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CHAIRPERSON EMERITUS

REV. FREDERICK CRAWFORD
ACTING CHAIR

VACANT
DISTRICT MANAGER

BOARD MINUTES

Date: 6/14/2022
 Place: Remote Teleconference
 Time: 6:00 P.M.

Members Present

Kolaco Acqui
 Gloria Alston
 Xiomara Arriola
 Joetta Brown
 Dawn Carter
 Gilberto Consantinez
 Rev. Frederick Crawford
 Vladimir Cruz
 Randy Dillard
 Wanda Ellis
 Maurice Gray
 Marilyn Johnson
 Kathy Morris
 Abraham Jones
 Rita Jones
 Victor Latimer
 Linda Kemp
 Una Lawrence
 Tracie Lucas Lord
 Gina L. Newton
 Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
 Aazam Otero
 Wilson Ramirez
 Amanda Reed
 Alexis Salgado
 Olympia Jay Striplin
 Keziah Sullivan
 Sarah Torres
 Patrick Willis

Staff Present

Etta F. Ritter

Members Excused

Aubrey Mike
 D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas

Members Absent

Joshua Diaz

SS Luis Sepulveda's Office

SS Luis Sepulveda
 Ritchard Ewing

CM Rafael Salamanca's Office

Shanna Knotts

AM Chantel Jackson's Office

Adrian Cacho

Bronx Borough President's Office

Thierno Bah

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Call To Order

Rev. Frederick Crawford, acting chair of Bronx Community Board Three, called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm.

Invocation

Min. Abraham Jones led us in prayer.

Rev. Frederick Crawford stated per the City Charter requirement Bronx Community Board Three will be hosting its Public Hearing on tonight. At this time, Ms. Rita Jones, Sgt. at Arms/Parliamentarian, will be keeping track of time.

Bronx Community Board Three has adhered to the requirement to post the "Public Hearing Notice" in a visible location for constituents to view, media outlets, CBOs, and community stakeholders, were sent "notices" electronically and the "notice" was uploaded on Bronx Community Board Three's Website, per the city charter, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Rev. Frederick Crawford stated that the Public Hearings subject of discussion will be on ULURP Application #C220380HAX in the matter of an application submitted by the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development which requires board approval. The community-at-large and stakeholders will be given an opportunity to ask a question or comment on the presentation, once the Public Hearing is Open. Anyone wishing to speak can raise their hand or request to speak in the chat box.

Ms. Etta Ritter, acting assistant district manager at Bronx Community Board Three, stated that representatives from the NYC Housing, Preservation and Development agency along with Erickson Real Estate Inc. and JCAL Development Group came before the Housing, Land-Use and Economic Development Committee requesting that the designation of property located at 1312-1314 Chisholm Street (Block 2972, Lots 15 & 16) as an Urban Development Action Area (UDAA) and be approved as an Urban Development Action Area Project (UDAAP); and that the disposition of the city-owned project area (1312-1314 Chisholm Street) between Jennings and Freeman Streets, be developed into a 6-story, 23-unit co-op building to Erickson Real Estate Inc. and JCAL Development Group. This project is part of the Morrisania-Morris Heights Cluster site.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ms. Winifred Hamilton-Campbell, Deputy Director, Bronx Planning Office, NYC Department of Housing, Preservation and Development, stated that Sandra Erickson of Erickson Real Estate, William Bollinger and Josh Weissman from JCAL Development Group, and Mr. Jack Coogan from OCV Architects made a formal presentation at the Housing, Land-Use and Economic Development Committee meeting in May. At that meeting, a request was made to recommend approval of **ULURP APPLICATION #C 220380HAX**, for the development of 23 affordable homeownership units, at the General Board meeting in June 2022.

Ms. Hamilton-Campbell and the project team are requesting Bronx Community Board Three's approval for the designation of property located at 1312-1314 Chisholm Street (Block 2972, Lots, 15 & 16) as an Urban Development Action Area (UDAA); and for the disposition of the city-owned Urban Development Action Area Project (UDAAP) to facilitate the development of a six-story building containing approximately 23 affordable housing units; and for such disposition of such property to Erickson Real Estate and JCAL Development Group. The proposed development is part of a larger affordable housing project throughout Morrisania-Morris Heights, consisting of 12 residential buildings with a total of approximately 78 rental and homeownership units.

U.L.U.R.P. APPLICATION #220380HAX – The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD or "Applicant") submits this application to facilitate a new approximately 20,626 square foot residential development. The proposed development will comprise approximately 23 affordable homeownership units ("Proposed Development") on Block 2972, Lots 15 and 16 in the Morrisania neighborhood of Community District 3 in the Bronx ("Development Site" or "Project Area"). The proposed development is part of a larger affordable housing project throughout Morrisania-Morris Heights, consisting of 12 residential buildings with a total of approximately 78 rental and homeownership units. To facilitate the proposed development, the Applicant proposes the following actions:

Morrisania Open Door - U.L.U.R.P. APPLICATION #C 220380HAX – In the Matter of an application submitted by the NYC Department of Housing, Preservation and Development (HPD);

- 1) pursuant to Article 16 of the General Municipal Law of New York State for:
 - a. **the designation of property located at 1312-1314 Chisholm Street (Block 2872, Lots 15, and 16) as an Urban Development Action Area ("UDAA");**
 - b. **an Urban Development Action Area Project (UDAAP) for such area; and**

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- 2) pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter for the disposition of such property to a developer to be selected by HPD; To facilitate the development of a six-story building containing approximately 23 affordable housing units, Borough of the Bronx, Community District 3

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

The Public Hearing was open to entertaining comments or concerns:

Marilyn Johnson requested information on Community Board preferences given to those living in Community District. Three.
 Gilberto Constantinez was in favor of the homeownership development project.
 Rita Jones requested area median income (AMI) information.
 Maurice Gray was in favor of this homeownership project

There were no other comments or questions to entertain.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Motion

It was motioned by Gloria Alston and seconded by Gilberto Constantinez to approve U.L.U.R.P. Application #C 220380HAX for the designation of property located at 1312-1314 Chisholm Street (Block 2972, Lots, 15 & 16) as an Urban Development Action Area (UDAA); and for the disposition of the city-owned Urban Development Action Area Project (UDAAP) to facilitate the development of a six-story building containing approximately 23 affordable housing units; and for such disposition of such property to Erickson Real Estate and JCAL Development Group

YES	NO	ABSTAIN
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Motion Carried

Ms. Hamilton-Campbell thanked Community Board Three for their support and will inform the board of the approval processes.

CISCO WebEx Meeting Etiquette

Meeting etiquette 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

Rev. Crawford has suggested that all community concerns and announcements be forwarded to Ms. Etta Ritter at eritter@cb.nyc.gov, prior to the meeting. This is helpful to ensure a thorough and timely meeting. Rev. Crawford has also encouraged all board members to join a committee and become active.

Randy Dillard, a board member stated that the statewide Right to Counsel legislation is a campaign launched to transform the courts from evicting tenants to a place that upholds tenants’ rights and holds landlords accountable and enables tenants to remain in their homes.

Ms. Marisol Duran, a community resident, and concerned citizen informed the board of her disapproval of an off-street parking lot by the New York Junior Tennis League at Crotona Avenue in Crotona Park. The proposed 11-car parking lot would be used by the sponsors who attend the Cary Leeds Tennis Center. Ms. Duran stated that residents were not given proper notice regarding the use of the park for the construction of a parking lot.

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Ms. Duran noted residents within the community district did not have access to internet/Wi-Fi services during the time that this matter came before the Parks and Recreation committee. This community district has a high rate of people who suffer from asthma, the project entailed cutting down healthy trees and it would not be aesthetically pleasing to construct an 11-space parking lot at the proposed location.

It was noted by Ms. Ritter that this matter had come before the Parks and Recreation committee in February 2021 after several years of requesting additional parking from the NYC Department of Transportation. This has been an ongoing need since the inception of the Cary Leeds Tennis Center. The NYC Department of Transportation reconfigured Crotona Avenue and added a bike lane. This addition made it not possible to install angle parking. Again, after many meetings, the NYJTL officials spoke with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, and an agreement was made that the NYJTL would pay for the construction to build the parking lot. The project does not entail the cutting down of any healthy trees the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation only cuts down trees that are unhealthy and diseased.

Mr. Wali Abdun-Noor the director of the South Bronx Emergency Network has partnered with Chuck Frank, a professor at Metropolitan College in a Constructive Action Project to provide equitable broadband access. Undergraduate students who attend Metropolitan College will receive free broadband access via True Connect and Tablets that cost \$11.00.

Elected Officials' Reports

CM Rafael Salamanca's Report- 17th Council District Report

Ms. Shanna Knotts, deputy chief of staff from CM Rafael Salamanca's office provided a written report as follows:

Constituent Services/Office Operations

- Our office is open and in full operation, to host community events, provide constituent services and to offer immigration assistance by appointment only. Those looking for assistance can call us at [\(718\) 402-6130](tel:7184026130) or email our office at Salamanca@council.nyc.gov.

District Cleaning Assistance

- Each year, Council Member Salamanca allocates funding for supplemental cleaning services in the district. If there is a particular corridor in the community that needs to be cleaned, please contact our office for further assistance.

Recently Introduced Legislation

- Resolution 172 – a resolution calling on New York State to increase the number of Commissioners on the Public Service Commission and permit New York City to appoint two of its Commissioners. As the Public Service Commission oversees the state's electric, gas, steam, telecommunications, and water utilities, allowing the city to appoint two commissioners to the commission gives the city a seat at the table, especially considering the recent Con Edison monthly bill hikes that have impacted so many New York City Residents. *Reso 172 will be heard at the Committee on Consumer & Worker Protection on **Friday, June 10, 2022.***
- Introduction 362 – a bill that would require the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to submit quarterly reports to the Council regarding affordable housing development project closings that involve any form of city financial assistance. The quarterly reports would include the amount of city financial assistance received by the developer, the date the project received ULURP approval, and the estimated and actual closing dates for any financial assistance provided by the City.
- Introduction 431 – a bill that would require the Department of Homeless Services to provide biannual customer service training to all staff members, including those working for a provider under contract or similar agreement with the department, who have direct contact with shelter residents.
- Introduction 432 – a bill that requires owners of multiple dwellings to annually inspect soil in areas on the premises of a multiple dwelling, partially or wholly covered in soil and accessible to persons other than those employed to maintain such premises. If the lead level of that soil is above the soil lead reference level, the owner must notify the Department of Housing Preservation and Development and cover, replace or remediate that area immediately.

Upcoming Events

- On Saturday June 25th, Council Member Salamanca will host his annual Longwood Festival from 12pm - 6pm. The event will feature Brenda K. Star, Los Hermanos Colon, and our headliner will be Tony Rosario. The event will take place on Longwood Avenue between Southern Boulevard & Dawson Street.
- On Tuesday, June 28th the Council Member will be hosting a Community Board Appreciation BBQ at the Bronx Zoo. If you are interested in attending please speak with your District Manager to RSVP.
- On Thursday, June 30th, Council Member Salamanca will be kicking off our Summer Community Movie Nights Series starting with a showing of Clifford The Big Red Dog at Playground 52

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How to connect with Team Salamanca

- Facebook: Facebook.com/CMSalamanca
- Twitter: @CMSalamancaJr
- Instagram: @cmsalamancajr_d17

Please contact the Councilmember's office, located at 1070 Southern Boulevard or via email at Salamanca@council.nyc.gov or Sknotts@council.nyc.gov, and by phone at (917) 837-6226.

Hon. Vanessa L. Gibson - Bronx Borough President's Report

Mr. Thierno Bah, the representative from the Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson's office, stated that The Bronx Borough President's Report for the month of June was forwarded to those on Bronx Community Board Three's listserv. Mr. Bah discussed time-sensitive events.

Please contact Mr. Thierno Bah to request information on the Borough President's initiatives and events via email at tbah@bronxbp.nyc.gov.

Assembly Member Chantel Jackson's Report -79th Assembly District

Assembly Member Chantel Jackson did not provide a written report. Time-sensitive event information was exchanged.

Assemblymember Chantel Jackson's office is located at 780 Concourse Village West Ground FL, Professional Bronx NY 10451. Please contact the Assembly Members' office to request information on initiatives and resources via email "constituent matters" at help79districtbx@gmail.com, or for "scheduling requests" email: schedulingbx79@gmail.com.

SS Luis Sepulveda's Report – 32nd Senate District

State Senator Luis Sepulveda's Office did not provide a written report. Information was exchanged relating to redistricting lines, ghost guns are defined as firearms; and microstamping bullets. Mr. Richard Ewings, representing SS Luis Sepulveda's Office spoke on time-sensitive events.

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

Roll Call

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

Members Requesting to be Excused

D'Andra Van-Heusen Thomas
Aubrey Mike

Motion

It was motioned by Gloria Alston and seconded by Rev. Frederick Crawford to excuse the following member(s):

D'Andra Van-Heusen Thomas
Aubrey Mike

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

It was motioned by Abraham Jones and seconded by Dawn Carter, to approve the May 10, 2022, General Board minutes, with any necessary corrections, if there be any.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Amendments to the Agenda

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There were no amendments to the agenda.

Chairperson's Report

- **Bronx Community Board Three's Election of Officers – June 2022**

!! VOTE REQUIRED !!

Ms. Wanda Ellis, the chairperson of the Nominations Committee, read each position and requested nominations from the floor. She asked that each nominee accept or decline the position before entertaining the voting process.

Ms. Ellis and her committee consisting of Victor Latimer, Tracie Lucas Lord, and Maurice Gray assisted in the Election of Officers.

Following are the results of the tally taken:

Chairperson

Rev. Frederick Crawford	18
Vladimir Cruz	8

1st Vice-Chairperson

Joetta Brown	UNANIMOUS/UNOPPOSED
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2nd Vice-Chairperson

Kolaco Acqui	UNANIMOUS/UNOPPOSED
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Secretary

Keziah Sullivan-Norman	UNANIMOUS/UNOPPOSED
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Treasurer

Kathy Morris	UNANIMOUS/UNOPPOSED
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Sgt.-At-Arms/Parliamentarian

Gilberto Constantinez	7
Rita Jones	19

The "Elected Officers" are as follows:

Rev. Frederick Crawford	Chairperson
Joetta Brown	1 st Vice Chairperson
Kolaco Acqui	2 nd Vice Chairperson
Keziah Sullivan-Norman	Secretary
Kathy Morris	Treasurer
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Rev. Frederick Crawford, chair requested that a motion be made to empower the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Board during summer recess 2022.

Motion

It was motioned by Gloria Alston and seconded by Rev. Abraham Jones, to approve a resolution to empower the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Board during summer recess (July-August 2022)

YES

NO

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MOTION CARRIED**Committee Reports****Housing, Land-Use & Economic Development Committee Report**

Kyle Gebhart, representative, DOT
 Keith Kalb, interim Borough Commissioner, DOT
 Holly Malone, representative, DOT

The Housing, Land-Use & Economic Development Committee made a motion to recommend approval for a letter of acknowledgement to DOT's proposed conceptual design for improvements to the BX6 SBS South Bronx (East- West) Crosstown bus line capital improvements project to install bus boarding islands, bus pads, curb extensions at key intersections along East 161st Street to East 163rd Street and Prospect Avenue, in Community District Three.

Motion

It was motioned and seconded to approve a letter of acknowledgement for DOT's proposed conceptual design for improvements to the BX6 SBS South Bronx (East- West) Crosstown bus line capital improvements project to install bus boarding islands, bus pads, curb extensions at key intersections along East 161st Street to East 163rd Street and Prospect Avenue, in Community District Three.

YES

NO

Search Committee

Ms. Joetta Brown, chairperson of the Search Committee stated that the committee has advertised the District Manager position and they have begun to receive resumes. The committee will review all resumes received and will determine who will be interviewed.

New Business

Gloria Alston, Chairperson Emeritus, Bronx Community Board Three

Topic: Bronx Community Board Three's 2022 Graduation Honoree Sarah Torres

Ms. Gloria Alston the chairperson emeritus of Bronx Community Board Three & founder of Grandparents & other relatives raising their grandkids (GRANNY), presented Ms. Sarah Torres, "youth" board member of Bronx Community Board Three, with a monetary check, bible, quilt, and other essentials to assist her during her freshman year at Syracuse University.

Ms. Sarah Torres received well wishes from members and community partners in attendance. Ms. Torres thanked everyone for their words of encouragement.

Sickness, Distress & Birthdays

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

Benediction

Rev. Frederick Crawford led us in prayer.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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