

**FULL BOARD MEETING**  
**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #1**  
3024 Third Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10455  
February 28, 2013  
Mr. George Rodriguez – Chairman

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** George Rodriguez, Ngande Ambroise, Carmen Aquino, Maria Garcia Baltazar, Robert Barnes, Carol Boddie, Josephine Fernandez Byrne, Betty Bryant, Gloria Cruz, Linda Duke, Isabel Figueroa, Linda D. Gaines, Lucas Henriquez, Richard Iyasere, A. Mychal Johnson, Nellie McKay, Evelyn Munoz, Arline Parks, Freddy Perez, Jr., Justino Rodriguez, Carmen Santos, Alice Simmons, Betty Wessley, Tracy Alecia Woodall, Delores Waller Worrell.

**Absent:** Maura Cosme, Brenda Goodwin, Silverio Guzman, John Johnson, John Lemon, Jorge Leon, Theresa Marrero, Walter Christopher Nash, Freddy Pina, Justo Torres, Marcelo Villagran, Maria Davis Wilson.

**Public Session**

**State Senator Jose M. Serrano**

State Senator Jose Serrano said that I just try as often as possible to come by all the Community Boards I represent just to say hello and make sure that you know how to contact me and everyone knows Angel Santana who is my representative here at the Board. Many of you I've known for a very long time and it's a pleasure to work with you all of these years. The community continues to change and evolve and there are so many issues that continue to pop up and I really do enjoy working with all of you.

So I won't go into detail about my report you see all the issues there we've been working on gun control. We've been working on issues that are important to immigrants and now my big push is the minimum wage which I think is so critically important. One thing to keep in mind many of the opponents of the minimum wage say quote, unquote that it is a job filler but to the contrary businesses I believe would benefit so much from an increase in minimum wage because it would increase the buying power in our neighborhoods, and community. It would be a direct economic impact on our local merchants here. So I think it's something that we will get done this year. I'm hoping even though the Republicans are being very obstructionist on this issue I look forward to getting it done.

Please free to call me reach out to me if there's anything that I can be helpful with.

### **New York City Police Department 40<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct**

Deputy Inspector Christopher McCormack said that I'm just going to give you guys a heads up to what has happened. Everyone knows that the other day on Tuesday a son killed his Mother and chopped her up and put her body parts all over the district.

### **New York Yankees Youth Leadership**

The Chairman handed out the Yankee Youth Leadership Award checks to Ms. Isis Ferguson, Mr. Frankelly Plata, Mr. Andrew Rodriguez, and Mr. Noah Velez-Aviles.

### **End of Public Session**

#### **The Chairman called for the roll.**

There were twenty-five members present constituting a quorum.

#### **The Chairman called for a motion on the agenda.**

Motion made to approve the agenda as presented. Motion duly seconded. Called and passed unanimously.

#### **The Chairman called for a motion on the prior meeting minutes.**

Motion made to approve the prior meeting minutes. Motion duly seconded. Called and passed unanimously.

### **Chairman & District Manager's Report**

The District Manager said that on Monday there was a meeting with the Borough President, FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security related to the changes of the dynamic of the maps citywide on flood plains and elevations.

I would tell everybody that you should put together a Go Bag and a list of people in your family with contact information on it and a list of medicines for those that need it. The reason why I say this is because for two years in a row September, October and November there have been storms. I want the people in this community to be prepared I don't want to see anyone lose their valuables or more importantly their lives and I say this because we're right on the Harlem River.

The District Manager said that the Health-Human Services Committee along with NYU College Leadership for Black Nurses will be having two sessions with all community members invited giving out healthy food and talking about issues of high pretention, diabetes and regulating your weight. The first date is Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> here at the Board Office 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM and for those persons that cannot make it at that time the next date will be April 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Board Member Alice Simmons said that the young ladies came and spoke with us explaining about the training that these Nurses receive. There is going to be a presentation on March 8<sup>th</sup> where 8 Nurses have been assigned to this Board from a team of 15. They are going to provide everyone with a care package of healthy items.

**The Chairman called for a motion on his and the District Manager's Report.**

Motion made to approve the Chairman and District Manager's Report as presented. Motion duly seconded. Called and passed unanimously.

**Elected Officials**

The Bronx Borough President submitted a written report on the following items.

- The Bronx Borough President released statistics highlighting the decrease in murders in the Bronx in 2012.
- The Bronx Borough President provided testimony against the proposed sale and closing of the General Post Office.
- The Bronx Borough President is against the New York City Employees' Retirement System (NYCER) investing in companies that manufacture assault weapons and high capacity ammunition magazines.

The Assemblywoman Carmen E. Arroyo's representative introduced himself, and said that he was there to get feedback from the community.

The Councilwoman Maria Del Carmen Arroyo's representative said that there is going to be an event CUNY Citizenship Now taking place on March 9<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln Hospital the flyers are in both Spanish and English. There will be a series of Lawyers and Immigration professionals. I'm also going to hand out alternate side parking calendars. The last thing I want to bring to the Board's attention is that we are now at City Council in the process of doing discretionary funding applications for organizations seeking funding. The application is online at [www.counsel.nyc.gov](http://www.counsel.nyc.gov).

**The Chairman called for a vote on the Elected Officials Reports.**

Motion made to approve the Elected Officials Reports as presented. Motion duly seconded. Called and passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

The Economic Development-Land Use & Housing Committee submitted a written report on the following items.

**Voting Items**

- Continuance of Variance at 699 Morris Avenue.

Motion made to approve a Letter of Support for the continuance of the variance at 699 Morris Avenue. Motion duly seconded. Called and passed unanimously.

- Heketi Charter School Special Permit application to the Board of Standard & Appeals for approval on their request to relocate to 403 Concord Avenue.

Motion made to approve a Letter of Support for 403 Concord Avenue to the NYC Board of Standard & Appeals. Motion duly seconded. Called and passed unanimously with 3-abstentions.

- SoBro Senda Church Apartments project on 148<sup>th</sup> Street & Brook Avenue.

Motion made to approve a Letter of Support on SoBro's Senda Church Apartments project on 148<sup>th</sup> Street & Brook Avenue. Motion duly seconded. Called and passed with 1-opposition and 6-abstentions.

**Informational**

- Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) working together with NYCHA discussed the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grant they had been awarded by HUD. They will be working in Mott Haven at a NYCHA site of the Betances Houses on this initiative.
- New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development discussed the planned Request for Proposal (RFP) on three Bronxchester Renewal Plan sites 6, 7A and 7B.
- Church Alive discussed their proposed prison reentry program for women in the on Melrose Avenue in the Bronx.

The Health-Human Services & Seniors Committee submitted a written report.

The Municipal Services Committee submitted a written report.

**The Chairman asked for a motion on the Committee Reports.**

Motion made to approve the Committee Reports as presented. Motion duly seconded. Called and passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

Board Member stated that the underpasses now have lighting.

**New Business**

A motion was made by a Board Member to introduce a resolution on the floor. The Board Member was informed by the District Manager that motions on resolutions are not made at Board meetings. Motions on resolutions are moved forward if necessary and conform to regulations under which the Board as a city entity operates after they are vetted by the District Manager and Chairman. Then they are forwarded to the appropriate Committee of the Board. The District Manager requested that the Board Member forward to him the resolution for review and vetting.

**Meeting adjourned.**