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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: 10/8/2019
 Time: 6:00PM
 Location: 1332 Fulton Avenue

Members Present

Kolaco Acqui
 Gloria Alston
 Xiomara Arriola
 Jerry Aviles
 Joetta Brown
 Gilberto Constantinez
 Rev. Frederick Crawford
 Vladimir Cruz
 Nelson Delerme
 Randy Dillard
 Wanda Ellis
 Abdul Johnson
 Marilyn Johnson
 Kathy Johnson-Morris
 Abraham Jones
 Rita Jones
 Linda Kemp
 Victor Latimer
 Una Lawrence
 Wilbert Tee Lawton
 Aubrey Mike
 Gina Newton
 Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
 Laila Patino
 Edna Quinones
 Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera
 Keziah Sullivan
 D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas
 Patrick Willis

Bronx Borough President's Office

Ish Gonzalez

Staff Present

Etta F. Rtter
 John W. Dudley

Members Excused

Winifred Bama
 Dawn Carter
 Melody Jimenez
 Anddy Perdomo
 Terrence Podolsky
 Olympia Jay Striplin

Members Absent

Nelson Delerme
 Kathy Johnson-Morris
 Elizabeth Luciany
 Marlon Molina
 Carmen Rodriguez
 Cassandra Saunders

CM Rafael Salamanca's Office

Shanna Knotts

Assemblyman Michael Blake's Office

Michaela Ritz

CM Vanessa L. Gibson's Office

Michael Ivory

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Bronx District Attorney's Office

Hon. Darcell Clarke
Robert Barnes

Congressman Jose. E Serrano's Office

Hatou Camara

State Senator Gustavo Rivera's Office

Latoya Matthew

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. Dr. Bruce Rivera led us in prayer.

Introduction of New Board Members

Ms. Gloria Alston, chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three, welcomed the "new" board members and requested that all stand up and introduce themselves to the community at-large. At this time Mr. Jerry Aviles and Ms. Tracie Lucas Lord introduced themselves to those in attendance.

Exchange of Information/Community Concerns

At this time, community concerns were exchanged not limited to the following:

Community Concern

- Mr. Colbert Nembhard, branch librarian at Morrisania Public Library located at 610 East 169th Street, informed the community at-large regarding the installation of the HVAC system which will require the library to be closed for approximately one year beginning on February 1, 2020. Mr. Nembhard is looking to acquire in-kind space from a local community based organization in which he can work. Mr. Nembhard also noted that he will be able to service the residents from the Book Mobile. Mr. Nembhard will continue to provide status updates in this regard, as time nears.
- Ms. Yesmin Vega, representative from WHEDco, invited those in attendance to the **Melrose Stories Exhibit Walking Tour part 2**, on Saturday, October 12th, from 11:30am-1:30pm at 1085 Washington Avenue. Fliers were distributed to the community at-large. Ms. Vega also informed the community at-large of WHEDco's collaboration with Capital One to host a **Free "Personal and Small Business Credit 101"** workshop on Saturday, October 19th, from 9:30am-12:45pm at 1305 Louis Nine Blvd.
- A community resident stated that he owned a home as part of the Hoe/Simpson Homeownership. He noted that he bought a home that allowed him to invest in his community and now he wants to understand more about "**affordable housing**" within Community District Three. Mr. Dudley, district manager, invited him to attend the Housing, Land-Use & Economic Development Committee in November 2019, wherein there will be a representative from HPD, who will explain his concerns in laymans terms.
- Ms. Maroua Righi a representative from the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB), came before the community at large to inform them about the CCRB. **CCRB is a City Agency, independent from the New York Police Department, that investigates and mediates complaints against NYPD officers in a neutral and unbiased manner. The CCRB investigates allegations of excessive force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, and offensive language.** Ms. Righi also spoke about how to file a complaint.
- Mr. Carlos Torres, representative from Save Our Streets (SOS) Bronx, stated that the mission for his organization is to denounce "**Gun Violence**". They also provide mediation services. Mr. Torres distributed the following time sensitive fliers:
 - S.O.S. Bronx BINGO on Monday, October 21st from 12noon to 2:00pm at 601 East 163rd Street
 - 1st Annual Food Drive Deadline is on Friday, November 15th from 10:00am-6:00pm at 601 East 163rd Street. They are requesting unexpired, non perishable items be dropped off prior to this date. Their goal is to raise at least 3,000 items.
- Mr. Garcia, a community resident, stated that he has concerns with the Super 8 Hotel located on Southern Blvd at East 167th Street, which is being used as a homeless shelter.

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- Ms. Jessica Valladolid, a representative, from Planned Parenthood of New York City, came and spoke briefly on the sexual and reproductive health services available at their health centers. Planned Parenthood has educational programs and clinical services available to young adults and adults. Ms. Valladolid distributed information about their program services.
- Travis Thomas, representative from New Covenant Community Development Corporation, stated that she is hosting a “Youth Mental Health First Aid 8-hour course on Monday, October 21st, from 9:00am-5:00pm, at New Covenant Community Corporation located at 1169 Boston Road. At the end of the workshop, all participants will be certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid. Ms. Thomas also noted that she is President/Cancer Life Coach and Faith Based Cancer Patient Navigation Instructor, for S.A.V.E.D 4 Life Cancer Corporation.
- Ms. Marilyn Johnson, board member, informed the community at-large about the following upcoming events:
 - On Saturday, November 2nd from 11:00am-3:00pm, she will be hosting a **Teen Summit** at East Bronx Academy located at 1716 Southern Boulevard
 - On Saturday, November 23rd, she will be hosting a “**Harvest Feast**” from 11:00am-3:00pm at East Bronx Academy located at 1716 Southern Boulevard
- Chaplain Joyce Almeida, introduced herself as founder of **No Women Left Behind, Inc.**, a 501 C 3 organization which was founded in 2017. The mission of this organization is to empower women through advocacy, education and working together to address issues affecting them.
- Ms. Lailia Patino, board member raised a concern regarding the elimination of the BX 35 east bound stop at E. 168 St. and Franklin Avenue she stated tht this has created an undue hardship for riders and that the next stop would be E. 169 St. near Boston Road.
- Ms. Rita Jones, board member and president of Future Star Production; informed the community at-large about her Afterschool Program located at 750 Jennings Stree. The program time is from 4:00pm-7:00pm, for children between the ages of 6 to 18 years old on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Ms Joetta Brown, chair of the Education Committee, stated that the Education Committee is hosting a Community Preparedness Boot Camp on Tuesday, October 22 and Tuesday, October 29, 2019. The goal of this Boot Camp is to create an emergency plan for Community District Three.

Roll Call

Ms. Joetta Brown, secretary, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Members Requesting to be Excused

Winifred Bama
 Dawn Carter
 Melody Jimenez
 Anddy Perdomo
 Terrence Podolsky
 Olympia Striplin

Motion

It was motioned by Joetta Brown and seconded by Rita Jones to excuse the following member(s):

Winifred Bama
 Dawn Carter
 Melody Jimenez
 Anddy Perdomo
 Terrence Podolsky
 Olympia Striplin

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes of the Prior Meeting

Motion

It was motioned by Joetta Brown and seconded by Rev. Frederick Crawford, to approve the minutes of the prior meeting held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 with the necessary corrections, if there be any.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

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Elected Officials Report

District Attorney Darcell Clarke

Hon. Darcell Clarke, district attorney for the Bronx, came before the community at-large to let them know that she is working diligently to keep Bronx communities safe. Public safety is a main focus for the district attorney's office, DA Darcell Clarke stated. She mentioned that her office is working to become more efficient in addressing backlogged cases and that she has attorneys at Rikers Island to address said concerns. The District Attorney's office also has a new Conviction and Integrity Unit.

At this time, DA Clarke spoke on the following events:

- It was noted on Saturday, October 12th the Bronx District Attorney's Office hosted a Bronx 5K Run/Walk/Roll to End Domestic Violence, which was very successful.
- The District Attorney's Office will be hosting "**Another Chance**" on Saturday, October 26, 2019, from 9:00am-4:00pm. The DA requested that everyone spread the word

Congressman Jose E. Serrano's Report

Ms. Hatou Camara, representative from Congressman Jose E. Serrano's office, stated that her office can provide assistance to constituents who have the following federal issues:

- Immigration
- ICIS
- Deportation Issues (appointment is needed)
- Public Housing
- IRS

Constituent walk in hours are from 8:30am -12noon, Monday through Friday.

Bronx Borough President's Office

Ish Gonzalez, representative from the Bronx Borough President's Office, spoke on the following time sensitive events as follows:

- College Fair 2019 will be hosted by Bronx EOC on Wednesday, October 16th from 10:30am-2:00pm at the SUNY Bronx EOC located at 1666 Bathgate Avenue
- All new board members were sent letters to attend the Orientation Session on Monday, October 21st, 6:00pm-9:00pm at Lehman College located at 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West
- Bronx Annual Pumpkin Feast will be hosted at the 47th Police Precinct located at 4111 Laconia Avenue from 4:30pm to 7:30pm.

CM Rafael Salamanaca's Report

Shanna Knotts, Deputy Chief of Staff at CM Rafael Salamanaca office, introduced her colleague Ashley to those in attendance. Ms. Knotts spoke briefly about the on-site services available at Councilmember Salamanca office, located at 1070 Southern Boulevard. A flier was distributed to those in attendance relating to constituent services and housing services. For immigration services, an appointment is needed.

Ms. Knotts introduced her colleague Ashley who provided information on "Cold Weather Heat Requirements" and distributed information

Assemblyman Michale Blake's Report

Ms. Michaela Ritz, representative from Assemblyman Michael Blake's Office, stated that the Assemblyman's office is located at 780 Concourse Village West, ground floor and that his office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm.

Hispanic Heritage Festival will be held on Friday, October 11th from 6:00pm-7:30pm at Boricua College, located at 890 Washington Avenue

State Senator Gustavo Rivera's Report

Latoya Matthew, counsel from State Senator Gustavo Rivera's Office, stated the following:

Ms. Matthew stated that the State Senator is requesting that the MTA Board to prioritize building additional ADA Compliant Stations in the Bronx. It was noted that out of 70 stations in the Bronx there are only 12 ADA accessible stations in the Bronx.

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- **Senato Rivera's Health and Housing Halloween Fair** on Saturday, October 19th from 12 noon to 2:00pm, at Bronxworks Morris Innovative Senior Center, located at 80 East 181st.
- **State Senator Gustavo Rivera Highlights Recently Implemented Housing Laws in New York State** flier was distributed to those in attendance.

Vanessa L. Gibson's Report

Mr. Michael Ivory, representative from Councilmember Vanessa L. Gibson's Office, stated that the Councilmember is hosting the following events:

- **National Coming out Day** will be held on Friday, October 11th at 2:00pm at the Bronx Museum of the Arts located at 1040 Grand Concourse.
- **CCRB Community Partners** Initiative is coming to your neighborhood on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 5:00pm-8:00pm at 1377 Jerome Avenue.
- Councilmember Vanessa L. Gibson's Constituent Services Fliers were distributed.

Chairperson's Report

Ms. Gloria Alston, chairperson, did not have a written report at this time.

District Managers Report

Mr. John Dudley, district manager at Bronx Community Board Three, stated that at the November Board meeting, we will be entertaining the FY'2021 capital and expense budget requests. Mr. Dudley spoke briefly on service delivery issues within Community District Three that are currently being addressed.

Committee Reports

Parks & Recreation/Youth Services Committee

The Parks and Recreation/Youth Services Committee came to a consensus to recommend approval for the co-naming of Clinton Avenue between East 170th Street and Crotona Park South, to "King Charles Unicycle Troupe Way"

Mr. Dudley provided an oral synopsis of the presentation of the King Charles Unicycle Troupe and how it was created. Former members were present and spoke on how the King Charles Unicycle Troupe helped them live a good life due to Mr. Jerry King, founder. The Troupe has been inducted into the Hall of Fame in Sarasota, Florida.

MOTION

It was motioned by Ms. Linda Kemp and seconded by Rev. Frederick Crawford, to co-name Clinton Avenue between East 170th Street and Crotona Park South to "King Charles Unicycle Troupe Way". A letter of support will be written to the NYC CM Vanessa Gibson to introduce this request to the NYC Council for approval.

ALL IN FAVOR

Yes	No	Abstain
27	0	0

MOTION CARRIED

*****For the record, it was first motioned by Ms. Laila Patino; however Ms. Linda Kemp had a burning desire to make the motion due to her own personal affiliation with the King Charles Unicycle Troupe.**

Health & Human Services Committee

The Health & Human Services Committee came to a consensus to recommend approval for the expansion of services that would include onsite physical health services at BronxCare Opioid Treatment Program and BronxCare Health System Chemical Dependence Outpatient Treatment Program, for BronxCare Health System Integrated Outpatient Services.

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Ms. Demetria Nelson, representative from BronxCare, spoke briefly regarding her request for a letter of support stating that at 1285 Fulton Avenue, cellar level, already has the Integrative Outpatient Services (IOS) license; however, they are requesting that the physical space be added to the “**operating certificate**”. Also, the BronxCare Opioid Treatment Program, located at 1276 Fulton Avenue, is requesting to add Integrative Outpatient Services (IOS) onto its existing “**operating certificate**”. The reasoning for this request is to expand the treatment program services to include providing physical health services onsite. These services would be beneficial to the patients who already have chronic medical conditions and would be a “**one-stop shop**”. The patients would be addressing their addiction needs and also their medical needs.

MOTION

It was motioned by Rev. Frederick Crawford and seconded by Rita Jones, to provide a letter of support for onsite physical health services at 1285 Fulton Avenue, cellar level, which already has the Integrative Outpatient Services (IOS) license; They are requesting that the physical space be added to the “operating certificate”. Also, the BronxCare Opioid Treatment Program, located at 1276 Fulton Avenue, is requesting to add Integrative Outpatient Services (IOS) onto its existing “operating certificate”.

YES	NO	ABSTAIN
22	0	4

****For the record, Mr. Abraham Jones who seconded the motion, had to recuse himself due to his affiliation with BronxCare. Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera, Keziah Sullivan and Wilbert Tee Lawton also had to recuse themselves due to their affiliation with BronxCare.**

Announcements

At this time, everyone born in the month of October was requested to stand and be acknowledged. Everyone in attendance sang Happy Birthday to those persons born in October.

Benediction

Rev. Frederick Crawford led us in prayer.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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