

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 BOARD MEETING

JUNE 26, 2019

CHAIRPERSON BOLA OMOTOSHO OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:10 PM. RABBI ADAMS SAID THE OPENING PRAYER.

CHAIRPERSON OMOTOSHO REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

ELECTED OFFICIALS

COUNCILMEMBER VANESSA GIBSON REPORTED THAT THE 93 MILLION DOLLAR NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WAS PASSED; THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM STAFF WILL BE PAID \$15.00 PER HOUR; THERE WILL BE CAMPUS AND SONIC SUMMER JOB SLOTS AVAILABLE; ALL PUBLIC LIBRARIES HAVE BEEN FUNDED; 3 MILLION DOLLARS FUNDED TO BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE; 2 MILLION DOLLARS FUNDED FOR THE HIP HOP MUSEUM AS OF MARCH 2020; PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE BANNED IN NEW YORK CITY; GOVERNOR ANDREW CUOMO REOPENED THE RENNOVATED ROBERTO CLEMENTE STATE PARK; COUNCILMEMBER FERNANDO CABRERA LED THE EFFORT TO FUND THE NEW YORK CITY COMMUNITY BOARDS; SILENT DISCO WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 28, 2019 IN MACOMBS DAM PARK; SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FRONT OF COUNCILMEMBER GIBSON'S OFFICE; AN HEALTH TASK FORCE HAS BEEN CREATED ACCORDING TO THE JEROME AVENUE PLAN. COUNCILMEMBER GIBSON WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY SUMMER.

CHAIRPERSON OMOTOSHO ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WAS QUORUM PRESENT AT 6:38PM. HE ASKED THAT THE BOARD MEMBERS READ AND REVIEW THE MINUTES FOR JUNE 27, 2018 AND MAY 22, 2019.

VOTES: ANGEL CABALLERO AND DARINKA MALDONADO SECONDED THAT THE JUNE 27 2018 MINUTES BE APPROVED WITH THE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

0 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS. BECAUSE THERE WERE NO NAYES OR ABSTENTIONS, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ANDY TOLEDO REPRESENTATIVE FOR BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT RUBEN DIAZ JR, REPORTED THAT THE MANDATED SEXUAL HARRASSMENT TRAINING FOR BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE HELD

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SOMETIME IN AUGUST 2019; FIREWORKS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT ORCHARD BEACH TOMORROW AT 6PM; THE BOROUGH PRESIDENT WISHES THE BOARD MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY A SAFE SUMMER. ALL NEW BOARD MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING.

PRECINCT 46

DEPUTY INSPECTOR RICHARD BREA REPORTED THAT CRIME IS UP; THERE WERE THREE SHOOTINGS WITHIN THE COMMUNITYBOARD FIVE NEIGHBORHOODS; THE PRECINCT URGES THE COMMUNITY TO SURRENDER FIRE ARMS; OFFICER SAMMY PEREZ 2019. ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE NYPD ON OCTOBER 30, 2019 AND THIS IS THE LAST BOARD MEETING HE WILL ATTEND. HE STATED THAT HE HAS INTERACTED WITH SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, TENANT ASSOCIATIONS AND SCHOOLS. INSPECTOR BREA ANNOUNCED THAT PRECINCT 46 WILL SPONSOR A DAY PICNIC FOR CHILDREN, AGES 7-12 YEAR ON THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 AT VAN COURTLANDT PARK; THE PRECINCT SPONSORED ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2019 IN ROBERTO CLEMENTE STATE PARK, 3PM TO 7PM. THE INSPECTOR STATED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND THE POLICE IS BETTER. THE POLICE PRECINCT COUNCIL MEETING IS TOMORROW.

ELECTED OFFICIALS CONTINUED

CAROLINA VALENZUELA, LIAISON FOR ASSEMBLY MEMBER VICTOR PICHARDO, REPORTED THAT THE OFFICE WILL CONDUCT FREE HEALTH SESSIONS; SPONSOR SENIOR HEALTH FAIR ON JULY 26, 2019 AT MONROE COLLEGE; THE ASSEMBLY MEMBER SPOKE AT MONROE COLLEGE GRADUATION ON JUNE 12, 2019, AT RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL; HE WAS A MARSHALL AT THE PUERTO RICAN DAY PARADE AND GAY PRIDE PARADE; LEGAL, TENANT SUPPORT AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES AT THE ASSEMBLY OFFICE NEWSAT 2175 JEROME AVENUE, SUITE C. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 718 933 6909.

SHARON WILLIAMS, REPRESENTATIVE FOR ASSEMBLY MEMBER LATOYA JOYNER, REPORTED THAT THE JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED; THE ASSEMBLY MEMBER IS CO SPONSORING THE AFRICAN DIASPORA CELEBRATION IN ALBANY; AND SUPPORTED THE BOND ACT AND SUMMER READING CHALLENGE PROGRAM;

SUAD HASAN REPRESENTATIVE FOR STATE SENATOR JOSE SERRANO, REPORTED THAT SUPPORTED THE ELIMINATION OF THE VACANCY BONUSES AND LEGISLATION ON GUN SAFETY, VOTING REFORM, DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA, FUNDING FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES. THE SENATOR MEETS HIS CONSTITUENTS EVERY TUESDAY AT THE HIGHBRIDGE LIBRARY AND SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS TO HEAR THEIR CONCERNS.

VICTOR MARTINEZ, REPRESENTATIVE FOR NYC COMPTROLLER SCOTT STRINGER, REPORTED THAT THE OFFICE THANKS OFFICER SAMMY PEREZ FOR HIS FINE WORK WITHIN COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE; COMPTROLLER REPORTS SHOW THAT PARENTS SPEND \$21,000 PER YEAR FOR CHILD CARE. MR MARTINEZ ON BEHALF OF THE COMPTROLLER, WISH EVERYONE A GREAT SUMMER AND SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

CHAIRPERSON OMOTOSHO REPORTED THAT A FORUM WAS HELD FOR THE MTA AT THE DAVIDSON COMMUNITY CENTER WHERE THE AGENCY INFORMED THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE CHANGES ON THE BRONX BUS ROUTES. CHAIRPERSON OMOTOSHO EMPHASIZED #36 AND #40 BUS ROUTES. ALL CONSTITUENTS MAY REGISTER THEIR CONCERNS ONLINE TO MTA BY SEPTEMBER 2019; HE ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO VISIT THE NEWLY RENNOVATED ROBERTO CLEMENTE PARK AND SHOULD SUPPORT THE HEALTH TASK FORCE THAT IS MANDATED ON THE JEROME AVENUE PLAN; IT IS ILLEGAL TO CARRY BAGS OF CASH IN ORDER TO BUY PROPERTY IN

COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE; THE CHAIRMAN REQUESTED THE DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT WHICH IS IN THE BOARD MEMBERS PACKETS.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

KENNETH BROWN, DISTRICT MANAGER HIGHLIGHTED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN THE REPORT: HE INTRODUCED THE NEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE ALVA RODRIGUEZ TO THE BOARD AND ATTENDEES; HE CONTINUES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GOOD WORK OF COMMUNITY COORDINATOR, LASHAWNDA DODSON; THE MORRIS GARDEN MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 29, 2019.

DAVID BELLA, REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU ANNOUNCED THAT CONGRESSMAN ADRIANO ESPAILLAT WILL HOLD A TOWN HALL MEETING ON JULY 2, 2019 IN DAVIDSON COMMUNITY CENTER, TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CENSUS. THE AGENCY IS LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS.MR BELLA IS WORKING WITH CHAIRPERSON OMOTOSHO AND DISTRICT MANAGER KEN BROWN IN THIS EFFORT. HE STATED THAT COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE IS THE FIRST TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT IN THE BRONX. THE CENSUS IS BASED ON POPULATION COUNT WHICH DETERMINES THE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS THAT COME TO THE BRONX.BRONX POLITICAL REPRESENTATION IS ALSO BASED ON POPULATION COUNT. BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS HOLDING A RECRUITMENT EVENT ON CENSUS JOBS. THE PAY RATE RANGES FROM \$20 TO 30\$ PER HOUR.

JAQUA CUIEL, TREASURER REPORTED THAT THE COMMUNITY BOARD HAS NO FINANCIAL ISSUES. THE BALANCE IS A SURPLUS OF \$ 16,879.03. THE TREASURER'S REPORT IS IN THE BOARD MEMBERS' PACKET. MS. CUIEL ALSO THANKED THE BOARD FOR VOTING FOR HER AS TREASURER IN 2018.

NERO GRAHAM, CHAIR OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OPENED BOARD ELECTIONS.THE POSITIONS VACANT ARE THE CHAIRMAN,FIRST VICE CHAIR,SECOND VICE CHAIR, SECRETARY AND TREASURER. THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED LETTERS OF INTENT TO RUN FOR OFFICE, EXCEPT FROM THE CURRENT SECRETARY, THOMASINA BUSHBY.THE CHAIR FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT INTERESTED BOARD MEMBERS MAY BE NOMINATED FROM THE FLOOR AND DISTRI BUTE FORTY COPIES OF LETTER OF INTENT TO THE BOARD MEMBERS. ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. ANDY TOLEDO FROM THE BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, WILL OVERSEE THE BALLOTING PROCESS.

VOTING RESULTS:

CHAIRPERSON BOLA OMOTOSHO
FIRST VICE CHAIRPERSON ANGEL CABALLERO
SECOND VICE CHAIRPERSON BELINDA LAWRENCE
TREASURER JAQUA CUIEL

NOTE; THE FIRST VICE CHAIR, SECOND VICE CHAIR AND TREASURER RAN UNOPPOSED AND RECEIVED UNANIMOUS BOARD VOTE. BOLA OMOTOSHO RECEIVED 20 VOTES AND FRANK AMATO RECEIVED 5 VOTES. BOLA OMOTOSHO WON THE VOTE.

ANGEL CABALLERO MOVED AND DENISE PERRY AND JAQUA CUIEL SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA SHOULD BE MOVED TO VOTE ON LETTER OF SUPPORTS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NERO GRAHAM MOVED AND DARINKA MALDONADO SECONDED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MTA CHANGES REGARDING SAFE BUS ROUTES FOR SCHOOLS. VOTE: 22 YES 1 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS (ONE BOARD MEMBER DID NOT VOTE) MOTION PASSED

NERO GRAHAM MOVED AND ANGEL CABALLERO SECONDED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MTA CHANGES OF BUS ROUTES ON WEBSTER AVENUE. VOTE: 22 YES 0 NO 1 ABSTENTIONS (ONE BOARD MEMBER DID NOT VOTE) MOTION PASSED.

MTA DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PIZARRO THANKED THE BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

THOMASINA BUSHBY MOVED AND ALL BOARD MEMBERS SECONDED THAT A LETTER OF SUPPORT BE APPROVED FOR THE HIP HOP FESTIVAL. VOTE: 22 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NERO GRAHAM MOVED AND PABLO BLANCO SECONDED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE LICENSE RENEWAL FOR SUPERCLASS DISPATCH. VOTE: 22 YES 2 NO 1 ABSTENTIONS. MOTION PASSED

NERO GRAHAM MOVED AND PABLO BLANCO SECONDED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR UNION RADIO DISPATCH. VOTE: 23 YES 1 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS (ONE MEMBER WAS ABSENT) MOTION PASSED

BYLAWS

FRANK AMATO, CHAIR AND BELINDA LAWRENCE, CO CHAIR OF BYLAWS COMMITTEE EXPLAINED THE CURRENT REVISIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE BYLAWS. VOTE: BELINDA LAWRENCE MOVED AND JUAN PARRA SECONDED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REVISIONS IN THE COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE BYLAWS, AS OF JUNE 26, 2019. VOTE: 0 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC SESSION

PANSA PANSA FORUM WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 3, 2019 AT 3PM IN THE DAVIDSON COMMUNITY CENTER. IT WILL ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES OF AFRICAN IMMIGRANT CHILDREN.

RECLAIMING THE HALL FOR AMERICANS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2019. THE PROJECT IS COLLECTING HISTORIES FROM THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.

SALLIE SMITH SUGGESTED THAT THE PUBLIC SESSION SHOULD BE HELD AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GENERAL MEETING SO THAT THE ELECTED OFFICIALS CAN HEAR THE COMMUNITY CONCERNS.

CARLOS ROSARIO ANNOUNCED THAT AT ACADEMY OF MOUNT ST URSULA, THE JEROME AVENUE TASK FORCE WILL GIVE UPDATES ON JUNE 29, 2019, 11AM-2PM.

AL PIZARRO STATED HE IS EXCITED ABOUT THE HIP HOP FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AUGUST 10, 2019. AS A GIFT TO THE BOARD, HE GAVE A MINITURE STREET SIGN OF "HIP HOP BOULEVARD".

PUBLIC SESSION ENDED.

OLD BUSINESS NONE

NEW BUSINESS NONE

THE BOARD MEMBERS AGREED THAT THE CURRENT COMMITTEE CHAIRS REMAIN IN PLACE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. CULTURAL AFFAIRS, YOUTH SERVICES, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES REPORTS ARE IN THE BOARD MEMBERS PACKET.

CARLOS ROSARIO, ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO WORK AND COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER.

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 25 2019.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS CELEBRATED JUNE BIRTHDAYS.

MEETING ENDED AT 10:15PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

THOMASINA BUSHBY
BOARD MEMBER AND SECRETARY