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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

GENERAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 18th, 2012 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Paul opened the meeting at 6:40 PM and asked all to stand for one minute out of respect for the children and families of the Sandy Hook tragedy
- II) Public Session began with the following speakers:
 - A) Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz:
 - 1) Spoke of the massacre and the need for reform on the use of guns. He spoke of laws in Congress that were brought up but due to inaction by legislators lapsed.
 - 2) Ms. Dinowitz continues the need to address these concerns to seek reform as far as gun control exists now
 - 3) There will be a Town Hall Meeting for seniors are being held by Jeff Dinowitz throughout his district. He cites housing as one of the concerns of seniors
 - 4) Health issues and mental health issues were raised from the audience
 - 5) The issues of illegal guns was cited as a serious problem and was discussed. The Assemblyman assured all that he is seeking solutions and will keep working towards solutions
 - B) Ramatu Ahmed, Resident:
 - 1) Spoke about the Mahian Cultural center and all the programs they offer in song and dance of Africa both in English and French. She is urging all to become part of the group regardless of ethnicity
 - C) Elizabeth Thompson:
 - 1) Had questions about the Armory. Was referred to the Safety Committee. Needs a traffic light. Will meet with Committee Chairs to seek further actions
 - D) Kawase Ahmed:
 - 1) Spoke about a street activity permit he is applying for during the summer
 - E) Sheila Sanchez:
 - 1) Spoke about issues at M.S.80. Will make a presentation at the next CB7 meeting regarding receiving information on education and other issues in the community. She cited the lack of Emails and wants closer connection to info and meeting through the CB internet system
 - F) Andrew Cohen:
 - 1) Did not speak at this time
 - G) Monsur Cnuru:
 - 1) Intends on applying for a Street Fair in July. Needs help from CB. He was referred to Maria Baez



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H) Loretta Bautista:

- 1) Has concerns about need for emergency drills in high schools after the incidents in Connecticut, Sandy Hook School

I) Lowell Green, CB Member:

- 1) Spoke about the meeting on 1/8/13 regarding the SBS. Urged all to attend to learn about the services
- 2) Mentioned the Williamsbridge Oval meeting with DOT; it's still being planned

J) Ron Schulman, BOG LLC:

- 1) Spoke about "Webster Commons, LLC" and the new apartment buildings that will be constructed (51 to 135 Units for a total of 5 buildings)
- 2) Although apartments are not in CB7, they will affect our district and hope that CB12 will address the issues that concern nearby residents

K) Cliff Stanton, Bronx H.S. of Science Parents Association:

- 1) Is concerned about safety issues
- 2) Major issues about sites for baseball season
- 3) Provided information about "4 wheels for good", a new neighborhood watch in Riverdale

III) Meeting opened at 7:35 PM

- A) Attendance taken, Quorum present
- B) Agenda adopted – Approved unanimously
- C) Minutes adopted – Approved unanimously

IV) Chairperson's Report by Paul Foster:

- A) Thanked Maria Baez and Lony Ramirez for the tree lighting. He stated that the lighting would have never been held without the help and support of elected officials, but especially CB members B. Stronczer and Andrew Laiosa
 - 1) Andy Laiosa – DJ
 - 2) Barbara Stronczer – Event's MC
 - 3) Mark Gjonaj – Provided a service of installing lights and ornaments in our tree after Parks Dept. had turned us down
 - 4) Oliver Koppell
 - 5) Montefiore Hospital
 - 6) Police Department
 - 7) St. Ann's Church (Santa Claus)

V) District Manager's Report:

- A) Job description is ready, then interviews to begin
- B) Armory process was described

VI) Elected Officials reports:



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- A) Councilman Cabrera had a tenants forum
- VII) Public Meeting ended and the Board went to Executive Privilege
- VIII) Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM