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Bronx Community Board Three

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RUBEN DIAZ, JR.
BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

REV. DR. BRUCE C. RIVERA
CHAIR

VACANT
DISTRICT MANAGER

BOARD MINUTES

Date: 11/9/2021
 Place: Remote Teleconference
 Time: 6:00 P.M.

Members Present

Xiomara Arriola
 Joetta Brown
 Dawn Carter
 Leonardo Coello
 Gilberto Constantinez
 Rev. Frederick Crawford
 Vladimir Cruz
 Randy Dillard
 Wanda Ellis
 Maurice Gray
 Marilyn Johnson
 Kathy Johnson-Morris
 Abraham Jones
 Rita Jones
 Linda Kemp
 Victor Latimer, Jr.
 Una Lawrence
 Tracie Lucas Lord
 Aubrey Mike
 Gina L. Newton
 Paul Navarro
 Aazam Otero
 Anddy Perdomo
 Amanda Reed
 Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera
 Wilson Ramirez
 Alexis Salgado
 Olympia Jay Striplin Laila Patino
 Keziah Sullivan
 Sarah Torres

Staff Present

Etta F. Ritter

Members Excused

Kolaco Acqui
 Gloria Alston
 Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr
 D’Andra Van Heusen-Thomas
 Patrick Willis

Members Absent

Nelson Delerme
 Joshua Diaz
 Pablo Mendoza

CM Vanessa Gibson’s Office

CM Vanessa Gibson
 Michael Ivory

SS Luis Sepulveda’s Office

SS Luis Sepulveda
 Ritchard Ewings

Congressman Ritchie Torres’ Office

Ron Jordan

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CM Rafael Salamanca's Office

Shanna Knotts

SS Gustavo Rivera's Office

SS Gustavo Rivera
Tiara Davis

Bronx Borough President's Office

Tom Lucania

Bronx District Attorney's Office

Carlos Torres

Call To Order

Rev. Dr. Bruce C. Rivera, chair of Bronx Community Board Three, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Invocation

Rev. Frederick Crawford led us in prayer.

CISCO WebEx Meeting Etiquette

Dr. Rivera requested that the CISCO WebEx meeting etiquette be adhered to as follows:

- Each speaker shall be limited to 2 minutes.
- Each representative from an elected official's office shall be limited to 2 minutes.
- Each elected official shall be limited to 3 minutes.
- Attendees were instructed to email fliers, announcements, or notification of program services to the attention of Etta Ritter at eritter@cb.nyc.gov.
- Cross talk is not allowed during the meeting.
- The chat box is used for general questions, with respect to the items on the agenda.
- Do not use the chat box to convey your personal opinions.
- Rita Jones, Sgt.-at-arms/Parliamentarian, will intercede in instances where there is a departure from the meeting decorum, and if necessary, a stop clock will be used to manage the flow of the meeting.

Community Concerns/Exchange of Information/Announcements

At this time, Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera requested that those who would like to make an announcement, address a concern, or introduce themselves to please put their information in the chat box or raise their hand to be acknowledged as follows:

- Ms. Georgia Katsalis, representative from the Safe Haven Program at Lutheran Social Services, stated that the Safe Haven Program through a contract with the Office of Refugee Resettlement provides temporary shelter and foster care to unaccompanied minors who arrive in from the border without a parent or a guardian. Ms. Katsalis stated that the Safe Haven Program needs bilingual foster parents to provide a loving and nurturing home environment for these minors until they are reunited with their families. Ms. Katsalis can be contacted at 917-684-8861 or via email at gkatsalis@lssy.org for those interested in becoming a foster parent.

Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera informed those in attendance of the recent passing of the Late Lacena Knight, daughter of Ms. Rita Jones, board member. Rev. Rivera requested that everyone keep Ms. Jones and her family in prayer.

Rev. Dr. Rivera congratulated Mr. Maurice Gray and Mrs. Tracie Lucas Lord for graduating from the Citizens Police Academy.

Roll Call

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

Members Requesting to be Excused

Kolaco Acqui
Gloria Alston
Rev Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas
Patrick Willis

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Motion

It was motioned and seconded to excuse the following member(s):

Kolaco Acqui
Gloria Alston
Rev Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas
Patrick Willis

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

It was motioned by Olympia Jay Stripplin and seconded by Linda Kemp, to approve the October 12, 2021 General Board minutes, with any necessary corrections, if there be any.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Amendments to the Agenda

Dr. Rivera requested that a motion be made to extend the meeting 30 minutes to hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the **Capital and Expense Budget Request for FY'2023**.

MOTION

It was motioned by Gina Newton and seconded by Alexis Salgado to approve extending the meeting for an extra 30 minutes to hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the **Capital and Expense Budget Request for FY'2023**.

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

Elected Officials' Reports

SS Luis Sepulveda's Report – 32nd Senate District

SS Luis Sepulveda's stated that Gov. Hochul is sponsoring the "**Vaccinate, Educate, Graduate Program for young New Yorkers**". Parents and guardians of children ages 5 through 11 who receive their first vaccine dose by December 19th can enter the State's incentive program for a chance for their child to win a full scholarship to any two- or four-year SUNY or CUNY college or university; the scholarship includes tuition, room, and board. Ten winners will be announced each week beginning November 24th, with a total of 50 winners being selected over the five-week period.

Ms. Michelle Richards, representative from SS Luis Sepulveda's office, stated that the office was open by appointment only and briefly spoke on the resources the SS office is providing. Ms. Richards also provided information in the chat. At this time, a written report for this period was not provided. Please contact the State Senator's office to request information on initiatives and resources at 718-991-3161 or email his office at team@senatorsepulveda.com

CM Vanessa Gibson's Report – 16th Council District

Bronx Borough President Elect Vanessa Gibson thanked everyone for their support during the election process. As Councilwoman of the 16th District Ms. Gibson continues to plan events for the upcoming Holiday Season. In closing, as Bronx Borough President-Elect she is transitioning herself and her team for God's next assignment as the next Bronx Borough President. At this time, a written report was not provided. Time sensitive information was exchanged. Please contact the Councilmember's office at 718-588-7500, to request information on Thanksgiving, food giveaways, initiatives and resources provided or send an email to District16Bronx@council.nyc.gov.

District Attorney Darcel Clark's Report

Mr. Carlos Torres, representative from DA Darcel Clark, Bronx County District Attorney's Office, did not provide a written report. Please contact the DA's office to request information on initiatives and resources at 646-319-6525.

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CM Rafael Salamanca's Report- 17th Council District

Ms. Shanna Knotts, deputy chief of staff from CM Rafael Salamanca's office, did not provide a written report for this period. Please contact the Councilmember's office via email at Salmanca@council.nyc.gov or Sknotts@council.nyc.gov, and by phone at (917) 837-6226. Please follow CM Salamanca via social media platforms on **Facebook or Instagram at CMSalamanca or on twitter at Salmancajr80**.

SS Gustavo Rivera Report – 33rd Senate District

SS Guastavo Rivera

Ms. Tiara Davis, representative from SS Gustavo Rivera's office did not provide a written report. Please contact the State Senator's office to request information on initiatives and resources at 718-933-2034, or send an email to lachrist@nysenate.gov.

Congressman Ritchie Torres –

Mr. Ronn Jordan, representative from Congressman Ritchie Torres' office, provided the following report for the period covering October 13th through November 9, 2021:

Bi-partisan Infrastructure Bill

- **Rep. Ritchie Torres voted YES**
- **Next step: Push for Passage of the Build Back Better Framework (BBB/Human Infrastructure bill)**

Total: \$1 Trillion

New York specific funding copied below:

Highway Funding:

Specifically for New York:

- \$11.5 billion for the usual reauthorization apportionments
- \$142 million for EV charging infrastructure
- \$1.9 billion from a new vehicular bridge repair formula program

Airport funding: \$937,030,865

Rail Funding: \$59 billion

Billions to address water contaminants:

- Billions for the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds
- \$15 billion carve out within the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to replace lead service lines
- \$10 billion in grants to address emerging contaminants

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure:

- \$7.5 billion to build out a national network of EV chargers.
- \$5 billion will be dedicated to replacing public transportation like buses with zero-emission vehicles, including electric school buses.

Closes federal loopholes on limo safety:

1. Establish a program to provide funding for states to impound unsafe vehicles;
2. Mandate that the Department of Transportation (DOT) establish a mandatory annual inspection regime;
3. Conduct formal research and rulemaking on limo side-impact protection, roof crush assistance, and airbag systems;
4. Conduct formal research and rule making on how to evacuate limo passengers more easily and safely in emergency situations;
5. Mandate limo operators conspicuously share their vehicle inspection history with prospective customers;
6. Create a formal definition of a limousine in federal statute, making it easier to create safety standards for this type of vehicle.

High-Speed Internet: \$65 billion available nationally

Eliminating Pollution in NY: Billions of dollars in funding to remediate pollution throughout New York.

- **\$3.5 billion available for 5 years for the Remedial account within the Hazardous Substance Superfund.** This section of the bill would allow the Environmental Protection Agency to invest in clean-ups and continue moving forward on remedial actions for Superfund sites. Schumer has a long history fighting to clean up Superfund sites, and most recently visited the asbestos-ridden TechCity Site which was the home of IBM before the computer giant sold the property in 1998. There, he called for the EPA to begin cleaning up the toxic site in order to usher in new economic opportunities for Ulster communities. The senator also fought hard to protect federal funding for Superfund site cleanup last year when the previous administration proposed \$100 million in cuts to the Hazardous Substance Superfund program.
- **\$1.2 billion for the Brownfields competitive grants** while raising grant caps for half of the competitive grant funding under this section (\$600 million). Schumer has championed federal funding for Brownfield cleanup in the Senate, delivering \$1 million for sites throughout the Rochester region and Central New York in 2018 and nearly \$570 thousand for the Brownfields Response Program which assists sites all over New York in 2017.
- **\$1.5 billion equally distributed over 5 years for State and Tribal Assistance Grants: Brownfields** This section of the bill would provide significant investment into the Brownfields program to help communities, States, Tribes and others to assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse contaminated properties.

42nd Precinct Community Council – President

Rev. Loren Russell, president of the 42nd Community Council, thanked everyone in attendance for allowing him to say Hello and he was in attendance to show his support.

Bronx Borough President's Report

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Mr. Tom Lucania, Director of Community Boards and Legislative Affairs at the Bronx Borough President's Office, provided a written report which was distributed to those on Bronx Community Board Three's listserv. Mr. Tom Lucania thanked Ms. Ritter for keeping the Board informed over the past 6 months and of

Chairperson's Report

Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera stated that Bronx Community Board Three will be hosting its Public Hearing on the FY'2023 Capital and Expense Budget. Dr. Rivera stated that if anyone was interested in making in recommendations and or comments on the FY'2023 Capital & Expense Budget to put their name in the chat and when the **Public Hearing is Open** they will be allowed to speak. All recommendations and comments will be considered for submission to be included in the FY'2023 Capital & Expense Budget.

Acting Assistant District Manager's Report

At this time, Etta Ritter, acting assistant district manager, provided an oral report and administered Bronx Community Board Three's Public Hearing on the FY'2023 Capital and Expense Budget, in line with the Community District Needs Statement. Ms. Ritter also provided reports on the Capital & Expense Budget items which are being re-submitted for FY'2023. Additionally, a summary of all capital budget requests included in the FY' 2022 capital commitment plan, was provided to members of the board.

Ms. Ritter 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. Ms. Ritter noted that Bronx Community Board Three is a non-mayoral city agency, with a role for participating in the NYC Budget process in accordance with the NYC Charter. She 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.

PUBLIC HEARING - OPEN

At this time, Ms. Ritter requested any testimony or comment from the public on new capital or expense budget recommendations for FY' 2023, for board consideration. Ms. Ritter stated that there can be up to 40 capital budget requests and 25 expense budget requests submitted as part of the budget submission process.

The following persons requested to speak:

- Ms. Lindsay Kemp requested that Capital Budget Priority #6 Drew Playground request for additional Enhanced lighting in the basketball area within Drew Park.
- Ms. Kemp requested a new line item in the Expense Budget Priorities for additional Park personnel for Drew Playground to provide programming
- Ms. Olympia Jay Stripplin requested that all HVAC Systems be equipped with a "Germ Viral Infiltration System" to mitigate COVID-19.
- Mr. Aazam Otero requested that Capital Budget Priority #22 be revised to omit Block 2979, Lots 30,31,33,55 & 57 to exclude Morning Glory Garden
- Ms. Sarah Torres requested that Expense Budget Priority #'s 26, 27 & 28 be moved up to 24, 25, & 26

PUBLIC HEARING – CLOSED

Ms. Ritter requested that a motion to approve the resubmissions for Capital and Expense Budget for FY2023 with the requested submissions be made at this time.

MOTION

It was motioned and seconded to approve the FY'2023 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities with the new amendments.

Yes

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No

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MOTION CARRIED

Committee Reports

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Housing, Land-Use & Economic Development Committee

The Housing, Land-Use & Economic Development Committee came to a consensus to recommend approval of a letter of support for ABLE House to temporarily be relocated to 1548 Bryant Avenue a vacant SRO property for approximately 3 years, to house 20 individuals that have completed inpatient treatment services, with a condition that a Community Advisory Board be established, at the next regularly scheduled General Board meeting in November.

!! VOTE REQUIRED !!

Mr. Aazam Otero, co-chairperson of the Housing, Land-Use & Economic Development Committee, provided a thorough recap of the formal presentation by Mr. Luis Laboy, representative from Emma Bowen Community Center. Mr. Otero concluded by requesting that a motion be made to approve a letter of support for ABLE House to temporarily be relocated to 1548 Bryant Avenue a vacant SRO property for approximately 3 years, to house 20 individuals that have completed inpatient treatment services, with a condition that a Community Advisory Board be established.

MOTION

It was motioned by Gina Newton and seconded by Dawn Carter to approve a letter of support for ABLE House to temporarily be relocated to 1548 Bryant Avenue a vacant SRO property for approximately 3 years, to house 20 individuals that have completed inpatient treatment services, with a condition that a Community Advisory Board be established

YES

NO

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MOTION CARRIED

New Business

At this time, everyone born in the month of November was requested to raise their hands and be acknowledged. Everyone in attendance sang "Happy Birthday" to those born in November.

Benediction

Rev. Abraham Jones led us in prayer.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

If you wish to view the meeting in its entirety ctrl click to follow link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0R672Y6bLwo&t=1278s>

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