



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**

**Community Board #5**  
**General Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 26, 2008**

Meeting called to order by Xavier Rodriguez (District Manager).

Welcome remarks from Dr. Bola Omotosho. Father Nelson from Saint Simon Stock gave the opening prayer.

**Elected Officials:**

1. **Betsy Gotham** – Public advocate for NYC. - Official female ombudsman. Ms Gotham encouraged community to call Public Advocates Office (212)669-7670, concerning specific problems and issues in the community. She discussed changes within the Educational System and encouraged community to contact office to express their views. Ms Gotham addressed issue of two schools that were prevented from visiting State Park because of improper insurance.  
**Ms Frances Rodriguez** (Director of Roberto Clemente State Park) responded to allegation of not letting school utilize Park.
2. **Andy Toledo**- Bronx Boro President- Provided information and flyers regarding the “TEAM UP CLEAN UP” Boro- wide initiative.
3. **Eric Rivera** – Assemblyman Serrano-Provided information and flyers regarding April 15, 2008 Educational Forum concerning Public School Closures.
- 4.. **Mark Turner-Sergeant-Community Affairs 46 Precinct:** Introduced members of Impact & Cadet Programs. A. **Explorer Program-** Careers in Law Enforcement. Inspector discussed: 3/25/08- Shooting at Fordham Road- Increased Security for this area. 2/28- Ground Breaking ceremony-Female Housing Project. Event well attended by elected officials. 3/3/08- (1) Boro-wide meeting; Dept of Aging. By the year 2030 1/5 of community will be over age of 60- senior citizens. (2) 8 million dollars spent in 2003 for 3 Bronx Trucks to service the graffiti removal for the Bronx county. Funds for this project came from elected officials. Over 3,000, 311 calls have been made requesting graffiti removal.

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**Chairperson's Report:** 3/5/08- Housing Committee met with Mastermind to discuss the Washington View Cooperatives. Upon completion, the Co-op will have 48 apartments units, including parking.

The affordable apts range in price for example \$187, 000 for a 2 bedroom.

The Executive Board met to discuss the 197 A Program. Report will be provided at a later date.

Asbestos abatement Inspection of 2050 Grand Concourse was scheduled for 4/15/08. On 4/3/08 Davidson Avenue District Office met and is diligently working with this issue.

**Manager's Report:** On 4/7/08- training was provided to volunteers in an effort to distributed 197-A surveys to residents of the East side of CB #5 regarding Quality of Life issues. Volunteers were ask to call the Davidson Center to register for training from 4-6 and or 6-7PM.

Community Board met with Ms Alleyende and John (Supervisor oversight construction) of St Barnabas Hospital, regarding the issue of work stop order and neglect of permit and improper demolition disposal. CB5 was satisfied with the meeting with the neighborhood and church regarding the St Barnabas Medical Facility Project and St. Barnabas Hospital hired asbestos removal company.

Katherine (Board member) asked the Board to request St Barnabas to put everything in writing for the record. Manager responded that CB #5 requested copies of Asbestos Company and the final outcome of disposal .Community will be kept abreast of any new developments.

**Chairperson :** motion for the approval of minutes for January and February

Bernice (Board member) made motion to amend the agenda and approval of the minutes. Motion on floor Recalled to switch the amend agenda before the Public Speaker session.

Bernice motion approval of 9/07 minutes- Rosalyn second motion.

Bernice motion approval of 10/07 minutes - Fay second motion

Bernice motioned approval of 11/07 minutes- Rosalyn second motion

Bernice motioned approval of 1/08 minutes – David Second motion

**Note:** Approval pending of 12/07 and 02/08 minutes.

### **Invited Speakers:**

1. **Radame Perez / Washington View Cooperatives-** Provided overview and benefits of Homeownership:

- Opportunity to Invest / Personal Value
- Affordable for working families
- mixed income in one setting
- Terrace/ Recreation area/ Deck/ 2 elevators
- Washer /dryer / Kitchen Dishwasher/ energy efficient
- 24 parking Spaces /
- Greenhouse Initiative / air condition units etc.

\*Community expressed concerned regarding Washington View Project: 50% occupancy to members of Community; construction jobs should go to community (local 79)/ Apprenticeship programs, lottery applications / 17 million dollar project.

2. **Queens Councilman Eric Gioia:** Provided information on the Federal Food Stamp program/ flyers distributed. 1.9 million NYS residents qualify for this program.

### **Committee Reports:**

Health & Human services- Susan's Place opening in April. Grand Opening held on 3/27.  
Youth Committee- Jamal Allah spoke on Gang environment- anti-gang programs. Borough President has \$ 200,000 in grants for educational programs to address this problem. Four schools were nominated for this program. PS79; JHS177, MS 391 and PS 230. Next youth meeting is scheduled for 4/10/08.

### **Public Session :**

1. Mr. Serrano-Family Support- Foster Care & Adoption flyer & information.
2. Sally Smith- explained the importance of community services & support of CB5.
3. Loretta Hatch – expressed concern regarding St Barnabas Project/ complaint about planning board not following thru on proper procedure regarding 1250 Grand Concourse.
4. Victoria Gambino-Tenant Rep from 1250 Grand Concourse complained that residents were not informed of the St Barnabas Project.
5. Community Resident was concerned about Mastermind Project –community was left out from negotiations with this project.
6. Francine Miller (Pastor) from First Union Baptist Church explained that she was in touch with St Barnabas Hospital regarding community concerns. She stated that First Union Baptist Church does not oppose with the current project proceedings.
7. Citizens Advice Bureau- Ken Small provided information on 5/20 Bronx Museum Annual Event. This event will honor Mr. Maestro's & Soup Kitchen, NYC Directors. Requested food donations for their food drive.
- 8 Dr. Browne HHC St Barnabas Hospital stated that this St. Barnabas is much needed in the community.
- 9 Tim Campbell (Local 79 Rep) requested equal representation for his members and apprenticeship Jobs for the community.

### **Old Business:**

Letters of support for Library from CB5

### **New Business:**

1. April 23 Next Board Meeting at St Simon Stock
2. Information on Free Tax preparation for Veterans. Contact Marissa at (646) 225-1035.

\*\*\*\* Meeting Adjourned. Closing Prayer Reverend Downey.