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Bronx Community Board Three

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BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

GLORIA ALSTON
CHAIRWOMAN

JOHN W. DUDLEY
DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL BOARD MINUTES

Date: 05/14/2019
 Time: 6:00PM
 Location: 1332 Fulton Avenue

Members Present

Kolaco Acqui
 Gloria Alston
 Xiomara Arriola
 Joetta Brown
 Dawn Carter
 Nelson Delerme
 Wanda Ellis
 Abdul Johnson
 Kathy Johnson-Morris
 Abraham Jones
 Linda Kemp
 Una Lawrence
 Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
 Judith Ojo
 Terrence Podolsky
 Edna Quinones
 Lanet Rivera
 Carmen Rodriguez
 Cassandra Saunders
 Olympia Jay Striplin
 Keziah Sullivan
 Saadia Walters

Bronx Borough President's Office

Tom Lucania

Councilmember Vanessa L. Gibson's Office

Michael Ivory

Staff Present

Etta F. Ritter
 John W. Dudley

Members Excused

Winifred Bama
 Gilberto Constantinez
 Rev. Frederick Crawford
 Randy Dillard
 Marilyn Johnson
 Rita Jones
 Wilbert Tee Lawton
 Elizabeth Luciany
 Marlon Molina
 Anddy Perdomo
 Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera
 Alexis Salgado
 D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas
 Patrick Willis

Members Absent

Abdourahamane Diallo
 Laila Patino

Michael Blake's Office

Michaela Ritz

NYC Comptroller's Office

Antrison Ortiz

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Guests Names

All Other Guests Names on File

Call to Order

Ms. Gloria Alston, chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:11pm

Invocation

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

Exchange of Information/Community Concerns

At this time, community concerns were exchanged as follows:

Community Concerns

- Ms. Yesmin Vega, representative from WHEDCo and her colleague Ms. Alix Fellman, informed the community at-large that the Bronx Commons, a residential building developed by WHEDCo, is currently accepting applications until June 14th. Ms. Fellman stated that WHEDCo staff ambassadors are available to assist community residents with the application process. It was noted that Bronx Community Board Three residents have a 50% preference.
- Aubrey Mike, representative from SEBNC, stated that CM Vanessa Gibson awarded SEBNC councilmatic funds to renovate the gymnasium. The gymnasium is currently being renovated and he will keep the community informed of its progress.
- Representatives from JUMP Bikes were in attendance to inform the community at-large of their interest to provide JUMP Bikes within the South Bronx neighborhoods. JUMP Bikes is a dockless e-bike system currently being used in the Central Bronx. JUMP Bikes started a pilot program in July 2018 with the NYC Department of Transportation. JUMP Bikes are affordable rentals starting at \$2.00. JUMP Bikes is a bikesharing program which provides access to people of all different backgrounds. JUMP Bikes is owned by Uber and consumers can download the JUMP Bike app or use the Uber app and select bike to locate a bike.
- Ms. Elizabeth Hamby, a representative from the NYC DOHMH, stated that the Southern Boulevard Neighborhood Study will be hosting the following Community meetings:
 - A "**Neighborhood Food Landscape**" meeting on Tuesday, May 28th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at PS 75, located at 985 Faile Street.
 - A "**Violence as a Public Health Issue**" meeting will take place on Thursday, June 13th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom High School, located at 1021 Jennings Street.
- Ms Jerri May, a community resident requested assistance from Bronx Community Board Three for the removal of a metal bench fronting Montifiore Medical Center at 871 Prospect Avenue, within Community District Three. This request is being made due to inappropriate use of the bench at this location.
- Mr. Wali Abdun-Noor, representative from Community Board Three CERT Team, informed the community at-large that they will be hosting a "**STOP THE BLEED**" training course on Monday, May 20th from 6:00pm-8:00pm, at South East Bronx Neighborhood Center located at 955 Tinton Avenue. This course is designed for civilians of all ages who are interested in learning basic lifesaving techniques.
- Ms. Una Lawrence, board member stated that there is a greenthumb garden located at 1507 Washington Avenue which was unkept for some time. The greenthumb garden has been cleaned and she has requested assistance in contacting the NYC Department of Sanitation to pick up the trash bags fronting this location.

Members Requesting to be Excused

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Gilberto Constantinez
Rev. Frederick Crawford
Randy Dillard
Marilyn Johnson
Rita Jones
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Motion

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

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes of the Prior Meeting

Motion

It was motioned by Joetta Brown and seconded by Linda Kemp, to approve the minutes of the prior meeting held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 with the necessary corrections, if there be any.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Bronx Borough President's Office

Tom Lucania, representative from the Bronx Borough President's Office, provided a written report via e-mail which was forwarded to the board members.

- It was noted that the annual Community Board Appreciation Day on Thursday, May 9th was successful. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. honored the six chairwomen who chair the Bronx Community Boards.
- Bronx Week 2019 runs from Friday, May 10th through Sunday, May 19th.
- Community Board members who have submitted a reappointment application, should continue to serve until they receive a letter from the Borough President regarding their reappointment. The terms of community board members who have chosen not to reapply for a new term, ended on March 31st. New applicants will receive a letter from the Borough President regarding appointments in the middle of May.
- The Annual Ramadan Iftar Dinner will take place on Thursday, May 23rd beginning at 6:30pm, at Veteran's Memorial Hall located at 851 Grand Concourse.

Report of Elected Officials

Assemblyman Michael Blake's Report

Ms. Michaela Ritz, representative from Assemblyman Michael Blake's office, stated that on Friday, May 17th from 10-2pm, his office along with other elected officials, will be hosting a Job Fair at Bronx Educational Opportunity Center, located at 1666 Bathgate Avenue. Please spread the word.

Ms. Ritz spoke briefly on the Assemblyman's accomplishments within the State Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget relating to Criminal Justice Reform as follows:

- **Cash Bail**
- **Speedy Trial**
- **Discovery**

See attached...

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Senator Gustavo Rivera Report

Ms. Latoya Matthew, counsel from State Senator Gustavo Rivera's office, was not in attendance but did provide a written report on the 2019-2020 New York State Budget. **See attached...**

CM Vanessa L. Gibson's Report

Mr. Michael Ivory, a representative from CM Vanessa L. Gibson's office, distributed the following fliers:

- CM Vanessa L. Gibson will be hosting a **LGBQ & Trans 101 Training** on Friday, May 31st at New Settlement Community Center, located at 1501 Jerome Avenue from 4:00pm-7:00pm
- CM Vanessa L. Gibson will be hosting a **Youth Summit 2019**, on Saturday, June 8th, from 11:00am-4:00pm, at Alianza Mosaic Beacon Center, located at 1257 Ogden Avenue.
- CM Vanessa L. Gibson will be hosting the **6th Annual Housing Conference** on Thursday, June 13th from 6:00pm-8:00pm, at the Bronx Museum of the Arts, located at 1040 Grand Concourse. Keynote Speaker - Public Advocate Jumanne Williams
- CM Vanessa L. Gibson will be hosting a Caribbean Heritage Celebration on Thursday, June 27th from 12noon-3:00pm, at the Andrew Freeman Home, located at 1125 Grand Concourse.
- CM Vanessa L. Gibson's office provides free services for local merchants and residents every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month.

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's Report

Mr. Antrison Ortiz, representative from NYC Comptroller' Scott Stringer's office, provided a verbal report on issues for which the Comptroller is advocating, not limited to the following:

- Elimination of ICE in Federal Courts
- Providing legal assistance to immigrants
- Constructing state of the art playgrounds

Mr. Ortiz was requested to ask the Comptroller will existing playgrounds in need of repair be fixed, prior to constructing new playgrounds? Mr. Ortiz was charged with providing a response at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Chairperson's Report

Ms. Alston stated that all community board members who serve on the board are volunteers, whose role is of an advisory capacity. She noted that every member has the right to ask questions and state their concerns; however, members do not have the right to argue with presenter(s). Ms. Alston added that If you don't agree with the proposed voting item, **vote no**. It was also noted that board members have to recognize that you can agree to disagree, as long as its done respectfully.

Ms. Alston stressed again the importance of members attending committee meetings to hear information on a proposed project, and to ask questions and discuss their concerns. Ms. Alston mentioned that Board members are sent an agenda and a proposed summary of the voting item prior to the meeting. Ms. Alston encouraged the board members to read their minutes prior to the meeting date. If upon reading the project summary, members have questions or concerns, they should contact the district manager. The district manager can contact the presenter regarding question(s) and or concern(s) raised by members which can be answered prior to the meeting date or when the item is on the agenda for a vote. Ms. Alston concluded by stating that she will be hosting a meeting inviting all appointed board members in September, to discuss "**Protocols and Producers**" which should be implemented and adhered to during meetings. This meeting is anticipated to be scheduled on a Saturday.

District Managers Report

The District Manager did not have a written report at this time however he did make the following announcement:

On Sunday, May 19th at 2:30pm, Rev. Frederick Crawford and the Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church family will be hosting a street co-naming dedication ceremony in Honor of "**Mother Arnetta Crawford**" at 1488 Rev. Dr. Fletcher C. Crawford Way. All are welcome to attend.

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Committee Reports

Education/Consumer Affairs Committee

Ms. Joetta Brown, Chairperson of the Education/Consumer Affairs Committee, introduced Ms. Myishia Taylor-Myke, representative from Bronx Charter School for the Arts, to the community at-large. Ms. Myishia Taylor-Myke stated that she had come before the Education/Consumer Affairs committee requesting a letter of support for Bronx Charter School for the Arts' interest in expanding into Community School District 12. Ms. Taylor-Myke stated that she and her colleagues are hoping that the NYS Board of Regents and local elected officials will look to lift the cap on the number of charters being issued.

Ms. Joetta Brown stated that there was a consensus of members in attendance, who recommended approval of a letter of support for **Bronx Charter School for the Arts'** interest in expanding the school into Community School District 12.

Motion

It was motioned by Joetta Brown and seconded by Linda Kemp, to approve a letter of support for Bronx Charter School for the Arts interest in expanding the school into Community School District 12.

Yes

No

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ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

Benediction

Mr. Abraham Jones led us in prayer.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

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