



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX  
COMMUNITY BOARD #5**  
**Honorable Adolfo Carrion, Jr., Bronx Borough President**

**Chairperson  
Dr. Bola Omotosho**

**District Manager  
Xavier Rodriguez**

Bronx Community Board #5

General Board Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2009

Members Present: A. Caballero, J. Caraballo, A. Dawson, T. Garcia, B. Moore, B. Omotosho, J. Roman, K. Speller, B. Williams

Absent Members: J. Allah, C. Bess, D. Caraballo, A. Chase, Y. Estrella, N. Montilla, J. Reyes, D. West Williams,

**I. Welcome/Approval**

Chairman Omotosho officially brought the meeting to order at approximately 6:20 pm.

**II. Elected Officials Report**

Reports were made and submitted by the following

- Andy Toledo, Representative for the Bronx Borough President's office
- Sherman Brown, representative for Council Member Maria Baez
- Brian Levinson, Representative for Senator Jose Serrano
- Maria Arias, Representative for Assembly Member Nelson Castro
- Marzetta Harris, Representative for Senator Pedro Espada, Jr.

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- Detective Thompson from the 46<sup>th</sup> Precinct offered a statistical report in regards to major crimes in the community. According to the reports, crime in murders, rapes, robberies, auto thief are down. Det. Thompson also informed the community that the “Gun Buy Back” program, which has been successful in other boroughs, will soon be coming to the Bronx. Those who turn in guns will receive a \$200 dollar debit card that is redeemable at banks for each gun that is surrendered.

III. **Chairperson** gave a monthly report of community related activities.

IV. **District Manager** gave a brief report on community related activities (Report is attached)

V. **Guest Speaker** April Tyler, State & Local Campaigns Coordinator for the Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project (NEDAP) gave an information presentation to the Board and general public on fair lending coalitions, technical support provided to augment local groups' outreach and education on foreclosure prevention and fair lending matters, as well as NEDAP's mission “to promote community economic justice and to eliminate discriminatory economic practices that harm communities and perpetuate inequality and poverty.”

VI. Committee Reports

**Housing Committee** – Chairperson Bola informed the board that at his meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> representatives from M & L Management made a presentation to the committee regarding property (269 East Burnside) they plan to develop as affordable housing. They requested a support letter for the project. The development will consist of an 11 story building comprised of 76 units including studios, 1, 2, and 3 bedroom apartments. In addition there will be 19 parking spots available. Also, 50 % of the units will be set aside as for CB #5 residents who are eligible.

Following a lengthy discussion which gave board members the opportunity to raise questions and concerns about the project, the chair requested a motion to support the project. Bernice Williams made the motion and it was seconded by Angel Caballero. Seven of the nine members present voted in favor of providing a support letter to M & L Management.

**Human Services** - Bernice Williams (chairperson) gave a report following their monthly meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. (a copy of the report is attached)

**Parks Committee** – Kathryn Speller (chairperson) gave a report following the committee’s monthly meeting held on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

VII. Public Session – The following members from the community expressed concerns and provided information during this session:

Sallie A Smith	– Resident
Richard Sierra	– DOHMH
Frances Rodriguez	– Roberto Clemente State Park
Elizabeth Simon	– New York State DEC
Margo Williams	– DOHMH

VII. Old Business - No old business report

VIII. New Business – No new business report

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm