

THE CITY OF NEW YORK Borough Of The Bronx

COMMUNITY BOARD #12

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Board Minutes February 26, 2015

I Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of Community Board #12 (The Bronx) for February 26, 2015 was called to order at 7:41 pm at Town Hall, 4101 White Plains Road, 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 community residents present to join him in a moment of silent remembrance and reflection for:

- Our District Manager Ms. Carmen Rosa, who continues to battle cancer.
- Reverend Samuel Simpson, one of the original leaders of the Clergy Coalition of the 47th Precinct, who passed away last week
- Mr. Earl Wilkinson, for many years the Board's Second Vice Chairman, who has been hospitalized
- Mr. Dulles Rakal, for many years the Sergeant- at-Arms of the 47th Precinct Community Council, and also an active member of Wakefield Taxpayers, who recently passed away
- And for our first responders – the NYPD, FDNY, and EMT's -- who keep us safe, the members of our armed forces and veterans.

II Approval of the Minutes of October 23, 2014

Motion made by Mr. John Isaac and seconded by Mr. Robert Hall to approve the minutes of October 23, 2014, as printed with any necessary corrections, and to wave the reading of them.

Motion carried 22 Ayes and 9 Abstentions.

III Matters Arising from These Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes of October 23, 2014.



Father Gorman suggested that we as a Board should liaise more actively with other boards.

VI Committee Reports

Economic and Business Services Committee:

Chairman Mr. Felix Roldan reported on the new and renewal liquor license applications:

Representative from Smashburger who is seeking a new Wine and Beer License did not appear for their meeting with the committee.

Motion made by Mr. Felix Roldan to recommend to the New York State Liquor Authority not to grant a Wine and Beer License to Smashburger located at 847 Pelham Parkway.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Felix Roldan to recommend to the New York State Liquor Authority to renew the licenses for:

- Behan's Pub—4229 Katonah Avenue—On Premise Liquor
- The Larks Nest Inc.—4280 Katonah Avenue—On Premise Liquor
- Fireside Pub—4272 Katonah Avenue—On Premise Liquor
- Big Daddy Caribbean Taste—Wine and Beer
- Lovette's Restaurant & Grill—4609 White Plains Road—Wine and Beer
- Infinity Bar & Lounge—3848 White Plains Road—On Premise Liquor

Motion carried 27 Ayes, 1 nay, 4 Abstentions.

Motion made by Mr. Felix Roldan to recommend to the New York State Liquor Authority to grant the licenses for:

- Just One Tavern, Inc.—4279 Katonah Avenue—On Premise Liquor
- Kaieteur Restaurant 2 Inc.—4279 White Plains Road—On Premise Liquor
- J. Burnes Research Group—3308 white Plains Road—Wine and Beer

Motion carried 27 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 6 Abstentions.

VII New Business

The family of the Honorable Sam Bea, Jr., Community Board 12's former district manager, and later a New York State Assembly Member, asked that Ely Avenue between Edenwald Avenue and East 233rd Street be renamed "The Honorable Sam D. Bea, Jr. Way".

Motion made by Second Vice Chairman Karl Stricker and seconded by First Vice President Mr. William Hall to write a letter of support to the New York City Council asking for

A report was issued for the December 2014 meeting, but there are no minutes due to the lack of a full quorum.

IV Council Member Cohen

Father Gorman welcomed Council Member Andrew Cohen. Council Member Cohen stated that he met with Commissioner Gilbert Taylor of the New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS) regarding the issues at Project Renewal on Bronx Boulevard. He requested that a DHS Peace Officer be assigned to the facility to alleviate the burden on the 47th Precinct in responding to the high number of 911 calls.

He also informed the Board that he inquired about the status of the Muller Center. He reported that at this time there are no updates.

Council Member Cohen requested feedback on conditions at the Wakefield playground.

The Councilman stated that he is aware of the community's long-standing request for a youth center; he reported that his office has approved funding for Mind Builders. It is his opinion that while not a youth center Mind Builders will hopefully provide some useful support and services to the youth of the community. He invited feedback on the organization's performance.

He also stated that Assemblyman Dinowitz could not attend the meeting, but his office's Community Liaison, Ivan Nedds, was present.

V Council Member Torres

Father Gorman introduced the Honorable Ritchie Torres, New York City Council Member for the 15th District and Deputy Leader of the New York City Council.

Council Member Torres stated that he is responsible for a portion of Community Board 12's Olinville neighborhood. He stated that he is the Chair of the Committee on Public Housing and has previously worked as the Housing Director for Council Member James Vacca. The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) is the largest landlord in New York City.

Council Member Torres reported that he recently introduced legislation to attach fines to housing violations. He also introduced legislation regulating industrial laundries that service hospitals, restaurants and hotels. He informed everyone that contaminated laundries can pose a serious public health problem.

The Councilman's office also provides constituent services including a family law clinic, an immigration clinic, a domestic violence counselor, and free tax preparation help.

At the point Father Gorman welcomed Mr. William Rivera, the new Chairman of Community Board 9.

Forty-seventh Precinct. Officer Oswain had died of an illness that he had contracted as a consequence of his service at GROUND ZERO in the wake of the World Trade Center terrorist attack. The Council, nevertheless, wanted to give Community Board #12 an opportunity to be heard on the matter of naming the school.

The following names were put forward:

- The Honorable Sam D. Bea Jr.
- Police Officer Oswain
- Police Officer Michael Williams, the 47th Precinct officer killed on Bruckner Boulevard

A motion was made by Dr. Dena Robins, seconded by Mr. Robert Hall to propose the names above.

The motion carried unanimously.

The CEC is requesting a letter of support from the Board to support their opposition to the co-location of Bronx Charter School at M.S. 144

Motion was made by Mr. Karl Stricker, seconded by Mr. Robert Hall to support the CEC's request.

The motion carried unanimously.

The community organization Women of Woodlawn (WOW) requested the Board's support in asking Mosholu Montefiore Community Center to take over the property at 524 E. 236th Street between Webster and Vireo Avenues. They are proposing to re-purpose the property for Pre-K programs.

The community is concerned that the building, consisting of 400 square foot units, will be used as a homeless shelter when the owner is unable to find renters at the \$1400/month asking price.

Motion made by Ms. Norma Wiles and seconded by Mr. Carl Lazano to send a letter that Board supports WOW's request to use the facility for Pre-K ages.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked the Board for approval to send a letter supporting Community Board 12's Response to the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2016 Capital and Expense Preliminary Budget requests.

Motion carried 24 Ayes and 8 Abstentions.

the addition of “The Honorable Sam D. Bea, Jr. Way” to Ely Avenue between Edenwald Avenue and East 233rd Street.

Motion carried 32 Ayes and 1 Abstention.

The New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DOITT) provided notice that it intends to convert former public phone booth locations to free WIFI kiosks. There was debate regarding the pros and cons of this proposal. Some Board Members expressed concern that some of these locations are also active drug trafficking and prostitution locations, and as a result could facilitate illicit activity. There were also concerns that the kiosks would be vandalized.

Mr. Dana Driskell, The New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) suggested placing the kiosks near public housing projects because the service would be helpful to older residents who do not have cell phones. Mr. Dana Driskell confirmed that the locations generally follow the commercial backbone of the communities, and are placed near public housing because low income and elderly residents often don't have cell phones.

Other Board Members stated that they thought the kiosks were a good idea. Ms. Claudia Powell pointed out that on three separate occasions she lent her cell phone to people needing to call a car service.

Dr. Dena Robins commented that if the concern is facilitating drug trafficking we need to take an active stand and work harder to rid the community of the drug dealers.

Motion made by Mr. Karl Stricker and seconded by Ms. Barbara Gibson LeGrant to send a letter rejecting DOITT's WIFI kiosk proposal.

Motion carried 23 Ayes, and 10 Nays.

The chairman introduced Mr. Jeremy Cavanaugh, representing the office of Ms. Maria Lopez, School District 11 Superintendent. Mr. Cavanaugh reported that there are two new principals because there are two new schools opening. One of the schools is in the Van Ness section and one in Wakefield (P.S. 314)

Father Gorman reported that the Board was asked to recommend names for the Wakefield School.

The Chairman invited Board Member Mr. Theodore James to speak.

Father Gorman called upon Board Member Theodore Jones. Mr. Jones, in addition to being a member of Community Board #12 is also a member of Community Education Council #11 (C.E.C. #11). Mr. Jones reported that C.E.C. #11 had discussed at its last public meeting a name for the new Public School #314 (P.S. #314). The Council had voted to name the school after Police Officer Robert Oswain, who had served for many years on the school detail at our local

VIII Good and Welfare/Community Speaks

Ms. Shioban Francis, Wake Eden Baptist Church

Ms. Francis stated that she came to the meeting tonight to ask for the Board's support in opposing a liquor store planning to open at 1215 East 233rd Street at Baychester Avenue. She stated that this area includes a lot of churches and schools.

The Chairman responded that, if the area, is a commercial area then the store is as of right, and there is not much that the Community Board can do, except to use our economic power as a community and not buy there.

Ms. Farida Abdul-Wahab/Resident

Ms. Abdul-Wahab stated that she has lived in The Bronx all her life and this is her first time at a Community Board 12 meeting. She wanted to express her concerns regarding the lack of a youth center. She stated that it is really important to have a space for youth to use their energy.

She further stated that she has been having issues regarding the Dyre Avenue Number 5 train not being on time.

Note: Complaint has been submitted to the proper agency.

Ms. Kelly Vasquez–Council Member Andy King's office

Ms. Vasquez reported that Council Member King will host his State of the 12th District Address on March 12, 2015 at 7 P.M. at Beulah Church of God, 986 East Gun Hill Road. The address will highlight the district's finances, accomplishments over the past year, challenges facing the district, and future planning.

She also provided an overview of constituent services provided by Council Member King's office: immigration counseling, housing services, information on Bronx employment resources, and other services.

Ms. Ramos / Wakefield Library

Ms. Ramos stated that there are extensive free programs for adults, teens, and children at the New York City Public Libraries. She said that there have been some signs of gang activity in the area, and asked if there can be more police patrols in the area when school lets out.

Note: Complaint has been submitted to the proper agency.

Ms. Maxine Sullivan / Congressman Elliott Engel's office

Ms. Maxine Sullivan stated that the Congressman has office hours at Town Hall every other Friday. There is also an office in Coop City.

IX The Report of the Chairman

The Chairman reported that District Manager Carmen Rosa submitted her resignation on February 1, 2015. The new district manager should be in place by June 1, 2015. He further stated that he met with members of the Bronx Borough President's office regarding the qualifications needed and a process to be followed:

The New District Manager should have:

- Good collegial working relationships with Chairman and other Officers of the Board
- Familiarity with issues of The Bronx and particularly The Bronx
- Excellent knowledge of how city government works
- Ability to update office technology and office operating procedures
- Ability to provide professional and collaborative supervision of the Community Board staff
- Ability to maintain ongoing, regular communication with the Board and with local service chiefs
- Ability to communicate effectively with our local elected officials
- Must be available to meet with community groups and to attend events on weekends and evenings
- At least a bachelors' degree level of education
- Ability to speak or at least understand Spanish is desirable

The recommended starting salary range is \$65-70,000/year. There will be a six-month salary review.

The position will be published in *The Bronx Times* and the *Bronx News*, and the job description will be distributed to the community via email blast. Resumes must be submitted by mail, and postmarked by April 15. Resumes will not be accepted via email to preserve confidentiality.

The Screening Committee will consist of the 5 Officers of the Board. No staff members will be permitted to open any envelopes. Any Board Member wishing to apply will be granted an interview, but then must recuse himself or herself from the selection process. Any staff member wishing to apply will be also granted an interview.

The Screening Committee will decide who they want to interview, and will keep a log of how they make their decisions. For candidates to be interviewed, the Screening Committee members will keep an evaluation sheet tracking candidates' strengths against requirements.

The Screening Committee will consist of the Chairman, the First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Screening Committee will select the top candidate, who will then be presented to the entire Community Board for vote of approval.

Board members will need to make their preference known by roll call vote, as it is a matter of the public record.

The Chairman informed everyone that a meeting had been scheduled with Project Renewal for tomorrow, February 27, 2015 but they cancelled on short notice.

The Chairman requested that if anyone is aware of abandoned buildings in the community, please inform Ursula at the Board office. The 47th Precinct is trying to compose a list of all vacant buildings.

Father Gorman reminded Board Members to make sure the office is alerted regarding phone or email address updates.

He announced Standing Committee appointments:

Economic Development and Business Services

(Meeting: Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 P.M.)

Chairman: Mr. Felix Roldan

Members:

Ms. Norma Wiles

Mr. Michael Morgan

Environmental Concerns Committee

(Meeting: Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 P.M.)

Chairwoman: Ms. Carla Borsotti

Members:

Ms. Laura Eastmond

Dr. Dena Robins

Ms. Desiree Roy

Ms. Icy May Thomas

Health and Human Services

Chairman: Mr. Carl Lanzano

Members:

Ms. Judy Benitez

Deacon Edward Browne

Mr. William Hall

Ms. Carmen Ortiz

Housing

(Meeting: First Thursday of the Month at 6:30 P.M.)

Chairman: Mr. Robert Hall

Members:

Mr. Victor Brown
Ms. Lucille Martin
Mr. Walter McNeill
Ms. Pamela Johnson

Land Use

(Meets as Circumstances Dictate)

Chairman: Mr. Karl Stricker

Members:

All board members are expected to participate in the Land Use Committee.

Libraries and Cultural Affairs

(Meeting: First Thursday of the Month at 7:00 P.M.)

Chairman: Ms. Joan Clodd

Members:

Ms. Hazel Berry
Ms. Sadie Campbell
Ms. Karen White

Parks and Recreation

(Meeting: Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 P.M.)

Chairman: Mr. ShaKing Alston

Members:

Mr. Theodore James
Ms. Frank Porter

Public Safety

(Meeting: First Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 P.M.)

Chairman: Mr. Alfredo Figueroa

Members:

Mr. Walter Burgin
Mr. Gideon Dunkley
Ms. April Robins-Bobbin

Transportation and Capital Projects

(Meeting: Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 P.M.)

Chairman: Mr. John Isaac

Members:

Ms. Hillary Bloomfield

Ms. Claudia Powell

Youth Services and Education

(Meeting: Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 P.M.)

Chairman: Mr. Anthony Reid

Members:

Ms. Tollyne Dickerson

Ms. Johnnie Goff

Ms. Barbara Gibson-LeGrant

Ms. Angela Moore

Each Chairperson will be asked to provide a list of priorities and projects for the year, and will be expected to involve three to five members on the committee.

X The Report of the Borough President of The Bronx

The report of the borough President of The Bronx is attached to these Minutes.

X11 Old Business

There was no "Old Business" to be brought before the Community Board.

X11 New Business

Dr. Dena Robins reported that a person was found shot and killed on 217th Street near Laconia Avenue. Nobody on the block heard or witnessed anything. She stated that more cameras are needed around the community.

Ms. Pamela Johnson reported that there is a problem at the District 75 school behind X189. Students are housed in a substandard structure behind the school, and must go outside in cold and inclement weather to reach the X189 cafeteria. She also reported that a public school in Parkchester will be named after Madeline Provenzano, a former New York City Council Member.

The Chairman assigned items for review and follow-up to a number of committees:

- A Brownfields investigation to the Environmental Concerns Committee
- A TLC license renewal to Transportation and Capital Projects
- A Habitat for Humanity house on Tilden Avenue to Housing

- A liquor license application to Economic Development and Business Services

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 pm. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 23, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



Carla Borsotti
Assistant Secretary

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

ATTENDANCE SHEET

FATHER RICHARD GORMAN
CHAIRMAN

CARMEN ROSA
DISTRICTMANAGER

DATE: 2/26/15

- ALSTON, SHAKING _____
- BENITEZ, JUDITH _____
- BERRY, HAZEL Hazel Berry
- BLOOMFIELD, HILARY excused
- BORSOTTI, CARLA Carla Borsotti
- BRYAN, NORBERT NORBERT BRYAN
- BROWN, VICTOR VBrown
- BROWNE, DEACON EDWARD excused
- BURGIN, WALTER Walter Burgin
- CAMPBELL, SADIE Sadie Campbell
- CLARKE, GAIL _____
- CLODD, JOAN Clodd
- DICKERSON, TOLLYNE excused
- DUNKLEY, GIDEON JR. Gideon Dunkley
- EASTMOND, LAURA _____
- EVANS, RAYMOND excused
- FIGUEROA, ALFREDO excused
- GIBSON, LAGRANT BARBARA Barbara Gibson La Grant
- GOFF, JOHNNIE excused
- GORMAN, FR. RICHARD _____
- HALL, ROBERT Robert Hall
- HALL, WILLIAM William Hall
- ISAAC, JOHN _____
- JAMES, THEODORE Theodore James
- JOHNSON, PAMELA _____
- LANZANO, CARL Carl Lanzano

MARTIN, LUCILLE	<u>Lucille Martin</u>
MCNEIL, WALTER	<u>Walter McNeill</u>
MIROXIAN, MONICA	<u>excused</u>
MOORE, ANGELA	<u>Angela Moore</u>
MORGAN, MICHAEL	<u>Michael Morgan</u>
ORTIZ, CARMEN	<u>Carmen A Ortiz</u>
PORTER, FRANK	<u>FRANK PORTER</u>
POWELL, CLAUDIA	<u>Claudia Powell</u>
REID, ANTHONY	<u>excused</u>
RICHARDSON, CYNTHIA	
ROBINS, DR. DENA	<u>Dr. Dena Robins</u>
ROBBINS-BOBYN, APRIL	
ROLDAN, FELIX	<u>Felix Roldan</u>
ROY, DESIREE	
SALKEY, ICY MAE THOMAS	<u>Icy Mae Thomas Salkey</u>
SMITH, RONALD	<u>Ronald Smith</u>
STRICKER, KARL	<u>Karl Stricker</u>
SYDER, REGINALD	
WHITE, KAREN	
WILES, NORMA	<u>Norma Wiles</u>
WILSON, PAULINE	<u>excused</u>

TOTAL BOARD MEMBERS	47
QUORUM NUMBER	24
TOTAL PRESENT	—

**VOTING SHEET
COMMUNITY BOARD 12, BRONX**

DATE 2/26/15

Minutes
Smash budget
Liquor Licen-
New
Liquor License
Renewal
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MOTION NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ALSTON, SHAKING	ABS	A	A	A	A	A
BENITEZ, JUDITH	A	A	A	A	A	A
BERRY, HAZEL	A	A	A	A	A	A
BLOOMFIELD, HILARY	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
BORSOTTI, CARLA	ABS	A	A	A	A	A
BROWN, VICTOR	A	A	N	N	A	A
BROWNE, DEACON EDWARD	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
BRYAN, NORBERT	A	A	A	A	A	A
BURGIN, WALTER	A	A	A	A	A	A
CAMPBELL, SADIE	ABS	A	A	A	A	A
CLARKE, GAIL	A	A	A	A	A	A
CLODD, JOAN	A	A	A	A	A	A
DICKERSON, TOLLYNE	NP	A	ABS	A	A	A
DUNKLEY, GIDEON JR.	A	A	A	A	A	A
EASTMOND, LAURA	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
EVANS, RAYMOND	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
FIGUEROA, ALFREDO	A	A	A	A	A	A
GIBSON, LAGRANT BARBARA	A	A	A	A	A	A
GOFF, JOHNNIE	A	A	A	A	A	N
HALL, ROBERT	A	A	A	A	A	A
HALL, WILLIAM	A	A	A	A	A	A
ISAAC, JOHN	A	A	A	A	A	A
JAMES, THEODORE	A	A	ABS	ABS	A	N
JOHNSON, PAMELA	NP	NP	ABS	ABS	A	A
LANZANO, CARL	A	A	A	A	A	A

	MINUTES	Smash burger	liquor license NEW	liquor license Renewal	Sea Bea	DOIT
MARTIN, LUCILLE	ABS	A	A	A	NP	N
MCNEIL, WALTER	ABS	A	ABS	ABS	A	N
MIROXIAN, MONICA	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
MOORE, ANGELA	ABS	A	A	A	A	A
MORGAN, MICHAEL	ABS		ABS	ABS	A	N
ORTIZ, CARMEN	A	A	A	A	A	A
PORTER, FRANK	A	A	A	A	A	A
POWELL, CLAUDIA	ABS	A	A	A	A	N
REID, ANTHONY	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
ROBINS, DR. DENA	ABS	A	ABS	ABS	A	N
ROLDAN, FELIX	A	A	A	A	ABS	A
ROY, DESIREE	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
SALKEY, ICY MAE THOMAS	A	A	A	A	A	A
SMITH, RONALD	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
STRICKER, KARL	A	A	A	A	A	N
WHITE, KAREN	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
WILES, NORMA	ABS	A	A	A	A	A
WILSON, PAULINE	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
GORMAN, FR RICHARD	A	A	A	A	A	A

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

**VOTING SHEET
COMMUNITY BOARD 12, BRONX**

DATE 2/20/15

C.C.
School
Name
144
Number of
Municipal
Budget

MOTION NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ALSTON, SHAKING	A	A	A	ABS		
BENITEZ, JUDITH	A	A	A	A		
BERRY, HAZEL	A	A	A	ABS		
BLOOMFIELD, HILARY	NP	NP	NP	NP		
BORSOTTI, CARLA	A	A	A	ABS		
BROWN, VICTOR	A	A	A	A		
BROWNE, DEACON EDWARD	NP	NP	NP	NP		
BRYAN, NORBERT	A	A	A	A		
BURGIN, WALTER	A	A	A	A		
CAMPBELL, SADIE	A	A	A	A		
CLARKE, GAIL	A	A	A	A		
CLODD, JOAN	A	A	A	A		
DICKERSON, TOLLYNE	A	A	A	ABS		
DUNKLEY, GIDEON JR.	A	A	A	A		
EASTMOND, LAURA	NP	NP	NP	NP		
EVANS, RAYMOND	NP	NP	NP	NP		
FIGUEROA, ALFREDO	A	A	A	A		
GIBSON, LAGRANT BARBARA	A	A	A	A		
GOFF, JOHNNIE	A	A	A	A		
HALL, ROBERT	A	A	A	A		
HALL, WILLIAM	A	A	A	A		
ISAAC, JOHN	A	A	A	A		
JAMES, THEODORE	A	A	A	A		
JOHNSON, PAMELA	A	NP	NP	ABS		
LANZANO, CARL	A	A	A	A		

	CC School Name	144	Women of Worldwide	Budget		
MARTIN, LUCILLE	A	A	A	ABS		
MCNEIL, WALTER	NP	NP	NP	NP		
MIROXIAN, MONICA	NP	NP	NP	NP		
MOORE, ANGELA	A	A	A	ABS		
MORGAN, MICHAEL	A	A	A	A		
ORTIZ, CARMEN	A	A	A	A		
PORTER, FRANK	A	A	A	A		
POWELL, CLAUDIA	A	A	A	ABS		
REID, ANTHONY	NP	NP	NP	NP		
ROBINS, DR. DENA	A	A	A	A		
ROLDAN, FELIX	A	A	A	A		
ROY, DESIREE	NP	NP	NP	NP		
SALKEY, ICY MAE THOMAS	A	A	A	A		
SMITH, RONALD	NP	NP	NP	NP		
STRICKER, KARL	A	A	A	A		
WHITE, KAREN	NP	NP	NP	NP		
WILES, NORMA	A	A	A	A		
WILSON, PAULINE	NP	NP	NP	NP		
GORMAN, FR RICHARD	A	A	A	A		

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Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.
February 2015
Community Board Report

**Statement from Borough President Diaz
regarding Mayor de Blasio's 'State of Our City' Address**

“We welcome Mayor de Blasio’s announcement of committing \$200 million to the Lower Grand Concourse for the creation of 4,000 affordable housing units, site remediation, social programs and the redevelopment of our transit structure and infrastructure. My office, the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, SoBRO and others have long advocated for the transformative redevelopment of the Lower Grand Concourse and our Harlem River waterfront, and we look forward to working with the de Blasio administration on this transformative proposal.

“I am also looking forward to working with the mayor to bring more affordable housing to The Bronx, including veterans’ and senior housing. My administration has helped to create nearly 16,000 new units of housing since 2009, and we know that increased affordable housing development can help narrow the gap of inequality. The administration’s commitment to examine the future of the Cromwell/Jerome corridor, to open this neighborhood up to greater housing development, is a welcome one.

“My office has long supported expanding ferry service to Soundview. We have to attract manufactures and new commerce to our borough while also easing commutes, and we believe that with the upgrading of our local infrastructure and the development of a ferry system that connects The Bronx with not just Manhattan but the other boroughs over our waterways as well, we can open up our borough to new economic development and recreation opportunities.

“In The Bronx, we are maximizing our assets, and improving the quality of life of our residents. We have created thousands of new jobs and helped improve existing businesses as well as created new ones. Our efforts are significant, but there is more to be done. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Mayor de Blasio and his administration as we develop an agenda that makes The Bronx an even better place to live, work and raise a family,” said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

**BP Diaz & Israel's President Rivlin Host Event
Fostering Latino/Jewish Relations**

On Wednesday, January 28, 2015, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. hosted a gathering of Latino and Jewish leaders from across the tri-state area with the President of the State of Israel, H.E. Mr. Reuven Rivlin, at the Bronx Museum of the Arts. The event was designed to foster greater strength between the Latino and Jewish communities, both here and abroad. At the event, Borough President Diaz presented President Rivlin with the official “Bronx Afghan” and named him an honorary Bronxite.

Today, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. hosted a dialogue with the President of the State of Israel, H.E. Mr. Reuven Rivlin and the Consul General of Israel in New York, Ambassador Ido Aharoni, at the Bronx Museum of the Arts. The event was designed to foster stronger ties between the Latino and Jewish communities, both in the United States and abroad.

The meeting comes on the heels of Borough President Diaz's recent visit to Israel, hosted in conjunction with the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, which saw the borough president lead a delegation of Latino business and civic leaders from across the tri-state area on meetings with Israeli political leaders and tours of religious, historic and tactical sites.

"I am honored to welcome Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, as well as Latino and Jewish leaders from all over the city and the tri-state area, to The Bronx to kick off this important conversation, which builds on my recent trip to Israel with a citywide delegation of Latino leaders. The Latino and Jewish communities of this city have demonstrated a deep commitment to one another for decades, and this event will help strengthen and expand on those connections," said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

"The Latinos in The Bronx are going to become the majority, not as Latinos but as Americans. And we would like that both friends, American and Israeli, be together because we symbolized the way of how to fulfill and act according to the rules of democrats," said the President of the State of Israel, H.E. Mr. Reuven Rivlin, at the event.

Borough President Diaz and President Rivlin discussed the Jewish history of The Bronx, the roots of the state of Israel, Israel's role in the fight against terrorism, ways the bond between Latino and Jewish communities can be built even stronger and the important of strengthening the ties between the Jewish and Hispanic community.

Statement from Borough President Diaz regarding Governor Cuomo's 'State of the State' Address

"Gov. Cuomo continues to outline a strong agenda for the entire state, especially for The Bronx. Our governor continues to put forward policy proposals that have real impact on the lives of people in my borough.

"His continued support of our proposal to expand Metro North services to the East Bronx is incredibly welcome, and shows his commitment to creating new transit options and new opportunities for investment in our borough. While I appreciate the governor's suggestion that one of these new stations bear my name, his considerable support of this proposal is all the recognition I need. I am grateful that Governor Cuomo has already outlined significant funding for this proposal in his budget, and I will continue to work with the governor, the MTA and the State Legislature to bring this transformative transit proposal to life.

"The governor's expansion of employment programs in our borough, specifically for young adults of color, is also a major victory for The Bronx. In August, I joined Governor Cuomo, the

State Department of Labor and the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation to launch the ‘Bronx Works’ strike force, which is putting unemployed Bronxites in direct contact with the employers who need them. New projects are taking root every day in The Bronx, and this \$10 million proposal will ensure that more Bronx residents, especially young adults of color, will be prepared for the jobs we are creating.

“Governor Cuomo’s plan to raise the minimum wage statewide, and to increase the minimum wage to a higher rate in New York City, shows that the governor continues to understand the realities of living in the five boroughs. The cost of living is considerably higher in The Bronx than upstate, and this increase would allow more New Yorkers to make ends meet.

“Governor Cuomo understands what is important to this borough: economic development and job creation, making sure Bronxites are getting the jobs we create, and making sure those jobs pay a decent wage. I will continue to work with my good friend, our governor, and his administration to enact strong policy proposals and affect positive change for the people of The Bronx,” said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

BP Diaz Hosts African Advisory Council Meeting

On Thursday, February 5, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. hosted the first meeting of his office’s African Advisory Council of 2015.

The agenda included a dialogue with African community groups and their respective leaders sharing their priorities for the upcoming year, while also discussing possible collaboration opportunities on a variety of issues.

“This council was created to serve the needs of the growing African community in The Bronx, and it plays a very important function in addressing the issues and concerns of this growing population,” said Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. “It makes me proud to know that this council is able to both handle business here at home in The Bronx while also helping to develop a larger agenda for the entire city.”

Also discussed were possible collaborations with borough education institutions, the annual African Nations Soccer Tournament during Bronx Week, and organizing platforms that provide access to resources and networking opportunities for the borough’s African community

Statement from Borough President Diaz RE: Gov. Cuomo’s Property Tax Relief Plan

“The negative impact that high property taxes have on homeowners and renters in The Bronx cannot be overstated. It’s time that we see real property tax relief for the working and middle class families that need it most, and I am very encouraged by Governor Andrew Cuomo’s tax credit proposal. The Governor’s plan is based on a progressive income scale – so individuals

who earn less and pay more will see the help they need – and I am pleased to see the Governor addressing this issue head-on,” said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

**Statement from Borough President Diaz
RE: IDNYC Municipal ID Launch**

“The people of The Bronx can now represent their borough and their city with great pride by signing up for the new IDNYC municipal identification card, which launches today.

“The program, which will not only provide people with a legal identification recognized as a valid form of ID, but it will also help the 1.4 million residents of The Bronx gain access to city programs such as discounts on prescription drugs, libraries across three boroughs, movie tickets, fitness and health centers as well as free memberships to some of our borough’s amazing cultural institutions such as the Bronx Museum of the Arts, the Bronx Zoo and the New York Botanical Garden.

“I congratulate Mayor de Blasio, Speaker Mark-Viverito and the entire City Council on the implementation of this incredible, groundbreaking program, and encourage all New Yorkers to sign up, just like I did today. If you live in New York City, show that you’re a real New Yorker and sign up for IDNYC,” said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

For more information about IDNYC and how to sign up, visit: <http://on.nyc.gov/1CTMkvz>.

Upcoming Events

Black History Month Celebration

Thursday, February 12, 2015

12 noon to 3:00pm

Dreiser Loop Community Center – 177 Dreiser Loop – Co-op City

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

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. State of the Borough

Thursday, February 19, 2015

10:00am

The Mall at Bay Plaza

RSVP - sotb@bronxbp.nyc.gov

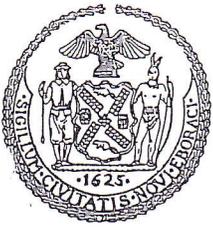
Dominican Heritage Celebration

Wednesday, February 26, 2015

12 noon

Salsa Con Fuego -2297 Cedar Avenue

RSVP- smalave@bronxbp.nyc.gov or 718-590-3989



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COMMUNITY BOARD #12 (THE BRONX)
COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT FORM

NAME OF COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS SVC.

DATE OF MEETING: 2/17/2015

PLACE OF MEETING: CB12 4101 W.P.R.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: FELIX M. ROLDAN

MICHAEL FELTER

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: _____

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED: _____

GUESTS: _____

AGENDA: _____



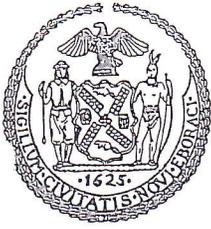
MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS PASSED: _____

OTHER: WAITED UNTIL 7:00 PM. NO SHOWS

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Felipe M. Zald

DATE: 2/17/15

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COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT FORM

NAME OF COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC + BUSINESS SVCS. COMM.

DATE OF MEETING: 3/24/15

PLACE OF MEETING: CB12

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: FELIX M. ROLDAN

NORMA WILES

MICHAEL FELTER

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: _____

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED: _____

GUESTS: _____

AGENDA: _____



MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS PASSED: _____

23 EAST BAY CORT NO SHOW
RAMBLING HOUSE NO SHOW
ALL OTHERS ARE APPROVED

OTHER: _____

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DATE: 3/24/15

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Committee Meeting Report Form

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Transportation & Capital Improvements

DATE OF MEETING: MARCH 10, 2015

LOCATION: _____

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Claudia Powell

JOHN ISAK

NORBERT BRYAN

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: Hillary Blomfield

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSE: _____



GUEST: IAN CRUICKSHANK

AGENDA: INTEGRITE Transportation Services

MOTION/ RESOLUTIONS PASSED: INTEGRITE CAR SERVICE
CAME BEFORE ~~THE BOARD~~ THIS COMMITTEE
LAST JUNE. THE BOARD PREVIOUSLY APPROVED
HIS REQUEST FOR A BASE LICENSE. THE OWNER
MISSED ONE MEETING/APPOINTMENT WITH TLC
SO THE WHOLE PROCESS AGAIN.

OTHER: _____

A MOTION BY THE BOARD WAS MADE
BY THE WHOLE BODY AND PASSED
LAST SUMMER.

Respectfully Submitted: _____

 (JOHN ISAAC)

Date: _____

March 10, 2015



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COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT FORM

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Housing

DATE OF MEETING: March 11, 2015

PLACE OF MEETING: 4101 White Plains Road

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Walter McNeil Stacey Carpenter
Victor Brown Sandra Gross
Deacon Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: _____

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED: _____

GUESTS: OLGA JOBE Mark Morgan Perez
Donald Matheson Uche Alozie

AGENDA: NYCHA Development [Needs and latest developments]
Presentation by Almat Group LLC And Habitat for Humanity
Regarding The Sydney House on Tilden Street



MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS PASSED: _____

Approval of Sydney Houses

OTHER: _____

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: _____

DATE: _____

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