



THE CITY OF NEW YORK BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 5
Honorable Ruben Diaz, Jr., *Bronx Borough President*

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Dr. Bola Omotosho

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Xavier Rodriguez

Community Board 5
General Board Meeting January 23 2008
Held at Bronx Job Corp
Minutes

Members Present: C. Bess, D. Caraballo, J. Caraballo, A. Chase, L. Daniels, A. Dawson, S. Dowling, M. Dumont, M. Estrella, T. Garcia, B. Moore, B. Omotosho, V. Serra, B. Smith, K. Speller, B. Williams, L. Johnson, D. Williams, J. Allah, F. Morales, R. Spriggs, J. Reyes

Absent Members: N. De Sane-Love, C. Charles

Meeting began at 6:20 PM opened by Chair Bola Omotosho. Reverend Dowling opened with a prayer. A motion was asked for by the Chair that the Chairperson's report come before the guest speakers. It was made by José Caraballo and seconded by Bernice Williams. The minutes from December's Board meeting were tabled. Chairperson's report was given.

Elected officials report came from Senator Serrano's office with emphasis on his approval of budget requests to revitalize parks and for the 2nd avenue subway. (report was submitted to the board in writing). There was also a written report submitted to the board from Borough President Adolfo Carrion.

Deputy Inspector Harrington from the 46th precinct spoke providing information on the impact program and that we received 46 impact officers. And that we now have 90 officers walking the streets. We have a 7% crime reduction. Davidson and Richman Plaza has seen more officers Harrington invited the public to the Precinct Council meetings every third Tuesday of the month. 11 people were arrested for gun possession. The Chairperson asked Harrington to speak to the five recipients of the Yankee scholarship funds. Which he did give them encouragement!

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The five recipients of the Yankee Scholarship were then introduced and received their checks for \$ 500.00 from the Chairperson and Faye Morales.

Bronx representatives from the Mayors office then gave a presentation on PLANYC 2030 describing the fundamentals of the Mayors plan.

Land

Housing: to create homes for almost a million more New Yorkers, while making housing more affordable and sustainable.

Open Space: Ensure that all New Yorkers live within a 10-minute walk of a park.

Brownfield's: Clean up all contaminated land in New York.

Water

Water Quality: open 90% of our waterways for recreation by reducing water pollution and preserving our natural areas.

Water Network: Develop critical back-up systems for our aging water network to ensure long-term reliability.

Transportation

Congestion; Improve travel times by adding transit capacity for millions more residents.

State of Good Repair: Reach a full "state of good repair" on New York City's roads, subways and rails for the first time in history.

Energy

Energy: Provide cleaner, more reliable power for every New Yorker by upgrading our energy infrastructure.

Air

Air Quality: Achieve the cleanest air of any big city in America.

Climate Change

Climate Change: Reduce global warming emissions by more than 30%.

There were questions and comments from the board. One suggestion was that waste be used for energy, the answer came from Walter Houston from the Business and

Professional league who are one of the supporters of PLANYC 2030 said that they are looking into this energy use.

Jose Carraballo suggested that Con Edison and Department of Sanitation work together to create an energy saving planning board.

There was opposition on the Mayors congestion plan with commuters being charge extra to come into the city saying that it may cause parking and air quality problems in the Bronx, because people traveling from upstate would park in the Bronx and continue their travels by utilizing public transportation. An advocate from the Bronx Veronica Vanterpoole addressed the opposition saying that surveys were taken and that would not be an issue.

Board meeting continued with The Chairperson Bola Omotosho introducing the voting items. Which were Bronx Sheppard's and it's acquiring property on Tremont Avenue for the use of a housing unit for the youth who wish to continue their education and need a place to live while doing so. Also Promesa acquiring the same property to use for a senior citizen housing facility. The executive committee recommended that the board vote yes on both. Bernice Williams made the motion to provide a letter of support to Bronx Sheppard's for the youth facility and was seconded by Jose Carraballo. A vote was taken by the Chair with the majority voting yes. On Promesa Joseph Reyes made the motion and was seconded by Teddy Garcia. A vote was taken by the Chair with the majority voting yes.

The last voting item was introduced by Chair which was for a letter of support for Palladia who wishes to expand on their property creating a full service Health Clinic and Affordable housing units. Anna Dawson made the motion and Maggie Dumont seconded. A vote was taken by the Chair with a majority yes.

Next was the Committee report, Bernice Williams gave the Health and The Human Services reports and Jamal Allah gave his report on Education.

Public Speakers were next and they were:

Angelo Alicea from Local 1199, he spoke on their fight to provide everyone with Health Care.

Jose Serrano on the need for foster parents.

Sally Smith welcomed everyone.

Sandra Finley spoke on a crosswalk having a yellow line at Osborne and Phelan Place.

Louis Marchi of NYC & New Jersey Staffing Solutions, LLC a low cost private for profit employment agency which will be housed out of Davidson Community Center.

Dr. Apoeso from Grace Temple Church was seeking funding for youth programs

Gayle Jennings from JP Morgan Chase the community Liaison, discussing their community involvement.

Meeting ended at 9:00PM