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GENERAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 20, 2012 @ 6:30 PM

Meeting held at: MMCC ◇ 3450 DeKalb Avenue ◇ Bronx, New York 10467

- I. Paul Foster opened meeting with a warm welcome, and thanked Don Bluestone for the use of the premises.
- II. Public Session began with the following speakers:
 - A. Lynn Pyle, Knox Gates Neighborhood Association, is requesting a change in Gates Place to a one-way street to allow for a 2-day PlayStreet
 - B. Tiara, Knox Gates Neighborhood Association, supported the change to change Gates Place to a one-way street to allow for a PlayStreet for 7 weeks in the summer
 1. Lowell Green requested that the group come to the Traffic & Transportation Committee meeting to make a formal presentation at their April meeting
 - C. Ricky Martinez, State Chair, Spoke on the P.S.80 school situation; supports improving the school
 - D. Anthony Riviuccio, Community Resident, talked about supporting the P.S.80 school, to keep it open. He noted the change proposed by the DOE and wants the community to attend the meeting
 - E. Elizabeth Thompson, P.S.80 Speaker, spoke about the over-crowding in the Kingsbridge Heights Community, which is situated between CB7 and CB8.
 1. She is opposed to the closing of schools when the need is so great
 - F. Ashgan Algaradi, P.S.80 Student, opposed to the closing, and would like another alternative
 - G. Nasheka Howell, P.S.80 Student, spoke about the closing of the school and offered other alternatives to keeping school open
 - H. Ciara Donovan, P.S.80 Student, Talked about the impending school closing and how much she learned there
 - I. Cecilia Donovan, P.S.80 parent who is opposed to the closing and the disruption it causes for parents and students alike
 - J. Sheila Sanchez, P.S.80 parent, spoke in support of the school and the quality education provided to students. She wants the school to remain open
 1. A letter addressed to the Mayor regarding the situation was read out loud
 - K. Abel Rosario, P.S.80 student who is expressing her opposition to the closure of the school. She noted all the successful graduates
 - L. Captain McGowan, 52nd Pct. Inspector, discussed the monthly crime stats.
 1. He noted the rise in robberies and Grand Larceny especially cell phones on buses, trains and the street.
 2. One shooting reported from Montefiore Hospital which may have occurred in another community
 - M. Wanda O'Connell, Community Resident, complained about Mr. Softee who locates his truck on the corner of East 209th Street and Hull Avenue
 - N. Miguel Santana, Community Advocate / "Access Medicare", talked about Medicare and Medicaid benefits provided by HMO's. He provided info on his organization
 - O. Debbie Medina, "Zamora Entertainment" Representative, is interested in a presentation of her organization at the Kingsbridge Armory. Spoke about the successful events that her agency has sponsored
 1. First Rodeo to be held on Sunday, March 25th, 2012 at the Armory from 3pm to 6pm. A concert to follow, all are invited. Tickets start at \$40. \$50 at the door
 2. Three Rodeo events are planned



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3. The Community expressed concerns about the lack of publicity about events, and the group was reminded about the proper procedures that should be followed in the future
 - P. Mr. X, Community Resident, announced various meetings throughout the community, and urged everyone to attend. He also proposed that a bus route be altered to accommodate riders on the #3 bus line
 - Q. Jane Addison, Mosholu Branch Library, announced various programs offered to the public. She also expressed concerns about impending budget concerns
 - R. Dara Matthews, Spoke about the "Intergeneration Program" to be presented at MMCC starting on March 30th, 2012. Seeking volunteers
 - S. Zachary Bretz, FREE tutor & Teacher is looking for assistance in finding a space for teaching about 10 children at no cost. The space needed should be FREE
 - T. Dugeidy Ortiz, DOH, invited all to a Health Initiative. Flyers were distributed
 - U. Julian Clayton, Big Apple Rx Program, distributed a prescription discount card. Card saves an average of 47% on prescription medications.
 1. The card can be used in participating pharmacies
 - V. Angela Carlin, Vendor, spoke about Harris Field and the food cart that services the park. She wants the cart inside the fence due to safety issues, and wants the CB7 office to petition the Parks Department to approve this proposal
 - W. Milton Battle, Community Resident, spoke about P.S.80 in support of the speaker who opposed the closing. Also, he needs help from CB7 about a block party on East 194th Street and Kingsbridge
- III. Public Session ended at 8:30pm and the Board Meeting opened
- A. Attendance was taken
 1. Quorum was present
 - B. Agenda and Minutes were accepted and approved
- IV. Reports:
- A. Chairperson's report in packet
 - B. Executive Committee Report by Adaline Walker:
 1. Reported on the presentation of the Kingsbridge Armory
 2. Reported on the DOE turnaround projected located in P.S.80
 - C. District Manager's Report by Fernando Tirado:
 1. There will be a job fair at CB7 on Thursday, March 22, 2012 from 12pm – 3pm
 2. Einstein College has research projects on Wednesdays 10am – 3pm
 3. Edison Arms applications are available with Section 8. Direct all calls to 718-584-5101
 4. Presented the Budget Report response
 - D. Health & Hospitals by Dilletta Pina:
 1. The Committee will meet on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at MMCC
 2. Colorectal Colon Month
 3. Warned about the symptoms of Synthetic Marijuana called "spice". It causes kidney failure
 4. Minutes were discussed
 - E. Education Committee Report by Bree Brown Rosa:
 1. Spoke about letter to Botanical Garden from CB7 (letter on file)
 2. P.S.80 situation is a concern
 3. Baby program at the Library
 4. The next Education Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012
 - F. Land Use / Zoning Committee Report by Lisa Sills Short:
 1. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 6:30pm
 - G. Parks & Recreation Committee Report by William Francis:



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1. The Parks Committee Meeting will be held in Lehman where the Harlem Waterfront group is making a presentation.
2. Bronx Science baseball team has no place to play. Mr. Francis is seeking a resolution to this problem
- H. Public Safety Committee Report by Walter Bell:
 1. Will be meeting with the Health Committee in March
 2. Preparing for a disaster discussion
- I. Sanitation / Environment Committee Report by Helene Hartman:
 1. Discussed the presentation made by the NYC Department of Environmental Protection
 2. P.S. 51 update on the toxic conditions
 3. Meeting to discuss this situation to be held on Monday, March 26, 2012 at 6:30pm at the CB Office
 4. An attempt is being made to update a registry to locate all students who attended school at P.S.51
- J. Senior Services Committee Report by Dr. Lorraine Stuart:
 1. Announced that a Senior Safety Day will be held at Scott Towers on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 2:00pm. Representatives from the DA's Office and the 52nd Pct. will be providing safety tips to seniors. The Committee will be meeting right after the presentation
- K. Youth Committee Report by Joe Lee:
 1. Series of programs to teach children and parents
 2. April 9 meeting with a presentation on depleting funds for youth and child care programs
- V. Elected Official Reports:
 - A. Borough President's Office:
 1. May 10-20 (Bronx Week)
 - B. Councilman Cabrera's Office:
 1. His continued support in the following issues:
 - i. Housing court issues – Evictions will be a focus
 - ii. Tenant's Rights
 - iii. Special schools for the neighborhood
 - iv. Concerns about the NYC budget
 2. On-going outreach from office
 - C. Councilman Oliver Koppell's Office:
 1. Street renaming scheduling to be announced
 2. PO Eric Fernandez naming near 52nd Pct.
 3. Animal care issues discussed
 4. X34 bus line (late night service cuts impending). Looking to return the service for overnight passengers
 - D. Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera's Office:
 1. Shared district lines changes
 - E. Senator Gustavo Rivera's Office:
 1. Discussed new district lines and how it affects Gustavo Rivera and his constituents
 2. Concerns about P.O. Closings
 - F. Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz' Office:
 1. On Thursday mornings there is a Representative from his office at MMCC
- VI. Closing remarks:
 - A. Joyce Hernandez Lopez announced with sadness her resignation from CB7 with a promise to continue assisting when needed
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm