately 20 years. Mr. Stringer hopes that this will allow for an "urban planner" to be hired.
- Mr. Scott Stringer announced a reform to City management of Information Technology (IT) contracts, wherein the consulting contractors will be required to submit timesheets.

Letitia James, NYC Public Advocate's Report

Rev. Bruce Rivera introduced Mr. Timothy Tapia, representative from the New York City Public Advocate's Office, to those in attendance. Mr. Timothy Tapia stated that Ms. Letitia James is the first African American women to hold the NYC Public Advocate position.

Mr. Tapia provided the following report:

- At the time of this meeting, Ms. Letitia James was attending a meeting regarding co-located charter schools in district schools. Ms. James is not in favor of this because this procedure pushes out the special needs children within the school.
- Public Advocate Letitia James wants all NYC public school kids to receive free lunch, regardless of their parents income. Ms. James is requesting that additional monies be made available in the city budget.

District Manager's Report

FISCAL YEAR 2015 STATEMENT ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Mr. John W. Dudley, district manager distributed the FY2015 Statement on the Preliminary Budget to those in attendance.

Bronx Community Board Three held its public hearing on the NYC FY 2015 Preliminary Budget on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 6:00 pm at the office of Bronx Community Board Three, 1426 Boston Road. This hearing served as an opportunity for community based organizations, residents and community groups to speak on recommendations for both capital and expense funding priorities which affect the residents of Bronx Community District Three and the city at-large. These comments were incorporated into Bronx Community Board Three's Statement on the Preliminary Budget which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget.

The district manager noted that the Preliminary Budget is completed in January, the Executive Budget is completed in April and the Adopted Budget is completed in June. FY'2015 Statement on the Preliminary Budget is as follows:

An analysis of the FY' 2015 Preliminary Budget and Financial Plan of the City of New York reflects a budget forecast of \$73.7 billion for FY' 2015. Fiscal Year 2015 is projected to have a deficit of \$1.8 billion dollars which is anticipated to be balanced using \$1.8 billion of surplus funding accumulated in prior years (forecast revenues have increased between fiscal years 2014 and 2015 by \$1.8 billion according to the February 2014 Financial Plan for the FY 2015 Preliminary Budget).

The FY' 2015 Preliminary Budget - February 2014 Financial Plan, projects budget gaps in the outer years as follows due to revenue and expense budget changes. Revenue changes during the period from FY 2014 through FY 2018 show increases in tax revenues forecast and in Universal Pre-K and After School Program revenues anticipated to be generated.

FY' 2016 - \$1.059 billion budget gap projected. This gap is reduced from the gap of \$1,472 billion projected in the Nov. 2013 Plan.
 FY' 2017 - \$ 530 million budget gap projected. This gap is reduced from the gap of \$ 951 million projected in the Nov. 2013 Plan.
 FY' 2018 - \$ 370 million budget gap projected. This gap is reduced from the gap of \$ 1,091 billion projected in the Nov. 2013 Plan.

According to the November 2013 Financial Plan, the revenue projected for FY' 2014 from real estate and personal income taxes totaled \$45.8 billion. The February 2014 Financial Plan projects tax revenue increases of \$890 million, accounting for a revised FY' 2014 total of \$46.7 billion from \$45.8 billion (Nov- 2013 Plan).

These increases are shown as follows:

Property Tax - \$171 million
 Personal Income Tax - \$339 million
 Business tax - \$6 million
 Sales Tax - \$54 million
 Transaction Taxes (i.e. real property transfer and mortgage recording taxes) - \$310 million
Other taxes - \$10 million

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The FY' 2014 Financial Plan also reflects further increases in the above areas which would account for projected increases to the FY' 2015 budget in the amount of \$594 million. An additional personal income tax increase to fund pre-K and After School programs in the amount of \$530 million, will account for an increase in the FY' 2015 projected tax revenues from \$47.8 million to \$48.9 million.

In the analysis of the FY 2015 Preliminary Budget and Financial Plan (Feb. 2014), the following new initiatives have been identified as part of Mayor de Blasio's progressive agenda for New York City:

NYC Dept. of Investigation: Create a NYPD Inspector General
Social Services: HASA Rent Cap, Municipal ID, Public Outreach for Benefit Programs, Immigrant Services Training Coordinator
Homeless Services: Auburn and Catherine Street Shelters and Security Programs
Youth and Community Development: Increase Funding for Runaway and Youth Development Programs
Consumer Affairs: Implement and Enforce Paid Sick Leave

FY' 2015 PRELIMINARY BUDGET ANALYSIS – EXPENSE BUDGET BY AGENCY

NYC DEPT. OF AGING

The FY 2015 Preliminary Budget for the DOA proposes that the \$19.2 million agency budget be baseline. Bronx Community Board Three supports the city administration in its efforts to baseline this budget amount to include funding restorations for services as follows:

Case Management - \$5.5 million
Transportation services for seniors - \$2 million
Senior Center Rent - \$1.5 million
Senior Center Programs - \$3 million
NORC- \$900k
Social Adult Day Care Centers- \$400k
Extended I & R service programs - \$1 million
Borough Presidents discretionary funding - \$4.1

NYC DEPT. OF BUILDINGS

Bronx Community Board Three applauds plans by the city administration to maintain current levels of funding for the agency headcount for inspectors but supports the need for additional inspectors to expedite DOB complaints received related to illegal conversions or uses contrary to zoning and/or the verifiable certificates of occupancy for many properties in the district. This funding commitment will allow the department to not only sustain but to expedite its current inspection schedules and filing turnaround time periods.

Bronx Community Board Three also supports the mayor's proposed plan to have the department more accurately assess construction costs to increase revenue during the permit filing phase.

Bronx Community Board Three FY 2015 Expense Budget request # 5 – 103199402E - Provide for additional inspectors Bronxwide to address issues of owner non-compliance with the NYC Administrative Code and zoning requirements

NYC DEPT. OF EDUCATION

Bronx Community Board Three is pleased to see that the FY 2015 Preliminary budget makes allowances for restoration of FY 2011 executive plan PEGs on training opportunities for parent volunteers by \$347k in FYs 2014 –FY 2018. These expense funds will improve parent opportunities for education in the areas of parent responsibilities in line with school governance and accountability.

Board Three supports FY 2015 Preliminary budget funding restorations of Nov 2013 Plan PEGs on professional development by \$1.2 million for FY 2014 – FY 2018.

Board Three approves increased funding for FY 2015 for universal full day Pre-K at public schools, DOE CBOs and ACS CBOs in the amount of \$340 million for FY 2015. This funding is projected to increase through FY 2018 and is expected to fund the cost of hiring 904 new pedagogical staff and 43 civilian staff. The administration also proposes a funding commitment of \$201 million to expand Pre-K capacity by approximately 2100 seats. In effect, the Pre-K plan would require CBOs and public schools to convert 27,241 half day seats to full day and another 13, 845 new seats to enable

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all 73, 250 four year olds to access high quality Pre-K.

Bronx Community Board Three also supports the city administration plans in the FY 2015 Preliminary Budget-Feb. 2014 plan) to increase funding for capacity and capital investment in our schools from \$11.22 billion dollars to \$12.8 billion dollars. The Capacity program includes funding (\$4.58 million) for the construction of 38, 754 total new seats in the New Capacity Program (31,754 seats), Pre-Kindergarten initiative (2,100 seats) and the Class Size Reduction program (4,900) seats.

Funding for the Capital Investment and Mandated Programs totals \$8.4 billion.

Board Three also supports the February 2014 plan to include \$400 million to remove all Temporary Certificates of Occupancy citywide. This removal would depend in part on the city's ability to create new seats as the principal's ability to surrender the space.

Board Three supports city administration plans to include \$133 million to upgrade existing athletic fields, as well as the School Security Enhancement program, technology improvement program and mandated program for projects which require attention due to local law or city agency mandate requirements.

Bronx Community Board Three is pleased that the NYS budget for education aid to NYC is expected to total \$21.9 billion in School year 2015, an increase of \$807 million from school year 2014, with additional funding expected in FY' 2016 for School Aid in the amount of \$853 million.

NYC FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bronx Community Board Three approves of plans by the city administration to restore \$43.6 million to the personal services budget to maintain the operations of 20 fire companies and retain 505 firefighter positions citywide.

Other expense budget actions approved by the board include the following:

Restoration of fire alarm dispatcher headcount (36 civilians) to reflect the continued modified protocol for the unified Call Taker initiative (UCT) - \$2.1 million

EMS service level maintenance – increase of 43 civilian positions - \$2.1 million

NYC DEPT. OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

Bronx Community Board Three supports the actions of the city administration to restore \$4.1 million in FY 2014 and \$4.8 million in FY 2015 which were targeted for elimination in the November 2013 Plan. These funding restorations will restore staffing at the community based mental health provider sites and the Tremont immunization clinic.

Board Three also supports the need for a multi-service, 24 hour animal shelter with spay and neuter clinic services in the Bronx.

Board Three supports the following actions:

Funding restorations of \$4.3 million in FY 2015 for mental hygiene contracts including work readiness programs and care coordination.

Funding restorations of 10 Full time positions to staff the 3 existing immunization clinics: Tremont, Corona and Fort Greene

Funding restorations of 4 fulltime positions to conduct field investigations, HIV partner notification, data collection and surveillance activities

Funding appropriations of \$127k (NYC) and \$55k (NYS) funding for NYC's new enterprise licensing and permitting system. This system entitled Accela will aim to improve customer service and streamline licensing and permitting processes citywide.

Funding appropriations of \$310k in NYC funding and \$6k in NYS funding to reform the city's restaurant inspection system. Modifications through this program will allow for the creation of a citywide ombudsman office, the creation of a food service advisory board, the development of an inspection code of conduct and the development of a consultative inspection program for food service establishments.

NYC DEPT. OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Bronx Community Board Three applauds the city administration for increased funding in the amount of \$190 million for after school programming for middle school students. Starting in September 2014, an additional 62,791 middle school students will have the opportunity to attend free after school programs. This expansion would serve to double the current service levels and enhance current OST programs, increasing hours of operation.

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Bronx Community Board Three supports the action of the city administration to provide funding in the amount of \$12 million for adult literacy. This funding represents an increase of \$5.5 million from FY 2014. More participants will be serviced.

NYC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bronx Community Board Three supports FY 2015 Preliminary budget DOT allocations in the amount of \$13 million dollars for roadway construction coordination and administration, an increase of \$275k from FY 2014.

Bronx Community Board Three also approves of DOTs FY 2015 Preliminary budget allocation of \$64 million for bridge maintenance, repair and operations and most importantly, the need for increased funding appropriations for roadway repairs to street bed locations adjoining defective concrete bus pads, as well as longstanding defective concrete bus pads and bases.

Bronx Community Board Three also supports a recommendation of the Bronx Borough Board, that NYS DOT be advised to commence a comprehensive review of the Cross Bronx Expressway, which has a longstanding history of being the site of traffic congestion affecting adjacent Bronx communities including Bronx Community District Three. NYS DOT should pay special attention to issues surrounding air pollution and chronic illnesses affecting residents as a result of the degree of congestion which exists.

Bronx Community Board Three asks for continued support for its FY 2015 budget request #10 related to the need to provide enhanced street lighting at Southern Boulevard from E. 174 St. to Freeman St. at the "underside" of the elevated IRT #'s 2 and 5 train lines.

NYC DEPT. OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Bronx Community Board Three continues to advocate for its capital budget requests for FY 2015 as follows:

Priority 2 –Tracking code 103200206c – New construction of park at Site 32 Melrose Commons URA

Priority 5 – Tracking code 103201101C – Renovation of Ball fields 4 and 5 in Crotona Park

Priority 6 - Tracking code 103199506C – Develop recreational play area at Hoe Avenue between Home and Freeman Sts.

Priority 8 – Tracking Code 103201102C – Renovate Playground 5 (Hill and Dale Playground) in Crotona Park

Priority 9 –Tracking Code 103199504C – Reconstruct Comfort Station within Crotona Park at E. 171 St. and Fulton Avenue

Bronx Community Board Three supports FY 2015 expense budget recommendations for the appropriation of \$2.4 million to fund the required maintenance and repair of Parks Dept. bridges

Bronx Community Board Three also supports furtherance and continued capital commitments for the following projects in NYC Council District 16:

IN DESIGN

Estella Diggs – Phase II (Borough Pres and Council discretionary funds) - \$1.193 million

IN PROCUREMENT

Jackson Forest Community Garden – Phase II-Construction of water service and new sidewalk pavement - \$176k

IN CONSTRUCTION

Jardin DeLa Familia – Reconstruction of sidewalk, installation of perimeter fence and new water supply at garden - \$200k

Jackson Forest Community Garden – reconstruction of fencing, landscaping and drainage - \$508k

FUTURE PROJECTS

CES 134 COMMUNITY GARDEN – reconstruction of fencing, landscaping and drainage - \$525k

FY' 2015 PROPOSED PROJECTS

Little Claremont Park – Phase I - park reconstruction to include new play equipment, safety surfacing , fencing, spray shower, benches and landscaping; Phase II – reconstruction of the garden area with fencing, landscaping and water

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Bronx Community Board Three supports the recommendation of the Bronx Borough Board to expedite the design and construction of Melrose Park Site 32 at Melrose Avenue and E. 159 St. which is expected to serve as the central park for the Melrose neighborhood separating Bronx Community Districts Three and One.

Bronx Community Board Three requests funding in the FY' 2015 budget to increase PEP officer assignments in Bronx County and for staff to administer recreational program activities at various regional area parks or those with high rates of utilization by youth and young adults.

NYC POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bronx Community Board Three supports the city administration in its recommendation to appropriate funding in the amount of \$1.2 million for the expansion of the Community Affairs Bureau outreach efforts and participation at events.

Bronx Community Board Three has since 1985, continued to advocate for increased expense funding to the NYPD-NYCHA division (PSA 7) for additional patrol officers for surveillance and patrol of the Claremont Village developments of Morrisania/Webster Houses, Morris Houses and Butler Houses, the largest NYCHA cluster of developments in the nation (over 20,000 families) –FY' 2015 Expense budget priority #3. Since NYCHA has been relieved of its obligation to provide over \$70 million annually to the NYPD to fund patrol services related to NYCHA developments, it is imperative that the FY' 2015 budget retain funding for this purpose.

Board Three supports the FY 2015 Preliminary budget funding recommendation (\$3 million) to create an independent inspector general at the NYPD for the purpose of bringing police and community together through the oversight of department policies and procedures (i.e. Stop and Frisk).

NYC DEPT. OF SANITATION

Bronx Community Board Three advocates for additional funding in the FY 2015 Preliminary budget to address issues related to sanitation policing and enforcement of illegal dumpout occurrences and violations of the NYC DOHMH code related to 'pooper scooper" compliance.

NYC DEPT. OF HOMELESS SERVICES

Bronx Community Board Three supports the city administration's position to restore funding in the amount of \$9.1 million to house small families with children in shared, apartment style units.

Bronx Community Board Three is pleased that the city administration has increased funding for FY'2015 to \$1.2 million baselined through 2018, for shelter medical services. This increase will serve to maximize re-imburement from NYS.

Bronx Community Board Three is pleased that the city administration has baselined (FY 2015-2018) funding in the amount of \$4.38 million for a temporary, subsidized employment initiative for adults in the shelter system.

Bronx Community Board Three supports city administration efforts to fund an initiative meant to maximize NYS re-imburement for street homeless programs by \$1.329 million in FY 2015 through 2018.

Bronx Community Board Three supports city administration efforts to restore \$1.08 million in funding for FY'2015 through 2018, to reduce contracted shelter providers' security budgets.

Bronx Community Board Three supports the city administration in its recommendation to appropriate additional funding in the amount of \$8.12 million from FY' 2015 through 2018, to support shelters which house homeless adults, due to the adults census which shows an average of 10, 180 in January 2014.

Bronx Community Board Three is also requesting that the city administration maintain current funding levels for homeless outreach services to assist organizations such as Bronxworks conduct proper outreach services, should these contracts be reduced.

NY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Bronx Community Board Three expresses its support for the retention of the current level of service for branch and research libraries in FY 2015.

Bronx Community Board Three advocates for continued support for funding for technology improvements and upgrades to the Morrisania Library for self-check, VoIP Phone System, PC's and Printers , at a cost of approximately \$64k.

Bronx Community Board Three also supports funding commitments to the Morrisania branch in the amount of \$7million for HVAC replacements for the remaining units, electrical upgrades, elevator replacement and ADA compliance for interior space.

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Bronx Community Board Three also supports plans by NYPL to renovate the entire cellar of the Morrisania branch except the boiler room, fuel tank room and elevator machine room, to create additional offices or work rooms, one of which would provide space for a 600 square foot OST room.

By-Laws and Membership Committee

Rev. Bruce Rivera stated that Ahmadou Diallo did not resubmit his re-appointment application therefore the board does not have to entertain him in the removal process.

Ms. Valerie Bailey, chairperson of the By-Laws and Membership Committee, stated that the By-Laws and Membership Committee recommends the removal of Shirley Conyers due to three consecutive unexcused absences from board and/or committee meetings in accordance with the By-Laws, Article III, Sec. 4-4C, which governs the necessary actions in removing appointed members.

Correspondence was sent via registered mail to Ms. Shirley Conyers on March 12th, requesting that she contact the board regarding this action.

At this time, Ms. Bailey requested that a motion be made

MOTION

It was motioned and seconded to approve the removal of Shirley Conyers due to three consecutive unexcused absences from board and/or committee meetings in accordance with the By-Laws, Article III, Sec. 4-4C, which governs the necessary actions in removing appointed members.

YES	NO
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ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. John W. Dudley stated that the Bronx Borough President has commended Bronx Community Board Three for their due diligence in insuring that a quorum is established. Board members have an obligation to attend board and committee meetings monthly and if they are unable to meet this obligation they need to resign.

Health & Human Services Committee

The Health and Human Services Committee along with the New York University Leadership Institute for Black Nurses will be hosting a Health Enhancement Educational Session on Thursday, April 17th from 12noon -2:00pm at Mid Bronx Plaza located at 1441 Boston Road. All are welcome to attend. Committee members were reminded to wear their tee-shirts and bring at least one guest.

Education Committee

The Education Committee will be hosting a "Safety First Forum" on Thursday, April 17th from 6:00-8:00pm at Boricua College located at 890 Washington Avenue, 4th Fl. All are welcome to attend.

New Business

Mr. Thomas Haskin, representative from Bronx Music Heritage Center, distributed "The Maxine Sullivan Women in Jazz Series Part II" Cellist Akua Dixon & Quartette Indigo on Saturday, April 12th 6:00pm at 1303 Louis Nine Blvd, all are welcome to attend.

Birthday/Sickness and Distress

Ms. Juanita Hamilton informed those in attendance that Ms. Rita Jones was currently in the hospital.

Ms. Hamilton requested that all those born in the month of April stand and be acknowledged. The committee members sang Happy Birthday to the April babies.

***Ms. Gloria Alston requested to be excused for the May General Board meeting due to her being honored by State Senator Gustavo Rivera, in Albany.

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Benediction

Dea. Ernest Dawkins led us in prayer.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.

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