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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GENERAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 @ 6:30PM

Meeting held at: Scott Towers ♦ 3400 Paul Avenue ♦ Bronx, New York 10468

- I) Meeting opened at 6:40pm
- II) Public Session:
 - A) Sonia Lappin, Scott Towers Board's Vice President:
 - 1) Introduced the Board to the audience, and the Committee Chairs introduced themselves
 - B) John D'Adamo, 52nd Pct. Commanding Officer:
 - 1) Introduced himself and addressed the audience
 - 2) The Commanding Officer went over recent crimes in the precinct, and recent arrest that were made
 - 3) He addressed an incident that occurred in the precinct with patrolmen involved in a shooting
 - 4) The audience asked questions about activities throughout the area
 - C) Jeff Dinowitz, Assemblyman:
 - 1) Addressed the group
 - 2) Congratulated Paul Foster on his present position as Chair
 - 3) Shared some information regarding possible MTA cuts. He particularly mentioned the "Access-A-Ride" cut backs and the fares for students which are presently without charge. He is vehemently opposed to any cuts in services to the community
 - a) Hearings are being held around these issues. The hearing is to be held on Wednesday, March 3rd at the Utopia Theater
 - 4) Spoke about rent control bills that are coming up in the Assembly and Senate and the need to support it
 - D) Sonia Lappin, Scott Towers Board's Vice President:
 - 1) Talked about Harris Field and the exorbitant costs for the reconstruction. She is concerned for the toxic decontamination and the affects it has on the use of the field
 - a) She wants a moratorium on artificial turf
 - E) Sandra Ovalles:
 - 1) Mentioned the NYC Managed Care program and health coverage to include seniors and the undocumented. The address is 50 East 158th Street, and the hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 9:00am to 5:00pm
 - F) Dawn Burley:
 - 1) Oversees WHEDCo's Single Stop program which provides assistance in the Managed Care program, food stamps, counseling, attorneys (legal assistance), etc. All of these services and are provided FREE of charge.
 - G) Mr. X, Community Resident:
 - 1) Provided information about the Open House for Pedro Espada and Fernando Cabrera. Everyone is invited
 - H) Morgan Powell:
 - 1) Spoke about the gentrification of certain districts in the city and the impact on the community that is affected. Specifically, concerned about efforts to attract artists in loft and commercial spaces through the rezoning of Port Morris.
 - I) Alex Kratz, Norwood News:
 - 1) Talked about the Norwood News being the voice of the community. He encouraged people to call or write to let them know what is going on in the neighborhood. The number to call is (718) 324-4998



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- 2) Mentioned fund raiser on Thursday, February 25th at 6:00pm at the Bronx Ale House
 - J) Angelo Diaz, Board of Directors of Scott Towers:
 - 1) Expressed concerns about problems with the double parked buses serving Bronx Science. The buses make it difficult to see traffic when drivers leave the Scott Tower's parking lot, which presents a dangerous situation.
 - K) George Dodsworth, Scott Towers Resident:
 - 1) He complained about the number of booted cars on Paul Avenue, creating a dangerous situation
 - 2) Mentioned the large amount of Graffiti along Jerome Avenue
 - L) Carlos Abreu, Monte Carlo Room Restaurant Owner:
 - 1) Talked about his establishment as having no problems. He has owned this establishment for 10 years, and cannot get permits for a variance (No Certificate of Occupancy). He wants assistance from the Board to open his establishment "legally". Monte Carlo Room Restaurant is located at 2700 Jerome Avenue.
 - M) George Diaz, Community Resident:
 - 1) Asked for attendance at the MTA Public Hearing on March 3rd, at the Utopia Theater
 - N) Public Session ended at 7:35pm
 - III) Attendance was taken at 7:40pm. Quorum was present
 - A) Paul Foster took time out to present a plaque to Gregory Faulkner, Former CB 7 Chair, for his service on the Board
 - IV) Chairperson's Report by Paul Foster:
 - A) He spoke of the Filtration Plant and the Chair terms to be followed (CB8, Cb12, CB7) 1 year each
 - B) Ad-Hoc Committee announced
 - V) Executive Committee Report:
 - A) Hector Lopez, Budget / Personnel Ethics Chair:
 - 1) He announced the nominations of candidates for the position of Chairperson and 1st Vice Chair of the Board
 - 2) He reviewed the By-Laws regarding the elections to be held on March 16th
 - 3) Motion to extend the election from March 2nd to March 16th was unanimously
 - VI) Borough President's Report by Tom Lucania:
 - A) Tom Lucania addressed the group. He spoke of the Board appointments and deadline for submitting applications
 - B) Spoke about the Gun Buy Back program. The removal of 1200 guns off the streets was said to be a success
 - C) The Census is in progress. All should support the questions to be asked in order to be counted
 - D) The new leader, Marlene Cintron of BOEDC was mentioned
 - E) Events supported by the Borough President were announced
 - VII) Approval of Agenda & Minutes was unanimous
 - VIII) City Planning Report:
 - A) Webster Avenue rezoning is moving along. Next month should bring more information
 - IX) Long Term Planning Committee Report:
 - A) Pictures of the waterfront were shown
 - B) Minutes were discussed
 - X) Health & Hospitals Committee:
 - A) Health benefit plans presentation was made at the committee meeting
 - XI) Housing Committee:
 - A) Discussed shelters for the homeless will continue to follow up
 - B) Tenants rights will be discussed for further follow up



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- C) Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 23 at 6:30 PM at the CB 7 office.
- XII) Environment and Sanitation:
- A) The Committee will meet on Thursday, February 18th at the Community Board Office
 - B) Agenda will address green roofs and the effect on the community
- XIII) Land Use / Zoning:
- A) See Minutes
 - B) Reported on the meeting held on February 4th
 - C) Letter from CMC Development regarding 311-319 East 194th Street was cited
 - D) Proposed hotel on Webster Avenue. Possible location for new animal shelter
 - E) Perry Avenue historic district discussed
 - F) BP's rep was introduced
 - G) Discretionary funds deadline is March 15th
 - H) Fordham Library discussion
 - I) Slide show of Waterfront Trolley Tour
- XIV) Parks & Recreation:
- A) Parks report was made. See Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes
- XV) Traffic & Transportation:
- A) The next Committee meeting will be held on March 11th
- XVI) Youth Services:
- A) The Committee will meet on February 18th. The Committee will talk about health and nutrition for youth
 - B) Summer opportunities for jobs for High School Seniors
- XVII) Election monitoring Committee:
- A) Hector Lopez addressed the Board and read the vacancy election rules and procedures
 - 1) Paul Foster was nominated by John Harris for Chair; no other candidates were nominated
 - 2) Ozzie Brown was nominated by Margaret Mack; no other candidates were nominated
- XVIII) Councilman's Cabrera's Legislator director, Zellnor Myrie, addressed the group and talked of his activities
- A) Traffic lights, student MTA fares and bills he is currently sponsoring
 - B) Councilman Cabrera heads the Drug Committee and is working on prohibiting the sale of alcohol in Burger King
 - C) Census drive at District Office, located at 107 Burnside Avenue
 - D) Discretionary funding mentioned
 - E) Use of the Armory was resurrected again
- XIX) Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm