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COMMUNITY BOARD #5

Honorable Ruben Diaz, Jr., Bronx Borough President

**Chairperson
Dr. Bola Omotosho**

**District Manager
Kenneth Brown**

**General Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 26, 2021
Community Board Five
Virtual Meeting**

- **Community Board Five Board Members**
- **Attendees:** E.Acosta, B.Akumah, Dr.M.Brown, B.Siraj, P.Blanco, A.Caballero, J.Curiel, A.DeJesus, M.Estrella, R.Gonzalez, Graham, Jr., M.Health, A.Hernandez, B.Lawrence, G.Medina, B.Moore, Dr.B.Omotosho, J.Parra, F.Ramos, S.Rudolph, C.Shorter, P.Stewart, C.Westbrook
- **Absent/Excused**
- P.Dominguez, C.Camara, T.Mims, E.Morris, R.Owusu, D.Perry, L.Reyes, M.Rosado.

Welcome:

- **Meeting Started: 6:09 pm**
- **Opening Prayer** by Annette DeJesus (Board Member)
- **Quorum: 6:15 pm**
- **Approval of Minutes:** No minutes are approved.

- **Chairperson's Report Dr. Bola Omotosho:**
 - **Proceedings:**
 - The Community Board Five office requested for a potential renaming of Thomasina Bushby.
 - Seven minutes of silence in the memory of our Former Deputy Borough President, Aurelia Greene.
 - When Mount Hope Housing on a couple of housing agencies in the Bronx, a minority of people of color are having challenges. She stood up to say no. HPD will not take over all these. So, it's just important that I acknowledge that tonight as well.

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- A more sensitive topic is the executive meeting we had about two weeks ago; I shared Robert's Rules of Order and the City Charter with the Board members, and we have open discussions on this. And the outcome that we had at our previous meeting, which last month we had involved. We have Voting Item for MG54 to get a Letter of Support from Community Board Five. In conclusion, even though I did announce that the board initially carried the Letter of Support. Nevertheless, based on Robert's Rules of Order and the City Charter, the motion did not take.
- I concern the shooting that took place on Morton Playground, which there were many children in broad daylight, and any shot spotter or shot fire was spotted

- **District Managers by Ken Brown Report:**

- Thank you very much, Dr. Bola. Good evening everybody. I'll try to keep this very short because I think we're significantly behind on time. I would like to call everyone's attention to Chase Bank. Chase Manhattan Bank has confirmed, and I confirmed in writing to account holders that they will be opening their branch on, I think it's seven West Burnside **on June 21**. They would have balloons at the door, so the Chase Branch is going to be back. It has enhanced services, and that that is a real thing that's going to be happening. You have my District Manager's report for the details of the Month's events; I'd like to thank LaShawnda and Alva for their continuing perseverance and excellent work and pumping out all the messages and information that we get and servicing the community.
- I want to call up Bill's attention. The residential eviction moratorium continues to be extended **through August 31**. New York has received an allocation of monies from the federal government for rental eviction assistance; they will be distributed through the state's office a temporary disabilities administration today. And that portal will be active on January June 1. If you need rental assistance, you can contact that number **on June 1**, and the phone number for that is 844-691-7368. There are criteria for it, you must be 80% of AMI; you must be in arrears, at least since March 13 of 2020. So that will be additional resources for people that are having trouble meeting their rent. I don't want to take up any more time.

New York Police Department 46th Precinct by 2nd Executive Commander Officer Carlos Peralta and Officer Kennedy

Reports:

Good evening: for the 28 days, homicides are up to two versus zero; rapes are up to two versus zero—robberies are up 28 versus 15. Felony assaults are up 52 versus 34; burglaries are down 12 versus 19; grand larcenies are up 41 versus 34; Grand Larceny Auto is 15 versus 11. That brings crimes for 28 days. Approximately two was 113 or 52 or 34.5%. I want to point out a couple of things with the shots fire in the vicinity of Morton playground. On Saturday, May 22, it happened immediately opposite 1835 University Avenue, right in the sidewalk

area. We have nothing to say that it happened inside the park or know who the intended target is. If the intended targets were inside the park, we don't know that, but there were two gentlemen: we saw walking northbound on university and video, and two of those gentleman's discharge firearms northbound University Avenue. Nobody struck, and there was no property damage. As I said, we do have Crime stoppers fliers out. And now the detectors are working on this and looking for leads. But if anything, anybody has anything, remember we could call Crime stoppers and help us out with that. People called 911, and ShotSpotter was alerted. So, this was part of the work at that time and alerted us to shots fired. It is very concerning; plenty of kids were at the scene. There are people, many kids, in the playground. I don't think the gentleman that discharged the firearm in the park at all. We are not too sure exactly who their intended target was. All we see in that video is that we see these three guys, three young males, walking northbound on University Avenue, and they come to a particular stop. No firearms were found. The shooters discharge the firearms. With that, see some shell cases in the playground in the grassy area. Because the shell cases move to the right, so when they shoot it, it goes to the right. The shooting did not occur inside the park. We did have shots fire and two males that are in front of 1534 University Avenue. This happened on May 23 at approximately 11:46 pm. A group of people was inside 1534 University Avenue (Catering Hall). This is a massive catering hall also run and owned by the owner from MG54. So, they have two parties going inside the catering hall at that location, one is on the first floor and the next is on the second floor. It's gigantic groups; the attendees got into a fight outside the establishment, leading to two individuals getting stabbed and numerous shots fired. I want to point out also that we had another shooting and stabbing at 1900 Jerome Avenue. Our investigation revealed that multiple people were leaving that establishment, and shortly after that, there's a dispute, and rounds were fired, and one gentleman ended up getting struck. This occurred at approximately six in the morning. It was too early to open from six in the morning. Inspector Seminara it is an issue, and we are looking at that establishment. Inspector Seminara mentioned in the past meeting, and I was not here the last time I spoke with him about it. Inspector Seminara did bring it up to your attention, and I want you to be aware that we are on this case.

Voting Items:

- **Amend the Agenda on recommendation to the City Council to rename West 174 Street/ Davidson Avenue Thomasina Bushby.**
- **- Annette DeJesus made the first motion.**
- **- Angel Caballero seconded.**
- **19 Yea / 0 Abstention / 0 Nay**
- **The motion carried.**

- **Letter of Support for Zoning Text Amendment, easements for Transit Accessibility by Fernando Ortiz**
- **- Pablo Blanco made the first motion**
- **- Angel Caballero seconded.**

- - **19 Yea / 0 Nay / 0 Abstention**
- - **The motion carried.**

- **Letter of Support: 2444 Tiebout Avenue Development**

- **Reports:**

Good evening. My name is Rosa Gill, and I'm the President and CEO of Communilife, Inc. I have been pleased to attend the Housing Committee on two occasions, and we are delighted to be here at this Board Meeting. This project is in partnership with some Barnabas Hospitals and in the last meeting of the Housing Committee. Lisa Garba, the Vice President for University and Community Affairs, attended the Housing Committee meeting and expressed the full support for the hospital for the project. We have been in this community and the Bronx. For quite a long time. We have developed 65%. Of all the units that we have designed in New York, we are here in the Bronx. And I know that there's a good constraint of time. So, I would like to turn this over to my colleague, Lucille McEwen, to describe Lucille's project briefly.

Thank you again for allowing us this opportunity. We had presented the project at the Community Board and the Housing Committee of the community board, and we'll move through some of the slides rather quickly. If you could slide up, well, first of who we are, Dr. Gil has mentioned. This shows some of our real estate portfolio that the elimination 780 Prospect Avenue in the Bronx one of our projects in construction at 3401 1/3 Avenue, making some very nice progress. Community life And St Barnabas have worked together in the past; I want to say that the BPHC is the Bureau of Primary Health Care that funds health centers. We served on that committee community life. Representative served on that committee and worked in what was the DSRIP or District PPS system. This system for reform incentive payments and was for planning and administration to improve the work of the healthcare industry, including hospitals, nursing homes, health providers, and CBO, and the goal was to change the way the health delivery system works to reduce emergency room usage in-hospital care, and readmissions by 25%, while improving the quality of preventive care. So, our actions in participating on this committee were related to recognizing the importance of safe, affordable housing and supporting health care. In summary, we listened to what the board had to say about increasing the number of one-bedrooms, which we did. This is a ten-story building; it now has 83 units rather than 89. And that's because in increasing the number of one-bedroom, we needed to decrease overall units. There are 14 Community units, 54 units for frail, elderly, and 14 units for young people aging out of foster care who are very low in our incomes of 40% of AMI, 60% of AMI, and other units are proposing. Almost all the units have a subsidy so that most of the residents will only pay 30% of their income in rent for the frail, elderly; our assistance comes from the shy or the Empire State supportive housing initiative for the young people aging out of foster care. Our rental subsidy will come from your 1515 funding, the source for those units, and the 14 units for very low-income seniors. The rents will be as low as somewhere between 598% of the units and a height of 796, it completed by this year. However, the commitment is really to a percent of the AMI. So, as we move forward, the percentage of the AMI will remain below 40% of AMI, and 60% of AMI, and super will have a one-bedroom unit. So that is my summary of the companies. Community life is serving as the project developer and sponsor and the on-site social service provider. We have already received

the subsidy for the 50 for frail elderly rental units, and we will assess and select the supportive residents for these units, our next slide, please. We will provide complete services in connection with St Barnabas hospital. We will have case management services on-site, and care and coordination will continue through outpatient treatment for both medical and behavioral health and resident activities on-site, including computer classes and vocational programming, for those supportive housing. We will have frail elderly able to live independently, with support services. And as I mentioned before. Each resident will only provide 30% of the income towards their rent. You could go on to the next slide, please. People will not the tieback Avenue development timeline; we will commence project design, which has already happened. We are presenting to elected officials on the community board. We will apply for state financing. Our estimated closing on construction financing will be this winter. We anticipate starting construction wins in 2022 or early next year. And we estimate construction completion to be early 2024. Community life participates in job fairs, and we look to recruit staff from the community. We have 130 employees that live in the Bronx, and 39 live in the zip code so that all within a community Board Five. We know that was a concern of having an economic benefit to the community. And I can say that you can go on our website to look at available jobs and have information about how to apply to community life. We are always looking, almost always looking for people who do work in facilities and maintenance and case management. We will work with programs that will help minorities and women get construction jobs and job training. We've reached out to the organizations that the housing committee recommended nontraditional employment for women pathways to apprenticeships and construction works. We will invite local contractors into the bidding process for the project. And to the extent that we can purchase materials and other goods and services locally, we will do so; we commit to the community. And we will look to include having a green roof—our solar panels in our project to help with sustainability. This seems a little small, but this is a listing of some of our other projects. And that concludes our presentation, overall.

- **Nero Graham made the first motion.**
- **Acosta Ernest seconded.**
- **16 Yea / 2 Abstention / 0 Nay**
- **The motion carried.**

- **Change to By-laws**
- **Governance Belinda Lawrence**
- **Reports:**

November 20, 2020, we had a meeting, and we spoke about two amendments made to the by-laws. Nominations and elections, emergency, and the frequency of elections. So, what we decided on, and bought in order was that nominations and election June, any emergency would be postponed until after the emergency, and I will go ahead and define

an emergency, and the governor of this failure declares an emergency, and the nature of the emergency can be in the form of a pandemic which we are right now. And it's also a natural disaster. So, we voted that nominee to food exchange because the app will be the next one; the second amendment is that protections to avoid assistance should be held every two years.

Again, I will focus on those two provided. It recorded, the office is keeping the language for us, and we are now at the conjunction where the board must vote on it for language to be incorporated. So, this evening, what people were doing on Mondays to any questions we had any lengthy and spirited discussions about these, and you know this is an opportunity. You know, just submitted for everyone to ask any questions or you needed to get some refresher information about what this amendment is our doors open for a minute.

- - Nero Graham made the first motion.
- - Charles Shorter seconded.
- - 18 Yea / 0 Abstention / 0 Nay
- - The motion carried.

Public Session

- **Sallie Smith is resident of CB5:**
- **Reports:**
- I learned this technology after a while. I want to try for support or support and work on volunteering the service for our community. I have two concerns. And I want to thank Dr. Bola for educating me with the city jobs information about Robert's rules of law and the city charter. And one thing is, with the opening of Chase Bank, you know that on the corner of our Burnside and Jerome Avenue. We have an uptick of the Hangouts around that area, and significantly. We don't want to make to scare people away from coming into the bank. And I think we're going to lose a little more cleanup to look better. It's not what it should be. Thank you for that. He will be joining one of the other longtime members working up the community. Mr. Raynes Riddick Smith. Some new developments are coming up right around me, and I have not heard anything from the Board. One is on Tiebout Avenue between first and the other is on Valentine Avenue. Two new buildings are coming up. One of them is almost finished. I think the one, Valentine Avenue. One of the first is probably finishing by this fall. You know, can you tell us a whole day oh they Oh it is coming. So, you're referring. One is where the fire was. Valentine Avenue, what are the seven houses that burned. The other is on Tiebout between 1/8 and one at the first three; I think 20 2021. One, it might be on 2111. And the other one is on Valentine Avenue, and I think it might be 2104 or

2105 or six, somewhere in that 20 to 21-day simulator differs by the firewall as the ones that complained about so many years. And we're getting a new building day, and it's almost finished. And I work on it because it looks good, but I would like to know who's coming.

- **Francis Martin Library Branch by Craig Jacob**

I would like to say that the New York Public Library has extended its services to allow patrons to browse for 30 minutes and to have completed instead of 45 minutes. They can make it online in advance or use the computers. We extend our condolences to Miss Thomasina and her family. That's all, thank you very much.

Elected Official's Reports

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

- *Representative Ish Gonzalez*

- *Good evening. Good evening CB5, I am here from the Bronx borough president's office want to reiterate. Two quick announcements are the community board members that haven't completed their sexual harassment training; please be sure to complete that training and send that certificate over to Tom or me. If anyone is still having any difficulties accessing the Training link, please feel free to reach out to me, and I'm going to send you a new link. I updated it to make it a little bit easier for everybody to access the access. And secondly, anyone that reapplied for the community board and submitted their reappointment application can expect to receive your reappointment letter within the next two weeks, so if you don't accept those within the next two weeks. Also, feel free to reach out to me; that's all I have for you guys tonight. Thank you so much.*

- **Honorable Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson's Office District #16**

- *Representative Reshma Harripersad/Nereida Gomez*

- *I'm Rachel wonderful to meet you guys and thank you for having me here. Out of respect for everybody's time, I'm just going to be brief; tend to; I just wanted to say that our office is still currently remote, but we are working on transitioning to back in-person services in the coming weeks, and we will be able to meet with members of the community on a by appointment basis. Until then, you can continue to reach out to us by phone or email, which are already included in the chat. So, 1 718 588 7500, or a district 16 Bronx at the council that nyc.gov, Ken Brown mentioned before the eviction*

moratorium site for a couple more months. If you need access to the housing declaration form to present to your landlord if you know someone who is a senior or who has issues with mobility, we are working with life in New York to send out those forms directly to seniors' homes because that we know that getting access to that form can sometimes be a difficulty. But yes, we're still fully invested in the community, and we're looking forward to many events over the summer, so please feel free to reach out to our office with any concerns any questions. We have a wonderful evening, everybody.

- **Honorable Fernando Cabrera, Council Member District #14**

Good evening and thank you so much to the Executive Board Members, District Manager, and every board member. I want to wish everyone a fabulous Memorial Day weekend. My grandfather fought in World War Two. And my father was also a veteran in the Army Airborne, my grandfather in the Navy. And so, I salute all those, especially against the Allies for freedom. Reflect on life. Unfortunately, many of you now have gone on, and we miss her (Thomasina Bushy), she passed away, and she's now a College Professor Sociology. She was also one of the prominent leaders I was able to meet with regarding 1805—being apart, which will be a call to emerge for advocacy. I could bring in resigning \$10 million for the part, but I want to thank her. I honor her because that will be a part of her legacy and submitting legislation for street naming or renaming in her name, awaiting this glowing family approval, but as soon as we get that, we will do a screen renaming on in her honor. I was able to pass the next bill I've been. I'm up to 42 bills that I have passed in the city council—the most or any council member here in the Bronx. I'm pleased about this bill is something dear to me as you know, right here in the Bronx, we have different houses of worship that have been vandalized. We have four synagogues in Riverdale. I could tell you across the Bronx, where some mass, whether it's a church, doesn't matter what religion they get in the face to get an attack. There are some costs for that, and I was able to introduce a piece of legislation back in October and pass it a couple of weeks ago. Where now we increase in the penalties for anyone who the faces a house of worship, was a sacred place and respected, I thought I might appreciate a house of prayer, what can you expect. I was able to pass the next bill I've been. I'm up to 42 bills that I have passed in the city council—the most or any council member here in the Bronx. I'm pleased that this bill is something dear to me; right here in the Bronx, we have different houses of worship that have been vandalized. We have four synagogues in Riverdale. I could tell you across the Bronx, where some mass, whether it's a church, doesn't matter what religion they get in the face to get an attack. There are some costs for that, and I introduced a piece of legislation back in October and passed it a couple of weeks ago. Where now we increase in the penalties for anyone who the faces a house of worship, was a sacred place and respected, I thought I might appreciate a

house of prayer, what can you expect. To add the next hearing with OMB that I've been sharing with all community boards here in the Bronx, that as you know, this directly impacts you; you lost over \$5,000. In the last fiscal year, the budget was out of shape, and this next budget, they want to think another \$80,000 in your funding. In the light of the \$42,500, I was able to get on board for two years in a row. If you put all that together, we're talking about cutting your budget by 20%. It baffles me just from two years ago because we're not talking about much money, so, less than a million dollars about \$700,000 for all the communities' boards to be, restore, at least for that 8000. And in change the 5000 in addition, we're very close to getting that funding to come to the community board. We store because it's going to affect your salaries, rent for community boards. Rents are costly, Salaries to put food on the table or to help and support own living. Initially, for the community boards from the Bronx, but we have help from Brooklyn, Queens, wrote a letter to OMB, and some of them will be testifying. Next week, asking for this funding to restore, and if you would like to, please join us to lend your voice. Dr. Bola, thank you so much. I want to wish everybody again a safe and sound Memorial Day weekend. The Community Board Five office requested for a potential renaming of Thomasina Bushby. So, the way it works is, I believe it is too late to have it done for this June vote, but we could push. But the sooner I get approval from the family, I would love for tonight to vote on it—Dr. Bola under your leadership with that. But then, for sure, we'll have it in for December. We only do it twice a year in June, seven days from now, we have June coming around the corner, or we can have it out in December. It will be tough to get here in June, but I'll push my follow-up question will be you will need our vote on a date for you to move forward with it. It is not technically, but it will be beneficial to have it, and I think it's very symbolic.

- **Honorable Victor M. Pichardo, Assembly Member District #86**
- *Representative Steven Ochoa the Community Liaison*
- *Contact: 718-933-6909/Ochoa.Camachos@nyassembly.gov*
- *Hi, my name is Steven; I'm from Assembly member Baker patrollers office. I'm going to be very brief. So, currently, our office is open entirely for the public comments, Mondays through Fridays from 10:30 am to 5:30 pm, by appointment. We are having an event tomorrow about a Budget Town Hall. Tomorrow May 27, at 6 pm on Zoom, we will discuss the following topics: emergency rental, assistance program, rental assistance for anyone who has always rent for the past 12 months during the pandemic, the compensation workers fund. When it comes to immigration, affordable housing, education on how and how can school reopen safely, small businesses, and the marijuana legislation that Albany passed?*
- *Ken has been accommodating and sending out the flyers to the whole community board members. I believe that you know if you guys are interested in learning about what the budget means. Come in for tomorrow at 6 pm. Please come to join us tomorrow; the link is in the chatroom*

- **Honorable Latoya Joyner, Assembly Member District #77**

- *Representative Sharon Williams.*

- *Good evening, Dr. Bola. The outstanding Community Board Five members. Again, my name is Sharon. I'm one of the constituents Liaison of Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner; first and foremost, we want to extend our sincere condolences to the CB five-member Ms. Thomasina Bushby's family. I was truly saddened to hear of her loss; she will surely be missed. I will be brief; we will be having an event this coming Saturday, May 29. It's all the first American Mother's Day event that's going to be outside; we're going to be having live entertainment, we're going to be giving roses to our amazing mothers in the district, as well as some free fresh produce things well, that's going to take place at West 100 and 171st Street and Ogden Avenue, please come out and bring your beautiful mother's. We can even take some pictures with Assemblywoman Joiner. Also just wanted to remind each of you that if you have any friends or family members constituents who are having hardships and trying to reach the Department of Labor, they're having issues with their unemployment claims. We are happy to report to our community office servicing our constituents in the 77 districts. So again, you can contact me. My email is Williams @NYAssembly.gov. Williams, any questions that you're having and trying to get through to the Department of Labor, also be mindful, please extend as one of the reminders to our beautiful seniors regarding recertifications or their screen, and their dreams we more than help. I am happy to help you with those issues, it was such a pleasure, and I look forward to serving every one of our constituents; thank you.*

- **Honorable Jose Marco Serrano, New York State Senator District #29**

- *Representative Terrell Brook*

- *Good evening everyone, Terrell Brook and community Liaison from a state senator, Jose Serrano's office. I hope everybody's doing well tonight. Senator Serrano and the Senate majority had passed groundbreaking environmental legislation; the bill, SB 1421, sponsored by Senator Jose Serrano, prohibits the lease of safe horse wildlife management areas and unique areas for gas production. As we face the realities of climate change and the threat fossil fuels posed to our communities, Senator Serrano is proud to sponsor legislation that will prohibit any new lease oil drilling or steam-protected portlet. This bill will ensure that more than 1 million acres of sensitive acres and wildlife management areas are protected from drilling, active, and it mentioned that 15 million dollars are available to help low-income New Yorkers. They suffer from serious health issues—exacerbated by heat, to stay cool during the upcoming summer months, administered by the State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. The funding through the Home Energy Assistance Program provides an air conditioner to eligible households with a daily member who suffers from a medical condition that can be aggravated by extreme heat, applications for Cooling Assistance are accepted at the local Department of Social Services. From now to August 2020, or until funding runs out, assistance is provided on a first come, first-served basis, and you can apply and access that nyc.gov As soon as Opus continues to distribute and sanitizer and mask to individuals and organizations in need. If you or someone you know needs supplies, please*

do not hesitate to call our office at 212-828-5829 or, or you can send me an email at TBrock@ NYsenate.gov. Have a great evening and a safe Memorial Day weekend.

- **Honorable Darcel D. Clark, Bronx District Attorney**

- *Representative Eric Sawyers.*
- *Contact: 718-561-9253, sawyerse@bronxda.nyc.gov*
- How's everybody doing? My name is Eric Sawyer from the Bronx Attorney's Office. I have a few announcements this evening. There will be a gun violence awareness event **from 2 pm to 7 pm, June 4**, on Valentine Avenue between 194 and 196 street, and we do not have a flyer at this specific moment, but once it is, I will send it to anybody who may need it, but also, I do have another event that will be coming up. The gun buyback is Saturday, June 26 at 860 Forest Avenue, Christ Church, and the time is determined. Once everything is a little bit more squared away, I will share that with you as well. And I just wanted to let Mr. Nero Graham know I did try to reach out to you via chat in the last 42nd precinct meeting, and I did this meeting as well, and I just wanted to let you know that I tried to reach out because I wanted to see what exactly I was calling about. And that's it. Thank you.

- **Committee Reports.**

- **Housing: Dr. Bola (Chairperson):** The update from Housing Star Hill Development; thank you all. The other project that came before us with 1600 Macomb Avenue. They're doing it as of right, the informal, to be honest broker, and that is the collaboration between SUS and Bronx works is a massive project of well over 500 units. The sticking point or the last meeting was the lack of cooperation, where the merchant, which occurs, SUS made it clear that it's not within their jurisdiction to support the Board Community Five Business District, however, ask them to name it after Thomasina Bushby; our community board five members fought vigorously. The offer was unsuccessful, lack of miscommunication. We love the Star hill project on our radar, a different name instead of the name of the Star Hill Development, which was initially designed back in the 80s as the substance abuse center for HIV at the time. Most of virtually all the properties on Jerome Avenue rezoning; privately owned. They are so dependent on the funding source. Our community would like to follow up on their project.

- **Health and Human Services:**

- Good evening everyone, this is a net—Captain from Health and Human Services Chair. We didn't have a meeting for May due to personal emergencies. But I encourage everyone to please join us **on June 2**. believe, for a perfect informative discussion, and

with health and education, and it's going to be an excellent lengthy meeting, so I invite everyone to please join us all updates will give. I want to say just one something speedy. That as Captain, I'm fighting the war on cancer. On a personal note, I honor cancer survivors or remember those that pass away every year, and I couldn't do it with the pandemic, but they're rare. Ms. Green was one of our honorees and a friend of mine, and I took that hard. And I'm hoping that I'm able to do something to remember her; Maybe in the meeting something concise; I'm going to let Ken know because I have pictures and I have testimony from her when she was honored under our organization. So, I invite anyone to please attend. And like I said that well you agree Ms. Green was one of our honorees. And Dr. Ebola knows what I do when it comes to specific situations, so he understands; I'm pretty sure that this is a bit of a bit personal like it touches everybody else because this lady was a precious individual to our community. And I just wanted to express that and to very much.

- **Education:** Jaqua Curiel: Madam Chair: Our next meeting is **on June 2**. Please be on the call. Every board member meeting every chair is needed. Every community resident as needed. We'll be meeting with the School Construction Authority, as well as the Community Education Council. We have a lot of new developments going up. And we need a full-standing brick-and-mortar High School and Community Board five. So, this is a call out to all advocates for education, and I need your support and attendance. Thank you.

- **Youth:** Anthony Hernandez (Chairman): Few Soccer Camp that's coming up for this summer that I had shared during our meeting. So, anyone who goes over a youth, I had already shared the flyer with Ken, who might be interested. And, you know, reach out. Thank you so much.

- **Old Business :**
 Our last Thursday. BJT, Bronx Burnside Jerome Tremont Avenues, sponsored meet the candidates running for City Council; there are six participating candidates in this forum; Haile Rivera, Pierina Ana Sanchez, Yudelka Tapia, Ischia Bravo, Oswald Feliz, and John Sanchez. It was privileged to be a part of that moderated by Gary Axelbank. Click the link and watch the BJT Forum: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KlgwYuQaU5o>. We need to rebuild BJT Business District in our Community Board Five to improve the district. In the last two weeks and in the media about what Jesse's been doing, we can get to the next phase and become a proven District, which was one of the questions. As you all know, but rarely more than half of the city council members are time-limited, including to offer, including to overhaul in the district, Councilmember Vanessa Gibson

and Councilmember Cabrera. So, we want the new Council Members to be amenable to a Community Board Five yearning because that's the core of the Economic Development in our district, where they build our community. Please support our Business District in Community Board Five so that we can go to the next level. And the New President of BJP informing in an outgoing battle. And we have a dynamic young lady who is responsive to the BJT business. And the reason why I'm saying that I mean she came to the district in history; she came from New Jersey. She has traveled from Jersey to the Bronx every day. The incident happened it did not deter the business from returning. It happened out of a sudden on June 2. It shocked the merchants, community board members, and residents. We would like to revitalize this community together to stand firm and have a healthy economy.

- **New Business:** None

The next General Board Meeting will be held on June 23, 2021.

- *Adjourned at 8:31 pm.*

Prepared and submitted by Ms. P. Stewart.

Secretary of Bronx Community Board Five