

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK**



**BOROUGH OF THE BRONX**

**COMMUNITY BOARD #5**

**Honorable Ruben Diaz, Jr., Bronx Borough President**

**Chairperson  
Dr. Bola Omotosho**

**District Manager  
Kenneth Brown**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**APRIL 24, 2019**

CHAIRMAN BOLA OMOTOSHO OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:05PM.  
MUHAMMED SAID THE OPENING PRAYER. HE REQUESTED A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE VICTIMS IN SRI LANKA.

THE CHAIRMAN REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

FELIX GARCIA, REPRESENTATIVE FOR COUNCILMEMBER VANESSA GIBSON, REPORTED THAT THIS FRIDAY, THE COUNCILMEMBER IS PRESENTING THE PROJECTS THAT WERE APPROVED THROUGH PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROCESS. SHE IS SPONSORING A MOTHER'S DAY HEALING EVENT AND FREE SERVICES FOR LOCAL MERCHANTS ON JUNE 1 AND MAY 1 2019. HER OFFICE WILL PROVIDE FAMILY LAW SERVICES ON JULY 31 AND CITIZENS TAX TRAINING AND PREPARATION ON MAY 9 2019. MR. GARCIA ALSO ANNOUNCED A JOB FAIR ON MAY 17, 2019. THE CONTACT NUMBER IS 718 588 7500.

RONN JORDAN, REPRESENTATIVE FOR COUNCILMEMBER RITCHIE TORRES ENCOURAGED THE COMMUNITY TO VISIT THE OFFICE AT 573 EAST FORDHAM ROAD, BRONX. CONTACT NUMBER IS 718 842 8100

HENNESEY REYES, REPRESENTATIVE FOR STATE SENATOR GUSTAVO RIVERA DISTRIBUTED THE MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT BULLETINS. SHE REPORTED THAT THE STATE SENATOR HELPED THE PASSAGE OF THE NEW YORK STATE BUDGET BY THE APRIL 1ST DEADLINE. ALSO THE SENATOR IS COSPONSORING THE JOB FAIR TO BE HELD ON MAY 17, 2019. FREE NOTARY SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY. THE OFFICE HOLDS A FAMILY CLINIC ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

SUAD HASSAN, REPRESENTATIVE FOR STATE SENATOR JOSE SERRANO, REPORTED THAT THE OFFICE IS AVAILABLE AT THE HIGH BRIDGE AND SEDGEWICK LIBRARIES AND SENIOR CENTERS ON TUESDAYS, FOR PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE BRONX COMMUNITY. ALSO RECRUITMENT FOR CENSUS JOBS IS AVAILABLE AT 1960 PARK AVENUE, BRONX.

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**CHAIRMAN REPORT**

CHAIRMAN OMOTOSHO INTRODUCED ALVA RODRIGUEZ AS THE NEW COMMUNITY ASSISTANT WORKING IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE. MS RODRIGUEZ STATED THAT SHE WAS EXCITED TO SUPPORT EVERYONE. RAMADAN CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD AT THE DAVIDSON COMMUNITY CENTER ON MAY 5, 2019. THE CHAIRMAN MET WITH CONGRESSMAN ANDRIANO ESPANIATT WHO IS PLANNING A MEET AND GREET EVENT ON JULY 2, 2019.

**DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**

DISTRICT MANAGER, KENNETH BROWN STATED THAT THE REPORT IS IN THE BOARD PACKET. MR. BROWN HIGHLIGHTED THE BROTHERS AT BARD COLLEGE WILL HOLD MENTORING EVENT ON MAY 3, 2019 AT BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE; THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS TEMPORARILY RELOCATED TO LOEW HALL IN ROOM 208 DUE TO ELECTRICALLY PROBLEMS; MARCH MINUTES ARE NOT IN BOARD PACKETS. THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM TO BE HELD IN THE PLAYGROUND BEHIND FRANCIS MARTIN LIBRARY.

THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED AT 6:25PM, THERE WAS A QUORUM.

THREE BOARD MEMBERS DID NOT SUBMIT REAPPLICATIONS.

BELINDA LAWRENCE, CHAIR OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR HIRING A COMMUNITY ASSISTANT STATED THAT MS. RODRIGUEZ WAS INTERESTED IN DOING COMMUNITY WORK. SHE WILL BE GRADUATING WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE.

**VOTING ITEMS:**

NERO GRAHAM MOVED AND ANGEL CABALLERO SECONDED THAT COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE GRANT THE LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE THOROBIRD GRAND LLC FOR A SUNDAY WORK PERMIT.

VOTE: 24 YES 0 NO MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT ONLY 24 BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

ANGEL CABALLERO MOVED AND FRANK AMATO SECONDED THAT COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE GRANT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE REDESIGN OF THE MORTON PLAYGROUND.

VOTE: 21 YES 0 NO 2 ABSTENTIONS MOTION PASSED

THE SOUTHERN ENTRANCE OF ACQUEDUCT WALK WILL BE COMPLETED AND OPENED BY JUNE 2020.

DARINKA MALDONADO MOVED AND FRANK AMATO SECONDED THAT THE COMMUNITY BOARD GRANT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 1746 ANDREWS AVENUE SOUTH

VOTE: 20 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS MOTION PASSED

DARINKA MALDONADO MOVED AND FRANK AMATO SECONDED THAT COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE GRANT A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE SYCAMORE BIRCH MANAGEMENT TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON 1701 GRAND AVENUE, BRONX NEW YORK

VOTE 19 YES 0 NO 2 ABSTENTIONS MOTION PASSED

PABLO BLANCO MOVED AND BELINDA LAWRENCE SECONDED THAT COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE GRANT A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE WATERFRONT ALLIANCE-WATERFRON DESIGN STANDARDS REGARDING RESLIANCE AND FLOODING ALONG THE HARLEM RIVER.

VOTE: 21 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS  
TWO BOARD MEMBERS DID NOT VOTE MOTION PASSED

**NYPD PRECINCT 46 REPORT:**

POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY FIOLE AND LEIUTENANT RODRIGUEZ GAVE THE MONTHLY REPORT. DEPUTY INSPECTOR RICHARD BREA IS PRECINCT 46 NEW COMMANDING OFFICER. CRIME IS DOWN EXCEPT FELONY ASSAULTS AND GRAND LARCENY. A POLICE OFFICER SHOT A MENTALLY ILL VICTIM AT 1616 GRAND AVENUE. THE POLICE OFFICER'S TASER DID NOT WORK. THE CASE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION. THE NEXT PRECINCT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 21, 2019. THERE WAS A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT AT 1628 NELSON AVENUE. THE PERP TURNED HIMSELF IN AND IS UNDER ARREST. OFFICER FIOLE INTRODUCED ERIC ESPINAL WHO IS IN THE PRECINCT'S EXPLORERS PROGRAM AND HAS WON THE NEW YORK YANKEE COMMUNITY COUNCIL YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD. HE THANKED EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT. ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019 FROM 10AM TO 2PM AT MONROE COLLEGE, THE NYPD PRECINCT COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS COMMUNITY BRUNCH. THE PRECINCT IS SPONSORING A FREE SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM FOR 10 YEARS OLD TO 14 YEARS OLD. THE CITIZENS ACADEMY IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ITS 14 WEEKS TRAINING PROGRAM.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL'S CONTINUED:**

VICTOR MARTINEZ, REPRESENTATIVE FOR NEW YORK CITY COMPTROLLER SCOTT STRINGER REPORTED THAT OFFICE OVERSEES CITY SERVICES BUDGETS, MAKE INVESTIGATIONS, PENSION SYSTEMS AND GIVES POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL. THE OFFICE ALSO HAS AN ECONOMIC PROFILE OF COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE.

KARIM ARAB, REPRESENTATIVE FOR ASSEMBLY MEMBER LATOYA JOYNER, REPORTED THE OFFICE HELD WORKSHOP ON IMPROVING REPAIRS IN NYCHA BUILDINGS, SPONORED ANNUAL SENIOR WEEK INFO SESSION IN MARCH 2019; CONDUCTED EASTER HUNT FOR HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN IN MARCH 2019. SPONSORED ASSEMBLY BILL TO BAN PLASTIC BAGS EFFECTIVE MARCH 20, 2019. FREE LEGAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO CONSUMERS, TENANTS AND IMMIGRANTS. CONTACT NUMBER IS 718 538 2000.

FAMOD KONNEH FROM THE BRONX OFFICE OF THE MAYOR REPORTED THAT MAYOR DE BLASIO HAS APPOINTED EIGHT COMMISSIONERS THAT WILL DEAL WITH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PARTICIPATION.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

MICHAEL PARKINSON, FROM THE BRONX CITY PLANNING PRESENTED UPDATES REGARDING THE JEROME AVE REZONING. HE THANK COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE FOR THEIR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN AND CAROL SAMOL, DIRECTOR OF THE BRONX OFFICE OF CITY PLANNING, FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN THIS MATTER. MR PARKINSON IS ALWAYS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN.

- SALLIE SMITH, COMMUNITY ADVOCATE. REMINDED THE ATTENDEES OF THE TIRELESS EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNITY TO HELP SHAPE THE PLAN SO THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL BENEFIT FROM IT. SHE ALSO ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS LISTED ON THE COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE CALENDAR.

KENDALL LEWIS, CHAIR AND SUZANNE MARKLAND-SUKIAREH, CO-CHAIR OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE, THANKED THE FOLLOWING YOUTH, AS RECIPIENTS OF THE NEW YORK YANKEE COMMUNITY COUNCIL YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS:  
MATTHEW SHQUTAJ, ERIC ESPINAL, JASMINE VELASCO, JANEYSA RIVERA AND KELVIN LANDRON.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND SERVICES FOR THE UNDERSERVED GAVE A PRESENTATION OF UPDATES ON THE PLAN TO ESTABLISH AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON 179TH STREET AND ECHO PLACE, BRONX.

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS CELEBRATED MARCH AND APRIL BIRTHDAYS OF THOMASINA BUSHBY AND SUZANNE MARKLAND-SUKIAREH.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

AL PIZARRO IS PROMOTING A HIP HOP FESTIVAL SLATED FOR AUGUST 10, 019

DAVID BELLER THE CENSUS BUREAU IS HIRING CENSUS TAKERS AT \$ 25 PER HOUR. APPLICANTS MUST BE EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD AND A UNITED STATES CITIZEN.

PUBLIC SESSION ENDED.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

CHAIRMAN OMOTOSHO ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WILL BE A MEET AND GREET EVENT ON APRIL 30, 2019, AT 6PM SO THAT BOARD MEMBERS MAY BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS ON MAY 22, 2019 AND ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY ON JUNE 26, 2019

MEETING ENDED AT 10:05PM.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

THOMASINA BUSHBY  
BOARD MEMBER AND SECRETARY