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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, May 21, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

Held at: Kittay House ♦ 2550 Webb Avenue ♦ Auditorium ♦ Bronx, NY 10468

- I. Paul opened up the meeting at 6:35pm, then went into Executive Session, where only board members remained in the room
 - A. A discussion about the staff at the board office and the need for coverage was raised
 - B. It was presented that the members agree to make Mr. Juan Londy Ramirez a full time employee at \$30,000/yr. and a Merit increase of 5% for Ms. Maria Baez
 - C. Members presented their ideas and a discussion ensued
- II. Executive Session closed at 7:00pm
- III. Public Session began with the following speakers:
 - A. Capt. Eamon Deory, 52nd Pct:
 1. Discussed the Comp Stats and reviewed the crimes committed throughout the community
 2. Felony assaults were up; all other crimes are down
 3. Capt. Deory fielded questions from the audience. Initiatives about grants in the precinct were shared. Other issues were raised; i.e. police presence, shootings, and shots fired. Captain Deory assured all that the police were vigilant and most incidents were shared
 4. Noise problems were discussed as a problem, especially from the ice cream trucks which go throughout the neighborhood late at night
 - B. Fernando Villa, DOE Fund:
 1. Architects provided a presentation on a 82-unit building on East 204th Street and Webster Avenue (9-story building, silver). No parking available
 - a. 41 units will be "Supportive Mix" housing
 - b. 41 units will be "Affordable Mix" housing
 2. NYS funding development
 3. The group from the project are requesting a letter of support from the CB even though they can build as of right
 4. The group will make a presentation at the Land Use Committee
 - C. Lowell Green, CB7 Member:
 1. Spoke about the Select Bus Services. The SBS on Webster Avenue will begin on June 30th. There will be a meeting regarding the Webster Avenue SBS on June 5th
 2. There will be an open hearing to be held at 2487 Webster Avenue from 5pm to 7pm. (East 189th Street & Fordham Road)
 3. Local elected officials are invited to attend



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- D. William Francis & Barbara Stronczer, CB7 Members:
 - 1. Barbara Stronczer & William Francis made a presentation to Oliver Koppell thanking him for his support of the parks for the last 12 years
- E. Aaron Bouska, NY Botanical Garden:
 - 1. Michael Rivadeneyra is requesting a letter of support from the Edible Academy and Family Gardens at the Garden, which yearly serves around 40,000 to 80,000 persons
 - 2. In 2 weeks, the Garden will have the green market on Wednesdays
- F. Zelnor Myrie, NAB Chairperson:
 - 1. Survey to be made in the next few weeks
 - 2. Deciding on the high and low proprieties needed in CB7
 - 3. Make your voice hard as the members will be taking surveys on Saturday in all neighborhoods of the Board
- G. Charlie Samboy, DM Position Applicant:
 - 1. Applied for the DM position at CB7, and is currently serving as the Chair of the NAB in his neighborhood
- H. Sara Regalado, Norwood News:
 - 1. Is reporting on the meeting
- IV. Public Session closed and General meeting began at 7:45pm
 - A. Attendance taken
 - 1. Quorum present
 - B. Approval of Agenda / Minutes
 - 1. Unanimously approved
- V. Chairperson's report by Paul Foster:
 - A. District Manager Position is open until May 31. Applicants will be contacted
- VI. Motions:
 - A. Youth Services / Public Safety & QOL Committee (Walter Bell):
 - 1. Al Pizarro is asking for a letter of support for the International Hip Hop Parade being held on July 14th
 - i. Motion to be tabled until June Meeting
 - B. Health & Hospitals Committee (Dilletta Pina):
 - 1. Motion to send a letter of support in support of the Edible Academy and Family Garden at the Botanical Garden
 - i. Motion approved unanimously
 - C. Parks & Recreation Committee (William Francis):
 - 1. Motion to present the Ozzie Brown award to Ms. Patricia Kendly, the St. James Recreation Center Manager at the June meeting



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- i. Motion approved unanimously
 - D. Traffic & Transportation Committee (Lowell Green):
 - 1. CB7 supports the creation of a Slow Zone around the Williamsbridge Oval Park. The Slow Zone would be within the borders of E. 204th Street (South), East Gun Hill Road (North), Bainbridge Avenue (West), and Webster Avenue (East)
 - i. Motion approved unanimously with changes – (“CB supports the application for the creation of a Slow Zone around the Williamsbridge Oval Park. The Slow Zone would be within the borders of E. 204th Street (South), East Gun Hill Road (North), Bainbridge Avenue (West), and Webster Avenue (East)”
 - 2. CB7 will send a letter to the NYC Taxi Limousine Commission saying it has no problems with the NY Minute Car Service moving to 2808 Webster Ave, Bronx, NY
 - i. Motion was sent back to Committee
 - 3. CB7 supports the Safe Routes to Transit Projects for CB7
 - i. Motion was tabled for June meeting
 - 4. CB7 supports the Kingsbridge Merchant Association Block Party for June 22, 2013
 - i. Motion approved unanimously. CB7 supports the Kingsbridge Merchants Association’s Block Party for June 22nd from Reservoir to West Kingsbridge Road & W. 195th Street
 - 5. CB7 supports the DOT plan for pedestrian safety around the Williamsbridge Oval Park
 - i. Motion approved unanimously
 - E. Land Use / Zoning Committee (Lisa Sills-Short):
 - 1. Motion to approve ULURP application #: C-130120-ZMY
 - i. Motion approved unanimously, and letter will be sent
 - F. Paul Foster:
 - 1. To approve a merit increase for Maria Baez, retroactive as of January 1st, and a full time position for Londy Ramirez beginning on June 3rd
 - i. Approved with one “NO” vote
- VII. District Manager’s Report by Tom Lucania:
 - A. Thanked office staff again for their hard work
 - B. Process for District Manager search will continue until May 31st
 - C. Re-appointments are out in the mail
 - D. New appointments will receive notice this week
 - E. Bronx Week ended on Sunday on Mosholu Parkway
 - F. Thanked CB7 members for “Hands Across the Bronx” on the Grand Concourse
 - G. Ghetto tours were stopped from touring the Bronx by the Borough President



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- VIII. Executive Committee Report by Adaline Walker:
- A. Ms. Walker remarked on some of the activities by the Committees. She asked each chair to raise their hand for recognition
- IX. Committee Reports:
- A. Health & Hospitals by Dilletta Pina;
 1. Thanks all who participated in the recent Health Forum
 - B. Traffic & Transportation by Lowell Green:
 1. Asked all to look at the parking signs and report to the Traffic Committee for re-evaluation
 - C. Housing by Jean Hill:
 1. Reported on the building at the 3349 Webster Avenue site and perspective tenants, parking is an issue. There will be a follow-up on this situation and the questions raised. The next meeting will be held on June 17th
 - D. Economic Development by Andrew Laiosa:
 1. Joint meeting with Traffic & Transportation on Thursday, June 13th, 2013 regarding Car Service who wishes to relocate from Queens to Gun Hill Road
 - E. Sanitation & Environment Committee by Helene Hartman:
 1. Report on the recent of the meeting about the P.S.51 contamination
 2. Health consultation report forthcoming
 3. Legislation is being proposed to prevent similar contamination in future projects
 4. There will be a meeting on Thursday at 5:30pm regarding the Kingsbridge Armory. This meeting will be held at the Bronx Library Center
 - F. Youth Services / Public Safety & QOL:
 1. Walter Bell thanked Adaline Walker and William Francis for recognition of the work on bullying that is being conducted in the community in coordination with the Youth Committee
 - G. Parks & Recreation by William Francis:
 1. The Committee meets on the 1st Thursday of each month
 2. The Committee is still working on contracts
 3. The Parks Committee wishes to be notified when the World War I monument is completed
 - H. Land Use / Zoning by Lisa Sills-Short:
 1. Will meet to discuss the DOE building in the Committee
- X. Elected Officials reports:
- A. Councilman Cabrera's Office:
 1. Distributed Newsletter
 2. Provided a report regarding senior proms



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3. Review bills sponsored by the Councilman
 4. Domestic Violence bill to be sponsored by the Councilman
 - B. Victor Pichardo, Gustavo Rivera's Office:
 1. P.S.51 report; sponsored a bill to distinguish between leased and owned properties
 2. There will be a meeting on June 8th at 11am-2pm
 - C. Nathalia Fernandez, Mark Gjonaj's Office:
 1. Reported on the Graffiti initiative
 2. Looking for volunteers to clean up during Summer Bronx Day in Albany on June 18th. Buses will be provided. For information, contact 718-409-0109
 3. Sponsoring Mayoral Candidate Forum on June 2nd from 4pm – 7pm at Christopher Columbus High School
 - D. Nivardo Lopez, Mayor Bloomberg's Office
 1. NYC was awarded 174 Million for Counter-terrorism initiative from the Federal Government
 2. Mayor sponsored a bill that will make electric bicycles illegal in the city
 3. City was awarded 8M for housing and housing damaged by storm, aid to businesses hurt by the hurricane, infrastructure improvements
 - E. George Diaz, Councilman Koppell's Office:
 1. Koppell successful in having trucks transporting contaminated material from former P.S.51 site rerouted
 2. "Crime Mapping Bill" sponsored by Koppell, was approved by council
- XI. Election Nominations:
- A. Committee members include Nilsa Cintron, Chair, Bruce Kaufman, Nelson Cruz, John Snider
 - B. Chair nominees:
 1. Eleanor Lundeen, Nom.
 2. Adaline Walker
 3. Lowell Green, Nom.
 4. William Francis
 - C. 1st Vice Chair nominees:
 1. Margaret Mack, Nom.
 2. Barbara Stronczer
 3. William Francis, Nom.
 4. Hector Lopez
 - D. 2nd Vice Chair nominees:
 1. William Francis, Nom.
 2. Diletta Pina



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3. John Franco, Nom.

4. Nora Feury

E. 3rd Vice Chair nominees:

1. Walter Bell, Nom.

2. Andrew Laiosa

3. Jean Hill, Nom.

4. Khadijaha Saeed

5. William Francis, Nom.

F. Secretary nominees:

1. Lowell Green

2. Adaline Walker, Nom.

3. Khadijaha Saeed

4. John Franco, Nom.

5. Nora Feury, who declined

G. Treasurer:

1. Barbara Stronczer, Nom

2. Jean Hill

3. Lisa Sills-Short, Nom.

4. Walter Bell

XII. Nominations Closed

A. The Committee will be in the CB office until May 28th to receive signed forms

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm