COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 17, 2008
Botanical Gardens ◊ Visitors Center Café

I)   Prior to the meeting, food was provided to Community Board members.
II) Public Session:
   A) Mr. X - Community Resident: Meeting on Thursday at 5:00 PM at 77th Street
   B) Pam Lieber – Bronx Library Center: Spoke about upcoming summer activities
   C) Herb Wetanson – Dallas BBQ Restaurant:281 West Fordham Road (formerly Jimmy's was purchased for a Dallas BBQ restaurant (no bar, only table service for drinks). Expected to open during the fall of 2008
   D) Darren Kwong – Grassroots Initiatives: Provided information regarding upcoming elections and on the petition process
   E) Gustavo Whyte – NYS Epic: Provided information regarding prescription plans for seniors
   F) Brenda Berry – University Heights Presbyterian Church:Expressed concern regarding the need of speed bumps in the community (University Avenue and Sedgwick Avenue). Requested information on the process of having a street fair at University Heights Church
   G) Ntozake Lundy – Muddy Waters: Newly opened espresso & tea shop located on Villa Avenue between 204th Street & 205th Street. Operating hours are between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm)
III) Meeting opened at 7:20 pm
   A) Introduction of newly appointed members
   B) Attendance sheet on file / Quorum present
   C) Excused members approved
   D) Motion:
      1) To approve May's meeting Minutes and Agenda
        a. Motion was unanimously approved
IV) Chairperson's Report by Gregory Faulkner:
   A) Discussion on the progress of the Armory construction and the media notices
   B) Spoke of the technical improvements in the office due to the new District Manager, Fernando Tirado
   C) He discussed the task force and the impact of the Community Board on the progress of projects throughout the community
   D) The Task Force of the CERT team initiative was discussed on a plan for honoring the "Unsung Hero" award to recognize community residents who have given above and beyond the usual

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GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON   FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

V) Executive Committee Report:
   A) See June 2008 Executive Meeting Minutes
VI) District Manager's Report by Fernando Tirado:
   A) BAG report to fight graffiti in the community
   B) Database for website has been completed. Website not completed
   C) Spoke about the University Heights Bridge Celebration
   D) Discussion regarding the Bronx Week celebration plans
   E) Summer meetings have been planned for Committee Chairs around the budget process
   F) Reported on the progress of CERT and the need for applicants
   G) Job openings in the area were discussed
VII) Committee Reports
   A) Budget / Personnel / Ethics Committee Report by Hector Lopez:
      1) Personnel issues were discussed about the evaluation of the District Manager. He also spoke about a salary adjustment for DM since the 6-month probationary period has ended
      2) Discussed the Expense Budget process for 2010 for all city agencies
   B) Land Use Committee Report by Ozzie Brown:
      1) Need to change date of June 19th to June 14th on the Executive minutes (Correction is under letter "B")
   C) Parks Committee Report by Barbara Stronczer:
      1) Farmer's Market has been approved for Mosholu Parkway on Wednesdays
   D) Senior Services Committee Report by Don Bluestone:
      1) Resolution: Resolved that DFTA lower the daily attendance requirements from 90% to 80% at DFTA funded senior centers.
         a. After discussions, the resolution was approved
   E) Traffic and Transportation Committee by Lowell Green:
      1) New Select-bus Service will begin on 6/29/08 in the Bronx
      2) DOT is looking for space in Bronx for training and were approved for the Academy at the Fordham [Bronx Library Center]
      3) Discussion ensued around concerns about the new service and the purchase of tickets
   F) Youth Services Committee by John Harris:
      1) Saint James Recreation Center met on June 10th instead of June 12th. Therefore, due to lack of attendance, the full agenda was not discussed. A new meeting is to be rescheduled.
VIII) Borough President's Report by Andy Toledo:

    A) Welcomed the newly appointed Board Members and discussed the training day for those appointed new Members

    B) Discussion on the need for improvement of physical education in our public schools to improve the well being and health of the students

    C) The PS 51 playground was discussed

IX) 52nd Precinct Report by Wilson Hernandez:

    A) Statistics reviewed and discussed

    B) Burglary Team (2 crime units) are assigned to the precinct

    C) Motion:

        1) To send a letter to 1 Police Plaza to obtain arrest statistics by age, gender and demographics on the CompStat Report

           a. Motion was seconded and a discussion ensued

                i. 20 in favor

                ii. 1 opposed

                iii. 2 abstentions

    D) Next precinct council meeting will be held on June 26th, 2008 at Saint Ann's Church. Mass begins at 5:30 pm; meeting will be afterwards (7:30 pm)

X) Elected Officials present:

    A) Carlos Ramos representing William Thompson, Comptroller

    B) Arlene McClaren representing Oliver Koppell, Councilman

    C) Andy Toledo representing Adolfo Carrion, Jr., Borough President

XI) Motions:

    A) Unsung Hero Award

        1) Motion was unanimously approved

    B) DM salary adjustment - Under a closed session the Chairperson requested that the Community Board approve a salary adjustment of $5,000 as a result of his evaluation and a promise by the Search Committee to adjust salary after probationary period ended

        1) Motion was unanimously approved

XII) Other Issues:

    A) Don Bluestone asked that Dave Laguer and Betty Errico be thanked for their long service to the Community Board. A letter will be sent

    B) Group picture of the Community Board Members was taken for the record.