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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 18th, 2008

Meeting held at the Kittay House, 2550 Webb Avenue, Bronx, New York 10468

D) Public Session

- A) Martha Mendez – Puerto Rican Family Institute, Inc: Spoke about various upcoming workshops (see attached)
- B) Mr. X: Expressed concerns regarding transportation for the handicapped at Mosholu Parkway Subway station
- C) Patricia Boyd – Saint Samuel’s Cathedral; 2930 Valentine Avenue
 - 1) Former Grace Lutheran complex was purchased for a new church
 - 2) Parking issues were discussed

II) Roll-call attendance was taken. No quorum was present at 6:45 PM

III) Chairperson’s Report – Gregory Faulkner, Chairperson:

- A) The contractor for the Kingsbridge Armory has been selected as “Related”
- B) The abundance of Committee meetings and the work accomplished was noted

IV) District Manager’s Report – Fernando Tirado, District Manager:

- A) Budget issues and proposed budget for FY 2009
- B) Website development and hosting
- C) 2 permits for liquor licenses were discussed
- D) Adult and Family Partnership – Council for Unity
- E) McSam Hotel Group status

V) Borough President’s Report:

- A) Deadline for reappointments was announced. Reappointment applications must be submitted before March 31st.
- B) “Team Up to Clean Up” will be held on April 3rd. Community Organizations willing to help should apply to the Borough President’s Office

VI) Quorum was established at 6:59 PM. The minutes for the month of February were approved. Five excused absences for board members were approved.

VII) City Planning Report:

- A) Met with the Land Use committee regarding Webster Avenue planning and design
- B) The Land Use Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19th, 2008 at 6:30 PM



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VIII) 52nd Precinct:

- A) No one was present from the Police Department. No reports were provided at this time
- B) Most police officers were assigned to attend the tragedy of the crane collapse in Manhattan
- C) Board members are disturbed by the lack of communication by the 52nd pct. explaining their absence

IX) Committee Reports:

A) Education / Libraries Committee

- 1) The Committee is set to meet on Monday, March 24th, 2008
- 2) Future problems about schools in the northern part of the district need to be discussed. There will be planned meetings with CB8 and CB12 for greater support in dealing with the DOE and the School Construction Authority around these issues

B) Parks Committee:

- 1) There was a report from the Task Force regarding the following issues:
 - a) Harlem Hudson Waterfront
 - b) Putnam Rail Lines
 - c) Aqueduct / University area
 - d) The Grand Concourse
 - e) The Bronx River
- 2) There was a motion to accept the draft of "The Bronx Greenway Report". Motion was approved
- 3) There was a discussion about the possibility of a farmer's market at Jerome and Mosholu on Park Land

C) Senior Services Committee:

- 1) Reported on the meeting held on March 3rd with the Senior Centers Directors of CB7
- 2) Resolution: "Community Board #7 urges the Borough Presidents of Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan, as well all local Community Boards to be very careful before accepting the changeover of Meals on Wheels from a localized service of daily cooked meals by local agencies with direct contact to clients. What you hear from DFTA is not true. There was no waiting list before the program was started.

More than half of our Seniors have dropped out of the program after receiving either frozen meals or reheated frozen (these are their only choices). Most workers were not hired or offered any jobs by the two agencies that took over the contracts and there was actually no cost savings at all. Telephone reassurance has not worked and a separate study funded by a foundation was done by one our agencies which documents the dissatisfaction (DFTA has tried to suppress this). We are inclosing copies of this study for the three Borough President's to use and share at your own



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discretion. In the Bronx, this was rammed down our throats, we hope you have more success.”

- 3) Motion to send a letter (see resolution) passed, with one member opposing the letter.

D) Traffic & Transportation Committee:

- 1) Report of the meeting of March 6th
- 2) Congestion pricing and the need for more parking for residents and transients was discussed
- 3) The Fordham Road BID is set to meet on Wednesday, March 26th at the Bronx Library Center

E) Land Use Committee:

- 1) Report regarding meeting held on February 26th. Some issues discussed include:
 - a) Armory
 - b) Filtration Plant
 - c) The McSam Project on Webster Avenue
 - d) Webster Avenue corridor
 - e) Webster Avenue tunnels

F) Betsy Gatbaum’s Office Report – Daniel Contreras:

- 1) Schools
- 2) Rally on budget cuts to take place on Wednesday, March 19th

G) Efrain Gonzalez & Eric Shneiderman’s Office Report on senior centers by Judith Sonett

H) Oliver Koppell’s representative Report:

- 1) Lot at P.S. 51 school
- 2) Discussion about auto accidents involving pedestrians
- 3) Community Board applications

I) Representatives from the following Elected Officials’ Office were in attendance (No reports were provided):

- 1) Eliot Engel
- 2) Jeff Dinowitz
- 3) Jose Rivera
- 4) Naomi Rivera

X) Announcements: Community Board budget may be reduced another 3%, in addition to the \$10,000 cut for FY’09. Protest to these cuts are in the planning stage

XI) Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM