



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK

## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

## GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 6:30PM

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, 3450 DeKalb Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467

- I. Public Session
  - A. Paul welcomed all and especially thanked Don Bluestone for his generosity in providing space for the Community Board Meeting.
  - B. Chief John Sullivan, FDNY regarding the fire on Bainbridge. Fire was not caused by arson. Report on fire in house. (718) 430-0227 Fire house telephone numbers. The chief answered questions from the attendees.
  - C. Soleem Shah from Citizens Community for New York City. He announced a \$1,000 grant available to residents for block clean up and beautification of their neighborhood. Grass roots groups are eligible (minimum of 20 people in a group needed). Applications are available 212-822-9566 for further information.
  - D. Nancy Huertas has a business in the neighborhood involving gift candies. Wants to share this information as a unique gift.
  - E. Ricky Martinez has concerns about speeding on Mosholu Parkway, dog doo do and the homeless in the community. Offered no solutions to these concerns.
  - F. Lenoy Matthew; He spoke about investments and offers advice for retirement accounts 914-539-2098 free financial advice.
  - G. Jane Addison Amoyan, Mosholu Library – she thanked the Community Board for the ongoing support. Is requesting \$30,850 million dollars for further upgrades to the Library and wishes the Community Board to continue support of this request.
  - H. Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz has an office in the Mosholu Community Center for anyone in the neighborhood who needs assistance. He addressed the plight of tenants' legislation in 2009. He is looking forward to overturning this legislation in support of tenants.
    1. Cuts to Title 20 funding for senior centers was thwarted by Dinowitz action in the assembly.
    2. He spoke about the possible confusion in example the upcoming election – small print on the ballots and the back of the ballot contains issues that need to be addressed and may be overlooked.
  - I. Captain McGowan from the 52 pct. He went over the crime stats in the precinct. Shootings have gone down since last year. Felony assaults are up, other crime down. Arrests and summons are up. Capt. McGowan addressed concerns from the board and from community residents.
  - J. Noah Katz of Foodtown gave an update on the progress of the rebuilding of the supermarket on East 204 Street that was burned down recently. Mr. Katz provided a slide presentation of the new store and how it will look when it is finished. The store will be expanded and will provide foods and produce not before available due to lack of space. Mr. Katz promises to continue his commitment to the community and will involve himself in community events. Mr. Katz addressed some of the concerns expressed by the board members and residents. Possible opening is planned for January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- II. Meeting opened 7:45 pm
  - A. Attendance- Quorum present
  - B. The agenda and minutes of the June and September were approved with changes.
- III. Chairperson Report- Paul Foster



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- A. Armory task force report – Suggestions are being made for the mayor's approval.
  - B. Fordham Library Report
  - C. Website committee report
    - 1. Paul urged all to read the committee minutes and adhere to the recommended suggestions.
  - D. Oliver Koppell, City Council representation addressed the board and reported the activities of the council as it pertains to Community Board 7. Mr. Koppell announced all the funds he has allocated to the various organizations throughout the neighborhood.
- IV. Executive Committee Report- Ozzie Brown
- A. Reported on the Foodtown Construction and meeting with Noah Katz.
- V. District Managers Report- Fernando Tirado
- A. Review
    - 1. District Needs Statement and Board Service Priority documents for FY 2012
    - 2. Proposed meeting dates for committees
    - 3. Updated contacts list of Board members
  - B. Public Hearings
    - 1. Capital & Expense Budget – Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM at the office
    - 2. Webster Avenue Rezoning – Tentatively for Thursday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM to 8:45PM at the Bronx Library center
  - C. Other meetings and announcements
    - 1. Harlem River Working Group – last minute change to CB7 office for Oct 20<sup>th</sup> @ 4PM
    - 2. Webster Avenue Tour – Saturday at 10:30AM on Webster & East Gun Hill Road
    - 3. Bronx Community Solutions and Public Safety tomorrow at 6:30PM
    - 4. East Gun Hill Road Congestion Corridor Study walk thru – Tuesday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-6PM
  - D. Requests
    - 1. Target on W.225<sup>th</sup> Street for after hours construction variance request (indoors)
- VI. Committee Reports
- A. Parks- Barbara Stronczer
    - 1. Meeting Wednesday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
    - 2. Saturday Volunteers to spruce up local parks. All are welcome.
  - B. Land Use Committee- Ozzie Brown
    - 1. Greg Faulkner former Community Board 7 Chairperson was mentioned for his time and talent spent on the Webster Avenue scale of work and proposed zoning changes.
    - 2. Walking tour of Webster Avenue on Saturday October 23, 2010 in preparation of the proposed zoning change at 10:30 am at Webster and Gun Hill Road.
    - 3. ULURP on the EIS revision began on September 27<sup>th</sup> with a 60 day period in which to complete this process
    - 4. Public Hearing on 11/4/10 at 5:00 pm at the Bronx Library Center.
  - C. Traffic and Transportation- Lowell Green
    - 1. WWI Monument was mentioned as a project of the Community Board with funding from Councilman Koppell.
  - D. Budget and Personnel- Hector Lopez
    - 1. Motion 1: Request that the Community Board approve the Community District Needs Statement for fiscal year 2012. Motion approved unanimously.



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2. Motion 2: Request approval for the Community Board Services Priorities ranking for fiscal year 2012. After lengthy discussion, the board approved the motion.
  3. Capital & Expense budget public hearing and meeting to set priorities on Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - E. Economic Development- Jay Shuffield
    1. Motion to send a letter to Mr. Wong from DCA concerning complaints by community residents about certain supermarkets inspections.
    2. No motion at this time as it is a committee issue.
  - F. Education, Libraries and Cultural- Yvette Page
    1. Will meet on the same Wednesday each month
    2. 11/6/2010 is the next meeting
    3. November 10<sup>th</sup> the committee will review "Waiting for Superman" the documentary
  - G. Environmental and Sanitation- Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky
    1. 10/25/2010 next meeting at 6:30 pm
  - H. Housing- Nick Napolitano
    1. Reported on rezoning issues and home owners who led concerns
    2. 202 and 203 streets and Valentine wishes to be included in the rezoning
    3. Announced that he will be on a 5 month leave of absence. Ischia Bravo will take his place in the interim as acting chair.
  - I. Youth- Joe Lee
    1. Second Monday of the month for meetings
  - J. Absentee members were noted and were excused unanimously.
- VII. Elected Official Reports
- A. Borough President Report
    1. 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour De Bronx
    2. "Peace In Our Streets" Initiative
    3. Free Flu Shot on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010
    4. Bronx Pumpkin Fest and Halloween Spooktacular Event
  - B. Councilman Fernando Cabrera Report
    1. Discussed issues of gang activities in N.Y in addition to his district.
    2. He is working with NYPD to tackle the issue.
    3. He is concerned about health issues and poor eating habits and is working towards correcting these problems.
    4. The councilman announced that funding is available to community groups for specific activities.
  - C. Councilman Joel Rivera
    1. Christine Capetillo, new representative introduced herself but had no new report.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm