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BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

REV. DR. BRUCE RIVERA
CHAIR

JOHN W. DUDLEY
DISTRICT MANAGER

BOARD MINUTES

Date: 11/10/2020
 Place: Remote Teleconference
 Time: 6:00 P.M.

Members Present

Kolaco Acqui
 Joyce Almeida
 Gloria Alston
 Jerry Aviles
 Joetta Brown
 Dawn Carter
 Gilberto Constantinez
 Rev. Frederick Crawford
 Vladimir Cruz
 Nelson Delerme
 Randy Dillard
 Wanda Ellis
 Maurice Gray
 Marilyn Johnson
 Rita Jones
 Linda Kemp
 Victor Latimer
 Una Lawrence
 Tracie Lucas Lord
 Gina L. Newton
 Paul Navarro
 Laila Patino
 Anddy Perdomo
 Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera
 Wilson Ramirez
 Olympia Jay Striplin
 Keziah Sullivan
 D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas
 Sarah Torres
 Patrick Willis

Staff Present

Etta F. Ritter
 John W. Dudley

Members Excused

Kathy Johnson-Morris
 Wilbert Tee Lawton
 Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
 Aazam Otero

Members Absent

Xiomara Arriola
 Abdul Johnson
 Abraham Jones
 Pablo Mendoza
 Aubrey Mike

CM Vanessa Gibson's Office

CM Vanessa L. Gibson
 Michael Ivory

CM Rafael Salamanca's Office

Shanna Knotts

SS Luis R. Sepulveda's Office

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Bronx Borough President's Office

Alexis Ruiz

DA Darcel Clark Office

Robert Barnes

NYC Comptroller's Office

Khadim Niang

NYC Commission on Human Rights

Belinda Simmons

Call To Order

Rev. Dr. Bruce C. Rivera , chair of Bronx Community Board Three, called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Invocation

Bishop Cannon led us in prayer.

Elected Officials' Reports

AM Nathalia Fernandez – 80th District

AM Nathalia Fernandez from the 80 Assembly District, stated that she is seeking election as the next Bronx Borough President. Please contact the Assemblymember's office at 718-409-0431, for further information relating to initiatives and resources offered.

DA Darcel Clark

Robert Barnes, representative from DA Darcel Clark's Office stated that the DA wishes everyone a happy holiday. Mr. Barnes noted that the Gun Buy Back event was successful and allowed for 136 guns to be taken off the street. The DA thanked Community Board Three for its assistance in getting the word out. The DA's office gave approximately 75 iPads at the event.

Comptroller's Office

Mr. Khadim Niang, representative from the Comptroller's Office, informed those in attendance of a **2020 Work and Family Survey**, The survey relates to "A Better Balance" about flexibility in the workplace and how work relationships and family are changing due to COVID-19. The survey was uploaded onto the chat. Mr. Niang requested that everyone upload the link, complete the survey and disseminate it to those they know. This document has been forwarded to Bronx Community Board Three for distribution to those on its list serve.

Bronx Borough President's Report

Alexis Ruiz , representative from the Bronx Borough President's Office, spoke on the following:

- Welcomed three new board members; Aazam Otero, Pablo Mendoza and Sarah Torres. Mr. Ruiz thanked them for participating in the orientation sponsored by the office of the Bronx Borough President, and is looking forward to working with them all. Sarah Torres is a high school student, and the Borough President would like to encourage more youth to join Community Boards.

SS Luis Sepulveda's Report – 32nd Senate District

State Senator Luis Sepulveda from the 32nd Senatorial District, stated the he was currently at a memorial for a young boy who fell out the window at Bronx River Houses. COVID is still 3x higher in the Bronx. SS Sepulveda stated that he and his staff are still providing PPE and masks to the residents within Bronx County, and that he has an inventory of 40,000 masks to be distributed to residents of Bronx County. The SS stated that he will be distributing food vouchers to families to help with Thanksgiving. The SS is also giving out food due to food insecurities. SS Sepulveda did not provide a written report, at this time. Please contact the State Senator's office to request information on initiatives and resources at 718-991-3161.

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AM Elect Chantel Jackson – 79th Assembly District

Assemblymember elect Chantel Jackson stated that she is excited to serve residents of the 79th A.D. The AM Elect will be working with DOT to solve issues involving Citibike locations which have a negative impact on residents of Community District Three. She noted that avid cyclists do understand the importance of bike sharing and parking. AM Jackson is looking to reach out to her network for those who are dealing with food insecurities, along with those in need of Christmas gifts for children within the district.

SS Gustavo Rivera

Ms. Latayna Rivera noted that the office is still closed and that staff are working remotely; however, based on the need, in person meetings are arranged when necessary. Please contact the office to request information on initiatives and resources offered.

CM Vanessa Gibson's Report – 16th Council District

Mr. Michael Ivory representative from CM Vanessa L. Gibson's office, wished everyone "Happy Thanksgiving". A report was written by the NYC Council regarding pay disparities between women of color and workers of color, vis-a-vis their white male counterparts. CM Gibson is the co-chair of the Womens' Caucus and will be looking to see how this matter can be addressed.

CM Vanessa L. Gibson from the 16th Councilmatic District, was in attendance. CM Gibson noted that her office is continuing all efforts to provide PPE to the residents of the Bronx, along with regular distribution of her newsletter and time sensitive events that she hosts. CM Gibson welcomed the new members at Bronx CB 3, especially Sarah Torres, the youngest member in high school. The CM spoke on the tremendous work the NYC council has done to approve projects within Community District Three. CM Gibson will forward to the board, all allocations of funding she has made in FY' 2021, within Community District Three. CM Gibson stated that she will be working with the family to honor the late Joanne Webb-Dixon, a faithful former Bronx CB 3 member, with the planned street co-naming of Trinity Avenue between East 163rd & East 164th Streets' to "**Joanne Webb-Dixon Way**".

CM Gibson did not provide a written report, at this time. Please contact the Councilmember's office at 718-588-7500, to request information on initiatives and resources provided.

CM Rafael Salamanca's Report- 17th Council District

Ms. Shanna Knotts, deputy chief of staff from CM Rafael Salamanca's office, provided the following report for the period covering October 14th through November 10, 2020, as follows:

Food Insecurity

- CM Salamanca continues to hold weekly food distributions in various locations across the Bronx. For more information on our upcoming distributions, follow us on FB: @CMSalamanca, Twitter: @Salamancajr80 or IG: @CMSalamanca

Addressing Cleanliness in Streets/Parks

- CM Salamanca allocated \$160K to The Hope Program/Sustainable South Bronx & Wildcat Service Corporation to hire local residents from the community to help keep out streets clean.

- In commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month what's known as Garrison Playground, will now be named after Evelina Antonetty, a local activist and community organizer who did so much for her Bronx neighborhood. CM Salamanca allocated \$1.5 million towards the construction on this project.

Land Use

- We are addressing transportation for bus riders and bikers. Last month (October) CM Salamanca joined DOT and MTA for an important announcement for the 149th Street corridor that includes 2.7 miles of offset bus lanes serving 55,000 passengers daily. New bus lane cameras have been installed along the corridor. By implementing dedicated bus lanes and transit signal priority for city buses, we are addressing the longstanding concerns of transit riders and advocates. In addition, 100 Citi Bike stations are now installed within the South Bronx.

Constituent Services

- Our office is still offering remote services for constituents. All issues or concerns can be sent via email to Salamanca@council.nyc.gov or Sknotts@council.nyc.gov and by phone at (917) 837-6226.

Roll Call

Ms. Keziah Sullivan, secretary of Bronx Community Board Three, called the roll and a quorum was established.

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Community Concerns & Announcements

- Mr. Maurice Gray, board member, posed a question regarding how Citibike locations are identified? Mr. John Dudley, district manager, stated that the citibike locations are a Mayoral Initiative. The NYC Department of Transportation forwarded a Citibike program draft plan in July 2020, which was disseminated to those on Bronx Community Board Three's list serve. The draft Citibike plan was a map identifying the proposed locations within Community Districts Three and Two. DOT requested that community residents and stakeholders provide feedback on specific locations in the plan identified by Friday, August 14, 2020, on the NYC DOT feedback portal. The specific locations identified would be on the roadbed and sidewalk. Citibike station installations on the roadbed would impact approximately 3 parking spaces and locations placed on the sidewalk would include segments for approximately 20-22 bikes. DOT has a grid network which serves as a basis for where Citibike installations would occur. DOT's mission is to provide environmentally friendly and responsible transportation options throughout the city.

Mr. Dudley suggested that community residents who feel that existing Citibike station locations which are inappropriate, can identify alternate locations and include the alternate locations in an email to jdudley@cb.nyc.gov. Mr. Dudley will then forward an email to DOT for review of the alternate locations, to determine if the alternate locations are within the network grid.

- Ms. Olympia Jay Striplin, board member, stated that she had the pleasure of working at the polls on Election Day and was inspired by so many new voters; however, ballots were not filled out correctly. Ms. Striplin asked if there was a way to have Public Service Announcements PSA's, educating new voters on how to correctly fill out their ballots. Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera stated that there are various websites and organizations which specifically address the issue of voting in the community. Bronx Community Board Three would like to increase the number of voters within the district, along with educating each person on how to vote so that their vote is counted.
- AM Elect Chantel Jackson stated that the next election will look different due to the implementation of "ranked-choice voting. Ranked-choice, or instant-runoff voting, allows voters to choose multiple candidates and rank them by order of preference. ***At this time for the record, I experienced technical difficulties relating to inaudible sounds.**
- Bishop Rodney Canion of New Gospel Temple and representing "In Time of Need Inc". and Mr. Eric Darrisaw, representative from Community Green Energy, came to invite the community at-large to a webinar on Tuesday, November 17th at 6:00pm. Mr. Darrisaw stated that he had come before the Housing, Land-Use and Economic Development Committee in 2017 regarding a project under the NYS Community Distributed Generation Program, which is to bring renewable energy to NYS communities. Community Green Energy was funded and awarded a Pre Development Grant in 2019. Community Green Energy has launched a project in January 2020, and are now moving forward. This is one of the first projects being funded by the the NYS Energy Research & Development Authority in the Bronx under the Community Distributed Generation program. Mr. Darrisaw added that the NYC Climate Mobilization Act is geared at bringing renewable energy projects and energy efficiency to NYC businesses and residents. A Survey will be conducted to determine what is everyone's level of understanding regarding renewable energy as a policy goal. Meeting information will be forwarded to those on Bronx Community Board Three's list serve.
- Marilyn Johnson, board member, asked if the Community Board had thoughts on recognizing/honoring the passing of the late Mr. Terrence Poldosky, active board member. Rev. Dr. Rivera stated that the board lifted up his name in remembrance at the November 2020 meeting; however, we had not received any contact from his family. The Rev. Dr. Rivera asked if she could facilitate contact with the family, so that a memorial ceremony could be planned.

Members Requesting to be Excused

Kathy Johnson-Morris

Motion

It was motioned by Keziah Sullivan and seconded by Linda Kemp, to excuse the following member(s):

Kathy Johnson-Morris

All In Favor

Motion Carried

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Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

It was motioned by Valdmir Cruz and seconded by Linda Kemp, to approve the October 13, 2020, General Board minutes, with any necessary corrections, if there be any.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Amendments to the Agenda

Currently, there were no amendments to the agenda.

Chairperson's Report

Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera spoke briefly on the following:

- Bronx Community Board Three was saddened to hear about the passing of the late Terrence Poldosky, board member, who had succumbed to COVID. Bronx Community Board Three was not able to contact the family and provide them with a proper resolution for the exemplary service he had with the community board.
- Keep Mr. Wilbert Tee Lawton and his family in prayer regarding the passing of his mother.
- Correspondence from the Civilian Complaint Review Board – The CCRB has published new rules for public comment that would empower the agency to investigate sexual misconduct and allegations of untruthful statements made by members of service against civilians in official proceedings or on official NYPD or court documents. The CCRB will hold a public hearing on the prospsed ruling on Wednesday, December 9th at 4:00pm via webex. This correspondence will be e-blasted to those on Bronx Community Board Three's list serve.
- Correspondence from Mr. Tom Lucania, director of Community Boards at the The Bronx Borough President's Office – Board members are required to take the yearly Anti Sexual Harassment Training. The Borough President has now mandated that board members take Diversity and Inclusion Training offered by DCAS. Board members will be required to take this training once during each term. Steps are being taken to allow Board members access to said trainings from their personal computers. Board members will receive letters regarding this new requirement.
- Rev. Dr. Rivera introduced and presented Mr. Wilson Ramirez, Mr. Maurice Gray, Ms. Joyce Almeida, Mr. Paul Narvarro, Mr. Pablo Mendezo and Mr. Aazam Otero, and requested a hearty welcome to our highschool board member Sarah Torres. Ms Sarah Torres is a high school junior who was interested in local government and wanted to get involved in her community. She emailed CM Rafael Salamanca. CM Salamanca offered her an internship which she accepted along with an internship at Bronx Community Board Four. Ms. Torres was at an event where she met Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., who instructed her to get involved in her local Community Board. Ms. Torres thanked everyone for their warm welcome.

District Manager's Report

At this time, Mr. John Dudley, district manager, provided an oral report and administered Bronx Community Board Three's Public Hearing on the FY'2022 Capital and Expense Budget, in line with the Community District Needs Statement. The district manager also provided reports on the Capital & Expense Budget items which are being re-submitted for FY'2022. Additionally, a summary of all capital budget requests included in the FY' 2021 capital commitment plan, was provided to members of the board, by the district manager.

The district manager stated that the NYC Charter requires that all public hearing Notices be advertised in the City Record through the NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services at least two weeks prior to the public hearing, and that Bronx Community Board Three is in line with said requirement. Mr. Dudley noted that Bronx Community Board Three is a non-mayoral city agency, with a role for participation in the NYC Budget process in accordance with the NYC Charter. He added that as a non-mayoral agency, Bronx Community Board Three has proven effective in securing mayoral, city council and Bronx Borough President funding commitments for many of its capital and expense budget recommendations throughout the years.

At this time, Mr. Dudley requested any testimony or comment from the public on new capital or expense budget recommendations for FY' 2022, for board consideration. Mr. Dudley stated that there can be up to 40 capital budget requests and 25 expense budget requests submitted as part of the budget submission process.

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PUBLIC HEARING - OPEN

Recommendation - Add renovation of PSA 186 Playground on Prospect Avenue (Cauldwell Enrichment Program; Lonnie Hardy)

PUBLIC HEARING – CLOSED

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE DISTRICT MANAGER AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE NOVEMBER 10, 2020 BOARD MINUTES:

- FY' 2022 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS BY PRIORITY**
- FY' 2022 EXPENSE BUDGET REQUESTS BY PRIORITY**
- FY' 2021 CAPITAL COMMITMENT PLAN FOR BRONX COMMUNITY DISTRICT THREE**

It was motioned by Rev. Frederick Crawford and seconded by Dawn Carter, to approve the FY'2022 Capital and Expense Budget requests.

ALL IN FAVOR

Yes

No

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A question was raised to change the rules that would make allowances for consensus voting, as opposed to requiring a roll call vote. Mr. Dudley will check to see if it is appropriate in line with the NYC Charter requirements.

New Business

Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera stated that if anyone is experiencing technical difficulties in accessing the Cisco Webex virtual teleconference platform for participation in Bronx Community Board Three general board meetings, to please email him at brivera@cb.nyc.gov.

Community Announcements

- Ms. Rita Jones, Future Star Productions representative, will be giving out turkeys and trimmings on November 20, 2020, 4:00pm at 1344 Clinton Avenue between 169th and 170th Streets.
- Thanked all Veterans for their service.
- Rev. Frederick Crawford, Pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church, will be feeding the community from 10:00am-12noon on November 23rd
- Ms. Linda Kemp, board member, has Botanical Gardens tickets available for the Train Show
- Slake channel for Bronx Community Board Three members to keep in touch with one another

Benediction

Rev. Frederick Crawford led us in prayer.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

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