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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 17, 2008 @ 6:30 PM

Meeting held at: St. Ann's Church 3519 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, New York 10458

- I) Attendance sheet on file
- II) Public session began at 6:45 pm
 - A) Wilma Alonso -Fordham Road Bid: Against cutting services on the Bx34 bus
 - B) Hon. Jeffrey Dinowitz- Assemblyman: Against cutting services on the Bx34 bus
 - C) Mr. X – Community Resident: Spoke about tolls over N.Y.C Bridges and his objection to MTA plan
 - D) Michael Gilbert: He is renting space in a local building on Webster Avenue (i.e. daycare facility)
 - E) Maria Hernandez: Objects to the proposed cut in service of the Bx34 bus
 - F) Vincent Lopez:
 - i. He owns property at 2717 Reservoir Ave, across from the Kingsbridge Armory
 - ii. He wants Community Board advice on possible use for the building.
 - iii. Property is for sale. It's a 6,600 square feet – One Story Building (See Attachment)
 - G) Catherine Diaz: She spoke in opposition to the proposed cut in the Bx34 bus
 - H) Margaret Fogarty- Representing the Woodlawn Homeowners Association: She expressed her dissatisfaction of the proposed elimination of the Bx34 bus service, she has petition for people who is object to this action.
- III) Meeting began at 7:00 PM
 - A) Attendance sheet on file
 - B) Quorum present
 - C) Minutes for November 18, 2008 were unanimously approved
- IV) Hon Jeffrey Dinowitz- Assemblyman
 - A) Addressed the audience by offering greetings on the upcoming holidays, he also shared information on the cuts in service of the Bx34 bus and his continued support of the concerns of the community he represents.
- V) Barbara Stronczer- Board Member
 - A) Introduced the boys and girls entertainment group from Mosholu Montefiore Community Center
 - B) They provided a most entertaining professional performance; everyone expresses amazement at their talent.
- VI) Recognition of 5 people who were nominated for the "Everyday Hero award"
 - A) Don Bluestone, Executive Director of the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center
 - B) Barbara Stronczer – CB 7 Member and chairman of the BMCA
 - C) Thomas Lucania – Borough President Coordinator of Community Boards in the Bronx
 - D) Glenda Self and Van Rufus Thompson of the Bronx Community College Building Blocks program



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VII) District Manager Report by Fernando Tirado:

- A) He reported on the proposed CB cuts in Community Board budget and a possible action plan; he asked support from the community as we move forward to avoid further cuts.

VIII) Executive Committee report by Paul Foster: Paul Foster discussed the need for leadership among community board members, discussion are forthcoming around this issue

IX) Committee Reports

- A) Parks: Barbara Stronczer thanked everyone for their support and thanked all who attended the tree lighting on a very rainy night.
- B) Transportation: Meeting on Thursday, December 18, 2008 to discuss M.T.A meeting
- C) Senior Service: Motion to send a letter to the mayor about proposed cuts of senior services using the wording in CB 8 Queens letter to DFTA (See Attachment)
- D) Land Use: Ozzie Brown thanked his Committee for continued support on the land use issue.

X) Borough president report: Encourage audience to apply for application to serve on Community Board. February 6, 2009 is the deadline.

XI) Councilman Oliver Koppell's Rep. Ms. McLaren:

- A) She spoke of Councilman Koppell's concern for the problems confronting the community and the time he devotes to solve the issues.

XII) Greg Faulkner proposed a motion to send a letter to the Four Bronx Institution Alliance to attend a CB meeting and to include the CB in decisions about further development in our Community (Fordham University, Montefiore Hospital, Bronx Zoo, and the Botanical Gardens).

XIII) 52nd Precinct update (See attached)

XIV) Greg recognized Helene Hartman- Kutnowsky for having completed CERT Training

XV) Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM