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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

Meeting held at: Serviam Garden ♦ 321 East 198th Street ♦ Bronx, NY 10458

- I) Paul welcomed everyone and requested that the public think about filing an application for the Community Board next year, as filing for the Board this year is closed
- II) Public Session opened at 6:35pm with the following speakers:
 - A) Annette Rodriguez, Gun Hill Car Service:
 1. Is requesting a letter of "No Objection" to operate a car service on Gun Hill Road.
 2. A motion made from the floor to expedite approval of sending the letter. This request is being sent to Committee
 - B) Christine Saddano, FECS:
 1. Wants a letter of support to install an elevator at Jerome Avenue & Bainbridge Avenue to accommodate people served by FECS
 - C) Inspector Joe McGowan, 52nd Precinct:
 1. Reviewed the Comp Stats
 2. Stolen cars up by crime throughout the Precinct is down
 3. Inspector McGowan discussed the rape and speedy arrest of the perp
 - D) Jane Addison, Mosholu Branch Library:
 1. Thanked the Community Board for all the support received by the library over the years. She stated that because of Community Board support, funds were forthcoming allowing many expense and capital projects to be initiated
 2. Submitted a request for future projects
 - E) Cliff Stanton, P.S.24 Safety Chair:
 1. Wants support for a local law sent to the City Council regarding amending installing cameras in public schools
 - F) Sheila Sanchez, Community Resident:
 1. Expressed concerns about the "hawk" problem in the community. These hawks have been attacking people and small pets, i.e. dogs and cats
 2. She would like to bring the problem to the public for their information
 3. A discussion ensued about the law that protects birds. Advice to the public is to call 311 to seek assistance from NYC Government



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- G) Dilletta Pina, Community Board Member:
1. Ms. Pina took the time to award the Community Board staff, Londy Ramirez and Maria Baez, with a certificate of appreciation for all their work above and beyond their job descriptions
- H) Shanaqua Charles:
1. Talked about an extravaganza on October 31, 2013 to celebrate the life and work of Ms. Abbie. This will be the 1st Annual celebration (Fordham & Decatur at 193rd Street, from 2pm to 10pm)
- I) Nancy Abad, Unidos Para Vencer:
1. She is requesting support to have a PlayStreet at Pond Place between East 197th Street and 198th Street during July & August on Fridays from 8am to 6pm
- III) Public Session closed at 7:33pm and Board meeting began
- A) Attendance taken; quorum present
- B) Approval of Agenda and Minutes
1. Approved with 1 abstention from Dilletta Pina who wished to be noted
- C) Motion from the Economic Development Committee (Read by Andrew Laiosa):
1. To send a letter in support of the Fordham Road Business Improvement District's (BID) request to the NYC Department of Small Business Services to expand the BID boundaries in Community Board 7. The expansion target area in CB7 includes mid-block on Webster Avenue from Fordham Road to East 193rd Street (this includes the current business, Cookies Children's Clothing Store
 - a. A discussion ensued about the boundaries and motion was approved with one abstention from William Francis who wished to be noted
- D) Report from the Search Committee regarding the hiring of a District Manager was given
- E) Kingsbridge Armory report was provided. There is no official approval at the present time
- F) Nominations:
1. In May, nominations for the Executive Board will take place
 2. Monitoring Committee will be selected (3 members will be named).
Email to follow



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3. Questions about the duties of the Monitoring Committee were discussed

G) Email addresses for Board Members:

1. Paul discussed the Email that will be issued to each member. CB Members are asked to call the office to set up Email accounts. Londy and Maria will be available to assist

IV) District Manager's Report by Tom Lucania:

- A) Remarked on the excellent work performed by the office staff, Maria Baez and Londy Ramirez
- B) Thanked members who applied for re-appointment. March will be last meeting of members who have not applied
- C) Tom reviewed the directions of some of the issues that the Borough President discussed at his state of the Borough Address
- D) On April 6th, there will be a Health & Wellness Summit at Fordham University. All are welcome

V) Committee Reports:

A) Budget & Personnel by Andrew Laiosa:

1. March 12 meeting report where attendance by CB members were addressed

B) Community Relations by Nelson Cruz:

1. There will be a meeting this Thursday, at the Community Board office at 6:30pm

C) Environment & Sanitation by Helene Hartman:

1. Announced a meeting around P.S.51. This meeting will take place on April 23 or April 30. Further details to follow

D) Housing by Jean Hill:

1. The next Housing meeting will be held on 3/20/13 to discuss Mitchell Lama issues

E) Parks & Recreation by William Francis:

1. Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center closed in March. It will re-open during late spring. Work is not complete
2. Aqueduct work to begin in the Spring
3. WWI memorial will have a ceremony when work is finished. Board is requesting notification when ceremony is to take place



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- a. **MOTION** by Jay Shuffield: To request that the Parks Department provide temporary bathroom facilities until the Recreation Center is complete. A discussion ensued about this issue
 - b. A further amendment by William Francis that Porta-Potties be provided by Parks until permanent facilities are available
 - i. Motion on amendment was approved with 1 abstention
 - ii. Motion with amendment was unanimously approved
- F) Youth Services / Public Safety & QOL by Walter Bell:
1. Provided a report on his latest meeting held at St. James Recreation Center
 2. The "Stop N Frisk" law was being monitored with case studies being evaluated
 3. The problem of bullying was discussed with solutions
- G) Senior Services by Nora Feury:
1. No updates were provided at this time
- H) Traffic & Transportation by Lowell Green:
1. Reported on meeting with DOT. There was a good turnout which impressed DOT officials
 2. Milling on Webster Avenue to take place at the end of June
 3. The bust stops that are planned for Webster Avenue below and above Fordham Road were discussed
 4. Lowell also shared the proposed traffic patterns that are planned and the problems for the flow of traffic in that area
- I) Health & Hospitals by Dilletta Pina:
1. Discussed Montefiore Emergency Department issues and Montefiore's response. This information can be found at:
<http://bronxcb7.info/assets/files/Montefiore%20Issues.pdf>
- VI) Elected Officials Reports:
- A) Edward DeJesus, Councilman Cabrera's Office:
1. Spoke about the deadline for funding grants being on March 29th
 2. Tax Lien workshop to be held on April 11th from 6pm to pm
- B) George Diaz, Councilman Koppell's Office:
1. Spoke about upcoming events and things happening in the community, i.e. Social Security Info fair being held on 3/17/13, Riverdale Sunday



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Market on 3/17 & 4/14/13, funding grants, free programs at the Lincoln Center, FREE museum admission, NYPD Operation ID, Workshops for Bronx fathers, Access-A-Ride presentation

C) Will Madonna, Assemblyman's Mark Gjonaj's Office:

1. Office in Pelham Parkway is open; 1126 Pelham Parkway. Contact phone number is 718-409-0109
2. The Assemblyman is currently looking for a more centralized location in the community
3. Discussed Graffiti Education Program initiative

D) Maryann Rosa, Gustavo Rivera's Office:

1. Introduced the new representative, Victor Pichardo
2. Maryann is now with the NYC Central Labor Council. She will be missed by the community
3. Tax season – pre-tax summit presented by the State Senator. There will be a tax event in the office on Tuesday from 4pm to 8pm

E) Tom Lucania, Borough President's Office:

1. Spoke about the gun crime registry
2. Health & Wellness Summit was discussed
3. The Borough President observes National Women and Girls HIV / AIDS Awareness Day
4. Irish Heritage Month celebration, Woman's History month, and "Father's Day taking action" was talked about

VII) Other issues and/or information:

- A) Paul Foster thanked Jay Shuffield for his service to the Community Board as he did not apply for reinstatement

VIII) Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm