



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 BOARD FIVE MEETING

November 20, 2013

Minutes

Members Present: E. Acosta, K. Brandon, T. Bushby, A. Caballero, J. Caraballo, J. Curiel, R. Evans, T. Herrera, M. Hunter, L. Johnson, B. Lawrence, V. Long, C. McCorkle-Bodiford, B. Moore, B. Omotosho, F. Ramos, M. Rodgers, A. Sepulveda, K. Speller, B. Williams

Excused Members: E. Feliciano

Members Absent: M. Brown, J. Castillo, Z. Cortijo, W. Demostene, L. Greene, J. Petty, D. Relf, A. Rosa, V. Santiago, A. Sims, D. Torres, C. Westbrook, R. Whetstone

Chairperson Bola Omotosho opened the meeting at 6:23PM

Anthony Springer, representing Councilman Fernando Cabrera's office, said the prayer.

Elelcted Officials Reports

Anthony Springer representing Councilman Fernando Cabrera's office, congratulated the Board Members on their appointment to Community Board Five. Mr Springer reported that Councilman Cabrera is sponsoring a small business expo on December 7, 2013. For more information the contact number is 347 590 2470.

representing New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera's office, reported that the Senator Rivera will conduct civics classes on November 23, 2013. Senator Rivera is hosting forum at the Bronx Museum of the Arts. For more information contact 718 933 3034. The Senator's office is hosting a toy drive for children living in the local homeless shelt ars. The contact number is 718 933 2324.

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representing elected Councilman Ritchie Torres, stated that the new councilman could be contacted at 347 201 3453.

Andy Toledo representing Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr's office, had no report. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Precinct 46 Report

Inspector John Hart reported that crime was down 27% last month. However, the stealing of cell phones is still a problem in community board five. Thomasina Bushby, Board Member asked how was Halloween. Inspector Hart stated that it was surprisingly quiet within board.

Chairperson Report

Chairperson Omotosho reported the ground breaking event for proposed senior housing at Tremont and Grand Avenues, held on November 19. Board Five submitted a letter of support for this project. Representatives from the Mayor's Office, NYC Department of Buildings and Precinct 46 reported the current status of 1887 Webster Avenue. He introduced Columbia University Intern Aleena Farishta, to present rezoning plans and slides on Webster and Tremont area. There will be a Public Hearing on these plans in February 2014.

District Manager Report

Xavier Rodriguez, District Manager distributed the proposed plan created by Bronx District Managers for board members comments. The plan will be discussed at the next Board Five meeting.

Committee Reports

Health and Human Services Committee distributed its report to board members. The Youth Committee announced community board five nominees for the Yankee Scholarship. The names of the nominees were distributed to the board. There were slides and discussion about land use proposals on Carter Avenue and East Tremont Avenue. The Land Use Committee welcomes suggestions from the Board Members.

Board Members voted to support 2386 Jerome Avenue, receiving a New York City certificate to develop a rooftop greenhouse, as follows:

16 Yes

0 No

2 Abstentions

Public Session

Sally Smith commented that she is delighted that the members are making our community better.

Louella Hatch voiced her concerns about the board members knowing their community and the procedures for public hearings.

Desiree Pilgrim-Hunter ,representative from North Bronx Communiity and Clergy Coalition, help lead negotiations regarding the proposed Kingsbridge National Ice Center, in the Kingsbridge Armory building.The plans for this facility was distributed. The New York City Council must vote on the project's approval.Thomasina Bushby, Board Member asked about followup procedures relating to job opportunities for community board five residents. The project will target populations in boards five, six and seven for job opportunities. The Bronx community will receive one percent of every twenty five million profit earned from the Ice Center, according to the community benefits agreement, The opening of the Ice Center is slated for 2017. Elisa Morrison, a Mercy College student, asked if there will be jobs for college students. There will be a rally at St Nicholas of Tolentine Church on November 21.

Old Business: None

New Business: Precinct 46 will hold Christmas Party and distribute toys to children on December 17, 7PM.

The next Community Board Five General Meeting will be held on December 18.

Meeting ended at 8:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomasina Bushby
Secretary