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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

ADALINE WALKER-SANTIAGO, CHAIRPERSON

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 11, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

I) Opening Remarks

A) Barbara Stronczer opened the meeting at 6:30 pm by greeting all and wishing all a Happy New Year.

B) Jean Hill asked to speak at this time.

- 1) Jean remarked that the meeting was being recorded by a camera setup in the closet.
- 2) She said she had no knowledge of the camera and wanted it to be known by all in the event they were not aware of it.

C) Motion(s):

- 1) To post a sign in English and Spanish indicating the presence of a camera for surveillance.
 - (a) The Motion was approved

II) Chairperson's Report:

A) December 19, 2017

- 1) General Board Meeting Kittay House 6:30 PM.
- 2) New District Manager Ischia Bravo was voted into the position with The Board members vote of 16 in favor, 9 abstentions and 3 no's.
- 3) 29 Board members were in attendance out of 41, and 12 absent (Norwood News Article 12/21/17).
- 4) In accordance with the Conflict of Interest Regulations, Board members that applied for the DM position: Adaline Walker Santiago, Robyn Saunders & Lorita Watson was not permitted to be involved in the selection process or the vote.
- 5) Chair Adaline Walker Santiago could not vote.
- 6) 2nd Vice Chair Robyn Saunders resigned so her attendance was not included.
- 7) Lorita Watson was absent.

B) December 20, 2017

- 1) Chair invited the new DM Ischia Bravo to come to the office to get pinned by the Chair with our CB7 official pin (Bronx Times Article 1/5/18).

C) December 20, 2017

- 1) Mark Gjonaj invited CB7 to his annual Holiday Party at Don Coqui, where the DM Ischia Bravo was acknowledged by Assemblyman Crespo (Bx Times 1/5/18).



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- D) December 22, 2017
- 1) Chair attended the Open House of the Office of Congressman Espaillat and the press took photos of Congressman Espaillat, CB7 Chair Adaline Walker Santiago and District Manager Ischia Bravo.
 - 2) Several Board members were also in attendance.
- E) January 3, 2018
- 1) Chair attended the NCBH Community Advisory Board meeting where it was noted that the hospital is rated highly for customer service.
- F) January 3, 2018
- 1) Chair attended the Education, Youth, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee meeting where The Grace Institute gave a thorough presentation on the professional job training programs offered women ages 18 to 62 free of charge.
 - 2) The top five winners of the Yankees Scholarship Awards were also selected.
- G) January 10, 2018
- 1) Chair attended the Bronx Borough President District Service Cabinet Meeting where we had 4 different presenters on the following topics:
 - (a) Program and Initiative to help tenants and homeowners by NYC Dept. of Finance.
 - (b) Snow Removal Plan by NYC Dept. of Sanitation.
 - (c) Addressing Heat Concerns by NYC Dept. of Housing and Preservation-Code Enforcement.
 - (d) Preparedness for Emergencies including Fires.
 - (e) Within 72 hours this presentation will be available for viewing at the Bronx Net site and then on our site.
- H) January 11, 2018
- 1) Chair administrated with District Service Cabinet Meeting with Tom Lucania to address all the community complaints, applications for liquor licenses, etc.
 - 2) The good news is that the DOB now has a Bronx Representative to help us address any building issues of the community.

III) Treasurer's Report:

- A) Anthony Perez reported on the Budget and the use of excess funds, as he explained that the excess in Personnel would be transferred over to other than Personnel Funds to be used for Consultant contracts.



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1) **Motion(s):**

(a) To hold a Community Resource Fair.

i. It was voted to hold the fair sometime before June.

IV) Committee Reports

A) Budget/Personnel

- 1) Andrew Laiosa announced a Budget meeting on Monday, Jan. 15th at 6:30 pm to review MAS Contracts.
- 2) Draft letters for absentee CB members will be reviewed.
- 3) New DM to start on January 22nd.

B) Community Relations – No report

C) Economic Development – No report

D) Education/Libraries – Adaline reported that the five youngsters who would receive the NY Yankees Awards were selected.

E) Environment & Sanitation – No report

F) Health & Hospitals – Meeting for December was cancelled due to weather conditions.

- 1) Next meeting to be announced.

G) Housing, Land Use & Zoning

- 1) The Housing and Land Use Committee recommends a letter of support be given to the DOE Fund for their proposed project located at 3188 Villa Avenue with the proviso:
 - (a) The DOE Fund will work with the appropriate agencies to prioritize a percentage of the 27 Senior Units for residents of Community Board #7.
 - (b) The process for applying for these apartments is advertised in a timely manner throughout the Community Board 7 neighborhoods.
 - (c) Employment opportunities, as a result of this project, are offered first to local residents.

2) **Motion(s):**

(a) To send a Letter of Support on CB 7 stationery to support the project with conditions.

i. The motion was approved.

H) Parks & Recreation:

- 1) Barbara Stronzcer thanked all for their participation in the tree lighting.
 - (a) She claims it was a huge success.



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- (b) Next year the lighting will be planned early enough to avoid "same day" celebrations in other parts of the community.
- 2) There is a new Parks Manager in our CB named Joseph Magniri.
- 3) The Committee also developed goals for the coming year.
- 4) Televising committee meetings was addressed.
 - (a) The Committee would approve televising special events but not a monthly meeting.
- I) Public Safety – No report
 - 1) A member raised the situation about NYC routinely placing families in prostitute friendly hotels over the last year.
 - 2) A report was distributed on the conditions in specific sites.
 - (a) The condition was referred to the Public Safety Committee.
 - i. A member reported a situation which occurred at CITI Bank on Jerome Avenue.
 - 3) **Motion(s):**
 - (a) To send a letter to CITI Bank on Jerome Avenue regarding an incident on 1/10/18 at 8:00 pm., because of the seriousness of the event and the lack of security there, CB 7 is requesting a security guard.
- J) Senior Services – No Report
- K) Traffic & Transportation – No meeting due to weather
 - 1) Edgar Ramos was present and noted that people should call 511 for snow removal on subway stairs.
 - 2) It was also noted that a bottleneck was being created by ambulances that are waiting outside the hospital blocking active bus stops.
- L) Veterans – No report
- M) Ad Hoc Committees
 - 1) WAM
 - (a) Cole Hawkins read a paper requesting that the WAM Committee become a full-fledged committee.
 - (b) After much discussion regarding the pros and cons of this request, it was suggested to combine the WAM Committee with Economic Development.
 - (c) **Motion(s):**
 - i. To gather petitions for members to approve.
 - ii. Motion Approved
 - iii. Next meeting on Monday 1/15/18.



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2) By – Laws

(a) The new members were announced:

(b) Anthony Perez, Jean Hill, Andrew Laiosa, Barbara Stronczer, Cole Hawkins, Myrna Calderon and Helene Hartman–Kutnowsky.

V) New Business:

A) Board/Committee Meetings should follow the procedure for cancelling meetings.

B) At February, Board meeting nominations for 2nd Vice Chair will be made.

C) **Motion(s):**

1) To update the message on the telephone.

(a) Motion Approved

2) To utilize the telephone to notify the public of changes or closings.

(a) Motion Approved

D) It was suggested to institute a policy if a meeting is to be cancelled.

VI) Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.