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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 20, 2009 @ 6:30pm

Tracey Towers ◇ 40 W. Mosholu Parkway ◇ Bronx, New York 10468

- I. Public Session opened at 6:40pm:
 - A. Nick Harvey: Tracey Towers Manager welcomed the Community Board
 - B. Margot Perron: Van Cortlandt Park Administrator regarding the upkeep of the park. She asked for the support to the community in their endeavor.
 - C. Anthony Riviuccio: Spoke about the lack of political representation in the west side of the community and wants an ad-hoc committee formed to address re-districting to occur in 2012
 - D. Alberta Gross: Didn't comment
 - E. Emmanuel Cabrera: Jobs for NY. Spoke about jobs stimulus in the community
 - F. Pastor Katrina Foster, Fordham Evangelical Church: Spoke about the ULURP process of Kingsbridge Armory. Wants a review of the offering that Related and the CBA pledged to the community
 - G. Mr. X: Spoke about upcoming events in the community and the need for residents to attend
 - H. Ava Farkas: Spoke about the plans for the Armory and the possibility of jobs and the need for decent wages for all workers
 - I. Desiree P. Hunter: Talked about the Kingsbridge Armory and the need for a fair and compatible CBA between Related and the community
 - J. Kwasi A.: Discussed the Kingsbridge Armory and the plans that Related has for the development of the Armory. He wants a more uplifting project with cultural offerings rather than a shopping center
 - K. Mike Corante: Showed support for a community benefits agreement that elevates the community and the residents throughout
- II. Public Session ended at 7:10pm
 - A. Attendance was taken, Quorum present
 - B. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - C. Unanimously approved
- III. Chairperson's Report by Gregory Faulkner:
 - A. Talked about the Executive meeting with the recently elected Borough President. He thanked the members who attended on such short notice. Discussion included the Armory and the upcoming ULURP process and the need to include the entire community in the dialog
- IV. Executive Committee Report by Paul Foster:
 - A. Summer youth employment program is offering 495 jobs throughout the Community Board District
- V. District Manager's Report by Fernando Tirado:
 - A. Reported on the Summer Youth Employment Program
 - B. Mentioned the 19% cut to the Community Board budget
 - C. Anti-Graffiti campaign
 - D. Spoke about the Million Tree Program. The CB is now taking tree requests
 - E. The Bronx Week Parade on Mosholu Parkway will take place on June 20th
 - F. Mailing list available
 - G. 2011 Budget requests have begun



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- H. Suggested Motion to send a letter to the family that were being terrorized by graffiti and other attacks on them personally and their property to lend our support and friendship
 - 1. Motion was unanimously approved
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - A. Parks by Barbara Stronczer:
 - 1. Motion to send a letter to Governor Patterson and to the NYS Department of Energy Conservation requesting the banning of natural gas drilling in NYC's upstate watershed and elsewhere in New York State
 - i. Motion was unanimously approved
- VII. Traffic & Transportation by Lowell Green:
 - A. Bus stop outside Tracey Towers was discussed
 - B. Safe pedestrian crossing on Fordham Road for seniors
 - C. Motion: In honor of the Grand Concourse's Centennial, CB7 would like car-free Sundays on the Grand Concourse from Kingsbridge Road to Mosholu Parkway for July and August
 - 1. Motion was unanimously approved
- VIII. Environmental & Sanitation by Helene Hartman:
 - A. Spoke about the increase in water and sewer rates and the need to review future filtration issues in New York State
- IX. Land Use / Zoning by Ozzie Brown:
 - A. Referred to the Kingsbridge Armory and the plans outlined by Related, and the demands for the needs of the Community to be addressed. He feels the Community Board is in an important place to negotiate a successful community benefit package. He referred to the work of the Committee in the 2-year study on the re-zoning plans developed by them with the guidance of Richard Guether from City Planning
 - B. Motion to adopt the CBA for the Armory working document
 - 1. Motion was unanimously approved
- X. Nominating Committee Report:
 - A. Send a letter of acceptance if interested in the selected position
 - B. Nominations from the floor:
 - 1. Gregory Faulkner for Chair, was initiated by Anthony Springer
 - 2. Paul Foster for 1st Vice-Chair, was initiated by Barbara Stronczer
 - 3. Andrew Laiosa for 2nd Vice-Chair
 - 4. Hector Lopez for 3rd Vice-Chair
 - 5. Barbara Stronczer for Treasurer
 - 6. Nora Feury for Secretary
- XI. Guests & Elected Official Reports:
 - A. Borough President's Office by Andy Toledo:
 - 1. Informed that Ruben Diaz, Jr. was sworn in as the 13th Bronx Borough President on May 1st, after being elected for the position during a special election on April 21st, 2009. Ruben Diaz, Jr. previously served in the New York State Assembly since 1997, representing the 85th Assembly District.
 - B. Announced that \$2.5 million in funding towards building a Bronx Children's Museum. One location for consideration is the Parks Department's Building J site on Exterior Street and East 153rd Street
 - C. The Borough President has also secured the pro-bono services of BSK Architects to develop a conceptual design for the Bronx Children's Museum of Manhattan
 - D. Swine Flu epidemic was discussed
- XII. Councilman Oliver Koppell's Office by Arlene McLaren:



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- A. There will be a tour of 3001 Briggs Avenue for homeless services on June 19th at 10:00am
 - B. A foreclosure forum will take place at the Community Board 12's office on May 26th, from 6– 8pm
 - C. Illegal apartment conversion issues were discussed
- XIII. Assemblyman Jeffery Dinowitz' Office:
- A. No report was provided at this time
- XIV. City Planning Report:
- A. ULURP for the Armory has begun. 69 days to review the project. Provided an explanation of the process and actions to be taken
 - B. New incentive on the development of food stores in un-served areas. (FRESH program). CB7 qualifies for the program
- XV. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm