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Bronx Community Board Three

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RUBEN DIAZ, JR.
BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

GLORIA ALSTON
CHAIRWOMAN

JOHN W. DUDLEY
DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL BOARD MINUTES

Date: 1/8/19
 Time: 6:10PM
 Location: 1332 Fulton Avenue

Members Present

Gloria Alston
 Xiomara Arriola
 Dawn Carter
 Nelson Delerme
 Abdourahamane Diallo
 Randy Dillard
 Francis Dsouza
 Wanda Ellis
 Abdul Johnson
 Marilyn Johnson
 Abraham Jones
 Linda Kemp
 Wilbert Tee Lawton
 Elizabeth Luciany
 Marlon Molina
 Judith Ojo
 Laila Patino
 Anddy Perdomo
 Terrence Podolsky
 Lanet Rivera
 Carmen Rodriguez
 Alexis Salgado
 Cassandra Saunders
 Olympia Jay Striplin
 Keziah Sullivan
 Patrick Willis

Bronx Borough President's Office

Tom Lucania

Staff Present

John W. Dudley
 Etta F. Ritter

Members Excused

Kolaco Acqui
 Winifred Bama
 Joetta Brown
 Gilberto Constantinez
 Rev. Frederick Crawford
 Kathy Johnson-Morris
 Rita Jones
 Una Lawrence
 Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
 Edna Quinones
 Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera
 Cherno Sow
 D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas
 Saadia Walters

Councilmember Vanessa L. Gibson's Office

Michael Ivory

Bronx District Attorney's Office

Robert Barnes

Mayor's Office

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Guests Names

Justin Lamorella, NYC DCP

All Other Guests Names on File

Call to Order

Ms. Gloria Alston, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:14pm

Invocation

Min. Abraham Jones led us in prayer.

Exchange of Information/Community Concerns

At this time, community concerns were exchanged as follows:

Community Concern

- Ms. Campbell, a community resident, introduced Ms. Tiola Baker, the “new” **program director** of Aturo Schomburg Senior Center, located at 1315 Franklin Avenue, to those in attendance.
- Mr. Abdul Johnson, founder of C-Ball, thanked those who gave a donation or sponsored a youth in the C-Ball basketball tournament. The winning team will travel to Washington, DC to visit the “**Washington Monument**”, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. Mr. Johnson noted that at the Washington Monument, an awards ceremony will be held to honor the winning team. Mr. Johnson noted that C-Ball is still in need of approximately \$300.00, which will cover the remaining costs for the winning team to travel to Washington, DC. Mr. Johnson also stated that the “**Young Millennials**” are recording a video titled “**Letter to the President**”, which they will be filming on Saturday, February 9 and Saturday, February 16th at Claremont Neighborhood Centers, Inc., located at 489 East 169th Street.
- Mr. Alexis Salgado, board member and president/commissioner of Hank Greenberg Little League Baseball Teams, informed those in attendance that registration is open to boys and girls between the ages of 4 through 14 for the spring line-up. A flyer has been forwarded to Bronx Community Board Three for distribution to those on its list serve.
- Ms. Marilyn Johnson, board member, stated that on behalf of East Bronx Academy, Future Star Production and Synergy, thanks everyone who helped to make their event a success.

Members Requesting to be Excused

Kolaco Acqui
Winifred Bama
Joetta Brown
Gilberto Constantinez
Rev. Frederick Crawford
Kathy Johnson-Morris
Rita Jones
Una Lawrence
Rev. Idus. A. Nunn, Jr.
Edna Quinones
Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera
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Saadia Walters

Motion

It was motioned by Terrance Podolsky and seconded by Alexis Salgado, to excuse the following member(s):

Kolaco Acqui
Winifred Bama
Joetta Brown
Gilberto Constantinez

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All In Favor

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes of the Prior Meeting

Motion

It was motioned by Linda Kemp and seconded by Dawn Carter, to approve the minutes of the prior meeting held on Tuesday, December , 11, 2018, with the necessary corrections, if there be any.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Presenter(s) – TENTATIVE

Yesmin Vega, Sr. Program Manager, WHEDco (Women's Housing & Economic Development Corporation)

Topic: Provide an update on the results from WHEDco's Morrisania Cultural Assessment and the Crotona Park East Community Needs Assessment

Mr. John Dudley, district manager, stated that Ms. Yesmin Vega, requested that WHEDco's presentation be tabled for the next regularly scheduled General Board meeting on February 12th.

Amendments to the Agenda

At this time, there were no amendments to the Agenda.

Report of Elected Officials

Council Member Vanessa Gibson's Report

Michael Ivory, representative from CM Vanessa Gibson's office, wished everyone in attendance a "Happy New Year". Mr. Ivory distributed the following flyer:

Tenant, Owner and Landlord Resource Fair scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019, from 6:30pm-8:00pm, at the Bronx School for Law, Government, and Justice, located at 244 E. 163rd Street. Mr. Ivory noted that he can be reached at 718-588-7500.

Borough President's Report

Mr. Tom Lucania, representative from the Bronx Borough President's Office, e-mailed the Bronx Borough President's Report which was e-blasted to those on Bronx Community Board Three's list serve. Mr. Lucania mentioned the following time sensitive information:

- The deadline to complete the on-line **Sexual Harassment Training has passed**; however, the Bronx Borough President has extended the deadline to January 31, 2019. All members who have not completed this on-line training are urged to do so. Those members who do not complete the online training will be up for removal by the Bronx Borough President or the Council person.
- Mr. Lucania noted that "New" Board Member applications are available and can be downloaded on the Bronx Borough President's website and he also had hardcopies available. The deadline for submission is in February 2019.

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- The Bronx Borough President will be hosting his yearly "Remembering the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." at Trinity

Baptist Church located at 808 East 224th Street between Barnes and Bronxwood Avenues. All are welcome to attend.

- Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. today celebrated the start of the 8th Annual “**Savor the Bronx**,” known as restaurant week. “**Savor The Bronx**” Restaurant Week is produced by The Bronx Tourism Council and takes place from January 7th through January 19th 2019. “Savor The Bronx” Restaurant Week has traditionally been held in November and this is the first time it has taken place in January. There are 37 restaurants participating in this year’s initiative and all of them will be featured in the upcoming edition of The Bronx Visitor’s Guide.

District Manager’s Report

Mr. John Dudley, announced that the following members have not completed the on-line “**Sexual Harassment Training**” requirement as follows:

Abraham Jones
Alexis Salgado
Anddy Perdomo
Marlon Molina
Cassandra Saunders

It was stated that any member who does not complete the training, may be removed by the Bronx Borough President or Council Member, for not adhering to this legal requirement imposed by the City of New York. At this time, Mr. Alexis Salgado requested to come on Wednesday, January 9th at 3:00pm and Mr. Abraham Jones requested to come on Wednesday, January 9th at 11:00am. Ms. Cassandra Saunders requested to come on Tuesday, January 22nd at 6:00pm.

Mayor’s Office

Famond Konneh, representative from the Mayor’s Office, stated that Mayor Bill de Blasio visited Lincoln Hospital and announced a Comprehensive “Free Health Care for All”, for those who cannot afford health care and for those that are undocumented. At this time, questions and concerns were raised.

Mr. Dudley agreed that Bronx Community Board Three, along with the Mayor’s Office, will plan to host an event to address the concerns raised regarding the undocumented population and how this health care insurance would work.

Committee Report(s)

By-Laws & Membership Committee

Ms. Wanda Ellis, chair of the By-Laws and Membership Committee, stated that **By-Laws and Membership Committee recommends the removal of Olympia Jay Striplin due to three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from three meetings for the period September 2018 to November 2018. This recommendation is in accordance with Bronx Community Board Three’s By-Laws, Article III, Sec. 4-4C, which governs the necessary actions in removing appointed members.**

At this time, Ms. Olympia Jay Striplin apologized for missing three consecutive meetings; however, due to her job responsibilities as a 1199 organizer, she was tasked with providing information to the members which required her to work overtime. Ms. Olympia Jay Striplin stated that she was very much interested in staying on as a board member and would like that the members reconsider the motion.

Motion

It was motioned by Patrick Willis and seconded by Lailia Patino, that Olympia Jay Striplin remain a board member

YES

NO

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New Business

Mr. Robert Barnes, representative from the Bronx District Attorney's Office, introduced himself to those in attendance.

Old Business

Southern Boulevard Neighborhood Study

Mr. Justin Lamorella, representative from the NYC Department of City Planning, stated that the Southern Boulevard Neighborhood Study will be hosting a "Interactive Workshop with Bronx Community Board Three on Tuesday, January 29th, 6:00pm at Children's Circle Day Care Center, located at 1332 Fulton Avenue. All are welcome to attend. Board members are urged to come out and participate in the planning process and contribute their ideas and feedback.

Ms. Lanet Rivera, treasurer of Bronx Community Board Three, informed those in attendance that Bronx Parent Housing Network has opened up the shelter located at 463 E. 173rd Street, within Community District Three. Ms. Rivera noted that they will be conducting three (3) fire drills on a monthly bases on every shift. Ms. Rivera concluded by stating that if there are any issues, to contact her directly.

Sickness & Distress

Mr. John Dudley read a card from Ms. Dawn Carter, board member whose mother and uncle died in the month of December 2018. Please continue to keep the Carter family in prayer.

Birthday Acknowledgments

Chairwoman Alston requested that those born in the month of January stand and be acknowledged. Those in attendance sang "Happy Birthday" to the January babies.

Benediction

Rev. Abraham Jones led us in prayer.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm

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