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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 @ 6:30 PM
Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10458

- I) Public Session began at 6:30 PM
 - A) Jeff Dinowitz – Assemblyman:
 - 1) Remarked regarding the MTA's plan for fare raises, discontinuance of some bus lines and increased "Access-A-Ride" fares
 - 2) Spoke on the new housing bills that were introduced in the state assembly that would protect tenants rights
 - B) Henry Perry – Community Resident:
 - 1) Expressed concerns regarding the new homeless shelter that has been proposed in the community and that has opened at his building located at 15-19 West Mosholu Parkway North since October 2008.
 - 2) He expressed concerned about oversight of the transitional housing program and residents.
 - C) Leslie Harrison – Bronx Library Center:
 - 1) He is asking for continued support for library activities as they face serious cut-backs in the upcoming months. The main branch may lose 7 day service.
 - D) Ricardo Martinez – Community Resident:
 - 1) Spoke about the proposed shelter near P.S.8 on Mosholu Parkway and his concerns about the safety of the children and the community-at-large. Inquired as to what the board will be doing about it and what response was given to the Dept. of Homeless Services.
 - E) Stacy Heaver representing Congressman Serrano's Pickens Plan:
 - 1) Talked about energy policy and its effects on children's health when controls are not in place
 - F) Lilly Jones – Saint Nicholas of Tolentine:
 - 1) Parish to address issues that need the attention of public officials, the greatest being traffic safety. The group has gathered a petition protesting overall traffic conditions
 - G) Dave Laguer – CERT Team & Youth Cadet Program:
 - 1) Discussed the function of the CERT Team and expressed the need for new members to become part of the group. The next training begins on March 2nd, and will last for 11 weeks
 - H) Lissette Casanova – P.S. 8 Volunteer:
 - 1) Expressed concerns about the proposed homeless shelter across from the school. She is seeking guidance and advice on how to prevent this from happening
- II) Community Board Meeting opened at 7:10 PM
 - A) Attendance taken; sheet on file
 - B) Quorum present and established
 - C) January 20th Minutes were unanimously approved
- III) Chairperson's Report by Gregory Faulkner:
 - A) Spoke about the proposed homeless shelter on 3010 Briggs Avenue and his concerns
 - B) State of the Borough Address by Adolfo Carrion will be held on Friday, February 20th
 - C) Thanked Lowell Green for representing the Board at the MTA hearing held at Lehman College
 - D) Mentioned the CB7's newsletter that will be sent out once a month
 - E) Training session on Leadership to be held on Saturday, February 21st at the Community Board Office.
 - F) Talked about future use of the old Fordham Branch Library



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- IV) Executive Committee Report by Paul Foster:
- A) Mentioned proposed changes to the By-Laws
- V) Youth Committee Report by Waleska Roldan:
- A) Talked about the Summer Youth Programs and proposed jobs and job sites
 - B) The DA's Office offers free informative programs for youth and they are available to all youth programs in our community
 - C) Will meet with Big Brothers & Big Sisters as well as Dallas BBQ
 - D) Leadership Awards from the NY Yankees were announced. A \$500.00 check was given to five youngsters in the district for outstanding community service.
- VI) District Manager's Report by Fernando Tirado:
- A) Mentioned the Proposed Briggs Avenue transitional housing shelter and the serious violations present in the building
 - B) Spoke about the MTA hearing
 - C) Talked about the issues and concerns in the Community and asked that residents stop in the office to register unresolved complaints
 - D) He recognized the youth that were present and asked their continued participation in Community Affairs
 - E) The DM requested a motion to revoke the liquor licenses of 3 establishments who have continued violence and violations at their establishment. Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously by the board for all three establishments. These organizations are:
 - 1) Super Sonido El Aguila, 80 West Kingsbridge Road, 10468
 - 2) La Sirenita Discotheque, 2768 Webster Avenue, 10458
 - 3) Tequila Song, 2856 Webster Avenue, 10458
 - F) General Board and committee minutes are now available online.
 - G) Community needs to volunteer and be involved in the issues that are of concern to the community
- VII) Borough President's Report by Tom Lucania:
- A) Discussed CB appointments and the appointing of new members
 - B) Spoke about the importance of the CERT Team
 - C) Possible cuts to the Community Board Budget were discussed, as well as measures to avoid such cuts
 - D) Mentioned and praised our up and running website
 - E) Congratulated the students who were selected for the Youth Leadership Award from the NY Yankees
 - F) Homeless services and the problems involved were discussed
- VIII) Committee Reports:
- A) Housing by Anthony Springer:
 - 1) Provided a report on the January Housing committee meeting
 - i) Committee put forth a motion to request DHS to drop the Aguila, Inc. contract for 3010 Briggs Avenue and to remove the transitional housing program. Motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by the board.
 - B) Land Use / Zoning by Ozzie Brown:
 - 1) Spoke about the March 5th Town Hall Meeting and the future plans for expanding development opportunities on Webster Avenue.
 - C) Parks & Recreation by Barbara Stronczer:



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- 1) The Committee will meet on Thursday, February 26th at 6:30 PM. Discussion will include rehab plans by the Parks Department for Aqueduct Walk.
- 2) The "Annual Speak-Up" will take place on Saturday, February 28th, 2009 at Lehman College
- D) Traffic & Transportation by Lowell Green:
 - 1) Thanked all that participated and attended the MTA Public Hearing regarding proposed service changes held at Lehman College
- E) Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee:
 - 1) There will be a meeting on Thursday at 7:00 PM to discuss emergency measures at the Jerome Park reservoir at the Jerome Avenue Office
- IX) City Planning Report by Richard Guether:
 - A) There will be a presentation at P.S. 20 regarding the Webster Avenue Rezoning Initiative on March 5th, 2009 at 6:30 PM. Zoning will be discussed and community input is requested.
- X) 52nd Precinct Report by Wilson Hernandez:
 - A) Monthly Statistics were discussed
 - B) Assaults are somewhat down, however, no changes in other crimes throughout CB7
 - C) The biggest crimes problem in the 52nd Pct. are robberies
 - D) Crimes in the district were reported and how the crimes were resolved was talked about
 - E) iPods, cell phones, and local delivery men continue to be the targets of local robbers
 - F) P.O. Crowley spoke about his contacts with all the local schools and the presentation to the students and parent association. The presentation was about the dangers of robberies and how to be more aware of your surroundings and how to use common sense to avoid confrontations
 - G) P.O. Crowley will continue to publicly speak out to the local schools to support and protect students
 - H) Discussed scams on local families with family members in the service.
 - I) Talked about and warned about identity theft and ways to avoid it
- XI) Oliver Koppell's Office – Arlene McLaren:
 - A) Offered assistance to contact the local schools in assisting in the safety of the students
- XII) Joel Rivera's Office – Albert Alvarez:
 - A) Shared some future upcoming events
- XIII) Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM