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Bronx Community Board Three

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RUBEN DIAZ, JR.
BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

GLORIA ALSTON
CHAIRWOMAN

JOHN W. DUDLEY
DISTRICT MANAGER

BOARD MINUTES

Date: 1/14/114
 Place: 1426 Boston Road
 Time: 6:00 P.M.

Members Present

Gloria Alston
 Xiomara Arriola
 Valerie Bailey
 Winifred Bama
 Rev. Joel M. Bauza
 Nicole Brown
 Janet L. Bullock
 Dea. Ernest Dawkins
 Evang. Patricia Dyson-Johnson
 Cordelia Gilford
 Juanita Hamilton
 Abdul Johnson
 Rita Jones
 Linda Kemp
 Una Lawrence
 Wilbert Tee Lawton
 Elizabeth Luciany
 Jose Perez
 Leslie Phipps
 Terrence Podolsky
 Rafael Rivera
 Clyde Thompson
 John Watson
 Joanne Webb-Dixon

Guests

Mauricio Espinoza, Urban Health Plan, Inc.
 Justine Johnson, Taxi & Limousine Commission
 Erika Leyva, Taxi & Limousine Commission
All Other Guests Names on File

Staff Present

Etta F. Ritter
 John W. Dudley

Members Excused

Wanda Ellis
 Gail Gadsden
 Marlon Molina
 Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
 Edna Quinones
 Dave Dominick Reid
 Allen Rey
 Rev. Bruce Rivera
 Deborah Terrell
 Walter Thomas
 Rev. Monte Witherspoon-Brown

Members Absent

Bawa Abrouzakou
 Michael Brown
 Shirley Conyers
 Ahmadou Diallo
 Ernestine Graham Wright
 Kathy Johnson-Morris
 Latasha Lessington
 Victor Rivera
 Rev. Milton Stubbs

Bronx Borough President's Office

Andy Toledo

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Senator Gustavo Rivera's Office

Latoya Matthew

Councilwoman Vanessa L. Gibson's Office

Councilwoman Vanessa L. Gibson
Yves Filius

NYC Comptroller's Office – Scott Stringer

Joel Rivera

Call To Order

Ms. Gloria Alston, chairperson at Bronx Community Board Three, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Invocation

Rev. Joel Bauza led us in prayer.

Community Concerns/Exchange of Information

- Mr. Terrance Podolsky, board member stated that he was interested in establishing a "Merchants Association", within Community District Three. Mr. John W. Dudley, district manager stated that he would contact the NYC Small Business Services and the Bronx Chamber of Commerce regarding assistance in this endeavor.
- Mr. Clyde Thompson, board member informed and invited the members of Bronx Community Three to a "Meet and Greet" with Mr. Daymn Kelly, executive director at the South East Bronx Neighborhood Centers (SEBNC), on Friday, February 7th from 3:00pm-5:00pm at Forest Community Center.
- Mr. Abraham Jones, executive director at Claremont Neighborhood Centers, Inc., invited the community at-large to "Claremont Healthy Village Event" slideshow presentation regarding the November 2013 Educational Exchange in Cuba, on Thursday, January 16th, from 3:00pm-4:30p, at William Hodson Senior Center, located at 1320 Webster Avenue, within Community District Three.

Roll Call

Ms. Linda Kemp, board member, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Members Requesting to be Excused

Wanda Ellis
Gail Gadsden
Marlon Molina
Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
Edna Quinones
Dave Dominick Reid
Allen Rey
Rev. Bruce Rivera
Deborah Terrell
Walter Thomas
Rev. Monte Witherspoon-Brown

Motion

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

Wanda Ellis
Gail Gadsden
Marlon Molina
Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.

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Edna Quinones
Dave Dominick Reid
Allen Rey
Rev. Bruce Rivera
Deborah Terrell
Walter Thomas
Rev. Monte Witherspoon-Brown

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Motion

It was motioned and seconded to approve the minutes of the prior meeting held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, with the necessary corrections, if there be any.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Presentation(s)

Mauricio Espinoza, Outreach and Enrollment Coordinator at Urban Health Plan, Inc.

Ms. Gloria Alston, chairperson, introduced Mr. Mauricio Espinoza, outreach and enrollment coordinator at Urban Health Plan, Inc., to the community at-large. Mr. Mauricio Espinoza came before the general board to discuss and educate consumers regarding the "Affordable Care Act" (ACA).

Mr. Espinoza stated that Urban Health Plan, Inc. has employed ten (10) enrollment specialists to assist consumers select the best health insurance for their family composition. Office hours are available Monday through Friday from 9:00am-6:00pm and on Saturdays from 8:00am-5:00pm. Consumers that enrolled in October 2013 began receiving health coverage on January 1, 2014. Applications are still being accepted until March 2014. Consumers who do not apply for health insurance by December 31, 2014, will incur a \$95.00 penalty when they file their taxes in 2015.

If a consumer earns less than \$45,960 as an individual or \$94,200 for a family of 4, they may be eligible for financial assistance that will make coverage more affordable. Consumers will not be denied health insurance or charged more on the basis of a pre-existing condition. All health insurance options will offer a comprehensive array of services. Preventive services will be offered at no cost to you. Consumers can select their health insurance plan based on price, provider network and or quality score. Mr. Espinoza stated that consumers can call the customer service center at 855-355-5777, if they have any questions or concerns.

At this time, questions were entertained.

Justine Johnson, Taxi & Limousine Commission

Erika Leyva, Taxi & Limousine Commission

Ms. Gloria Alston introduced Ms. Justine Johnson and Ms. Erika Leyva from the Taxi & Limousine Commission to the community at-large. Ms. Justine Johnson and Ms. Erika Leyva came before the community at-large to discuss the newly implemented "5 Borough Taxi Initiative".

The Taxi and Limousine Commission was given 18,000 Street Hail Livery permits of which 6,000 permits will be distributed for the next three years. All 6,000 Street Hail Livery permits for issuance in the first year have been sold. Year two (2) of the Street Hail Livery program will begin on June 6, 2014. Permits will be issued on a first come, first served appointment basis. The license fee for permits issued in Year two (2) is \$3,000 for either a Wheelchair Accessible or non-Wheelchair Accessible permit. Currently, the 3,600 Street Hail Livery permits for wheelchair accessibility are free.

Ms. Johnson stated that it is against the law for a livery cab driver to offer you a ride that was not prearranged. The new "Boro Taxis" can be prearranged or hailed from the street in Manhattan above E. 96th Street and W. 110th Street, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island. Boro taxis can drop off passengers anywhere in the City. This decreases the summonses that livery cab drivers have been subjected to for years. Boro taxis cannot pick-up passengers at LGA, JFK and Newark airports. However, if prearranged, Boro taxis are permitted to make pick-up at LGA, JFK and Newark airports.

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At this time, questions and concerns were raised and answered satisfactorily.

Scott Stringer-NYC Comptroller's Office

Mr. Joel Rivera, representative from Scott Stringer the NYC Comptroller's Office informed the community at-large that the comptroller is interested in hearing any of the boards concerns or issues in which he can be of assistance. The Honorable Scott Stringer, NYC Comptroller will be hosting a "Meet and Greet" in the very near future.

Ruben Diaz, Jr.-Borough President's Report

Mr. Andy Toledo, representative from the Bronx Borough President's Office, exchanged the following information:

- Community Board applications are now available and can be downloaded from www.bronxboropres.nyc.gov the deadline for submission is Friday, February 7, 2014.
- Trinity Baptist Church, in conjunction with Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., invites the community at-large to "Remembering the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," a community interfaith service on Monday, January 20, 2014, 10:00am, located at 808 East 224th Street.
- The Bronx is celebrating its centennial (100th anniversary).

State Senator Gustavo Rivera

Ms. Latoya Matthew, representative from State Senator Gustavo Rivera's office, had a prior commitment; however, she dropped off the following flyer and pamphlets:

- State Senator Gustavo Rivera & William Hodson Senior Center present a Black History Month Celebration "**Honoring Outstanding Members**" of our Community on Friday, February 7, 2014 from 4:00pm-6:30pm at William Hodson Senior Center located at 1320 Webster Avenue (East 169thn Street)
- A Special Report from State Senator Gustavo Rivera "**Celebrating African-American History**"
- Facts About the **Earned Income Tax Credit**
- Consumer's Guide to **Credit Reports**
- State Senator Gustavo Rivera **2014 Calendar**

Councilwoman Vanessa L. Gibson

Ms. Gloria Alston introduced Councilwoman Vanessa L. Gibson to those in attendance. Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson stated that she is excited to be a part of the new administration. Councilwoman Gibson is committed to continue hosting the Neighborhood Community Council meetings; however, some committees maybe broadened or modified.

Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson provided the following time sensitive information:

- The Gibson for City Council Inaugural Committee invites the community at-large to the **Inauguration Ceremony for the Honorable Vanessa L. Gibson** on Saturday, January 25, 2014, 10:30am at HOSTOS Community College, Repertory Theatre, Building C located at 450 Grand Concourse (Northbound side) - Reception to follow, 3rd floor cafeteria.
- Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson is co-sponsoring, along with Congressman Jose E. Serrano, a **Housing Court Forum Know Your Rights?** on Wednesday, January 29th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at New Settlement Campus located at 1501 Jerome Avenue (between W. 172nd Street and Goble Place)

Councilwoman Gibson will be hosting a "Meet & Greet" in the very near future and she will inform Bronx Community Board Three at that time. Councilwoman Gibson introduced Mr. Yves Filius, chief of staff, who will be attending meetings on behalf of the Councilwoman's office.

Chairperson's Report

Ms. Gloria Alston, chairperson, stated that it is the board members' responsibility to attend meetings regularly in order for official business to be conducted. Ms. Alston requested that the By-Laws & Membership Committee schedule a meeting.

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District Managers Report

At this time, Mr. John Dudley, district manager, requested a recommendation to approve Bronx Community Board Three's Fiscal Year 2015 Capital and Expense Budget Requests previously submitted to the NYC Office of Management and Budget in November 2013.

MOTION

It was motioned and seconded to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Capital and Expense Budget Request

YES	NO
24	0

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation/Youth Services Committee

The Parks and Recreation/Youth Services Committee members came to a consensus to recommend approval of a letter of support for a greenthumb garden application for the Hoe Avenue & Home Street Community Green Garden at Block 2979, Lots 28, 30, 31, 33, 35 & 36 (Hoe Avenue between Home and Freeman Streets)

MOTION

It was motioned and seconded to approve a letter of support for a greenthumb garden application for the Hoe Avenue & Home Street Community Green Garden at Block 2979, Lots 28, 30, 31, 33, 35 & 36 (Hoe Avenue between Home and Freeman Streets)

YES	NO
16	8

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Abdul Johnson, member of the Parks and Recreation/Youth Services Committee, stated that the C-Ball event which took place on Saturday, January 4, 2014, at the Classic Center located at 286 E. 156th Street, was attended by over 336 people. It was noted this was the day after the snow storm. Mr. Johnson stated that events will be held on the first Saturday of each month. Please look out for the February event.

Birthday/Sickness and Distress

Board members in attendance were informed that Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr. is out of the hospital. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. .

Benediction

Min. Abraham Jones led us in prayer.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

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