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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

ADALINE WALKER-SANTIAGO, CHAIRPERSON

ANDREW SANDLER, DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Public Session opened at 6:40 PM with the following speakers:
- A) Tracie Williams, HELP:
 - 1) Spoke about the services offered through the HELP program
 - B) Myra Calderon, Fordham Hill Vice President:
 - 1) Representing Fordham Hill occupants who are protesting the opening of a BP gas station across the street from the development. She is requesting that CB7 oppose the gas station
 - C) Brittany Cesanni, Councilman Fernando Cabrera's Office
 - 1) Shared upcoming events sponsored by the Councilman
 - 2) June 18th Fiesta Fair which includes Health screenings, Child ID's, fingerprinting, a movie with free popcorn, hotdogs, and drinks at dusk
 - D) Allison Oliveras, Councilman Cohen's Office:
 - 1) Sponsoring a Bike Fest on June 5th at the college of Mount St. Vincent
 - E) Thomas Lucania, Borough President's Office:
 - 1) Representing BP Ruben Diaz commented on the Bronx Parade and the representation by CB7 Members
 - 2) The honorees were mentioned
 - 3) Reappointments and new appointments to be sent out next week
 - 4) Amazon's Policy of lack of delivery to Bronx residents was reversed due to pressure from the Borough President
 - F) Adaline Walker-Santiago, CB7 Chair:
 - 1) Introduced and thanked Frank Edwards, Program Coordinator for RAIN for his hospitality and the use of the center for the CB meeting
 - G) Inspector Fiorello, 52nd Pct:
 - 1) Introduced himself and shared his background – praised Inspector Hoffman for leaving the command in good shape
 - 2) Is looking forward to working with the community
 - 3) Gave the STATS report and commented on gang activity and "fishing" in mailboxes
 - 4) Explained that the police are on top of these activities
 - 5) The Inspector can be reached on his cell at 646-841-3325
 - H) Alexis Walters, Mayor's Office:
 - 1) The Mayor sent a letter to the state regarding the Kingsbridge Armory requested the release of funds to be used to develop the Armory
 - 2) She reported that the funds are to be expected by June 1st
 - I) Nathalia Fernandez, Mark Gjonaj's Office:
 - 1) Bronx Day in Albany is on May 24th from 12pm to 3pm. Call the office for a seat on the bus
 - 2) On May 27th, there will be a senior party at P&G's. Call for reservations
 - J) Perry Frankel, MD at Advanced Cardiovascular Diagnostics:
 - 1) Reported on heart health care and the issues surrounded by lack of care



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- 2) Will speak at groups with information if requested
- K) Heath Wade, President of Truhawk:
 - 1) A Housing expert who rates buildings for their soundmen and acceptability for residency
- L) Christina Taylor, Friends of Van Cortlandt Park:
 - 1) Spoke about concerns in the park on Tuesday, June 21st at 8pm.
 - 2) Spoke about summer jobs for youth and fresh produce to be sold by group
- M) Michael Alvarez, Bronx Library Center:
 - 1) Announced summer programs for youngsters
 - 2) Doo-Wop presentation on Saturday, May 21st at 2:30pm at the Library
- N) Nestor Medina, Assemblyman Victor Pichardo's Office:
 - 1) Announced a tenant resource fair on Thursday, May 26th at 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at MS 391, located at 2225 Webster Avenue
 - 2) Housing issues can be handled at the Assemblyman's Office
 - 3) Housing lottery information is also available
- O) Jane Addison, Mosholu Branch Library:
 - 1) Reported on the "Green House" at the library on May 24th. The children will be planning flowers as an activity
- P) David Cruz, Norwood News:
 - 1) Introduced himself and asked the group if you have something newsworthy, to call him
- Q) Edward Mulraine, Candidate for the NY Senate for the 36th Senate District:
 - 1) Introduced himself
- R) Rachel Ferrari, Senator Gustavo Rivera's Office:
 - 1) The Senator is sponsoring a Job Fair on Friday, June 3rd at Lehman College
 - 2) Tenants complaints taken on Tuesdays at Senate office
 - 3) Legal services available for Housing court cases
- II) Public Session closed at 7:20 PM
 - A) Board Meeting opened at 7:40 PM
 - 1) Attendance taken, quorum present
 - B) Approval of Agenda / Minutes
 - 1) Approved unanimously with corrections
- III) Chairperson's Report by Adaline Walker-Santiago:
 - A) Reported on the numerous meeting with local agencies throughout the month of April and May. These included the BP's Office, Big Brother/ Big Sisters, American Diabetes Association, Webster Avenue Vision Meeting for merchants, Building Bridges, KNIC Prayer Vigil, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Health & Hospitals Committee Meeting, and a meeting with Inspector Fiorello from the 52nd Pct.
- IV) Executive Committee Report by Barabara Stronczer:
 - A) Reported on Budget Committee
 - B) Updated on the Kingsbridge Armory situation and reviewed committee reports
- V) District Manager's Report by Andrew Sandler:
 - A) Andrew reported on the District Service Cabinet Meeting
 - B) Requested Agendas and minutes from Chairs
 - C) Mentioned budget mods to hire consultants



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- D) Noted the Job Fair at Lehman College on 6/3/16
- E) Went on a Walk-through of the district RE: Street Vendors
- F) Reported on the Bronx Week Parade

VI) MOTIONS:

- A) Parks & Recreation Committee:
 - 1) The Parks Committee recommends that the Board approve the plans for the replacement of the boiler at the Mosholu Comfort station (Contract #: CYNG916M)
 - 2) Community Board #7 supports the results of the visioning session for the renovation of Kossuth Playground. This support will consist of giving this item a prominent place in our Capital Outlay Budget and District Needs Statement for 2018. We will also bring this project to the attention of our Elected Officials
 - (a) MOTIONS approved unanimously

VII) Committee Reports:

- A) Budget / Personnel & Ethics by Andrew Laiosa:
 - 1) Meeting to be held on 5/26 to discuss the budget
- B) Community Relations / Long Term Planning:
 - 1) Update given on Livable Neighborhood Workshops
 - 2) Thanked all the participants
 - 3) Next Meeting will be held on the last Tuesday of the month (5/31/16)
- C) Economic Development by Eleanor Lundeen:
 - 1) Issues on KNIC were discussed at the last meeting
- D) Education / Youth & Libraries by Adaline Walker-Santiago:
 - 1) Reported on Tracey Towers meeting
- E) Environment & Sanitation by Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky:
 - 1) Next meeting will be held on May 25th at 6:30 PM
 - 2) Information on composting to be discussed
 - 3) Animal shelter in the Bronx is a possibility for the future
- F) Health & Hospitals by Gregory Clarke, Sr.
 - 1) Next meeting is scheduled for June 14th at 7:30 PM
 - 2) Focus on Mental Health Issues
 - 3) Discussion of services at Montefiore and NCBH
- G) Housing / Land Use & Zoning by Jean Hill:
 - 1) Next Meeting is scheduled for 5/18 at 6:30 PM
 - 2) City Planning presentation on mandated inclusionary housing
 - 3) Planned BP gas station at 205 Fordham Road to be discussed
 - 4) Landlord at 3005 Grand Concourse to be present to discuss plans
- H) Parks & Recreation by Barbara Stronczer:
 - 1) Meeting on June 8th at 7:15 PM
 - 2) Issues concerning parks in the district to be addressed
- I) Senior Services by Nora Feury:
 - 1) Reported given on the presentation of the Adult day services offered at the Evelyn Place adult social center
 - 2) Plans for the upcoming senior fair were mentioned



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- J) Traffic & Transportation by Lowell Green:
 - 1) Meeting is scheduled for June 9th
 - 2) The complete George Washington project will present at a new bike system
 - 3) Transportation Alternatives present at meetings
 - 4) Mention was made of the support to upgrade the pathway on the GW Bridge to accommodate more bicyclists
 - 5) WIFI link information available
 - 6) A reminder to all about "Boogie on the Boulevard", which starts on May 29th at 162nd Street
- K) Veterans by Robyn Saunders:
 - 1) Job Fair on June 3rd need volunteers to help out
- L) Ad-Hoc:
 - 1) (WAM):
 - (a) Pictures from Committee activities needs
 - (b) Next meeting on May 26th
 - 2) By-Laws:
 - (a) Next meeting on May 23rd at 6:30 PM to continue to work on the By-Laws
- VIII) New Business:
 - A) May 29th Street Fair on East 204th Street from 10am to 7pm
 - B) On May 25th, Youth honorees to be presented at Yankee Stadium
- IX) Meeting adjourned at 8pm