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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

General Community Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 21, 2010 @ 6:30 PM

Meeting held at Dallas BBQ ♦ 283 West Fordham Road ♦ Bronx 10468

- I. Public Session was opened with the following speakers:
 - A. Fernando Cabrera, City Council:
 1. Addressed the Board and thanked all of us for our dedication to the community
 2. He discussed next year's budget and the upcoming deficit
 3. He will focus on the needs of the youth in 2011
 4. Seeking youth groups to fill out application for funds he has set aside to assist helping our youth
 5. The Councilman is looking for community board members and will welcome recommendations
 6. He announced his appointment as Chair of the Technology Committee on the City Council
 7. Mr. Cabrera took questions from the board members
 - B. Police Department report:
 1. Lt. Meyer from the 52nd Precinct and Capt. McGowan reviewed the Comp Stats
 2. Shootings and other crimes are down
 3. The recent church burglaries were solved with an arrest of a suspect
 4. The drug situation throughout the precinct is under control
 5. Holiday posts are set up in various shopping areas from 10am to 2am
 6. The board extended thanks to the Police Department for their work over the last year
 - C. Resident of 3050 Perry Avenue (East 204th Street & Mosholu Parkway)
 1. Talked about drugs in the building. Feels threatened by the dealers because the resident has reported the situation, and is now seeking help from PD
 - D. Lowell Green, CB member:
 1. Spoke about "Summer Walks" to be sponsored by DOT; 3 Sundays in July and 1 in August. She wants community residents and organizations to participate and do demonstrations
 - E. Luis Venicia, 3236 Bainbridge Avenue:
 1. Talked about the opening of a restaurant, and is seeking support from the community board. (Old Green Tree Restaurant). He is looking for approval for a liquor license
 - F. Khadijaha Saeed, CB member:
 1. Spoke regarding tenants rights and how to get more information
- II. Meeting opened at 7:30pm
 - A. Attendance was taken, quorum was present
 - B. Approval of Agenda and Minutes was unanimously approved
- III. Chairperson's Report by Paul Foster:
 - A. Mentioned that the Borough President's Office has approved the rezoning of Webster Avenue; it will now go to the City Planning Commission for further approval
 - B. A report of the Filtration plant was given and the monies that were in question were to be resolved
- IV. District Manager's Report by Fernando P. Tirado:
 - A. 25 parking spots to be temporary removed around the planned construction site of the NYBG Parking Garage on Webster Ave & Bedford Park Blvd from January-May 2011. Concerns raised by Board.
 - B. NYBG sent out a survey asking feedback about community concerns and future parking for residents.



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- V. 1st Vice Chairperson's Report by Ozzie Brown:
- A. Remarked on the distribution of the Robert's Rule to the members
 - B. Thanked Fernando for sending letters supporting Sister Margaret from Tolentine Zeiser and Ms. M. Schoudt from the Concourse House supporting the programs they run for the homeless
 - C. Fordham Landing issue is still under consideration and the \$15,000 assigned to its development by Councilman Cabrera
- VI. Public Safety Committee report by Andrew Laiosa:
- A. Committee Chair wishes all a happy holiday
- VII. Parks Committee report by Barbara Stronczer:
- A. **Motion 1**: A letter to be sent to the Design Commission in support of the renovation of the Van Cortlandt Golf House and the building of a new maintenance facility.
 - 1. Motion was passed, there was one "NO"
 - B. **Motion 2**: A letter be sent to the three Councilpersons and other elected officials representing our district requesting that they set aside funding each year for the maintenance and planting of sidewalk and park trees throughout Community Board #7.
 - 1. Discussion about the motion ensued; Motion was approved unanimously
- VIII. Education Committee report:
- A. Has a motion to send a letter to the BOE, Motion to be held over until January
- IX. Land Use Committee report by Ozzie Brown:
- A. Regarding Regatta Park – Reviewed the process transferring the property. This is an on-going issue
- X. Transportation Committee report:
- A. Report given during the public session.
- XI. Sanitation Committee report:
- A. There will be a Committee meeting on January 13th.
 - B. Spoke about activities for the Summer Walk
- XII. Economic Development Committee report:
- A. Provided a brief report on the meeting held on December
- XIII. Youth Services Committee report:
- A. Will work with other community organizations on youth violence. He wants the community board to have a database to be used for referrals by community and families
 - B. Will supplement our web site with information that can be obtained at will
 - C. Another issue to be addressed is hate crimes. Problem solving is in the planning stage. All recommendations are welcome
 - D. The committee is looking for more youth participation
 - E. There were many suggestions for the youth community from other board members. Many have offered assistance and support
 - F. Comments on redistricting were made with an eye on the recent census tally
- XIV. New business:



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- A. Joseph Lee would like a resolution from the Community Board around youth issues. It will be addressed at a future meeting
 - B. Paul thanked the management of Dallas BBQ for their support and for the use of the banquet hall for the CB meeting
 - C. Hector Lopez wished all members and happy new year
 - D. Paul thanked the Community Board for their dedication and wished all a happy holiday
- XV. Joel Rivera's report by Christine Capetillo:
- A. Announced January activities sponsored by the councilman
 - B. 3 Kings celebration to be held on January 7th, 2011 at Crotona Park
 - C. Mobile Dental care for the community coming soon
- XVI. Councilman Cabrera's report:
- A. Kingsbridge and Davidson street re-naming
 - B. Zee announced a change in his position with the Councilman
- XVII. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. Group picture was taken