



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK**  
**BOROUGH OF THE BRONX**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

**GENERAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 18, 2011 @ 8:30PM**

**Meeting Held at Fordham Methodist Church ♦ 2543 Marion Avenue ♦ Bronx, NY 10458**

- I) Paul greeted and welcomed the public at 6:45 PM
- II) Public Session began with the following speakers:
  - A) Inspector Joseph Dowling, 52<sup>nd</sup> Precinct:
    - 1) Stats were discussed; violence is down. Burglary and Grand Larceny are recidivist crimes
    - 2) Many arrests have been reported for crimes involving iPhones and jewelry.
    - 3) Inspector Dowling cautioned the public to be aware of people in your presence. Be aware of all around you.
    - 4) He gave helpful hints in personal protection inside and outside the home
    - 5) A question and answer period ensued
  - B) Gustavo Rivera, NYS Senator:
    - 1) Introduced his staff
    - 2) Spoke about a health initiative introduced into the Bronx. He related his own involvement and his goal to lose weight
    - 3) He mentioned an 8-week challenge to promote good health in the community
    - 4) Mr. Rivera talked about his civics classes that are free to all at the public Library on Thursdays. Flyers were distributed
    - 5) Two job fairs are being sponsored on November 4<sup>th</sup>. All are encouraged to attend
    - 6) First meeting for "Voices" will be held on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:00pm
    - 7) The "Millionaires" tax was discussed and support to extend this tax was requested
  - C) Joe Eastman, Citizens Committee:
    - 1) Spoke about "Block Grant Awards" that are available to the community. Applications deadline is Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Flyers were distributed
  - D) Rev. Leo Curry, Fordham Methodist Church:
    - 1) Greeted the audience and welcomed all to his church and meeting hall
  - E) Ricky Martinez, State Committee:
    - 1) Spoke about his organizations' clothing drive and the need for coats for the homeless. He will pick up any donations
  - F) Jane Addison, Mosholu Branch Library:
    - 1) Reviewed the Library's budget and their present priorities
  - G) Michael Muscetti:
    - 1) Talked about Science School Initiative. Classes at P.S.80 to begin on Saturday on science and math to enable youngsters prepare for the entrance in top high school
    - 2) Thanked Adaline Walker for introducing the group to the Bronx School system
  - H) Anthony Riviuccio, Community Resident:
    - 1) No report was provided
  - I) Juton Haistman:



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- 1) Slide show from City Planning. It includes the Metro North and 7 stations in the Bronx. It presents to public to have input into their vision of the conversion and update of the stations
- 2) There will be a Land Use Committee meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>
- J) Sharon Jarvis, NY Public Library in the Bronx:
  - 1) Introduced 2 initiatives
    - a) Series of Civic classes to be held at the library
    - b) Job Fair on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Bring resumes and letters of recommendations
  - 2) Information available regarding food stamps and other assistance to the public can be obtained on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm
- III) Public Session concluded at 7:35pm and the General meeting opened at that time
  - A) Attendance was taken, quorum present
  - B) Approval of Agenda and Minutes
    - 1) Motion to accept was unanimously approved
- IV) Chairperson's Report by Paul Foster:
  - A) Distribution of Committee Chair list and the committee members list
  - B) Paul read Eleanor Lundeen's resume upon her appointment to the Chair of Economic Development Committee
  - C) Bree Brown Rosa was appointment Chair of the Education / Cultural Affairs Committee. Her resume was also read
  - D) The Committee Chairs were named and their background and expertise were reported
  - E) Leadership was the focal point of the importance
  - F) Motion to accept the Chair appointments was voted on
    - 1) The Majority voted "yes", 2 voted "no"
- V) District Manager's Report by Fernando P. Tirado:
  - A) Discussion on Service Program Priorities (Form 3). See handout in folder. 18 of 36 members participated in the survey. Q&A
  - B) FY'13 Capital & Expense budget priorities. See handout in folder for budget committee's recommendation.
  - C) Yankee Youth Award nominations being accepted for 2011. Need to be submitted to the Yankees Community Council no later than November 14<sup>th</sup> (submit nominees to the office). No nominees to date. Have blank applications available.
  - D) Borough President's Quality of Life Survey distribution and request for participation. BxCB7 responses represent 11% of the total responses for the borough. Have blanks available
  - E) Motion to accept program priorities (Form 3) after review and discussion. Many members express dissatisfaction with format of the form
    - 1) Motion was unanimously approved
  - F) FY'13 Capital Expense budget priorities was presented for discussion



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- 1) The priority requests from the Library that were presented at the Public Session were discussed in order to give the request a placement in the proposed request for FY'13
- 2) It was decided that the Library's request would be added on to the list as numbers 28-31
- 3) Recommendations were proposed and voted on
  - a) Approved unanimously

#### VI) Committee Reports:

- A) Executive Committee Report by Hector Lopez:
  - 1) Reviewed the Executive Meeting Minutes
- B) Youth Committee Report by Joe Lee:
  - 1) There will be a meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm-8:00pm
  - 2) Joe discussed the Leadership awards and the need for recommendations
- C) Sanitation Committee Report by Helene Hartman:
  - 1) Reported on the problem at P.S.51
  - 2) Spoke about Pot Holes in the neighborhood
  - 3) New Manager for...
- D) Traffic and Transportation by Lowell Green:
  - 1) Read a letter regarding the deplorable conditions at the 205<sup>th</sup> Street "D" Line Station
    - a) Motion to send the draft letter to MTA. Letter had a few amendments. Discussion ensued about further additions to the letter
    - b) Add more descriptive words listing the exact conditions:
      - i) Falling ceilings
      - ii) Peeling paint
      - iii) Crumbling plaster
      - iv) Overall revamping need
      - v) Overhaul the entire station
    - c) Motion to approve the amendment to the letter was approved unanimously
    - d) Letter was then tabled until the next meeting where it will be presented with the additions
  - 2) There will be a Traffic and Transportation meeting on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 @ 6:30pm
    - a) MTA to make a presentation on improvement of the Fordham Station "D" line
  - 3) Bike racks locations are needed
- E) Parks & Recreation Report by Bill Francis:
  - 1) The triangle at Bailey Avenue and Sedgwick to be renamed for Ozzie Brown
  - 2) Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and it will be chaired by Barbara Stronczer
  - 3) Tree plantings were mentioned (1136 new trees)



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- F) Long Term Planning Report by Adaline Walker:
  - 1) Discussion of plans for the old Fordham Library site
  - 2) There will be a meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the use

VII) Elected Officials / Guest reports:

- A) Borough President's Office report by Andy Toledo:
  - 1) Tour of Bronx to be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. All invited to participate
  - 2) Restaurants to offer discounted dinners to Bronxites between Nov. 1-13
- B) Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera by Sallie Caldwell:
  - 1) Reported activities from Naomi River's Office
  - 2) 52<sup>nd</sup> Precinct to honor Fernando Tirado at the Breakfast
- C) Congressman Jose Serrano by Anthony Jordan:
  - 1) Came to represent Congressman Serrano with the promise to be a regular participant
- D) Councilman Joel Rivera by Christine Capetillo:
  - 1) Spoke about a Health Screening to be held on 10/22/11 & 10/29/11 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the intersection of East Fordham Road and Creston Avenue
  - 2) Hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> annual "Energize the Bronx" to cheer all marathon runners at Willis Wall Island (Triangle at Willis Avenue and East 135<sup>th</sup> Street) from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Community Board member Hector Lopez has entered in the marathon
  - 3) FREE Glaucoma Testing to be held on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 9:30am to 2:30pm at Cassella Plaza located at 961 East 181<sup>st</sup> Street at Vyse Avenue
  - 4) Blood Drive to be held between the hours of 12:00pm and 5:00pm at Cassella Plaza located at 961 East 181<sup>st</sup> Street at Vyse Avenue
- E) Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz by George Diaz:
  - 1) Sponsoring "Know your medicare rights" on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to be held at the Bedford Park Senior Center located at 243 East 204<sup>th</sup> Street
  - 2) Living wage Bill; Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 4551 Chambers Street
  - 3) There will be a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 at 7:30 at the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center
  - 4) Changes in NYS Medicaid services alerts
- F) Councilman Fernando Cabrera by Greg Faulkner:
  - 1) Reported on bills sponsored by Councilman Cabrera
  - 2) Spoke about impending budget cuts
  - 3) Need to meet with agencies to discuss needs; i.e. bike rentals, enhanced lighting around Fordham Road, Parks Enforcement and other priorities date to be set
- G) NYC Department of City Planning:



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- 1) Department of City Planning presentation on the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Metro-North study and information on signing up for the community advisory committee

VIII) Election for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair:

A) The candidates had 2 minutes for a presentation;

- 1) William Francis spoke first
- 2) Adaline Walker distributed her vitae experience and gave a spirited verbal presentation
- 3) Ms. Pina and her Committee read the procedures and distributed the ballots
- 4) The Ballots were collected and counted by Andy Toledo from the Borough President's Office, and the results were as follows:
  - a) 30 ballots were cast
  - b) 14 for William Francis
  - c) 16 for Adaline Walker
- 5) Ms. Walker was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair and welcomed to the executive board

IX) Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm