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## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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ADALINE WALKER-SANTIAGO, CHAIRPERSON

## GENERAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, November 17, 2015 @ 6:30 PM**

**Meeting held at: Serviam Garden ♦ 323 East 198<sup>th</sup> Street ♦ Auditorium ♦ Bronx, NY 10458**

- I. Opening of Meeting:
  - A. The meeting opened at 6:40pm
  - B. Adaline welcomed all and thanked John Riley for the use of the space
- II. Public Session, Elected Officials, City Reps and Guests Report:
  - A. Councilman Fernando Cabrera:
    1. Remarks on his health
    2. Spoke on bills before the Council
    3. Mandate by the City to notify the Community Board about new construction within the Community Board
    4. Annual report on jobs to be sent to the Community Board to make parking spaces available with the removal of inoperative fire hydrants
    5. The Councilman reported on youth detention centers where mentors will be provided as role models
    6. Free Flu shots and pneumonia shots are to be provided by the Councilman's Office on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to 6pm
    7. Remarks on housing were made and the availability of Free legal advice and service at the Councilman's Office
    8. On Saturday, at 9am, Free Turkeys will be distributed
  - B. Father Richard Gorman, Chairperson, CB12
    1. Reported on his health and then spoke about the housing issue that will be a motion on tonight's Agenda.
    2. Father Gorman encourages all to vote against the proposal due to the text contained in the amendments proposed by NYC Housing Dept. and the finality of the amendment if it is not voted down
    3. The parking issue for seniors was raised. The elimination of parking spaces are causing more congestion in an already-crowded community
  - C. Felipe Luciano, Consumer Affairs Department:
    1. New initiatives for consumers were discussed and payment of travel for city workers is being proposed
  - D. Karen Jarrett, NYSNA:
    1. Discussed the purchase of the Jewish Home and Hospital by Sentosat Care and its record of patient care
  - E. Shanequa Charles, CB Member:
    1. Thanked all for attending the Health Fair
    2. Reported a record in attendance, stating that over 2000 people showed up
    3. Presented award to Maria Graziano and Londy Ramirez for their participation in making the fair so successful



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- F. David Cruz, Norwood News:
  - 1. Extended greetings to all and is available for news and whatever
- G. Ryan Adams, Citizens Commission for NYC:
  - 1. Seeks support from groups who wish to apply for a grant of \$3000 for community projects
  - 2. Who is eligible? Block Association, Tenants association, Healing circles, afterschool programs, Farmer's Market. Proposal should explain how will it benefit the community? Deadline for submission is January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- H. Lowell Green, CB Member:
  - 1. NCB has a website where one can apply for Free NYC Id's
  - 2. One can apply at North Central Bronx Hospital Monday thru Friday 10am to 5pm. November 24<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. December 25<sup>th</sup> for free admissions
- I. Aldo Perez, Community resident:
  - 1. Spoke about the recent shootings and the crisis in Puerto Rico
  - 2. Announced Job Fair proposed for January. Encourages more participation at community meetings from actual residents of the community
- J. Inspector Nilda Hoffman, 52<sup>nd</sup> Pct.:
  - 1. Reported on Youth Football championship between Bronx Precincts
  - 2. Spoke about the recent shootings in the precinct
  - 3. The Williamsbridge Oval activities with youth were covered. Wants information from community if illegal activity is sighted
  - 4. Stats were discussed; Shootings are up
  - 5. Cameras were funded by Councilman Torres will be installed throughout the Community Board
  - 6. Funds for cameras from Councilman Cohen will be installed soon as well
- III. Meeting opened at 7:30pm
  - A. Attendance taken
    - 1. Quorum present
  - B. Approval of Minutes and Agenda
    - 1. Minutes to be added to the minutes with the adjustment
    - 2. Agenda and Minutes were approved with the adjustments
- IV. Chairperson's Report by Adaline Walker-Santiago:
  - A. Discussed Borough Board Public Hearing on the ULURP that will be voted on tonight
  - B. Goals for the year were discussed:
    - 1. Second K2 Forum
    - 2. Women's empowerment conference
    - 3. Annual Veterans and Community Job Fair
    - 4. NY Yankee Applicants to be screened on November 18<sup>th</sup>
    - 5. Executive Meeting has been tentatively set for December 8<sup>th</sup>
    - 6. Report on screening committee for DM position
    - 7. Discussion on Staff pay and job descriptions
    - 8. New format for the treasurer's report
  - C. Community Events:



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1. St. James Park Turf ribbon cutting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>
  2. 52<sup>nd</sup> Pct. breakfast on October 23<sup>rd</sup>
  3. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NWBCC on October 30<sup>th</sup> at Fordham University
  4. Networking event was successful. About half the Board was present
  5. Trolley Tour throughout the Community Board area is being planned for the spring
- V. Executive Committee Report by Barbara Stronczer:
- A. Report on Motions for tonight's vote
  - B. Update from screening committee
  - C. Annual tree lighting ceremony to be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>
- VI. District Manager's Report by Tom Lucania:
- A. Reported on District Service Cabinet meeting
  - B. Tree lighting plans shared
  - C. Expense and Capital budgets were submitted by Tom
- VII. Committee Reports and MOTIONS:
- A. Parks & Recreation Committee MOTION:
1. The Committee recommends that the Board approve the design work and plans for the new skate park at Williamsbridge Oval
  2. Vote taken, approved unanimously
- B. Housing / Land Use & Zoning:
1. Before Motion was voted on, Sean Brady from NYC Housing said a few words about the proposed amendment:
    - a. Reported that it is not the plan per-se. It's a proposed mandatory inclusionary housing bill with affordable housing included
    - b. Levels of affordability can have input from the public
    - c. He stated those Senior housing standards are to be updated. There have been no changes in 50 years in housing in NYC
  2. Parking for seniors were questioned
  3. Mr. Brady's office is available for any issues or public comments
- C. Housing / Land Use & Zoning MOTION:
1. MOTION 1 was read by Jean Hill and the reasons for voting "NO" on this amendment were given:
    - a. 20 "Yes", 7 "Abstentions"
    - b. The following individuals wish to be noted for abstaining due to a conflict of interest:
      - i. Andrew Laiosa
      - ii. Sandra Erickson
      - iii. John Zaccaro
      - iv. Robyn Saunders
  2. MOTION 2 was read by Jean Hill with the reasons for voting "NO" on this amendment were given
    - a. Votes and abstentions were the same as MOTION 1 with the ones abstaining wishing to be noted



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- D. Long Term Planning by Samelys Lopez:
  - 1. Will be working with City Agencies on future planning issues
- E. Education by Marcos Sierra:
  - 1. Need more candidates for Yankee Awards
  - 2. Next Meeting will be on Wednesday at 7:30pm
- F. Environment & Sanitation by Helene Hartman-Kutonowsky:
  - 1. The next meeting will be on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm
  - 2. Animal issues and needed shelters were discussed
  - 3. Animal violence against other animals is an issue with a need for discussion and the possibility of legislation in the future to prevent violence
  - 4. For noise complaints call 311, not DEP for faster action
- G. Health & Hospitals by Gregory Clarke:
  - 1. The next meeting will be held on Monday at 6pm
  - 2. Montefiore to come to the next meeting to make a presentation
- H. Housing / Land Use & Zoning by Jean Hill:
  - 1. Reported that St. James Episcopal Church 12-Story is partners in the construction of an apartment building of mixed income to be built
  - 2. 50 ft. from Church. It was reported to the committee from citizens that shelter houses where he lives is open again after nuisances reported by long time tenants. The Committee to look into this
- I. Parks & Recreation by Barbara Stronczer:
  - 1. Reported on ribbon cutting at St. James Park
  - 2. Walk on Mosholu Parkway with 2 city agencies
  - 3. Tree Lighting event to be held on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. All are welcome
- J. Public Safety by John Snider:
  - 1. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday at 6:30pm sharp
  - 2. Encourages participants to be on time
- K. Seniors by Nora Feury:
  - 1. Report on presentation by DA's office on scams involving the elderly
- L. Traffic & Transportation by Lowell Green:
  - 1. Discussed concerns about the need for parking on East 183<sup>rd</sup> Street. It seems that the street is not asphalt; it is concrete and is not easily repaved. This needs to be a Capital priority item. The Committee will work with Councilman Cabrera's Office to correct the condition
  - 2. Requirements for speed bumps were discussed. Reminder to keep "Select Bus" ticket in the event of inspectors on the bus who wish to see a paid ticket.
- M. Veteran by Robyn Saunders:
  - 1. The next meeting will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>
  - 2. Reported on meeting on resource book for veterans
  - 3. Plans for hosting mini-college careers at library
  - 4. There will be a career fair in January hosted by Assemblyman Jose Rivera



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VIII. Elected Officials report:

- A. Kenny Agosto from Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson's Office:
  - 1. Working on criminal procedure law and is working with new DA on these issues
  - 2. Office is located at 959 East 233<sup>rd</sup> Street. The phone number is 718-547-8854
- B. Nathalia Fernandez from Marc Gjonaj's Office:
  - 1. Announced a turkey raffle
- C. Tom Lucania from Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr's Office:
  - 1. Announced that the Department of Labor helps participants with resumes and job fair information
  - 2. PR heritage celebration to be held on Thursday, at 2297 Cedar Avenue from 12pm to 3pm. To RSVP, contact 718-590-3522
  - 3. Applications for membership are available

IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm