

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
COMMUNITY BOARD FOUR
DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT January 2009
Submitted by: José Rodriguez, District Manager

November 28, 2008-Meeting with the Morris Baseball League regarding their efforts to rehabilitate the Ball Fields at Mullaly Park. I encouraged the Baseball League to attend our upcoming committee meeting and the Yankee Stadium Replacement Parks meeting held for the general public at the Bronx Museum. It was later brought to my attention that due to their participation the Parks Department decided to re-seed the Ball Fields at Mullaly Park.

December 9, 2008-Participated in the Borough President's Public Hearing regarding the ULURP Application # C090153PPX. As part of the ULURP process the Office of the Borough President must also hold a public hearing regarding the proposed ULURP item.

December 10, 2008-Mediated an ongoing dispute with Levites Realty and the Department of Sanitation at the District office regarding trash pickup and proper siting of violations of property managed by Levites Realty.

December 16, 2008-Participated in District Managers meeting regarding the Mayor's proposed budget cuts. During our meeting we agreed to meet quarterly and developed a unified strategy in dealing with current and future budget cuts.

December 22, 2008-Attended, along with D. Lee Ezell, Board Chair and Kathleen Saunders, Chairperson of the Municipal Services Committee the ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating major improvements to Lou Gehrig Plaza. Construction included replacing the E. 161st Street underpass arch structure, adding urban design elements to the plaza, and incorporating new roadways, traffic patterns, sidewalks, and dedicated bike lanes to improve mobility and safety for pedestrians, motorists, and cyclists, finishing a full 316 days ahead of schedule.

January 5, 2009-Conducted a site visit of 1235 Grand Concourse due to concerns that were brought to my attention by a News 12 broadcast over the holiday weekend involving an attempted robbery and rape.

January 7, 2009-Attended the Borough Services Cabinet meeting with presentations by the Housing and Preservation and Development regarding heat and hot water concerns and code enforcement; The City Department of Transportation providing update remarks on the Selected Bus Service, Bus Rapid Transit; Bronx Borough President's Office providing results of Special Education Panel Survey.

January 8, 2009-1235 Grand Concourse Tenant's Meeting-Tenants and Shareholders of 1235 Grand Concourse have organized to address the many issues concerning their building. Some of their concerns were building safety, the development's solvency and the overall maintenance of the building.

January 13, 2009-Meeting at the Bronx Borough President's office with Borough Commander Chief Tom Purtel, Deputy Borough President Earl Brown, Board Chair D. Lee Ezell, and Borough President staff to discuss logistical concerns regarding Parade routes along the Grand Concourse to 161street with specific attention to the Bronx Dominican Parade.

January 13, 2009-161st Street Business Improvement District Interim Board Meeting at 198 East 161st Street. At the meeting the Department of Small Business Services confirmed that the 161st BID has been chartered and will be recognized officially by the City of New York. There is however additional steps that the Interim Board needs to following of which they have one year to complete.

January 15, 2009-The Highbridge Parents Middle School initiative meeting at Mount Hermon Baptist Church to discuss next steps and strategy on community organizing efforts for the Middle School.

January 16, 2009-Attend the Yankee Stadium Redevelopment Briefing along with Ms. D. Lee Ezell were the Parks Department discussed Parks & Recreation Project Updates and Metro North Station Updates.