

The City of New York
Bronx Community Board Four
General Board Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, September 28, 2010
777 Concourse Village East
Community Center

- **Pastor Wenzell P. Jackson, Board Chair** opened the meeting by welcoming all to our General Board Meeting. .
- **Bishop Earl McKay** lead the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
- **Review/Correction/Adoption of General Board Meeting minutes.**
The Motion was made by Ms. Kathleen Saunders and 2nd by Mr. George Robinson. The motion duly carried.
- **Pastor Wenzell P. Jackson, Board Chair** introduced State Senator Jose M. Serrano; Assembly Member Vanessa Gibson and Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson.
 - **Senator Serrano: Spoke about the following:**
 - Asthma Center in East Harlem
 - Renovations at Roberto Clemente State Park
 - Harlem River Festival
 - Senator's Office Contact Information
 - Capital Funding: \$200,000 Highbridge Step Streets; \$200,000 Joyce Kilmer Park
 - **Assembly Member Gibson Spoke about the following:**
 - Albany Budget
 - Legislative Highlights
 - MTA Fight Updates
 - Title 20 Federal Program
 - Senior Funding Restored
 - Summer Youth
 - Domestic Violence Funding Programs
 - **Senator Hassell-Thompson spoke about the following:**
 - Safe Streets and Gun Violence Initiatives
- **Pastor Wenzell P. Jackson, Board Chair** The Board Chair outlined the Community That Cares Campaign.
 - Overview of what brought about the creation of CTCC.
 - Details regarding the Campaign
 - Highbridge Prayer for Peace Initiative
 - Business Community being involved
- **Pastor Wenzell P. Jackson, Board Chair.** Chair Jackson Introduced Assembly Member Elect Eric Stevenson.
- **Pastor Wenzell P. Jackson, Board Chair.** Overview of the Budget Process.
 - District Consultations
 - Meetings with Agencies
 - Mott Haven Meeting
 - Pocket Parks

- **District Manager Mr. José Rodriguez** presented the following segment from his report.
- \$8 billion of prior-year surplus funds to maintain budget balance during our fiscal downturn. Currently our tax revenues for FY2011 remain more than \$4 billion below the peak levels reached before the recession began. Meanwhile, the costs of the services the City provides—particularly pension costs—continue to rise.
- \$3 billion is the projected gap and the targeted savings Citywide are as follows:
- FY2011 is approximately \$800 million - 2.7% for uniformed forces and the Department of Education, and 5.4% for all other agencies.
- FY2012, the target savings Citywide is approximately \$1.2 billion - 4% for uniformed forces and the Department of Education, and 8% for all other agencies.

- Report by the Offices of the **Bronx Borough President, Ruben Diaz, Jr.-Representative Aurea Mangual**

- Prayer For Peace Initiative
- Borough President's Community Board Appointments
- Tour de Bronx
- Educational Test Scores
- Colin Powell Apartments
- BOEDC River Grant
- Bronx Defender's Clinic
- Water Front
- Italian Heritage Month
- Borough President's Help Desk

- **Committee Reports**

Economic Development Committee-Michael Rendino

Importance of quorum

Standard Parking

Issues resulting in the closure of parking facility

Business Parking and other rated concerns from merchants

Youth Committee-Jean Mirvil

Investing in our Youth

Youth Day announcement –October 20th at Mullaly Park

Parks Committee-Melody Frazer

Letter of Support from commemorative design for Heritage Field

- **Motion for Letter of Support.** Motion made by Ms. Melody Frazer and 2nd by Ms. Kathleen Saunders. The Motion duly carried.

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- Report by **Local Elected Officials** or their representatives.

- Representatives from Council Member Cabrera's Office

- **Public Session**

- Saleen Shah of Citizens Committee for New York City-Block Beatification Grant

- Candida Bido, DHMH-Sugar Sweetened Beverages

- Marie McCullough, Increased congestion in the area

- Elias Naser of PerScholas, Organization's Programs

- Beverly Bovian, Congestion in the area

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Submitted by Jose Rodriguez, District Manager on behalf of Patricia Titley, Recording Secretary.