



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK**  
**BOROUGH OF THE BRONX**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



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GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

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**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ 6:30 pm**

**Tracy Towers, 40 West Mosholu Parkway, Community Room B**

- I) Public Session began at 6:30 pm
  - A) Pam Blyden – Tenants Association: Requested sprinkler at Risse Street. The request was referred to the Parks Committee
  - B) Andrea Jamal Gillord – New Life Insurance Company: Spoke about seminars regarding financial awareness
  - C) Captain Phillip Rivera – 52nd Precinct: Offered his support and assistance on various matters. Questions from Community Board Members were answered. He can be reached at (718) 220-5811
  - D) Mr. Wong – NYC Consumer Affairs: On April 27th, Mobile Shredding trucks will be stationed at Lehman College from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The public is welcomed to bring personal / private documents to be shredded for FREE
  - E) Mr. X – Community Resident: Spoke about 205th Street and Bainbridge Avenue complaints
  - F) Ricky Martinez – 100 Democrats: Invited the public to be a part of the Annual Block Party, to be held on June 21st, 2008. The group has the petitions, which are a requirement for all Block Parties or Street Closures
  - G) Maritza Owens – Farmer’s Market: Looking for suitable spot in July (possibly on Mosholu Parkway) for a Farmer’s Market. It was recommended that she meets with the Parks and the Transportation Committees to further discuss her plans
  
- II) Meeting opened at 6:55 pm
  - A) Attendance sheet on file
  - B) Quorum established
  - C) Minutes for March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were unanimously approved
  
- III) Chairperson’s Report by Gregory Faulkner:
  - A) Thanked the Tenants Association for their generosity in providing space and food
  - B) Recognized the many Community Board Members who volunteer in the community
  - C) Gave a report on the meeting for Bronx Community Board Chairs and District Managers regarding concerns shared by all Boards
  - D) There was a discussion of strategies to meet in City Hall about the severe cuts in Community Board’s budget
  - E) Rapid Transit System meeting about Express buses that travel across the Bronx more quickly than the present. This is a plan to move passengers at a faster rate and to encourage people to use public transportation and leave their cars at home



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- F) Discussed the Community Board's Mayor's response regarding budget cuts
  - G) Spoke about project labor agreements with the contractor for the Kingsbridge Armory
  - H) The Comptroller will conduct an audit of the Filtration project
  - I) Mentioned the 197-plan fund raising effort
- IV) Executive Committee Report by Paul Foster: Reported on Committee meeting restructuring
- V) Traffic / Transportation Report by Lowell Green:
- A) Motion for "No Parking" zone on 204<sup>th</sup> Street, off the Grand Concourse, (about 3 parking spaces) for a Medical Office to pick up and drop off patients from Ambulletes
  - B) Motion to change the wording to "No Standing – Ambulletes Only" Every day from 8:00am to 6:00pm except Sundays"
    - 1) Approved – 11 Members
    - 2) Opposed – 11 Members
    - 3) Abstain – 2 Members
    - 4) Motion referred back to Committee for further discussion for an alternative plan
  - C) Library Lane Project (Coles Lane) motion to include in Capital Project for Fiscal Year 2010. Project referred back to Committee for further discussion
- VI) Parks Committee Report by Barbara Stronczer:
- A) Next Committee meeting will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 6:30 pm
- VII) Senior Services Committee Report by Don Bluestone:
- A) End of September for RFP's for Senior Center changes
  - B) Education project for seniors to avoid pedestrian fatalities
- VIII) District Manager's Report by Fernando Tirado:
- A) Team Up to Clean Up the Bronx
  - B) Bronx Week
    - 1) University Heights Bridge Centennial – June 12<sup>th</sup>
    - 2) Parade on Mosholu Parkway – June 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - C) Marathon and street closures on the Grand Concourse (BCC 10k)
  - D) Website Information
    - 1) Address is [www.BronxCB7.info](http://www.BronxCB7.info)
    - 2) E-mail account for every board member available
  - E) Graffiti fund/program
    - 1) Requesting support from elected officials for removal / deterrent system
    - 2) Property owners can request free cleanup from city by signing release waiver at the office
  - F) Community complaints process and 311
  - G) Announcements from West Bronx Housing



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- 1) If you do not file income taxes but you earned more than \$3000.00 through pension, social security, and disability, you are still entitled to a stimulus rebate package. You have until 10/15/2008 to file to get your check. Contact WBH at 718-798-0929 for an appointment.
  - 2) Starting in May, CB7 will host a joint program to assist people with housing issues (except finding new housing). These issues include eviction prevention, SCRIE, DRIE, Section 8 recertification (only), and tenant/landlord mediation. Homeowners can come in for assistance with water or tax lien issues, clearing housing violations (HPD), and foreclosure counseling.
- IX) Borough President's Report by Andy Toledo:
- A) Spoke about the re-appointment letters
  - B) Discussed the "Team up to Clean up the Bronx" project. Still need teams.
  - C) "Support our Troops celebration will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Orchard Beach
  - D) Reported that Summer Youth Employment Program applications are now online
- X) City Planning reported on the 197A plan for Webster Avenue
- XI) 52<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Report by Wilson Hernandez:
- A) Monthly Statistics were reviewed
  - B) No Academy class scheduled due to lack of applicants. Discussion on starting salaries.
  - C) Operation Impact officers currently assigned to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Pct may be reassigned due to staffing shortages and retirement / leave of existing officers.
- XII) The following Elected Officials / Representatives were in attendance and reported:
- A) Carlos Ramos – NYC Comptroller's Office Rep (212) 669-2530
  - B) Robert Press – Efrain Gonzalez' Rep
  - C) Sallie Caldwell – Naomi Rivera's Rep
  - D) Jaime Sewell – Oliver Koppell's Office
- XIII) Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm