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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011 @ 6:30 PM

Saint Brendan's School Cafeteria ◇ 260 East 207th Street ◇ Bronx, NY 10458

- I. Public Session opened at 6:45pm with the following speakers:
 - A. Capt. McGowan from the 52nd Precinct, Lt. Chris Meyer & Lt. Ray Herasme
 1. Provided an overview of the crime stats
 - a) Robberies are down, however arrest are up for robberies. PD is working closely with the District Attorney's Office to ensure conviction
 - b) Felonies and assaults are up
 - c) Major crimes arrests are up
 2. The Captain took questions and gathered information on reports of concerns from board members
 - B. Jane Addison, Mosholu Library:
 1. Thanked the Community Board for continued support
 2. Ms. Addison mentioned that the Library located at 285 East 206th Street is available for community meetings. Call 718-882-8239 to find out availability
 - C. Ricardo Martinez, State Committee Rep:
 1. He will sponsor an exhibition on Black History Month and Dominican History on February 23rd. All are welcome
- II. At roll call, quorum was present
 - A. January minutes with a change were approved. Article 2 subsection E should read "Pre-Paid legal services", not "Legal Aide Services"
- III. Chairperson's Report by Paul Foster:
 - A. Filtration plant proposal change was reported that construction would not go forward on Bainbridge Avenue but on Sedgwick Avenue due to old Trolley lines under Bainbridge Avenue
 - B. Borough President task force on Armory continues to meet
 - C. In April a report will be made on the progress of the development of the Armory. Presently the film industry has shown an interest. Jobs is the most important focus for the task force
 - D. Report on Committee Chair changes:
 1. Ms. Joyce Hernandez Lopez, Website Committee
 2. Lisa Sills-Short, Land Use / Zoning Committee
 3. Lorraine Stuart, Senior Services Committee
 4. Dilletta Pina, Health & Hospitals Committee
 5. William Francis, Parks Committee
 6. Public Safety Committee is still looking for a Chairperson. Changes will be effective immediately
 7. The Budget & Personnel Committee Chairperson will stay in place
 - E. New Leadership is the goal for the changes
- IV. District Manager's Report by Fernando P. Tirado:
 - A. CPR awareness training available at Community Board Office on Feb. 26th @ 12 PM
 - B. Community Board re-appointments are due. Community Board Members are requested to send in the their application as soon as possible
 - C. Budget cuts are projected for the Fire Department and the impact it will have on the Community. Engines have been reduced from 5 to 4 men effective 2/1/11.
 - D. Heat complaints are prevalent throughout. Funding has been cut that would allow HPD to provide emergency fuel delivery on these complaints



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- E. Pothole complaints are being forwarded to DOT. Follow up on the complaints are being conducted by the Community Board staff
- F. Community Board members report that some areas of the Community Board have more pot holes that do not appear to have been taken care of
- G. On Friday, February 18th at 12:30pm the honorary street-renaming for former board member Phyllis Reed on West Kingsbridge Road and Davidson Avenue
- V. Executive Committee Report:
 - A. Budget report was discussed
 - B. Vendor contracts were reviewed
- VI. Budget Committee Report by Hector Lopez:
 - A. Hector Lopez reported on the consultants' contracts and any adjustments to the budget
 - B. The use of the Community Board Office by the NY Legal Assistance group was discussed
 - 1. It was proposed that they will use the Community Board office one day a month to provide legal services without charge to the community
 - 2. The question of insurance for the group was raised and will be pursued before any finalization is made
- VII. Parks Committee Report by Barbara Stronczer;
 - A. **Motion:** A letter be sent to Commissioner Aponte and Commissioner Benepe requesting that the "Poo-Free Parks" program be adopted as a pilot project in Community Board #7
 - 1. Motion was unanimously approved
 - 2. There was some discussion about the process of administering the program. All materials will be provided by the organization
 - B. The "Bronx Parks Speak up" to be held on Saturday, 2/26/11 at Lehman College
 - C. The next Parks Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 2/22/11
- VIII. Land Use / Zoning Report by Ozzie Brown:
 - A. Ozzie noted the street renaming for Phyllis Reed and thanked the Councilman Cabrera for his support
 - B. Ozzie reported on his Committee meeting where he was joined by other CB Committees who were unanimous in their on-going support of the proposed development of Webster Avenue
 - C. A complete report on the meeting is contained in the minutes of 2/7/11
 - D. There will be continued discussion of the development of the Webster Avenue corridor after the redistricting is approved by the City Planning Commission
 - E. Regatta Park development is the next project that the committee will focus on. The scoping process must begin before the loss of funds will be realized
- IX. Traffic & Transportation Committee by Lowell Green:
 - A. Report of the "Summer Walk" project was given. It is planned on 3 Sundays from 11am to 5pm in July and August
- X. Housing Committee Report by Nick Napolitano:
 - A. Legislation is being proposed that landlords provide tenant rights information
 - B. Next meeting will be held on 2/28/11 where 2 projects on housing will be discussed
 - C. Future trainings:
 - 1. Basic Housing rights
 - 2. Tenant rights and responsibilities
- XI. Youth Committee Report by Joe Lee:
 - A. Youth Committee will participate in health Services for youth
- XII. Elected Officials reports:
 - A. Andy Toledo, Borough President's Office
 - 1. Black History Month celebration tomorrow



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- B. Councilman Oliver Koppell, 11 Council District
 - 1. Spoke about nominations for the Community Board and the need to send a copy of re-application to his office
 - 2. City Planning to vote tomorrow. Mr. Koppell is confident that the redistricting for Webster Avenue corridor will be approved
 - 3. New housing proposed for the district was discussed
 - 4. Remarks on the impact of the budget cuts on the delivery of services were received
 - 5. City council will work to prevent cuts to emergency city services like Fire and Police
 - 6. Mr. Koppell addressed the pot hole situation
 - 7. People can call Mr. Koppell for snow removal and potholes. He will welcome all complaints and try to solve them as quickly as possible
 - C. Greg Faulkner, Councilman Fernando Cabrera's Office:
 - 1. Re-naming, Phyllis Reed Plaza, will be tomorrow at 12 noon. All are invited
 - 2. Tenants bill of rights legislation
 - 3. Free tax preparation available on Saturday 3/5/11
 - 4. Hearing on loss of medical records in March
 - 5. Fire Department dispatcher change hearing to be held
 - 6. Discretionary funding available. Applications may be obtained online
 - 7. Legislation of inspection of Carbon Monoxide detectors
 - 8. The Councilman is proposing to charge the film industry fees for use of community space. These fees will revert back to the community for community improvement
 - 9. The Councilman's office will continue to review the complaints from the community
 - D. Christine Capetillo, Councilman Joel Rivera's Office:
 - 1. There will be 2 blood drives on March 29 & 30th
 - E. Ross Agdern, Senator Gustavo Rivera's Office:
 - 1. District office not in place yet. They are looking at place on Grand concourse
 - 2. Staff is available to community groups for any issue
 - 3. Issues – Legislation on reforms such as disclosures of income of public officials
 - 4. Mr. Agdern's can be reached by email at: adgern@ny.senate.gov
- XIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm