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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

ADALINE WALKER-SANTIAGO, CHAIRPERSON

ANDREW SANDLER, DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Meeting opened at 6:40pm
- II) Elected Officials & Representatives' Report:
 - A) Capt. Mira Smith, 52nd Pct:
 - 1) Capt. Smith introduced one of the new officers in the precinct and P.O Cortez from Community Affairs
 - 2) Update on missing nurse who lives in the community
 - 3) Report on recent holdups in the precinct noting the uptake in holdups of delivery persons
 - 4) Information on mailbox fishing problem
 - 5) First shooting of the year report
 - 6) Invitation to Pct. Council meeting on March 24th where the D.A. will be presenting
 - B) City Councilman Fernando Cabrera:
 - 1) Reported on recent bills ie:
 - (a) Patient Tracking bill
 - (b) Housing for Seniors
 - (c) Early Voting Bill
 - (d) Public Safety for Emergency Vehicles
 - (e) Bike Helmet Giveaway
 - (f) Movie Nights in St. James Park
 - C) Councilman Andrew Cohen
 - 1) Reported on the Participating Budget expenditures . He welcomed all to come out and be a part of the planning to benefit the community
 - 2) Councilman Cohen announced the bike helmet giveaway at MMCC
 - 3) Congratulations to the N.Y. Yankee awardees was given
 - 4) There will be a vote on Thurs. in the City Council on the Affordable Housing bill which has questionable support . Further news on the results will be forthcoming
 - D) Aicha Bamba, Representing Councilman Richie Torres:
 - 1) Announced invite for all residents (14 yrs. and older) to come out and vote on the Participatory Budget on March 26th
 - 2) Councilman Torres is sponsoring a Senior Mother's Day event to be held on May 7th
 - E) Sandra Galvez, Representing Assemblyman Jose Rivera:
 - 1) Introduced Mrs. Jose Rivera (Assemblyman's wife)
 - 2) Planned events are one for Mother's Day and a Health Fair. Time and dates to be announced
 - F) Nestor Medina, Representing Assemblyman Victor Pichardo:
 - 1) Tax filings available on Sat. March 26th at Library on 155 E. 173 St.
 - 2) Voter registration forms available
 - 3) Assistance available on tenants and housing issues (718- 933-6909)
 - G) Jake, Representing Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz:



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- 1) Report on the 1.2 Billion for Housing bill in Albany
- H) Andy Toledo, Borough President's Office:
 - 1) Report on applications for membership on the Community Board
 - 2) Irish Heritage Celebration to be held on March 16 at the Rambling House
- I) Lindsay Copeland, Representing Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj:
 - 1) Health Fair to be held on March 18th
 - 2) Metro Card Van available
 - 3) Need volunteers for clean-up on Mosholu Pkwy
- III) Public Session began with the following speakers:
 - A) Samelys Lopez, Board Member:
 - 1) Spoke regarding an upcoming Living Neighborhoods Program Event to be held on Saturday, March 26th at Ps 54 at 2703 Webster Ave3.
 - B) Meiling Viera Delgado
 - 1) Talked about the DOH efforts to control and prevent the Zika disease. Preventive measures were discussed
 - C) Michael Alvarez, Bronx Library Center:
 - 1) Spoke about upcoming events at the Library
 - 2) Free ESL classes to begin in May.
 - D) Denise Davis, Community resident:
 - 1) Expressed concerns regarding the disrepair of Fordham Road and the need for paving
 - E) Maria Rico, Advanced Vascular:
 - 1) Informed everyone about the range of health services provided by Advanced Vascular on March 23rd.
 - F) Wendell Alexis, Montefiore:
 - 1) Upcoming Health Fair to be held at Montefiore Hospital
 - G) Christine Rivera:
 - 1) Regarding support in opening a Charter School in the community
 - H) Jane Addison Amoyao, Mosholu Branch Library
 - 1) Spoke about the closure of the Mosholu Library from April 4th to the 13th.
 - I) Gloria Bent, Board Member:
 - 1) Informed everyone about National Nutrition Month activity on March 28th at NCBH
- IV) Public Session Ended; CB meeting opened at 7:55 p.m.
 - A) Attendance taken by Samelys Lopez
 - 1) Quorum present
 - 2) Agenda and minutes were approved with the corrections to the minutes noted
 - (a) On letter N change Nora Feury to Barbara Stronczer
 - (b) On letter S change Fashion Show to Black History Month Expo
- V) Chairperson's Report by Adaline Walker-Santiago:
 - 1) A By-laws Committee was announced with 5 members, Andrew Laiosa, Jean Hill, Barbara Stronczer, Adaline Walker-Santiago and Anthony Perez and Jean Hill as the Chair
 - 2) Absences at meeting need to be reported with the name of who will take your place
 - 3) Timely minutes needed
 - 4) Missing nurse report



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- 5) Congratulations to Barbara Stronzer being selected a "Woman of Distinction" We are all very proud of her and all her accomplishments in the community

VI) Executive Committee Report:

- 1) By-laws Committee names read
- 2) By- laws Committee to meet on March 28th at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.
- 3) Motion from Executive was read and approved with the following exceptions:
 - (a) Ischia Bravo (Abstaining)
 - (b) Andrew Laiosa (Abstaining)
 - (c) Alora Bailey (Opposing)

VII) District Managers Report:

- A) Minutes available from the District Cabinet Meeting of March 10, 2016. Included in member's packets and emailed out
- B) Attended Borough Cabinet Meeting March 2, 2016. Listened to a presentation from the Boy Scouts of America. Refer to Youth & Education committee
- C) Contacted the Parks Department re:
 - 1) Williamsbridge Oval: streetlights out, capstones in need of repair, stone blocks need to be replaced on the wall, garbage baskets overflowing
 - 2) Mosholu Parkway: requested cleaning in the gulley
- D) Contacted DOT re:
 - 1) Oliver Place retaining walls in need of repair
 - 2) DOT sent a letter stating a city bench will be installed at Marion Ave & Decatur Avenue
- E) Meeting with all the elected officials that cover CB7 to discuss shared priorities
- F) Posting all committee meetings on Facebook and sending reminder emails to members the day of meetings
- G) Security wall was installed in the front of the office. Asking all non-board members and non-staff to wait in the waiting room before meetings start
- H) Kitchen supplies including snacks and coffee will be limited to one serving per person for all non-board members and non-staff
- I) All committee and general board meeting minutes have been updated and posted on the website and are now available
- J) Committee members must provide the minutes of their committee meetings two days in advance of the general board meeting if they want them included in the member's packets. If they are not received by that deadline, the minutes will only be posted on the website after the general board meeting

VIII) Chairperson's Report by Adaline Walker-Santiago:

- A) Adaline thanked councilman Cabrera for his report and his continued interest in the Board and the community
- B) Adaline also thanked the Pastor of Tolentine for the use of the premises and thanked Samelys and Ellen R. Ray for securing the space.
- C) The N.Y. Yankee Awards and a check for \$ 750.00 were presented to Shubarna Akhter, Peter Cruz, Michael Torres, Stephanie Urena, Ermelinda Vushaj

IX) MOTIONS:



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- A) A motion was made by Lowell Green from the Traffic and Transportation Committee which was approved by all
- B) A motion was made by Helene Hartman from the Education Committee regarding space to be used by teen agers after the Seniors had vacated the space. It was decided to hold off on any further discussion without further information
- X) Committee Reports
 - A) Community Relations and Long Term Planning – Samelys Lopez:
 - 1) Announcement of a public event to be held on Saturday, March 26 about City Planning and how zoning and proposed re-zonings could affect neighborhood
 - 2) Next meeting the NWBCC Will report on jobs, commercial leases and outreach plans
 - 3) Poor Post Office service will also be a topic to be explored
 - B) Economic Development by Eleanor Lundeen:
 - 1) Next meeting on March 29th with a discussion on new directions of MCC.
 - C) Environment & Sanitation by Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky:
 - 1) Next meeting on March 16th at 6:30 p.m.
 - 2) Issues on the cat colony and raccoons to be discussed
 - D) Health & Hospitals by Gregory Clarke, Sr.:
 - 1) Next meeting April 12th at 7:30 p.m. where there will be a presentation by NWB Hospital on health issues
 - E) Housing / Land Use & Zoning by Jean Hill:
 - 1) Next meeting March 16th with a presentation by Adolfo Carrion regarding property on East 203rd and Webster Avenue
 - 2) B & B Urban will be present as a follow-up to their request for a letter of support
 - 3) A request for a letter of support from St. James Church for a housing development on their property to be discussed
 - F) Parks & Recreation by Barbara Stronczer:
 - 1) Report on the presentation by the Friends of V.C. Park Tree pruning on-going Next meeting Apr 13th
 - G) Senior Services by Nora Feury:
 - 1) Report on the presentation by Assemblyman Dinowitz on senior legislation.
 - H) Traffic & Transportation by Lowell Green:
 - 1) Expressed concern about train service and transportation on – going problems
- XI) New Business:
 - A) The K2 bill is being presented to the City Council
- XII) Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.