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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

ADALINE WALKER-SANTIAGO, CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

Held at: Mosholu Montefiore Community Center ♦ 3450 Dekalb Avenue ♦ Bronx, New York 10467

- I) Public Session started at 6:40 pm. with the following speakers:
- A) Captain Rock-Wright, 52nd Precinct:
 - 1) Spoke about protecting your cell phone when using it
 - 2) Protecting your identity from being stolen. One should destroy anything with your name on it
 - 3) One should be careful at ATM Machines
 - 4) The Precinct has been talking with bike delivery individuals about safe use of their bikes and having proper identification on the bike as well as themselves
 - 5) At the March 27, 2014 Precinct Council Meeting (being held at St. Ann's Church), there will be a presentation on Gangs. Police Officer Cortez from the Community Affairs Unit was also present.
 - B) Ronn Jordan, Councilman Ritchie Torres' Office:
 - 1) The office is now located at 573 East Fordham Road (Hoffman Street). Office phone is 718-842-8100.
 - C) Timothy Tapia, Public Advocate's Office:
 - 1) Reported that their office was working on making lunch free for all New York City public school students
 - D) Joshua Cortes, Councilman Fernando Cabrera's Office:
 - 1) Reported that the office now has a family justice lawyer who is available by appointment.
 - 2) The Councilman is working on a law that would require the fixing and/or replacement of a broken traffic signal within 24 hours
 - 3) March 21, 2014 is the final date to apply for discretionary funds and April 9, 2014 is the final date to apply for capital funds
 - E) Bryant Daniels, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz' Office:
 - 1) Talked about the Norwood Slow Zone. The work on the slow zone will start in May 2014. Lowell Green, Chair of Traffic and Transportation Committee, said that the gateway signs for the slow zone are now placed on the sidewalk rather than in the street. As a result, there should be no lost of parking spaces
 - F) Tom Lucania, Borough President's Office:
 - 1) Reported that there was a fire at 2580 Briggs Avenue that affected 22 apartments. Red Cross was on site to help people
 - 2) The Borough President is having a Poster Contest on the subject of "Respect Our Block"



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- 3) Reported that the Murals at the Bronx General Post Office (Grand Concourse and 149th Street) were approved for landmark status by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. The next step is for the City Council to approve its' status. There will be a Job Fair on April 10, 2014 at the Harriet Tubman Charter School 1176 Franklin Avenue and a Father's Resource Fair on April 11, 2014 at 1200 Waters Place
- G) Madeline Martinez, Councilman Andrew Cohen's Office:
 - 1) Reported that the Councilman has been talking with the Health and Hospital Corporation about getting the North Central Bronx Hospital's Labor and Delivery Unit opened as soon as possible
 - 2) Ms. Martinez now has office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays (10:00 am to 5:00 pm) at the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center
- H) Nathalia Fernandez, Assembly Mark Gjonaj's Office:
 - 1) Reported that April 28, 2014 will be Bronx's Day in Albany
- I) Lowell Green, CB7 Board Member:
 - 1) Spoke about "The Corbin Hill Food Project" which is a food co-op program opened to all. Lehman College is a food pick-up site. Flyers available. Web site:www.corbinhillfoodproject.org
- J) Jorge Sierra, Bronx LGBTQ Center:
 - 1) An LGBTQ group for 12-20 year-olds meets on Fridays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm at the Union Health Center, located at 260 East 188th Street; 5th Floor. For more information contact 718-618-8569
 - 2) Bronx LGBTQ Legal Clinic (held by the LGBT Bar Association) on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm at the Union Community Health Center, located at 260 East 188th Street. For additional information, contact 212-353-9118
 - 3) Blog @LGBTQ center.org
- K) Christiana Pena, Woodlawn Conservancy:
 - 1) Spoke on Woodlawn Cemetery's spring program of events
 - 2) Announced that on June 11, 2014 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Wynton Marsalis will be performing for free at the Cemetery. Flyers available
- L) Joel Katz, US Again, Clothes Collection System:
 - 1) Talked about his profit making recycled textile business
 - 2) Stated that his company tries to place their recycling clothing bins on private property only. He was invited to come speak at an Environment and Sanitation Committee meeting
- M) Christina Taylor, Friends of Van Cortlandt Park:
 - 1) There will be a march to highlight "A bridge link and a broken promise - A pedestrian bridge over the Major Deegan" on Saturday March 29, 2014 at 10:00 am.



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- 2) Meeting places are either last stop on the #1 train (Broadway and West 240th Street) or the #4 train (Jerome Avenue and Bainbridge Avenue). The groups will then walk to rally locations on the West or East Side of the Major Deegan where the proposed pedestrian bridge should be built
 - 3) On April 26, 2014 at 10:00 am there will a Hike-A-thon for Van Cortlandt Park
- II) Public Session ended at 7:25pm and the meeting began
- A) Attendance taken, quorum present
 - B) Members who were present include: Mohammed S. Ali, Gloria Bent, Nilsa Cintron, Edward DeJesus, Dustin Engelken, Sandra Erickson, Nora Feury, Paul Foster, Fidel Gomez, Lowell Green, Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky, Jean Hill, Bruce Kaufman, Andrew Laiosa, Eleanor Lundeen, Charlesetta Rhett, Khadijaha Saeed, Cynthia O'Neal-Riley, Dilletta Pina, John Snider, Barbara Stronczer, Adaline Walker-Santiago
 - C) Excused Members: Samelys Lopez
 - D) Absent (Unexcused) Members include: Stephanie Arthur, Walter Bell, Nelson Cruz, Hector Lopez, and Chris Singh
 - E) Members in "Leave of Absence (Excused)": Dalma Christostom-Ward, Lisa Sills-Short
- III) Chair Announcement:
- A) The Chair asked all to rise for a moment of silence for Ms. Margaret Mack, Board Member and Chair of Parks & Recreation Committee who passed away on February 22, 2014. There will be a memorial service for Ms. Mack on Sunday March 23, 2014 3:00 pm at Tracy Towers. Ms. Jean Hill, President of the Tracy Towers Tenants Organization, gave Lowell Green, Chair of Traffic and Transportation Committee, a petition with a 100 signatures (as well as a biography) requesting that CB7 support the naming of a greenstreet triangle in front of Tracy Towers in memory of Ms. Margaret Mack.
 - B) The New York Yankees Youth Leadership Awards were handed out by CB7 Board Chair Adaline Walker-Santiago. The award includes a \$750 check. The awardees were Henry Amoako, Aline Dipoumbi, Christopher Lyles, Demitri Payne as well as Keisha Aboagye who was not present.
- IV) Approval of Agenda and Minutes:
- A) By a voice vote the Agenda for the meeting was approved
 - B) By a voice vote the Minutes from the February Meeting were approved
- V) Committee Reports:
- A) Budget /Personnel/Ethics by Andrew Laiosa:
 - 1) On March 12, 2014, the Committee had a public hearing on the response to the Community Board's Budget Request for the 2015 Fiscal Year. The Committee is working on replies to the responses.
 - B) Community Relations/Intergovernmental & Long Term Planning by Mohammed Ali:
 - 1) The Chair has been talking with People N Tech, an IT company, about coming to the Bronx



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- C) Economic Development by Eleanor Lundeen:
 - 1) Introduced Mr. David Rose who is the President of the Fordham BID to the body
- D) Education/Libraries/Cultural Affairs & Youth Services by Bruce Kaufman:
 - 1) Announced that the Neighborhood Advisory Board had openings for new members
- E) Environment & Sanitation by Helene Hartman –Kutnowsky:
 - 1) The parents of PS. 51 students will be having an April meeting with the New York State Department of Health.
 - 2) Mr. Michael Darden is the new Sanitation Supervisor for this area
 - 3) There is a problem with illegal dumping that is being looked at
 - 4) There were problems with snow removal that are being addressed
 - 5) Dog waste pick-up is an ongoing problem. Police Officer Cortez stated that the Condition Unit has been giving out warning tickets to dog walkers around the Mosholu Library for not picking up after their dogs. Tickets will be given out soon
- F) Health & Hospitals by Khadijaha Saeed:
 - 1) Announced that the North Central Bronx Hospital's Labor and Delivery Unit would not make the April opening date. Health and Hospital Corporation is aiming for a September opening date.
- G) Land Use/Zoning & Housing by Jean Hill:
 - 1) On March 27, 2014, there will be a special meeting " Webster Avenue Vision Plan" for merchants and management companies throughout the Webster Avenue corridor at 6:30 pm at the Sister Annunciata Bethel Senior Center, located at 243 East 204th Street
- H) Parks & Recreation by Temporary Chair Barbara Stronczer:
 - 1) Next Committee meeting is March 26, 2014 at the CB7 office 6:30pm
- I) Public Safety & Quality of Life by John Snider:
 - 1) The Committee heard from tenants living at 2922 Grand Concourse. The Committee decided to invite the tenants and Officers from the 52nd Precinct's Community Affairs Unit to their April meeting
- J) Senior Services by Nora Feury:
 - 1) Asked that everyone to contact their elected officials and ask that aid to seniors not be cut
- K) Traffic & Transportation by Lowell Green:
 - 1) DOT is coming to the April 10, 2014 meeting to talk about Webster Avenue improvements
- VI) New Business:
 - A) The Search Committee is working toward presenting a District Manager candidate at the April Board meeting
- VII) Meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 8:05pm