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Bronx Community Board Three

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RUBEN DIAZ, JR.
BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

REV. DR. BRUCE RIVERA
CHAIR

JOHN W. DUDLEY
DISTRICT MANAGER

BOARD MINUTES

Date: 9/8/2020
 Place: Remote Teleconference
 Time: 6:00 P.M.

Members Present

Kolaco Acqui
 Gloria Alston
 Jerry Aviles
 Joetta Brown
 Dawn Carter
 Rev. Frederick Crawford
 Vladimir Cruz
 Nelson Delerme
 Randy Dillard
 Wanda Ellis
 Kathy Johnson-Morris
 Abraham Jones
 Rita Jones
 Linda Kemp
 Victor Latimer
 Una Lawrence
 Tracie Lucas Lord
 Gina L. Newton
 Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
 Laila Patino
 Anddy Perdomo
 Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera
 Olympia Jay Striplin
 Keziah Sullivan
 D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas

Bronx Borough President's Office

Ish Gonzalez
 Tom Lucania

Staff Present

Etta F. Ritter
 John W. Dudley

Members Excused

Gilberto Constantinez
 Marilyn Johnson

Members Absent

Xiomara Arriola
 Abdul Johnson
 Wilbert Tee Lawton
 Aubrey Mike
 Patrick Willis

CM Rafael Salamanca's Office

Shanna Knotts

CM Vanessa Gibson's Office

CM Vanessa L. Gibson
 Michael Ivory

Assemblyman Michael Blake's Office

Matt Makishima

SS Luis R. Sepulveda's Office

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DA Darcel Clark Office

Robert Barnes

NYC Commission on Human Rights

Belinda Simmons

Call To Order

Gloria Alston, chairperson at Bronx Community Board Three, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Invocation

Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr. led us in prayer.

Elected Officials' Reports

CM Rafael Salamanca's Report

Ms. Shanna Knotts, deputy chief of staff for CM Rafael Salamanca's Office, welcomed everyone back from summer recess. Councilmember Rafael Salamanca and his staff are still working remotely and adhering to all COVID-19 precautions as we move forward.

Ms. Knotts provided the following written report for the period covering June 10th through September 7th:

- Over the summer months, the office of CM Salamanca continued to serve the community with their food distributions. This was done 2-3 times weekly at various locations within our district, which provided fresh fruits and vegetables, non-perishable items, in addition to hot meals. Special thanks were given to Fresh Direct, Baldor, D'Arrigo, and Met Council, for their partnerships in making this possible.
- Last Friday, September 4th, the Councilmember began the first back to school event of the year, at the district office. He was able to provide over 350 children with book bags and supplies. This effort will be continued for the next few weeks. Anyone interested, please visit one of our social media platforms (Facebook/Twitter) to obtain the dates, times and locations for the upcoming events.
- With the pandemic still in effect, the CM's office continues to work remotely. In the coming weeks, a soft re-opening is anticipated with no specific date solidified. Once safety plans are explored and logistics are concrete, everyone will be notified in a timely fashion.
- For anyone in need of constituent services, please do not hesitate to contact Shanna Knotts at sknotts@council.nyc.gov or salamanca@council.nyc.gov or by phone at (917) 837-6226.

CM Vanessa Gibson's Report

Council member Vanessa L. Gibson stated that as New York City moves forward we will be facing "trying times" within the next several months as we adapt to the new norm of wearing face coverings, school openings and restaurants opening for in door dining. The Morrisania community has been hit with several losses from COVID-19, gun violence and illness.

CM Gibson noted that her newsletters are sent out on a regular basis along with time sensitive events that she hosts. Constituents can contact her staff at 718-588-7500, if they need assistance.

SS Luis Sepulveda's Report

State Senator Luis Sepulveda stated his office is working feverishly to aid the hardest hit COVID-19 communities in providing food to those in need and face coverings. The senator noted that there is much concern regarding schools re-opening. The senator noted that the University of Alabama had to close, due to approximately 900 students testing positive for COVID-19.

State Senator Sepulveda also noted that every morning he spends approximately 2 hours at transit hubs and distributes PPE masks. The SS stated that constituents who are in need, are advised to call his office at 718-991-3161.

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Assemblyman Michael Blake's Report

Mr. Matt Makishima, representative from Assemblyman Michael Blakes's office, stated that the AM's office has partnered with World Kitchen since March 17th and has distributed over 1mil meals to residents of the 79th District. The Assemblyman's office is looking to host events and/or provide information relating to the following:

- CEC Town Hall meeting regarding DOE concerns
- Benefits and Food Insecurities
- Know Your Rights Training
- Affordable Housing Workshop
- Small Business Loans

Mr. Matt Makishima stated that he can be reached at 718-538-3829, if further information is requested in this regard.

Roll Call

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

Members Requesting to be Excused

- Gilberto Constantinez
- Marilyn Johnson

Motion

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

- Gilberto Constantinez
- Marilyn Johnson

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

It was motioned by Gina Newton and seconded by Linda Kemp to approve the June 9, 2020 General Board minutes, with necessary corrections, if there be any.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Amendments to the Agenda

Currently, there were no amendments to the agenda.

Bronx Borough President's Report

Mr. Ish Gonzalez, representative from the Bronx Borough President's Office, stated that the Bronx Borough President's Report would be sent to the community boards to be distributed via email.

Mr. Gonzalez did inform those in attendance, that new board member appointments are anticipated to be completed by the end of September 2020.

Community Concerns/Exchange of Information

Currently, there were no community concerns or exchanges of information.

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Chairperson's Report

Election of Officers

Bronx Community Board Three's Election of Officers – September 2020

At this time, Mr. John Dudley, district manager, provided an overview of the nomination process. Mr. Dudley also informed the members of the board that each winning candidate for the executive officers' positions, must receive a majority of the quorum of board members present and entitled to vote.

Ms. Wanda Ellis, chair of the Nominations Committee, began the election process by asking each nominee whether they accepted or declined their nomination. Subsequently, Ms. Keziah Sullivan noted each response. At this point, Ms. Anddy Perdomo began the elections, starting with the position of Chairperson via roll call vote. Following are the results of the voting tally taken for each respective officer position:

Chairperson

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| Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera | 19 |
| Linda Kemp | 3 |

1st Vice-Chairperson

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| Kolaco Acqui | 4 |
| Joetta Brown | 4 |
| Rev. Frederick Crawford | 13 |
| Linda Kemp | 2 |

2nd Vice-Chairperson

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| Joetta Brown | 18 |
| Min. Abraham Jones | 2 |

Secretary

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| Kathy Johnson Morris | 4 |
| Keziah Sullivan | 16 |

Treasurer

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| Kathy Johnson-Morris | 11 |
| Kolaco Acqui | 9 |

Sgt.-At-Arms/Parliamentarian

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| Rita Jones | UNCONTESTED |
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The "Elected Officers" are as follows:

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| Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera | Chairperson |
| Rev. Frederick Crawford | 1 st Vice Chairperson |
| Joetta Brown | 2 nd Vice Chairperson |
| Keziah Sullivan | Secretary |
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During the voting process, there were several board members who experienced technical issues on their devices, which caused them to have to call/text in their votes.

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Ms. Alston congratulated everyone. The newly elected chairperson Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera, thanked everyone for their vote and extended a special thank you to former chairwoman Gloria Alston, for her contributions made throughout the years as chairwoman.

District Manager's Report

The District Manager congratulated everyone on their new positions.

Benediction

Rev. Frederick Crawford led us in prayer.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

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