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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 @ 6:30PM

Scott Tower ♦ 3400 Paul Avenue ♦ Bronx, NY 10468

- I. Public Session opened at 6:40pm with the following speakers
 - A. There was an introduction of the new Commanding Officer of the 52nd Precinct, Joe Dowling, Deputy Inspector
 1. He addressed the members and gave a summary of his vast experiences in the Police Department
 - B. Joe Squiccasino, Business Owner
 1. Regarding his parking lot at 3150 Webster Avenue. He owns a Laundromat and his customers can not park due to trailers. He is losing business and wants help from the CB to help solve his problem
 - C. Debora Banning Siegel, Office of Community Relations at Montefiore
 1. She announced that on March 23, Montefiore will become a smoke free campus. She described all the sites aligned with Montefiore that will adhere to this new policy; mostly to benefit the public, patients and the workers.
 2. Free smoking cessations will be distributed by Montefiore
- II. General Meeting opened at 7:00pm
 - A. Attendance taken, quorum present
 - B. Motion to accept last meeting's minutes was approved
 - C. Yankee Youth Leadership Award Winners were introduced. They received a certificate and a check for \$750.00. The following youth were the awardees:
 1. Anthony Ortiz
 2. Vanessa Campos
 3. Brandon Rutishauser
 4. Amena Ahmad
 5. Gioanna Cruz
- III. Chairperson's Report:
 - A. Paul Foster read the By-Laws regarding new Chairpersons appointment
 1. Motion was approved
 2. Changes in Chairpersons who are executive Board Members was announced and new Chairs were introduced
 - i. Motion to approve was unanimously approved
 3. By-Laws regarding Nomination Committee in Section F on Page 5 correction was amended to bring the By-Laws in line with the City Charter
 - i. Motion was unanimously approved
- IV. District Manager's Report"
 - A. Brief update on office activities
- V. Executive Committee Report by Ozzie Brown:
 - A. Report on Community Board members training at Lehman College
 - B. Regatta Park update was discussed along with the Mayor's plans to update water front properties
 - C. Ozzie urged the Board to support the Mayor's plans with the hope that Regatta Park would be included



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- D. There will be a Public Hearing tomorrow, March 16 @ 7:00pm regarding the Budget Priorities. All are welcome to attend and testify
- E. Excused Board members' names were read and the board voted to excuse them
- VI. Committee Updates
 - A. Budget Committee Report by Hector Lopez:
 - 1. Hector announced the need for the community to testify and vote on the budget priorities on March 16 at the Community Board Office at 7:00pm
 - B. Economic Development Committee Report by Jay Shuffield:
 - 1. Jay Shuffield reviewed the re-zoning on Webster Avenue and the future issues that were discussed at the committee meeting on March 8th
 - C. Education Committee Report:
 - 1. Adaline Walker reported on CET program that will be available to high school students
 - D. Sanitation Committee Report by Helene Hartman-Kutnowski:
 - 1. Report on sewers back up and recent snow falls that clogged sewers
 - E. Health & Hospitals Committee report by Dilletta Pina:
 - 1. Needs new members and volunteers to serve on the committee
 - 2. Ms. Pina also thanked Montefiore on their new non-smoking policy
 - F. Housing Committee report by Nick Napolitano:
 - 1. Reported on a new development of 60 units of affordable housing at 3160-3166 Webster Avenue
 - i. Motion was presented by Nick Napolitano to approve the housing
 - 2. Paul Foster feels the committee should vote on the issue before it is presented to the full Board
 - 3. After much discussion, the motion was sent back to the committee for their review
 - 4. Motion to send a letter to HPD denying our support of the project at 301 East Gun Hill Road applying for a 421A tax abatement for Sharon Hockman Gun-Hill LLC
 - i. Motion was unanimously approved
 - 5. 323 East 198th Street, Serviam Gardens is the site for the next Housing meeting. It will be held on Monday March 28th, at 6:30pm.
 - i. A training on Basic Housing Rights will be conducted as Part I of a Part II training
 - G. Land Use / Zoning Committee Report:
 - 1. Next meeting will be held on March 30th at 6:30pm at the Community Board Office
 - 2. Finalize rezoning of Webster Avenue
 - H. Parks & Recreation Committee Report:
 - 1. The next meeting will be held on March 17th, to discuss the \$15,000 that was awarded to the Community Board by the City Councilman Cabrera. All are invited to make suggestions
 - I. Traffic & Transportation by Lowell Green:
 - 1. The next meeting will be held on April 7th at the Community Board Office
 - 2. Summer walks project discussed
 - 3. Motion:
 - i. CB7 requests that the Southwest Corner of East Mosholu Parkway North and Webster Avenue be renamed Police Officer Eric Hernandez Memorial Corner.
 - a. P.O Hernandez was a member of the 52nd Pct. who died as a result of a gang assault at the Bronx's White Castle in January of 2006
 - ii. Request to be sent to the City Council for approval
 - a. Motion was approved unanimously
 - J. Youth Services Committee Report by Joe Lee:
 - 1. Report on budget allocations for youth services that was discussed at the March meeting
 - 2. The capital and expense request for 2012 were reviewed and discussed



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3. The Community Development Block grants cuts were discussed as a cause for concern since it affects youth programs in our community
4. An announcement by Trent Lobb of a "Youth Empowerment" program to be held at Lehman College on March 24th from 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome to attend
- K. Nominating Committee Report:
 1. Paul Foster asked the Board to name a Nominating Committee to monitor the elections in June.
 2. The following members were selected and approved by the Board to serve on the Committee:
 - i. Ischia Bravo
 - ii. William Francis
 - iii. Dilletta Pina
 - iv. Charlesetta Rhett
 - v. Lisa Sills-Short
- VII. Elected Officials and Agency Reps
 - A. Borough President's Report by Andy Toledo:
 1. Irish Celebration on Wednesday March 23, 2011 at Rambling House
 2. Credit Fair is to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011
 3. Re-scheduling of Community Board Training for those members who missed the training at Lehman College. The next training will be held on March 21st and March 28th
 - B. Councilman Oliver Koppell's Report by Arlen McLaren:
 1. Reported on votes in council and discussion of the retaining wall
 2. Youth Empowerment opportunities available for college students
 3. Juton Horstman from DCP discussed the repair and installment of a sidewalk around the Oval that was under discussion at the hearing of City Planning
 - i. Further study is needed
 - ii. A discussion on Zoning and housing was discussed
 - C. Councilman Fernando Cabrera's Report by Anthony Springer:
 1. Reported on Cabrera's concern for the proposed closing of Senior Centers
 2. Spoke about the FREE tax preparation day that was held this month. It was very successful
 3. Applications available for funding through the Councilman's Office
 - D. Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera's Report by Sallie Caldwell:
 1. Ms. Rivera is busy in Albany working on the State's budget
 - E. Councilman Joel Rivera's Report:
 1. Spoke about an upcoming blood drive
 - F. Senator Gustavo Rivera's Report by Russ Agdern:
 1. Spoke about the closing of Senior Centers
 2. Impeding strike intervention of Building workers
 3. District Office opening soon
 4. Rep available at the Community Board office on Wednesdays from 1:00pm to 3:00pm
 - G. Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz' Report by Daniel Johnson:
 1. Spoke about Senior Centers closing
 2. Mosholu Montefiore Community Center is available on Thursdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm
 - H. Jeff Klein's Report by Andy Laine:
 1. He is the new liaison for Mr. Klein
 - I. State Committee's Report by Ricky Martinez:
 1. Clothes drive. They are aiming at collecting 400 coats
 2. There will be a block party on July 30. You can contact (646) 509-7166 for info
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm