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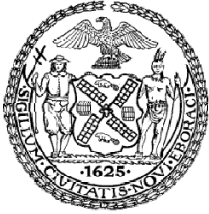
FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Meeting held at: Bedford Park Senior Center ♦ 243 East 204th Street ♦ Bronx, NY 10458

- I. Attendance sheet on file
- II. Public Session opened at 6:35 PM
 - A. Mr. X – Complained about the BX12 bus at Sedgwick Avenue stop
 - B. Sally Dunford (West Bronx Housing) – Spoke about RFP funding for housing in CB7 from DYCD and problems connected with the proposal. She would like support from the CB to pressure the city into revising the process for funding.
 - C. Willie Carley – Talked about a registry for adults with mental health disabilities. This was referred to the Senior Committee
 - D. Thomas Romell (Fox Funeral Home) – Spoke about approval for a zoning variance for a Certificate of Occupancy (renewal is every 10 years). Referred to the Land Use Committee.
 - E. Doug Cunningham (United Methodist Church Pastor) – Introduced himself and his new church in the neighborhood. Church is currently seeking members
 - F. Todd Belin (Belin Sports and Fitness) – Introduced "The Belin Challenge Boot Camp" for women only. Program is scheduled to begin on 9/29/08. They are looking for a permanent indoor location.
 - G. Anthony Riviuccio (Bronx Regional Director for tutoring of school age children) – Explained the "Failure Free Reading" program. After school program is set to begin October 20th, 2008. For more information, interested parties can call 347-575-5045
- III. Meeting opened at 7:05 PM
 - A. Attendance – Quorum present
 - B. Motion for approval of agenda and June's meeting minutes was unanimously approved
- IV. Chairperson's Report by Gregory Faulkner:
 - A. Provided Kingsbridge Armory report and update. Requested volunteers from the Board to serve as a task force to discuss the impact on the community
 - B. Tours of the Armory can be arranged through the Community Board for any members who wish to see the armory
 - C. Discussion of the Filtration Plant and disruption problems that have emerged regarding rodent problems, noise, etc.
- V. District Manager's Report by Fernando Tirado:
 - A. Budget request report



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- B. Filtration blasting problems
 - 1. 7:00 PM meeting at Jerome Ave is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 18th
- C. CERT Trainings
- D. Variance for Fox Funeral Home
- E. West Bronx Housing collaboration (3rd Tuesday of each month)
- F. Municipal Art Society – Interns for CB
- G. Bedford Against Graffiti initiative
- H. Quality of Life issues
- I. DOT repairs request being initiated
- VI. Executive Committee Report by Paul Foster:
 - A. Informed of the change on date for the November's Executive Committee meeting. Due to General Presidential Election on Tuesday, November 4th, the Committee will meet on Monday, November 3rd, 2008 at 6:30 PM.
- VII. Committee Reports:
 - A. Land Use & Zoning by Ozzie Brown:
 - 1. Discussed the 8-week course being offered for Construction Management at Bronx Community College
 - 2. Armory Committee meeting will take place on September 30th. All are welcomed
 - B. Health by Socrates Caba:
 - 1. Reported on a meeting with Montefiore Hospital and progress of future meetings
 - C. Traffic & Transportation by Lowell Green:
 - 1. Provided a report on the new bus service along Fordham Road and the concerns voiced by the riders of the BX12 Select Bus Service line. Ms. Green presented a letter from the Community Board to the MTA requesting the concerns of businesses and riders alike. A motion to send a letter to the MTA about the concerns
 - 2. A discussion ensued
 - a. Recommendation: Re-draft the letter and send to MTA and all Community Boards in the City who will have the same service introduced to their Community
 - D. Parks & Recreation:
 - 1. The next Committee meeting will take place on Monday September 22nd
- VIII. Borough President's Report by Andy Toledo:
 - A. Funding for the following groups:
 - B. Housing funding
 - C. Education funding
 - D. Libraries funding



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- E. Community Centers
- F. Best Buy (Electronic Store) to be located on Fordham Road. There are jobs available. For "Fast Track Positions" interested individuals must call Mr. J. Garcia at 718-960-7988
- IX. City Planning Report:
 - A. Webster Avenue plans
 - B. Fordham Road to Gun Hill
 - C. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30th, 2008 at 6:30 PM
- X. 52nd Precinct Report by Wilson Hernandez:
 - A. Comp Stats were reviewed
 - B. Reported on various crimes throughout the precinct and the dispositions of arrests when made
 - C. Noise pollution issues discussed
- XI. Additional announcements:
 - A. Program priorities are due back by October 31st
- XII. Elected Officials / Representatives & Guests in attendance:
 - A. Andy Toledo – Borough President Adolfo Carrion's Office
 - B. Daniel Contreras – Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaums's Office
 - C. Ms. Ojeda – Congressman Eliot Engle's Office
 - D. Sallie Caldwell – Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera's Office
 - E. Jimmie Pate – Mosholu Branch Library
 - F. Leslie Harrison – Bronx Library Center