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BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

GLORIA ALSTON
CHAIRWOMAN

JOHN W. DUDLEY
DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL BOARD MINUTES

Date: 09/10/2019
 Time: 6:00PM
 Location: 1332 Fulton Avenue

Members Present

Gloria Alston
 Xiomara Arriola
 Joetta Brown
 Dawn Carter
 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
 Laila Patino
 Anddy Perdomo
 Terrence Podolsky
 Edna Quinones
 Cassandra Saundes
 Olympia Jay Stripln
 Keziah Sullivan
 D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas

Bronx Borough President's Office

Tom Lucania

Staff Present

Etta F. Ritter
 John W. Dudley

Members Excused

Kolaco Acqui
 Jerry Aviles
 Winifred Bama
 Elizabeth Luciany
 Marlon Molina
 Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
 Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera
 Lanet Rivera
 Carmen Rodriguez
 Patrick Willis

CM Rafael Salamanca's Office

CM Rafael Salamanca
 Shanna Knotts

Assemblyman Michael Blake's Office

Yazmerlyn Duarte

CM Vanessa L. Gibson's Office

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 Michael Ivory

SS Luis R. Sepulveda's Office

Krystle Cajas

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NYC Comptroller's Office

Bronx District Attorney's Office

Mariel De La Cruz

Robert Barnes

Guests Names

All Other Guests Names on File

Call to Order

Ms. Gloria Alston, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:06pm

Invocation

Ms. Joyce led us in prayer.

Exchange of Information/Community Concerns

At this time, community concerns were exchanged as follows:

Community Concern

- Ms. Anita Antonetty, representative from the Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB), came before the community at-large to distribute a "Community Needs Assessment Survey" to those in attendance. This survey is designed to perceive what services are needed within Community District Three.
- Ms. Joetta Brown, executive officer, stated that there is an influx of rodents in the district. Ms. Brown has requested that the community at-large become more pro active in reporting rodent sitings to 311. She also noted that Bronx Lebanon Hospital is not a good neighbor and that the NYC Department of Sanitation Enforcement personnel need to be more cooperative.
 - Ms. Brown informed the community at-large of the upcoming Crotona Park Running Club, Inc. 2019 New York Unity Race, a 5k Run, Walk and Jog event. This annual event will take place on Saturday, September 21st at 1700 Crotona Avenue. Registration begins at 8:00a.m. and race begins at 10:00a.m. It was noted that fliers were available to anyone interested in attending and/or participating.
- Mr. Colbert Nembhard, Bronx Librarian, at the Morrisania Public Library, distributed calendars for the months of September and October to the community at-large. Morrisania Public Library will be hosting Literacy Inc. on Tuesday, September 24th from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at their monthly Reading Everywhere Celebration. Children 10 years old and under are welcome to attend.
- Ms. Nordalys Mendez, representative from WHEDco, introduced herself to the community at-large. Ms. Mendez informed those in attendance that WHEDco will be hosting "**Melrose Stories Exhibit Walk Tour** on Thursday, September 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Yolanda Garcia Park on the corner of East 159th Street and Melrose Avenue.
- Marilyn Johnson, board member, stated that she will be hosting a "Teen Summit" on Saturday, November 2nd from 11:00am-3:00pm at the Boys and Girls Club, located at 1665 Hoe Avenue, within Community District Three. Ms. Johnson requested volunteers for that day to help support and share this information throughout the district. Share, support or participate - Teen Summit to volunteer Nov 2nd from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the Madison Square Boys and Girls Club, within Community District Three.
- Ms. Frances Rodriguez, representative from the NYS Parks Department, came to inform the community at-large that Roberto Clemente State Park has just undergone major renovations and they are offering free programs to the community at-large. Ms. Rodriguez stated that everyone is welcomed to come and participate in their program services at this state park.
- Representatives from TLC Adult Day Care, located at 3305 Third Avenue, informed the community at-large that they are open for business. TLC provides door to door transportation to its consumers along with breakfast and lunch. This social adult day care center provides a place for adults to gather in a positive and safe space within Community District Three.
- Rita Jones, board member, stated that her organization Future Star Productions Afterschool Program, will be holding a **Parent Orientation** on Friday, September 27th from 5:30pm-7:00pm at PS 186X located at 750 Jennings Street. Fliers were distributed to those in attendance.
- Linda Kemp, board member and representative from Bringing the Peace, will be hosting a First Breast Cancer Walk on Saturday, October 12th beginning at 10:00am starting at the NYJTL in Crotona Park. Sister Supporting Sisters Women of Color Awareness Matters.
- Wali Abdun-Noor, representative from OEM, will be hosting Bronx Community Board Three South Bronx Emergency Network meeting on Monday, September 16th, 6:30p.m. at South East Bronx Neighborhood Center located at 955 Tinton Avenue.
- Gilberto Constantinez, board member and electrician, stated that his union has started reaching out to those interested in the apprenticeship program and that if anyone is in attendance that applied, please see him after the meeting.
- Ms. Jessica Valladolid, representative from Planned Parenthood, stated that Planned Parenthood is the nation's leading provider and advocate of high-quality, affordable health care for women, men, and young people, as well as the nation's largest provider of sex education. Planned Parenthood organizations serve all patients with care and compassion, with respect and without judgment.

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Ms. Valladolid stated that the public charge rule is a racist and cruel attack against immigrants, and that no one's health or safety should be at risk because of their immigration status. If this harmful rule goes into effect, it would have a devastating impact on millions of people including our patients. Planned Parenthood is committed to standing with all immigrants. Living in a safe and healthy environment alongside their family, is part of living a healthy and complete life. Planned Parenthood's fliers were distributed to those in attendance.

Members Requesting to be Excused

Kolaco Acqui
Jerry Aviles
Winifred Bama
Elizabeth Luciany
Marlon Molina
Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
Rev. Bruce Rivera
Lanet Rivera
Carmen Rodriguez
Patrick Willis

Motion

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

Kolaco Acqui
Jerry Aviles
Winifred Bama
Elizabeth Luciany
Marlon Molina
Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
Rev. Bruce Rivera
Lanet Rivera
Carmen Rodriguez
Patrick Willis

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes of the Prior Meeting

Motion

It was motioned by Joetta Brown and seconded by Kathy Johnson-Morris to approve the minutes of the prior meeting held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 with the necessary corrections, if there be any.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Chairperson's Report

Ms. Gloria Alston welcomed all the new board members in attendance. The new board members in attendance introduced themselves as follows:

Vladimir Cruz
Victor Latimer
Gina Newton

***Mr. Jerry Aviles new board member was unable to attend due to a planned vacation he is currently on.**

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Presentation

Nivardo Lopez, Bronx Borough Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation

Keith Kalb, Deputy Borough Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation

Topic: Discuss project proposal for Third Avenue between East 163rd Street and St. Ann's Avenue, for additional "bike connection" from Third Avenue to St. Ann's Avenue

There was no representative from the NYC Department of Transportation in attendance.

Bronx Borough President's Office

Tom Lucania, representative from the Bronx Borough President's Office, provided a written report via e-mail which was electronically sent to board members and those on Bronx Community Board Three's list serve. Mr. Lucania welcomed all new board members and also emphasized the importance of attending committee meetings. Mr. Lucania noted that a new member orientation is anticipated to take place in October 2019.

Time sensitive information was exchanged not limited to the following:

- Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and the Supreme Court of Bronx County will be hosting "A Day of Remembrance" on Thursday, September 12th from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Lou Gehrig Plaza located at East 161st Street between Walton Avenue & Grand Concourse
- Board Members were reminded to schedule an appointment to take the annual "Sexual Harassment Training", which has to be completed by Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Board members have the option to come to the board office and complete the web based training which takes approximately 45 minutes or schedule an appointment with Mr. Lucania and take an oral training which takes approximately two hours at 851 Grand Concourse.

Elected Officials Report

CM Rafael Salamanaca's Report

CM Rafael Salamanaca welcomed all new board members. CM Salamanaca stated that attendance is important and board members are urged to attend meetings regularly to ensure that a quorum is established in order to take care of any official business and any voting items that may be on the agenda.

CM Salamanaca stated that his office partnered with Catholic Charities and gave out 5,000 high quality book bags to the children within the Bronx. Movies Under the Stars presents "Cars 3" on Saturday, September 14th and "Aladdin" on Friday, September 20th beginning at 8:00pm. Movies Under the Stars was shown throughout all the Community Board Districts. CM Salamanaca informed the community at-large that the election dates have changed as follows: Presidential, Congressional, and State Primaries will be in June 2020. There will no longer be primary elections in September.

CM spoke briefly on the following:

- Borough Based Jails
- Southern Boulevard Study – a potential rezoning may take place within Community District Three

Shanna Knotts, Deputy Chief of Staff at CM Rafael Salamanaca office, distributed the following information:

- Movies Under the Stars
- NYC Council Member Rafael Salamanaca, Jr. District Office On-Site Services

Time sensitive information was also exchanged.

Vanessa L. Gibson's Report

CM Vanessa Gibson welcomed all new board members and stressed the importance to attend board and committee meetings regularly. CM Gibson informed the community at-large of the passing of the late senior pastor of Christ Church Rev. Wendell Foster on Tuesday, September 3rd. Rev. Wendell Foster was a prominent elected official from 1978–2001. He was 95 years old. Rev. Foster's "Homegoing Celebration" will take place at Walker Memorial Baptist Church, located at 120 East 169th Street. The viewing will take place on Friday, September 13th from 4:00pm-8:00pm and Saturday, September 14th from 9:00am-10:00am and services will begin at 10:00am.

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CM Vanessa L. Gibson spoke briefly on the following events and discretionary funding disbursements within Community District Three:

- The last Movie Night will take place on Saturday, September 28th at Joyce Kilmer Park at dusk
- Silent Disco anticipated for 2021
- CM Gibson provided a break down of all the funding the council allocated within Community District Three not limited to Morris Houses, Morrisania Public Library, and PS 140
- Bridging the Gap – 285 new licensed social workers will be hired
- Early Day Polling – 14 days prior to November 4th
- Right to Counsel- Free legal assistance in housing court- zip code and income eligibility-Fliers were disseminated to those in attendance
- Saturday Night Light Program – Manhattan DA – Soccer and Basketball program

Assemblyman Michael Blake's Report

Yazmerly Duarte, representative from Assemblyman Michael Blake's office, provided a verbal report as follows:

Assemblymember Michael Blake's office has book bags with school supplies available for the children within the 79th District
Tenant Tuesday's are available at the Assemblyman's office located at 780 Concourse Village to assist tenants
The Assemblyman will be hosting an entrepreneur event, Thanksgiving event and Christmas event

Hon. Darcel Clarke - Bronx District Attorney's Office Report

Mr. Robert Barnes, representative from the Bronx District Attorney's Office, distributed fliers regarding the following event to be hosted by the Bronx District Attorney's Office as follows:

5K Run/Walk/Roll to End Domestic Violence on Saturday, October 5th from 9:30am-12:30pm at East 161st Street between the Grand Concourse and Walton Avenue

Save the Date "Amnesty Event-Another Chance" on Saturday, October 26th from 10:00am-5:00pm at Thessalonia Baptist Church, located at 941 Rev. James A. Polite Avenue. Mr. Barnes will forward information to Bronx Community Board Three to disseminate via e-mail.

SS Luis R. Sepulveda's Report

Ms. Krystle Cajas, representative from SS Luis R. Sepulveda's office, introduced herself to those in attendance. Ms. Cajas distributed "Back To School Summer Reading Celebration" on Saturday, September 14th from 12 noon to 4:00pm, at St. Helena's Church located at 1315 Olmstead Avenue.

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's Report

Mariel Del A Cruz, representative from the NYC Comptroller's Office, stated that the 50th African American Parade will take place on Sunday, September 15th, 1:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. starting at 111th Street and Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard and moving along Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard to 136th Street. This years theme is "**Integrity & Transparency = Good Government**"

District Managers Report

Mr. John Dudley, district manager at Bronx Community Board Three, provided a written report. The following represents a brief summary of issues of importance affecting Bronx Community District Three:

ASS. CARL HEASTIE - NYS ASSEMBLY SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT

Bronx Community Board Three has received information via NY Daily News announcement today, that NYC will announce Tuesday, city administration plans to no longer issue homeowners in NYC, violations for defective sidewalk conditions due to existing tree root systems. According to the article today, Ass. Carl Heastie and Mayor Bill de Blasio reached a consensus to address the increasing backlog of issues regarding sidewalks affected and damaged by tree root systems, and agreed that going forward, NYC and not homeowners, will be responsible for fixing the conditions.

In brief, under this agreement, homeowners of one, two or three family homes, where sidewalks are damaged solely by city trees, will not receive notices of violations or liens. According to the report, officials plan to fast track repairs at 5, 500 priority sites where roots have buckled or upended sidewalks and review another roughly 50,000 existing violations to determine whether the city is responsible, and cancel the lien for any that meet the criteria.

The report notes that the city will expedite the evaluation if any homeowner is selling or re-financing his home.

Additional information will be made available pending the city announcement

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NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

September is National Preparedness month and the Office of Emergency Management has reminded New Yorkers to take action to prepare for the types of emergencies that could affect where we live, work, learn and worship. In an effort to promote emergency preparedness citywide, various events will take place throughout the city.

Bronx Zoo Preparedness Event will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2019, 10am to 4pm at the Bronx Zoo, 2300 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10460.

Notify NYC is the most appropriate way to receive information on emergencies. All New Yorkers are encouraged to register at www.nyc.gov/notifynyc or by calling 311. The mobile app can also be downloaded for iOS and Android operating systems.

The Bronx Community Board Three Education and Consumer Affairs committee has also collaborated with NYC Emergency Management to sponsor a Bronx Community Board Three Emergency Preparedness Bootcamp/Forum which is scheduled for two consecutive dates in October 2019 (October 22nd and 29th). The events, which will be held at Boricua College and are open to the general public, will focus on providing attendees with the following information:

Community Preparedness Boot Camp Objectives:

- Learn about **community resilience**
- Learn about the importance of **community emergency networks** for preparedness and response.
- Learn about **emergency communication**
- **Connect your neighborhood to community and government resources** during an emergency.
- Map local **community resources for emergency response**.

Day 1 Agenda

- I. Intro
- II. Social Capital
- III. Intro to Community Emergency Planning Toolkit
- **Break**
- IV. Toolkit Breakdown: Before an Emergency
 - a. Defining Your Community
 - b. Mapping Your Community Resources
 - c. Developing Communication Strategies
 - d. Coordinating Volunteers
 - e. Identifying Community Spaces
 - f. Engaging Your Community
- **Break**
- V. Community Emergency Scenarios
- VI. What Are the Emergency Networks & Communications
- VII. Debrief and Next Steps

Day 2 Agenda

- I. Recap of Part 1
- II. Warm-Up Group Activity
- III. Toolkit Breakdown: After An Emergency
 - a. Connecting With The City's EOC
 - b. Conducting Needs Assessment
 - c. Conducting Resource Assessment
 - d. Managing Donations
- **Break**
- IV. Toolkit Breakdown: Put Your Plan Into Action
 - a. Community Engagement and Mitigation Projects
 - b. Sample Emergency Scenarios
- V. Sample Emergency Scenarios
- VI. **Break**

- VII. Ways to Continue Planning & Learning
- VIII. Conclusion and Evaluations

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD THREE DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETINGS

Bronx Community Board Three holds regular monthly closed meetings with various city agency representatives to provide status updates on numerous requests submitted for service or maintenance related matters affecting Bronx Community District Three. All NYC agencies (NYPD, DOB, DOT, PARKS, etc.) are obligated under the NYC Charter, to attend and respond to such concerns. Board members are encouraged to communicate any service delivery concerns by calling 311 or going online to www.nyc.gov, and obtain a complaint reference number. This information should be forwarded via email, to the district board office at jdudley@cb.nyc.gov or eritter@cb.nyc.gov, for inclusion on the district service cabinet agenda.

BRONX BOROUGH CONSULTATION MEETINGS

The 2019 Bronx Borough Consultation meetings with all city agencies will be held with the Bronx Community Boards during the month of September 2019. These meetings are attended by the district manager and serve as the framework for discussion of the FY' 2021 NYC Budget related to various city agency programs and services for the Bronx and NYC at-large. These meetings will also serve as the basis for recommendations made and adopted by the community boards in the fall, as part of the board's capital and expense budget submissions for FY' 2021.

Bronx Community Board Three anticipates approval of its FY' 2021 Capital and Expense budget requests in October/November 2019. Communication will be made with all board members and the general public, to identify new budget priorities for consideration by the board at that time.

SOUTHERN BOULEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD STUDY

Bronx Community Board Three has met with the NYC Department of City Planning in August 2019 to discuss issues involving affordable housing in the Southern Boulevard Study area. This meeting was attended by representatives of HPD and DCP, and focused on a discussion of What is Affordable Housing?, Neighborhood Demographics, Current Housing Conditions in Bronx Community District Three and Housing Preservation Strategies.

The district manager will share the report with members of the Housing, Land-Use and Economic Development committee in September 2019, and subsequently the board as the study develops in the future.

SOUTHERN BOULEVARD DDC CAPITAL PROJECT #HED553

The NYC Department of Design and Construction issued its final 2019 newsletter regarding the above capital project which relates to the installation of trunk and distribution water mains along Southern Boulevard between Crotona Park East and Westchester Avenue; Boston Road between E. 179 St. and E. Tremont Avenue; E. Tremont Avenue between Boston Road and Bronx St. This project also includes combined sewer replacement, installation of new catch basins, new curbs, new sidewalks, street lighting and traffic signal work. The anticipated date of completion of the project is scheduled for August 2019.

Work which has been completed includes the installation of new 8", 12" and 20" distribution mains and well as 36" and 48" trunk mains on Southern Boulevard within the project limits of Southern Boulevard between Crotona Park East and Westchester Avenue. The scope of this project also included installation of combined sewers and new sidewalks and curbs, street lighting and intersection redesign work within the project limits.

At the request of Bronx Community Board Three, a new phase of work will be added to the Southern Boulevard project by NYC DOT. This phase will reconfigure traffic lanes as well as improve pedestrian islands and sidewalks at the intersections of Boston Road, Southern Boulevard, E. 174 St. and on Louis Nine Boulevard, Freeman St. and Southern Boulevard. This phase will commence early 2019 and will result in pedestrian safety and traffic flow enhancements at these busy intersections.

DDC is currently monitoring the final phase of the work related to asphalt installation at various point along Southern Boulevard between E. 174 St. and Westchester Avenue. Residents are provided regular weekly updates by Mr. Javier Fleming, Community Construction Liaison. Mr. Fleming may be reached at 718-822-0673 or via email at southernblvdccl@gmail.com

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Committee Reports

By-Laws and Membership Committee

Ms. Wanda Ellis, chairperson of the By-Laws and Membership Committee, stated that Rev. Frederick Crawford was sent a certified letter due to five (5) missed meetings for the period of September 2018 to May 2019. This action 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, Rev. Crawford stated that he traveled to Africa and stayed for a month. Due to this extensive travels, he became ill and was unable to attend community board meetings as planned. Rev. Crawford stated that he is very much interested in continuing as a board member.

At this time, Ms. Wanda Ellis requested that a motion be made:

Motion

It was motioned by Rita Jones and seconded by Linda Kemp to keep Rev. Frederick Crawford as a board member

Yes	No
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ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

Announcements

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

Benediction

Rev. Abraham Jones led us in prayer.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

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