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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD #5

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

**Chairperson
Dr. Bola Omotosho**

**District Manager
Kenneth Brown**

September 23, 2020 General Board meeting minutes

- **Board Members**

- **Presents:**

P. Blanco, T. Bushby, B. Akumah, A. Caballero, J. Curiel, C. Shorter, Dr. B. Omotosho, F. Ramos-Guareno, P. Stewart, C. Westbrook, J. Parra, B. Lawrence, Dr. M. Brown, R. Owusu, A. DeJesus, and S. Rudolph.

- **Absent:**

N. Graham, Jr., T. Mims, B. Moore, L. Reyes, C. Rosario, and R. Whetstone. M. Rosado, H. Esteban, R. Gonzalez, M. Heath, G. Medina, D. Perry,

- **Welcome**

- **Opening Prayer**

- Cheryl Westbrook, CB5 Board Member, did the opening Prayer.

- **Board Chairperson of Dr. Bola Omotosho Report:**

- **Proceedings:**

- Good Evening to all the Board Members and all the Elected Officials.

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- We are in the Pandemic Season, and all of us in this community are practicing social distancing and can call physical distancing. Please follow the State Protocols for Covid-19 social distancing.
- To practice social or physical distancing, stay at least 6 feet apart from each other, including wearing masks, avoiding touching the face with unwashed hands, and frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Angel Caballero is Vice-Chair will be running this General Board Meeting at this point.
- Please start with a short prayer. I would like to have some volunteers to give us a quick blessing.
- During our pandemic season, we still receive additional damage in our community.
- Our virtual meeting never ends. We had it every month. We are volunteering our time to keep the community safe.
- I will record the General Board Meeting.
- As some of the board members know that we are losing Amalgamated Bank which will no longer serve us in our Community Board 5.
- We have some new board members here with us next week. Please welcome all the new board members.
- Angel Caballero provided access to WebEx to log in or join us. Thank you to our Board Vice-Chair.
- On September 18, 2020 Amalgamated pulled the sign down.
- The looting hit us hard on West Burnside Avenue which affected Amalgamated Bank.
- Every Monday, we set up a meeting with the 46th Precinct to keep the BJT merchant association in contact in our community business district.
- Our Business Community in the District lacks efficient help from the city and state.
- Our 46th Precinct has been very actively collaborating with community board five. Community board five would like to thank you so much for your help or collaboration in our district. Also, our Deputy Inspector Seminara got hurt in the shooting.

- Thank you to LaShawnda and Alva, who is working at home to keep the Office alive at home and make sure all the emails that go out to all the Board members. Their assistance truly is appreciated.
- A big thank you goes out to our District Manager Ken Brown because he was the only person doing most of the reports over the summer or during the Pandemic.
- Ken Brown also prepared or set up all the meetings for the board members.
- Tom Lucania, of the Office told me that he would prepare or finalize some of the new board members in our district by October. We are looking forward to welcome our new board members.
- Ken will be giving us summary reports for this month.
- Please stay safe, keep the distance of 6 ft. apart, wear a mask at all times, please follow the protocol of the New York State Governor and Mayor of New York City.
- Please fill out your Census 2020 form. You will be seeing Census representatives come in for a visit to help out to fill the questionnaires.

• **Board Vice-Chair of Angel Caballero Report:**

• **Proceedings:**

- Good Evening to all the Board Members and all the Elected Officials.
- I hope everyone here in this meeting had a great summer this year.
- We have an extensive agenda for the beginning of the year, 2020-2021 for this General Board Meeting.
- We will be following the list and try to stay tight with it.
- Every Board member must have received the June Minutes.

• **District Manager, Ken Brown Report:**

- Good Evening everyone to all the Board Members and the residents of Community Board Five, and all Elected Officials.

- In the Jerome Avenue rezoning, we promised to have two schools in our community district: Annex PS 33 by 2021 and 2355 Morris Avenue by 2023.
- Dr. Bola mentioned that the closure of Amalgamated Bank would be closed, and community resident Perinea Sanchez has taken a significant lead.
- On August 24, Dr. Bola spoke to about 60 people, including five media outlets, about Amalgamated Bank on West Burnside Avenue advocating that it remain open. We had an open discussion about the Amalgamated Bank to stay available/active in our community. We had follow up calls on Friday to discuss how they can better invest in our communities through the Community Reinvestment Act, which is an obligation of banks to support organizations in which they take deposits from our Community.
- I have sent the noise complaints to both the local Police Department and the Mayor's Office. On pages 3 and 4 in my report, our office will send the complaints out accordingly. We can then push that to the Precinct and the Mayor's Office. So far, we got about 15 or so that have been pursued.
- Another update is regarding the MTA capital of 2024; The Burnside number four-station slated to have an elevator put in; the MTA said that the capital plan for 2024 is up in the air. They have a very significant budget deficit; so all their capital projects for 2024 are not definite.
- Happy to announce that Sallie Smith has been a significant part of the Morris Community Garden. The Parks Department has accepted and passed the by-laws, and now the community garden at Morris Avenue is officially renamed as Queen Morris Garden.
- **On September 25, 2020**, this Friday, Bronx Community College will host a celebration of 100 years of women's voting rights. There will be an open panel discussion. This event will be on Friday at 2 o'clock, and the notice will be sent out by tonight or tomorrow.
- At the beginning of the week, the Federal Government had stated the penalty for public charges for people applying for benefits and changing immigration status is suspended. The States of New York, Vermont, and Connecticut still have this injunction in place. I was corresponding with Mr. Lopez at

Bronx Works, who is an Immigration Affairs Attorney, is working closely on this matter. If you would like to get more information, I can send out his contact information to you.

- I want to say Thank you to our Board Member Dr. Marcia Brown, because we have been working very diligently to resolve some of the concerns that she has in her neighborhood and wants to remind the community that the Francis Martin Library has a Grab and Go Site.
- **On October 1, 2020**, the Francis Martin Library will have a virtual book club for the community. For more details on this club, please visit the library website to find this event for your children.

- **Voting Items:**

- **Letter Of Support: Baez Place**

- Presenting are a partnership of Community Access, Inc. Nizao Realty, and Blue Sky Bronx. The representatives are Sam Wells, Chief Financial Officer, General Council, and George Herrera.
 - BAEZ PLACE is located at 330 East 176th Street, Bronx NY
 - The project will have 154 Units of Supportive and Affordable Housing, be 9 stories tall and will be 121,000 square feet. It is a new construction building on vacant land.
 - Some of the amenities are 24 hours Front Desk Security, Staff to assist tenants with health care, education and employment needs, community room with commercial kitchen, fitness or yoga room, computer and library room, laundry room, and four season greenhouse surrounded by glass on the rooftop for year-round urban farming.
 - On the rooftop there is going to be planter boxes where people can grow soil based vegetables like carrots, beans and peas and fruits like blueberries and strawberries. The proposal of this beautiful rooftop is to create a Harvest Festival for the Community on one of those Garden Days where everyone is invited to come and take part together.
 - The total of this development's budget is \$75 million dollars in capital funding which will come from New York State low

income housing tax credits and 4% bonds and looking forward to the city funding. New York City is currently not making any new funding commitments for the next two-year. Therefore we're going to New York State Funding sources. Last year it was funded at 75 millions and this year it was increased to 128 millions. If this is true, there is going to be plenty of capital funding available for this project through New York State.

- The construction would start in the first quarter of next year and take about two years to build the building by 2023.
- We are going to be adding a lot more affordable housing, specifically for low-income individuals and families.
- We have 154 total residential Units;
- 106 Studios:
 - 32 affordable units at 57% AMI (\$1,120/month)
 - – 8 affordable units at 77% AMI (\$1,206/month)
 - – 66 supportive units for formerly homeless individuals
 - 20 One-Bedrooms (decreased from 24)
 - – 20 supportive units for seniors / caregivers
 - • 22 Two-Bedrooms (increased from 16)
 - – 17 affordable family units at 57% AMI (\$1,441/month)
 - – 4 affordable family units at 77% AMI (\$1,807/month)
 - – 1 unit for the superintendent
 - • 6 Three Bedrooms (increased from 0)
 - – 4 affordable family units at 57% AMI (\$1,665/month)
 - – 2 affordable family units at 77% AMI (\$2,088/month)
 - • 33 affordable units (50%) set aside for CB 5
- Andrew Knox went very deep into architecture and rearranged a bunch of units and it works well in our projects.
- Chris Speaking: This will be our 16th building in the Bronx. This proposal includes one of the projects on Bruckner Boulevard with 212 Units of support and affordable housing, which will be opening soon.
- We are the support services provider where we can provide social services in the building. We can manage building security and be the property managers.
- There is a history of Baez's Family.
- First Question from Ernesto Acosta (Board Member):
 - 66 supportive units for formerly homeless individuals are for women or male? What if those who are assigned

to one location and now they reapply to this building how do you take care of this matter?

- Sam Wells:
 - The referrals come from the city shelter system. The people that will be living there and have gone through a treatment program and have been successful. It'll be a mix of men and women. One thing also that we did on this building that I think is really special, people that are helping our seniors who are elderly people who need help with their daily living. The main focus is on senior citizens.
- Second Question from: Ernesto Acosta (Board Member):
 - Would there be any kinds of solar panels installed on top of the roof or what types of ventilation or types of lights will be installed?
- Sam Wells:
 - We have planter boxes installed 24 inches deep of soil. We have vegetables that have taproots.
 - We also have some dry soil that is four inches thick. This is for flowering plants, perennials and tulips to attract insects.
 - About the greenhouse and solar panels on the rooftop, solar panels on the roof will not be the best option because it covers the shade of the green house and plants.

First Question from Michelle Heath (Board Member):

- Is there going to be any employment for people that are in the community from your organization? And also can the advertisement be sent out to us and we would definitely like to have it because there are many people that have been displaced as far as their income and employment has been concerned? So, that way is definitely a good fit to try and help the community as a whole. What percentage will be going to the community? How long is this project? Is it possible that we can get updates?
- Definitely, we would like to have the community to be placed in a successful way. We want to bring in new

people with different backgrounds to help this community flourish.

- Sam Wells:
 - The answer to the question is yes. There are probably a dozen full time permanent jobs in the building including attendant or security guard, janitor jobs, superintendent, and social service counseling. Besides that, we will be hiring some local contractors or subcontractors in the building with a great background in construction.
 - This will be a weekly update for each project that we have our own general contractor coordinate with the community board to the ground.
 - There will be at least 33 affordable units (50%) set aside for CB 5.
- First Question from The Davidson Community Center (Anonymous Board Member):
 - Do you have a blue print on this project? How large are your 3 bedrooms Apartments?
- Sam Wells:
 - We are trying to do our best to make everything as accessible and open as possible; not make the hallways narrow so as to give the senior citizens the best options for space in the studios.
- First Question from Pablo Blanco (Board Member):
 - What is the square foot for one, two and three bedrooms?
- Sam Wells:
 - One Bedroom is 550 sqft,
 - Two Bedrooms are 725 sqft,
 - Three Bedrooms are 885 sqft.
 - Large Studio is 425 sqft.
- Dr. Bola (ChairPerson):
 - My recommendation about Baez Place memorandum of understanding was initially provided as an important part of the memorandum of understanding. I understand that the Board Members of CB5 do not quite understand the layout of this project. We want to vote to bring this presentation of Baez Place to the next General Board Meeting to open the second presentation of Baez Place in the October General Board Meeting.

- We are looking for a memorandum of understanding on Baez Place's project.
- Jaqua Curiel (Treasurer of CB5):
 - If anyone has a question that they want the community boards to present on their behalf. We can attend to that.
- Sam Wells (The group of Baez Place Project):
 - We can put in writing any issues on construction and we will make the best efforts for this project.
- Question from Jaqua Curiel (Treasurer of CB5):
 - How do we measure your success? Most of the people that came before, we do not have any comments on memorandum of understanding. We would like to be able to have a better understanding of this project for the next General Board Meeting in October. All we need is clarifying and better insight into a memorandum of understanding.
- Sam Wells:
 - We are in agreement and we want to put together a memorandum that says we are going to do it.
- Jaqua Curiel:
 - I think that is the best we can do to support the community. We look out for vulnerable people in our community and we are making sure the community has access. We are looking forward to knowing and being able to vote on the actionable items with the request of a MOU at the next meeting, Thank you for the time and I appreciated it.
- Pablo Blanco (Board Member):
 - I just got disconnected on my phone. I just want to make a quick comment as being a resident of this community for the past 32 years. I really have a concern with people coming into this community and cutting off the community members when they're commenting. You are coming into our community and you cannot cut us off while we're speaking. Please do not do that moving forward. Thank you.
- Ray:
 - I agree with that and not to do that.
 - Sorry with respect to a community board member. Please allow that time to speak on the scene and we want to

move to this efficiently, but we all have to be here so please allow that.

- Pablo Blanco (Board Member):
 - Again, you are coming into the community board and you are telling us out how to run our community. Please do not do that and you do not have the authority to do that.
- Dr. Bola Omotosho (ChairPerson of CB5):
 - We had suggestions from everybody. I will ask for a motion to vote for this item to stop the Letter of Support in the interim, we will have a better understanding of the memorandum.
- Belinda Lawrence (Second Vice-Chair):
 - The agenda we're all clear so the purpose of tabling it for the next meeting is just to get a clear understanding of what it is that they need for the letter of support and for them to include what we are asking for as a commitment to employ people in the community to be included in that letter.
- **The main motion was made by Jaqua Curiel**
- **The second motion was made by Angel Caballero.**
 - We are voting for this motion for Baez Place to get a clear understanding of the memorandum until the next board meeting in October.
 - 15 Yea and 2 abstained

- **Presentation: Department of Transportation: University Avenue Better Bus Plan.**

- Good Evening everyone to all the Board Members of CB5. Allow me to introduce myself. I am the New York City Department Of Transportation, Bronx Borough Commissioner Office. Several of my colleagues at DOT, Keith Kalb, Teresa, and several members from our Transit Development Unit.
- Presented by Dustin Khuu:
 - The University Avenue Bus Improvement Project is part of the Better Busses Action Plan. The plan has a goal of improving

bus speeds by 25% and installing 10-15 miles of new bus lanes per year.

- In November 2019, we presented to Community Board Five as an introduction to our project.
- In December 2019, we presented to the Municipal Committee.
- Our initial designs for the project were presented in June 2020. We presented our most updated designs and timeline to the District Manager of Community Board Five.
- The project runs from the Washington Bridge and up to Kingsbridge Road. We are going to be focusing on the segment from the Washington Bridge to Fordham Road.
- The corridor carries the BX 36 which has a combined ridership of 44,000 passengers per day in pre Covid 19.
- The average bus speeds are five to seven miles per hour due to traffic, double parking, and long intersections without pedestrian access.
- The plan treatments that we have provided to you are converting one travel lane to a dedicated bus lane.
- Concrete boarding islands will protect bike lanes. This will help to increase the speed and safety of the buses.
- The issues on University Avenue to the bicycle and pedestrian lanes falls within a vision zero priority area. Therefore there is a greater need for safety improvements along the corridor.
- We are looking forward to implementing the southbound direction to start in the spring. During this time, University Avenue between Tremont Avenue and Kingsbridge Avenue will be studied for a later phase for design improvements that will benefit all users.
- Here is a more detailed timeline of what I went over tonight and present to the Community Board. We are excited to implement Phase One, which is the northbound direction south of West Tremont Avenue. And then we are going to be studying phase three and return in the Spring of 2020. We will be implementing phase two, which is the self-interaction.

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- Question from Bobby Akumah: Will there be Kiosks installed?
 - Answered by Dustin Khuu: Any traveling collection, they are referring to is not planned. Right now, we are transitioning into a new fare payment system.

- Question from Enest Acosta: Will there be loss of pay parking space?
 - Answered by Dustin Khuu: Yes, but only one parking space will be taken. We will add more parking spaces around the Featherbed Lane Triangle.
 - Question from Enest Acosta: The intersection of University Avenue and West Tremont Avenue, where you make a left turn going to the West. Will that be extended? I am a driver that was in the traffic.
 - Answered by Dustin Khuu: We can try to extend the left lane.
 - Question from Enest Acosta: So, you will have one left turn lane splitting into three traffic lanes.
 - Answered by Dustin Khuu: Yes.
 - Answered by Keith Kalb: Sorry, on slide 13, I think that will show the overhead we use at the intersection of West Tremont Avenue and University Avenue. It will help this discussion.
 - Look at slide 13, to have the concrete boarding island there it will do two things; one is to get open turning around parking. The other thing it will do also is that when the bus does not have to pull into the curb and be able to pick up and drop off passengers at much more efficiently and faster. Oftentimes slowed down by this is sort of a double movement when they approach a stop and pull to the curb that slows down the bus and many times buses do not go all the way to the curb. And then the other tricky part is that when they merge back in to the traffic that takes a little bit of time. So, this design is about prioritizing bus speeds, and also about prioritizing the efficiency of bus operations. So the bus can just stop as directly in front of the stop and let people on very quickly, it spends less time at the stop, and it can move out of there very quickly.
 - Enest Acosta: Thank you.
- **Presentation: St. Barnabas Hospital Programs and Wellness Center.**
 - Hello everyone and thank you for having me here. My name is Bernardo Gill. I am the Assistant Director - Outreach Coordinator at the St. Barnabas Health System WIC Program. For this meeting I have Maia Ceballos and Daniel.

- We are going to start with the SBH Voter Registration Campaign. It started on the 17th of August 2020. We have not been going to any events that I can possibly go to where they're practicing social distancing. This presentation is about how to register to vote. Using the QR codes when you use your iPhone camera. The purposes of using QR Codes are to track your registration or request an absentee ballot. For absentee ballots, we can help you to fill it out. In case the phone is not available, the next option is called SBH and extension is 234444.
- We have a health and wellness center. The center is going to open up in November. St Barnabas Hospital Health System received the grant. This grant is for eight personal training classes to participate in the six-month gym membership. The goal of this program is combat to chronic illness throughout the Bronx that targets diabetes, high blood pressure. There are a couple of ways you can apply to the program. The first step is the patient care provider can send a referral to me. I can see the condition of those who have to have an appropriate trainer and go to an appointment at the health and wellness center. This is only for Bronx Residents.
- We are going to be harvesting the vegetation from a garden on the roof. The goal is to use the produce from the rooftop. So whatever we grow we are going to consume as a gift to the participants of the program and teaching classes. The St Barnabas Hospital Health System has a donation drive called the 2020 campaign. For more information or details please reach out to Bernardo Gill, St. Barnabas Health System WIC Program, Assistant Director – Outreach Coordinator.
- The WIC Program will be providing fresh produce, paid for by the St Barnabas Hospital Health System.
- **Public Session**
 - **Sallie Smith (Resident):**
 - **Thank you and Good Evening to all Board Members.**
 - **The code enforcement is not happening in Board Five.**

- Sanitation will be reducing the schedule so we need code enforcement, which is affecting the quality of life.

- **Derika Nealy from the Administration for Children's Services to the public speakers**
 - Good Evening to all the Community Board Five members.
 - I work in the Community Board Five on the Grand Concourse.
 - I have come to notify the community that ACS is utilizing alternative responses in child welfare as opposed to the traditional investigation. It is a new response that is called the Family Assessment Response Unit.
 - ACS is definitely trying to address racial inequities and injustices within the child welfare systems and in our approach to the family assessment response.
 - I am looking forward to presenting at the next community board meeting with a power point presentation so it gives you guys a little more detail.

- **Haile Rivera (Resident)- Nonprofit Organization:**
 - Good Evening and I hope everyone is doing well in the middle of everything that is happening now.
 - We are here to help tenants who are facing an eviction due to non-payments of rent.
 - I will visit the Davidson Community Center tomorrow to drop off flyers.

- **Elected official's Reports**

- Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor
- The Representative is Miguel Rondon (Community Affairs Unit)
 - Good Evening everyone to all the Elected Officials, All the Board Members of CB5. I am so thankful and feeling great to be here.
 - Please fill out the Census and please go out to vote.
 - If you have any questions please reach me at mrondon@cityhall.nyc.gov

Jaqua Curiel (Board 5 Member):

Question: We are asking for a status report of the Mayor's Plan coming into our community, in terms of any additional shelters, or prisons, what is on the mayor's Agenda for Bronx Community Board 5?

Miguel Rondon: There is a difference between Shelters and Supportive Housing. The Supportive Housing is managed by other nonprofit. DHS can give more information with specifics. About the new jails, I do not think that Community Board five will not be involved.

- Honorable Ruben Diaz, Jr., Bronx Borough President
- The Representative is Allyson...
- Good Evening everyone, to all the Elected Officials, All the Board Members of CB5. I am so thankful and feeling great to be here.
- We had a presentation tonight from the Department of Transportation on University Avenue about the Better Bus Plan. We have Chief Financial Officer, General Council, Sam Wells, Josh Parkin, Dustin Khuu, Keith Kalb, and Mathew presented the Bus Plan on University Avenue.
- Early voting is taking place on October 24 until November 1, 2020.

- **Honorable Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson's Office District #16**
- **The Representative is Nereida Gomez**
 - Good Evening everyone, Thank you so much to the District Manager and the Board Chair and everyone.
 - September 30, 2020 will be the last day for filing in the Census. The website is www.my2020census.gov.
 - The Election, Tuesday November 3, 2020 is a very important election, to elect the president and vice president of the United States. Early voting starts in October and goes through through November 1. In addition, you have the option to vote by absentee ballot. I encourage everyone to come out and vote.
 - I wanted to add my gratitude to all of you at Community Board Five for your work in the summer. While we certainly have been involved in a lot of efforts during this Covid 19 pandemic. And I am grateful for each and every one of you, Ken Brown, Lashawnda, and many others joined us at the Riverbank Towers contributing facemasks and sanitizers.
 - We are proud to join the Morris Height Health Center. There are healthcare facilities in Riverbank Parks, open on Monday to Friday from 8am to 4pm, Covid-19 testing and Primary Care is available for all residents as well.
 - We are very disappointed to learn that Amalgamated will close that branch. However, there is an alternative of remote services provided by the Bank.
 - We have to work with all of our partners such as supermarkets, Bodegas, and farmer markets to offer access to healthier, nutritious options.
 - There are so many urban agricultural farming and nutrition programs available. We have to continue to invest in these programs with resources and greater access.
 - We have been cleaning streets, picking up the garbage, and helping out the community in the summer. On Sunday pickups are completely eliminated. It is really challenging.
 - The crimes happening in the summer were devastating. We are working with BRAG, SOS, RTG and standing up

to violence and Good Shepherd for the organizations' violence crisis management to really have a collaborative effort to work with the community. The District Attorney is going to have a gun buyback program in October.

- We honored and recognized the life legacy and the labor of love of Barbara Lewis and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

- **Honorable Ritchie Torres, Council Member District #15**
- **Representative is Joseph McManus**
 - **Good Evening to all the Board Members and Elected Officials.**
 - **Our offices are open on Tuesday thru Friday from 10am to 3pm. We take appointments.**
 - **You can reach us at 718 842 8100.**
 - **Please fill out the census and go out to vote.**
 - **If there is anything you need that I can help you with please reach out to our office.**
- **Honorable Fernando Cabrera, Council Member District #14**
 - Thank you so much to Dr. Bola, Vice-Chair to the Board and to the all Board Members and the Public at large.
 - I understand this has been a problematic and most challenging year; I lost my mom to Covid-19 on Monday.
 - We must stand together to make this New York City stronger.
 - We had a full agenda in the summer; we distributed thousands of food boxes and hot food in the community. There are many significant needs in these communities.
 - We need to fill in the big gap that we have by the end of October, then negotiating with the Unions, and yet we can see as many as twenty thousand people are getting laid off. We need the Federal Government to step in, and this seems will have to be decided to have to wait until after the elections.
 - W.183rd Street and Grand Avenue corner is now re-named for a heroic Purple Heart recipient and Army staff sergeant who showed devotion to America in his military and civilian lives. He was the late Santiago Frias, born and raised at nearby 60 W. 183rd street, where he was an active and joyful community

member before enlisting in the Army, his family said during the unveiling on Friday morning.

- All the Elected Officials, Ernie Acosta, and I will continue to fight and push it to the capital to have an elevator on the number four train on Burnside and Jerome Avenue.
 - The Elected Officials and I have worked very closely on the capital funding to pass the legislation for communities. The grants' uses are Bronx Community College, PS 91, Galileo Playground, Aqueduct Walk from Morton PI to Burnside Avenue, and Security Cameras.
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- **Honorable Victor M. Pichardo, Assembly Member District #86**
 - **Representative Carolina Valenzuela**
 - **Good Evening to all the Community Board Five members.**
 - **Congratulations to the new birth of his new daughter.**
 - **Tomorrow we will be streaming through Zoom and Facebook Live in collaboration with Senator Gustavo Rivera.**
 - **Remember to vote.**
 - **You can reach out to us at 718 933 6909, if you need help with how to vote or how to get information in any community services. Our office is open in person from Monday through Thursday at 11am to 4pm. We are not accepting walk-ins. On Friday, we go remotely from 10am to 6pm.**
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- **Honorable State Senator Gustavo Rivera District #33**
Representative is Hennessy Reyes
 - Hello and Good Evening to all the Board Members, residents, and elected officials.
 - We have an education Town hall tomorrow and I will provide the link on the Chat. Please come to join us and it is open to the public.
 - Please fill out the census, it is extremely important, and the deadline is coming up very soon.

- We are taking calls from Monday through Thursday. Our office is located at: 2432 Grand Concourse Suite 506 Bronx, NY 10458 718-933-2034.

- **Old Business**

- We will be revisiting the By - laws in the October meeting.

- **New Business**

- Our next General Board Meeting is on October 28th, 2020.
- In the next General Board Meeting, we will be discussing who will be in each of the Board Committees.
- The election is very important to all and the Census as well. Please vote.

- **Meeting is adjourned**

- **At 9:00 PM**

Prepared and Submitted by

Pooi Stewart

Secretary of Community Board 5