

The City of New York
Bronx Community Board Four
General Board Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, April 27, 2010
BRONX LEBANON HOSPITAL CENTER
MURRAY COHEN AUDITORIUM
1650 Grand Concourse

Public Hearing:

ULURP application #C 080109 MMX –IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted, by the Department of Parks & Recreation, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter, and Section 5-430 *et seq.* of the New York City Administrative Code, for an amendment to the City Map involving the elimination, discontinuance and closing of a portion of Shakespeare Avenue between West 172nd Street and the Cross Bronx Expressway; the establishment of a turn-around at the terminus of Shakespeare Avenue north of West 172nd Street; the establishment of a park addition, within the area bounded by Jesup Avenue, West 172nd Street, Nelson Avenue and the Cross Bronx Expressway; the delineation of a sewer corridor; and any adjustment of grades necessitated thereby, including authorization for any acquisition or disposition of real property related thereto, in Community District 4, Borough of The Bronx, in accordance with Map No. 13119 dated December 30, 2009 and signed by the Borough President.

- Opening & welcoming remarks by Pastor Wenzell Jackson, Board Chairman.
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Bishop Earl McKay
- Review/Correction/Adoption of General Board Meeting minutes.
 - Bishop Earl McKay made the motion to approve February 2010 General Board Meeting minutes. Ms Llinet Beltre-Rosado 2nd the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Barry Nissen made the motion to approve the March 2010 General Board Meeting minutes. Ms. Llinet Beltre-Rosado 2nd the motion and the motion duly carried.
- Vote on ULURP Application # C 080109 MMX.
 - Ms Kathleen Saunders made the motion to approve the ULURP Application and Mr. Barry Nissen 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Presentation re: Bronx Smoke-free Partnership; David A. Lehmann, Program Manager; Deidre M. Sully, MPH, Program Coordinator
- (BSFP)
 - BSFP is a pro-health advocacy group dedicated to helping Bronx County become a smoke free Borough. They have established partnerships throughout the Bronx with

local groups such as, the Davidson Community Ctr., South Bronx Concerned Citizens and the Bronx office of the American Cancer Society. They are part of the citywide initiative including the NYC Coalition for a Smoke-Free City

- Their mission
 - To prevent Bronx County residents from needlessly losing their lives from tobacco use and/or exposure to secondhand smoke.
- They believe that
 - It is unacceptable that each year thousands of Bronx children begin smoking, and hundreds will die from the addiction.
 - Protection from the toxic effects of secondhand smoke should be available to all Bronx residents.
 - Young and vulnerable populations in the Bronx deserve to be protected from tobacco industry target marketing.
 - Protect young people from tobacco industry target marketing and product access.
 - Eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke for all who live, work and play in the Bronx.
 - Protect the public from deceptive tobacco advertising practices and misinformation.
 - Support effective, community-appropriate, comprehensive tobacco control programs.
 - Link Bronxites to affordable, accessible cessation services for all City residents.
- What They Do
 - Educate Bronx communities and policy makers on the risks of tobacco use and secondhand smoke through distribution of credible, evidence-based information.
 - Advocate for policy changes to better protect citizens from tobacco addiction and disease.
 - Engage all Bronx County communities and organizations in tobacco control.
 - Provide diverse local residents and organizations with a venue through which to speak in one, amplified voice against the addictive and deadly results of tobacco use and propaganda.
- Their History
 - Begun in 2009, the Partnership is currently funded through a grant from the New York State Department of Health.
- Presentation re: Vision 2020-overview New York City's Comprehensive Waterfront Plan ; Paul Philps, Bronx City Planning.
 - The Department of City Planning is currently preparing a Comprehensive Plan for the over 500 miles of New York City's waterfront, defined as New York Harbor and its tributaries, creeks and bays. Vision 2020 will build on the original Comprehensive Waterfront Plan, published in 1992, and the city's experience over the past 18 years in order to set forth a new long range vision for a 21st Century NYC waterfront. Specifically, Vision 2020 will identify key opportunities for improving our waterfront and outline strategies to realize this new vision.
 - The City's original Comprehensive Waterfront Plan, published by the Department of City Planning in 1992, established a framework for the citywide reclamation of the waterfront, guiding land use decisions along New York City's shoreline for the last 18 years. The plan recognized the diversity of the waterfront and the importance of balancing the needs of environmentally sensitive natural areas and the working waterfront with opportunities for public access, open space, housing and commercial activity.

- The Department of City Planning is required by local law to complete Vision 2020 by December 31, 2010 and to revise the report every 10 years thereafter to ensure that the city's waterfront policies are updated.
- The process will include significant opportunities for the public to participate in the planning process. The first public meeting was held on April 8, 2010 and workshops for each borough will be held throughout May and June. See the above schedule and please continue to visit this page for more information on how to shape the vision of the city's waterfront.
- Nomination Committee Appointment by Pastor Wenzell P. Jackson, Board Chair
 - The Board Chair announced the appointment of Bishop Earl McKay, Kathleen Saunders, Niamah Bilal and Michael Rendino as members of the nominations committee. Bishop McKay will serve as Chair of the Committee.
- Report by CB#4 District Manager Mr. José Rodriguez.
 - 4/5/10 Rally Against Proposed Budget Cuts:
 - 4/9/10 Macombs Dam Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:
 - 4/12/10 Charter Revision Commission Hearing:
 - 4/15/10 Combined Borough Board District Service Cabinet Meeting: 4/20/10 Grand Concourse Historic Development Project Sponsored by the Borough President:
 - 4/22/10 161st BID Board Meeting:
 - 4/22/10 Public Advocate and Borough President's Youth Forum:
 - 4/23/10 Community Board Budget Cut Strategy Meeting:
- Report by the Office of the Bronx Borough President, Ruben Diaz, Jr.
 - Testimony before the NYC Charter Revision Commission
 - Protest to the proposed cuts to Community Board Budget
 - Borough President's comments on the recent court decision re: Public School Closings
 - Announcement of the Members of the Kingsbridge Armory Task Force
 - Comments regarding the MTA vote to cut services
 - Announcement of Bronx Week events
- Report by **Local Elected Officials** or their representatives
- State Senator Jose M. Serrano's Representative
 - Harlem African Burial Ground
 - Census Event
 - Opposition against Park Closures
 - LGBT visitation decision
 - Arts Ed. Push

- Assembly Member Michael Benjamin's Representative
 - Announcement of Charter School Forum
- Report by NYPD 44th Precinct, **Police Officer Hilda Estrella.**
- Committee Reports
- Municipal Services Committee:
 - Ms Kathleen Saunders presented a motion for a letter of support for Replications Mott Hall Charter School. The motion was 2nd by Martha Reyes and duly carried.
 - Housing and Land Use Committee:
 - Bishop Earl McKay presented a motion to support a Board Resolution for the Harlem River Working Group. The Motion was 2nd by Ms. Llinet Beltre-Rosado the motion duly carried.
- Public Session
 - Margaret Fleesak, Highbridge Branch Library re-opening