



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

Chairperson
Dr. Bola Omotosho

District Manager
Xavier Rodriguez

GENERAL COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE MEETING

JUNE 19, 2013
MINUTES

Members Present: E. Acosta, K. Brandon, M. Brown, T. Bushby, A. Caballero, J. Caraballo, J. Castillo, W. Demostene, R. Evans, E. Feliciano, L. Greene, T. Herrera, M. Hunter, L. Johnson, B. Lawrence, V. Long, C. M-Bodiford, B. Moore, B. Omotosho, F. G Ramos, A. Sepulveda, A. Sims, K. Speller, D. Torres, C. Westbrook, R. Whetstone, B. Williams

Members Excused: Z. Cortijo

Members Absent: J. Curiel, J. Petty, D. Relf, M. Rodgers, A. Rosa, V. Santiago, Y. Torres

Chairperson Bola Omotosho opened the meeting 6:49PM.

Anthony Springer, representative from Councilman Jose Cabrera's office did the opening prayer.

Chairperson Omotosho introduced the following new Board members:

Albania Sepulveda
Cheryl Westbrook
Kavan Brandon
Randolph Evans
Wilfrido Demostene
Evelyn Feliciano

The Chairperson requested that the current board members introduce themselves to the new members and the Board Five staff also introduced themselves.

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Elected Officials Reports:

Anthony Springer, representative from Councilman Cabrera's office distributed the newsletter Published by the councilmember.

Valeria Munt, representative from State Senator Gustavo Rivera's office, congratulated The new board members. The senator's office is sponsoring an annual health fair in August 2013; And summer reading program for fourth, fifth and six graders. The office telephone number is 718 933 2034.

Precinct 46 Reports:

Captain John Potkay reported statistical information that state crime and shooting are down in Board Five.

Cynthia Thompkins, President of the 46 Council reported that the precinct's National Night Out will be held between 181st and 182nd Street on the Grand Concourse, from noon to 3:30PM.

Committee Reports:

Angel Caballero announced that Davidson Community Center will participate in a Bronx Summer Walk. All board members and the community are invited.

Laura Rivera reported that the Union Community Health Center is conducting a prenatal child abuse and Back to School Fair.

Shekinah Williams, Business Community Liaison from South Bronx Job Corps. Announced that the South Bronx Job Corp.'s organization's enrollment program for residents will be given next week. Youth from ages 16 to 24 years may apply. She also announced that Job Corps provided dinner for tonight's meeting.

Xavier Rodriquez gave the District Manager's Report.

Chairperson Omotosho introduced another new board member: Ahleezah Simms.

Luther Greene, Board member, announced that Sedgwick Houses will hold its annual Family day on June 27, 2013.

Nominating Committee Report

Marcia Brown reported that the nominating committee is recommending the following Board members for the vacant board offices:

Chairperson, Bola Omotosho
First Vice Chair, Bernice Williams
Second Vice Chair, Angel Caballero
Treasurer, Jose Caballero

Laura Rivera from Union Community Health Center, volunteered to count the ballots. The Above recommended slate was voted into office. New committee reappointments will be made in September 2013.

Angel Caballero made a motion that the board should provide a letter of support to the Department of Design and Construction's Project to improve traffic safety in Board Five. Bernice Williams seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

There were no committee reports.

Dana Driskell, City Planning representative has been transferred to Community Board 12. Ms. Munmun Parmar will be his replacement. He acknowledges the respect that he has received over the years from all the Board members.

Bernice Williams announced that Essen Medical Services will open in the Condominium 00 1550 University Avenue, cross the street from the Sedgwick Houses in July 2013.

Public Session

Sally Smith congratulated the new board officers. Ms. Smith expressed concern about the burned out building on Valentine Avenue that is attracting individuals who are not concerned about community Safety.

Louella Hatch announced that Tiebout Avenue Block Association is sponsoring its annual National Night Out activity.

Chairperson Omotosho stressed the fact that our youth need jobs.

Kathy Speller strongly stated that Board Five needs to update its needs statement for 2013.

Christine Blanch, from SOBRO has created an outreach initiative to identify the illegal use of fire hydrant; smoking in front of school buildings and eliminating the sale of cigarettes In stores and pharmacies. The organization is circulating a petition regarding the initiative.

Enrique Colon, outreach coordinator for CASA reported there will be rent and regulation meeting at Cooper Union, regarding a vote on the increase in apartment leases. Casa is conducting a campaign which include code enforcement issues and ongoing workshops regarding tenants' Rights.

Lincoln Salmon urged that parents take responsibility for the supervision of children. Also speed bumps are needed in order to prevent car accidents.

No Old Business

Chairperson Omotosho reminded board members of the loss of Martha Hunter's sister.

The Chairperson asked every participant to have dinner prepared by the South Bronx Job Corps Residents.

Community Board Five meeting ended at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomasina Bushby