

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 November 13, 2019 6:00pm

Board Members:

Present:

B. Akumah, F. Amato, P. Blanco, Dr. M. Brown, J. Curiel, N. Graham, Jr., M. Heath, B. Lawrence, K. Lewis, B. Moore, Dr. B. Omotosho, R. Owusu, J. Parra, D. Perez, D. Perry, F. Ramos-Guareno, M. Rosado, C. Rosario, S. Rudolph, C. Shorter, P. Stewart, C. Westbrook, R. Whetstone.

Absent:

E. Acosta, T. Bushby, A. DeJesus, H. Esteban, R. Gonzalez, K. Jabouin, D. Maldonado, S. Markland-Suwareh, G. Medina, T. Mims, J. Perez, and L. Reyes

Excused:

A. Caballero, and M. Rodgers

• Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman, Dr. Bola Omotosho.
- District Manager Ken Brown said the opening prayer.
- Last month (October 2019) meeting minutes were amended and approved
 - Motioned by Nero Graham, seconded by Frank Amato.

• Chairman's (Dr. Bola Omotosho) Report :

- Executive Meeting is very important: must attend and no devices applied.

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Serving these Neighborhoods:
Fordham, Morris Heights, Mount Hope, University Heights

- Please go to Annual Training session of Sexual Harassment Prevention before Dec. 13 if not the Bronx Borough President's Office may terminate your membership on the board.
 - Ribbon cutting ceremony for SUS on West 176 Street and Jerome.
 - We are living in a District (CB5), which is gradually changing for the better.
 - This General Board Meeting is not a "Forum" for "Conflict" to the community
 - Concerning the Training of "Conflict of Interest", please complete the training right before Dec. 13 **if not** you will be removed from the Community Board 5.
 - Please see the following demolition notices:
 - 1542 Shakespeare Avenue. Should begin as of November 22nd.
 - 2028 Walton Avenue. Should begin in about November 15th.
 - 2026 Walton Avenue. Should begin on (about) November 15th.
 - 1544 Shakespeare Avenue. Should begin on about November 22nd.
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- Host of South Job Corps; Director: Ms. Kendra Watson:
 - Accepting Application Age of 17 to 24 Years Old
 - Free Programs given at the South Bronx Job Corps Academy
 - Supporting kids to earn GED
 - Recruiting age of 17 to 24 years old
 - Training to learn and earn a Certificate for the future
 - Career training and education (Counselor Provided)
 - Safety and Security of its student who enrolled in South Job Corps.

District Manager's Report

Kenneth Brown, District Manager highlighted the following items in the report (Report Enclosed):

Mr. Brown highlighted the budget report of November:

- Submitting all the reported on time.
 - November 8, 2019,
 - Task Force Forum (Zoning) Health Community,
 - Open space for education
 - Food environment
 - Housing
 - Economic Dev.
 - October 22 - Women's Shelter;
 - Welcoming to all of the citizens to the General Board Meeting
 - Providing free programs and services.
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- **Quorum present : 6:28pm**

- **Presentation/ Speakers :**
 - **MTA - Howard/ Jessica :**
 - **Welcoming to all the Board Members.**
 - **Metropolitan Transit Authority has partnership with the Department of Transportation (DOT) for a “New Design of Bronx Bus Network Resign.”**
 - **This is a draft plan update for; subway stations with digital messages.**
 - **Redesign strategies such as more direct routing and Bus Stop balancing.**
 - **Improved Connectivity and Increased Frequency**
 - **Proposed Final Plan will be announced late Summer 2020.**
 - **More Direct Routings / alternatives routes for all CB5 and CB4 locations.**
 - **Improved / Ease of Connectivity**
 - **Express Bus Schedule Changes**
 - **Next Steps Bronx and Manhattan to hear from customers and other stakeholders. Detailed information for public input session**
 - **Proposal will be in Summer/Fall 2020 implementation.**
 - **Bus and trains will be running more efficiency.**
 - **NYC Dot Bus priority Corridors- Improve Bus service;**
 - **signals demand for bus service,**
 - **bus performance,**
 - **service levels proposed by MTA,**
 - **Neighborhoods demographics and**
 - **Feasibility of implementation.**
 - **Identifies Bus Priority Toolkit –**
 - **New Bus lanes,**
 - **upgraded bus lanes.**
 - **Protected bus lanes,**
 - **transit and freight priority streets,**
 - **bus boarders bus queue jump signals,**
 - **curb management,**
 - **pedestrian safety,**
 - **Bus stop accessibility,**
 - **Turn restrictions,**
 - **Goals are adding more bus lanes**
 - **Provide for all disability accessible bus standing**
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 - **Tremont Avenue (CB5)- BX36 keys issues-**
 - **Congested corridor with slow bus speed,**
 - **bus speed is 43 MPH.**
 - **Bx3 and Bx36 carry 55000 weekday riders with 12700 riders weekends.**
 - **Bx3, Bx11, Bx13, Bx35, Bx36 carry 111,400 weekday riders and crossing Washington Bridge.**
 - **Fordham Road cedar Ave to White Plains Rd – Bx9, BX12 BX17 and BX22 carry 113700 weekday riders.**
 - **Bus speeds have significantly and consistently declined in recent years due to the fact of congestion.**

- Fall 2019, we present a potential Collect of traffic data survey business on loading /needs patterns CB 5.
- Any questions please contact Fastforward.mta.info/New.mta.info/bronxbusResign#fastforwardnyc
- **Board Members Comments:**
 - **West Tremont Avenue and University Avenue; traffic is congested affecting most buses couldn't reach work on time. Commuters were waiting long minutes during rush hours for buses to arrive.**
 - **In Fall 2018 and current, does MTA do the study of congestion especially the bus routes in busy streets**
- **Bronx Community College (Nancy/Judith) –**
 - Welcomed to all the Board members.
 - Updating plan to invite the community to add few voices to the New Bronx Community College Strategic Plan 2020 -2025
 - How to bring upcoming High School Students to succeed.
 - Partnering with High school and interacting with the Principals how to bring the students or introducing our campus what types of programs that can fit to their future.
 - Survey to fill out.
 - Process of collecting feedback until Dec.2019
 - We provided many free courses into our New Bronx Community College Strategic Plan 2020 -2025
 - Please contact **Judith Eisenberg, Judith.eisenberg@bcc.cuny.edu(718-289-5132)**
- **Public Session**
- **Sallie Smith (Resident)-**
 - Welcome board and community members.
- **Diego Hernandez (South Bronx Job Corps Center)**
 - Welcome Board and Community members.
 - Learn how our center helps the youth in our community through FREE education, job training, community services, and more!
 - December 11, 2019
 - 1771 Andrews Avenue South Bronx NY 11453.
 - Time is 1:00 pm,
 - This event is open to all youth from the age of 17 to 24. This is a great opportunity to start.
 - Please contact hernandez.diego@jobcorps.org or 718-294-5895.

NYPD 46th Precinct

- Lieutenant Albert Rodriguez (Community Affair)
 - Welcomed the Board Members and Community members
 - Build the Block of the Public Safety challenges
 - Thursday, November 14, 2019
 - Is at Davidson Community Center
 - Doors open at 6:30pm for refreshments
 - Meeting starts at 7:00pm
- Sergeant Pichardo (929) 364-6094. Email: Antony.fiol@NYPD.org
 - 42% - has been recorded on crime is happening on every Mondays
 - 2 shooting occurred in the Bronx of this Month; location is on Andrew Avenue
 - Bronx Community College - An older White Male was a victim that got attacked with pepper spray.
 - Domestic Violence, Special Unit is available in 46th Precinct
 - Lieutenant Balzotti (Special Unit)
 - Please contact me at Jefferey.Balzotti@NYPD.org
 - Youth, 12 to 17 years old is considered Juvenile

Elected Official's Report

- **Honorable Vanessa L. Gibson, Council Member District #16**
 - **Council member Vanessa L. Gibson**
 - Family Law Clinics
 - Child/Spousal Support
 - Custody/Visitation
 - Information about Domestic Violence
 - Location: 1377 Jerome Avenue (Corner of West 170th Street)
 - Please contact 718 588-7500 or District16Bronx@council.nyc.gov
 - Monthly Nutrition Hunger courses for free
 - Education for Youth
 - Council meeting will be available.
 - Legislative updates
 - CB4 and CB5
 - Affordable Housing are available to apply,
 - It is a Permanent Housing
 - Please contact the CB5 or CB4 office
 - Collective 16 million dollars for Parks, DOT (NYPD is in the process of installing cameras)
 - US Census 2020 Hiring Event
 - Nov. 15th
 - 10am – 2pm
 - Must be at least 18 years old
 - Please call 718 530 7000 for more information
 - Housing Resource Fair
 - November 14 2019
 - Time : 6:30pm to 8:00pm
 - Location : Bronx School Of Law
 - 224 East 163 Street Bronx NY

- 10am – 2pm
- NYPD Appreciation Luncheon
 - Honoring Police Officers from 42nd, 44th, 46th Precincts, PSA 7, Transit District 11 and BCC Public Safety
 - Dec 18, 2019 at 12pm – 3pm
 - Bronx Community College
 - Colston Hall, Lower Level
 - 2155 University Avenue
 - Holiday Celebration (Special Guest DJ)
 - Hip-Hop Legend- Grandmaster Caz
 - Dec 6, 2019
 - At Mullaly Recreation Center
 - 1020 Jerome Avenue
 - More information please contact 718 588 7500
 - Annual Holiday Party
 - Dec 6, 2019
 - 1020 Jerome Avenue, Bronx NY
 - 6pm to 8pm
 - Accepting Toy Donations
 - Details please call 718 588 7500
 - District16Bronx@Council.nyc.gov
 - 100 million dollars funded to State Park, Please Enjoy
 - 2020 will be a change on Property taxes(Assessment)
 - Those who are interested to apply Housing Projects (Criteria must be met to apply)
 - Please contact CB4 office or CB5 office for more detail of shelters or permanent housing on how to apply
 - LGBTQ Youth (to apply project)
 - AMI (only for disability/low-income)
 - Please contact 718 588 7500 for more details
- ***Honorable Adriano Espaillat, Member of Congress District #13, Assembly Member Left***
- **Honorable Jose Marco Serrano, NY State Senator District #29**
 - **Representative Terrell Brock**
 - **Welcomed all the Board Members**
 - **EPL (Environmental Advocates 2019 New York) worked for to advanced environmental protections and encourage public participation in environmental policy discussions.**
 - **Outstanding Arts Advocate 2019 Award given by the New York State Art Teachers Association (UFT)**
 - **Fighting for Tenants' Rights**
 - **2020 Census:**
 - **High Demanding on Hiring**
 - **Need more information please contact**

- TBROCK@nyenate.gov
- Or call me at 212 828 5829/ 646 764 5103

- **Committee's Reports**

- Please look at the General Board Meeting Package enclosed.
 - Just a reminder – Immigration Committees Meeting
 - Topic is fight for DACA to support the non-immigrants and children
 - Governing Committees Meeting
 - Location : Davidson Community Center
 - Time 6:00pm
- Jaqua Curiel – Chairperson
 - Education Committees Meeting was held at Davidson Community Center on Nov. 6, 2019.
 - Topic – Engage the community and identify resources throughout the City for the Youth. Mentioned job training and Health and wellness.
 - Education Committee Meeting on Dec 4, 2019
 - Location: South Bronx Job Corps.
 - Time: 7:00 pm
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- **Old Business**

- None

- **New Business**

- Angel Caballero
 - please send a prayer to his Angel Caballero's mother
- Nov. 22, 2019
 - All are Welcome
 - Ms. Perry's Birthday Party
 - Location: Row House 2128 Frederick Douglass Boulevard
 - Time: 6pm - 10pm

- **Announcements**

- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Prepared and Submitted by

Ms. Stewart

Secretary of Community Board 5