



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 15th, 2012 @ 6:30 PM

Held at: St. James Recreation Center ♦ 2530 Jerome Avenue ♦ Bronx, New York

- I. The Public Session opened at 6:37P.M.
 - A. Earl Thomas, from Fordham Hill described his work as a male groomer and a make-up artist. He is available to cut both men's and women's hair in shelters and group homes.
 - B. Lisa Spitzner, representing the American Lung Assn., works to alert the community regarding tobacco issues. She is hoping to get into the schools in our district to discuss what can be done about the advertising of tobacco products in local stores.
 - C. Capt. James McGowan of the 52nd Pct. gave the crime report for the last 30 days. Crime is up 6 percent in the precinct. Auto theft has increased. The theft of cell phones is still occurring. There have also been many reports of wallets being stolen on City buses.
 - D. Lilly Tejada from the Harlem River Working Group invited everyone to their community celebration on 6/11/12 at the Bronx Museum of the Arts. Students from Pratt Institute will present their plans for the Harlem River waterfront. The meeting will take place from 6:00-8:00PM.
 - E. Mr. X, community resident, announced a list of meetings and public hearings for May and early June.
 - F. Leanne Christensen from Prudential Insurance announced her program called "Safe Child ID." She will be finger printing youngsters on 5/20 at the Mosholu Parkway Festival. Community Affairs Officer Doreen Saunders and the Explorers will be working with her.
 - G. Rosemary Fogarty of the US Census Bureau described the continuous work of her agency. She asked for cooperation in completing the American Community Survey.
 - H. Wanda O'Connell from Hull Ave. thanked the board and Mr. Tirado for helping to decrease the noise from the Mr. Softee truck. She asked that something be done regarding the late night noise from groups hanging out in front of a bodega on East 209th St. and Hull Ave.
 - I. Anthony Riviuccio, a community resident, thanked the board for their help with the renaming of JHS 80. Isobel Rooney's name will be a part of the new name for the school. Mr. Riviuccio requested that a plaque with the name MS 80 be placed in the school. He thanked Ms. Walker, Ms. Brown-Rosa, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Cruz for their help.
 - J. Clyde Williams, a candidate for the 13th Congressional district, spoke about the impact of the proposed federal budget. If passed, there would be many cuts to programs in our area. He asked that everyone support President Obama.
 - K. Lowell Green, chairperson of the Traffic and Transportation Committee encouraged everyone to attend a meeting regarding the implementation of a Select Bus Service for the #41 bus on Webster Ave. The meeting will take place on 5/16 at 6:00PM. The location for the meeting is 1506 Brook Ave.
 - L. Edgar Vasquez representing the Puerto Rican Day Parade Committee announced the 25th Anniversary of the parade. New technology called "Web Stream" will enable one to view the parade live at nitlineradio.com. The parade is scheduled for June 3rd at 1:00PM. Starting point for the parade is 192nd St. and the Grand Concourse.
 - M. Jane Addison from the Mosholu Public Library requested that everyone sign the petition letter to the Mayor asking that the cuts to the library be rescinded. She also announced future programs and concerts to be held at the Mosholu Branch.
- II. The public session closed at 7:50 PM. and the Board meeting opened with a roll call for attendance.
 - A. A quorum was present.
 - B. The minutes of last month's meeting and the agenda for this meeting were approved.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

- III. Chairperson's Report by Paul Foster:
- A. Paul Foster reminded everyone about the parade on Sunday. CB#7 will be marching.
- IV. Executive Committee Report by Adaline Walker:
- A. Ms. Walker highlighted some of the past month's accomplishments. They included the hiring of 20 people to work for the Manhattan Parking Garage Company after interviews held at our office.
 - B. Over 50 volunteers worked on a community project sponsored by our community board.
 - C. A thank you was given to Will Francis for his work in organizing the renaming of a street in Ozzie Brown's memory.
 - D. Bree Brown Rosa will be meeting with two Bronx principals interested in expanding the Science Initiative Program to their schools.
- V. District Manager's Report by Fernando Tirado:
- A. Mr. Tirado reviewed the materials in the packet which was given to all board members.
 - B. Reminded the board that if they planned to march in the Bronx Day Parade, they should meet on Mosholu Parkway and Hull Ave. at 11:30 on Sunday.
 - C. He also pointed out the following:
 1. "It's My Park Day" will be held on Sat. May 19th. The board will be sponsoring a project on East 204th St. and Mosholu Parkway So.
 2. Through the board office, the Einstein College Dept. of Family and Social Medicine is paying 12 volunteers who are taking part in a study on the delivery of health services.
 3. Bronx Community Solutions is addressing issues concerning quality of life in the area around St. James Park.
- VI. **Motions:**
- A. Lowell Green, the chairperson of the Traffic and Transportation Committee presented the following motions:
 1. A letter to DOT requesting that Gates Place be changed to a one-way street northbound from West Mosholu Parkway North to West Gun Hill Road.
 - a. The motion passed unanimously.
 2. A letter to DOT requesting the placement of a crossing light and a crosswalk at Gates Place and West Gun Hill Road to accommodate those using the entrance to Van Courtland Park at this intersection.
 - a. The motion passed unanimously.
- VII. Elected Officials' Reports:
- A. Andy Toledo representing the Borough President:
 1. Stated that re-appointment letters would be going out soon.
 2. Reminded everyone to check the schedule for events during Bronx Week.
 - B. George Diaz from Councilman Koppell's Office:
 1. Pointed out that the Council will try to restore many of the cuts in the Mayor's budget. The cuts to the after-school programs are severe.
 2. The silent Father's Day march to protest the "Stop and Frisk" policy will start at 11:00AM from 110th St. and Madison Ave. and continue to the Mayor's town house.
 3. Anyone who is interested in applying for construction jobs at the site of the former Stella Doro plant should contact Councilman Koppell's office.
 - C. Sally Caldwell representing Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera:
 1. Announced that the Assemblywoman supports the bill to increase the minimum wage to \$8.50.
 2. The status of summer events would not be known until next month.
 - D. Maryann Rosa from Senator Rivera's office:
 1. Announced a workshop on Public Safety for May 16th at 6:00PM at the Poe Building.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

2. Pointed out that the lawsuit regarding redistricting is still pending.
 - E. Ravi representing Assemblyman Dinowitz:
 1. Stated that the Assemblyman supported the increase in the minimum wage and also asked those looking for work in the construction trades should call the office at 718-796-5345.
 - F. Paula Caquias from Public Advocate Bill DeBlasio's office:
 1. Spoke about the town hall meetings being held around the City concerning the "Stop and Frisk" policy. She presented a petition to reduce this policy.
 2. Mr. DeBlasio's Office can be reached at 212-669-2018.
- VIII. The meeting ended at 8:30 PM. and the board then went into executive session regarding a personnel matter.