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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

General Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 20, 2008 @ 6:30 PM

St. James Park Recreation Center

- I) **Public Session:** The public session began at 6:35pm.
 - A) Caroline Bragdon from the Dept. of Health reported on the rat control effort which is starting in CB #7. She can be reached at #212-676-2862.
 - B) Kirvia Ubis from the Dept. of Health discussed a program in which tenants are taught how to control rodents. The program aims at helping asthma sufferers and includes home visits and workshops.
 - C) Mr. X (William Stanford) reported on the new Liberty Democratic Club and requested that the route of the #28 bus be extended.
 - D) Tamir Shadian from the 204th St. Medical Plaza requested a "No Standing" zone on the 204th Street side of their facility at 3130 Grand Concourse. The area is needed for ambulances and ambulettes as a drop-off zone.
 - E) Anthony Riviuccio reported on the Liberty Democratic Club and thanked the Police, and Parks' Departments, Councilmember Koppell, and the Parks' Committee for their help with a plan to eliminate illegal barbecuing along Mosholu Parkway.
 - F) Maritza Colon of 64 West 192nd St. requested a reduction in auto noise along 192nd St. She also discussed the need for a play street on 192nd Street.
 - G) Meryr Boone representing Primerica announced the availability of his organization to help people plan their finances and avoid debt.

- II) The meeting opened with a roll call. A quorum was present. See attendance sheet on file. The minutes from the April 15th meeting were approved. The agenda for the meeting was also approved.

- III) Greg Faulkner discussed the benefits of using a consent calendar for future meetings. This procedure would help to expedite our monthly meetings.

- IV) **Chairperson's Report**
 - A) Greg Faulkner discussed the meeting of chairs and district managers across the city to protest the Mayor's proposed budget cuts for community boards.
 - B) He also discussed the need for our board to plan and implement a procedure for a 197A and/or a 197C plan. Tony Cassino, the Chair of CB #8 presented him with a copy of his board's 197A Plan.
 - C) The topic of the next Filtration Meeting will cover public access to the Jerome Park Reservoir.



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D) David Laguer will help to coordinate a CERT Team for our community board area. A CERT training team was introduced. They described the 11 week training program and asked for volunteers for our area. The CERT team will be trained to help during emergencies.

V) **Executive Committee Report**

A) Paul Foster directed board members to check the minutes in their folders.

VI) **District Manager's Report**

- A) Fernando Tirado introduced Linda Betharte as the new press officer for our board.
- B) He also announced a new housing assistance pilot program which will assist community residents with housing problems. On the third Tuesday of each month, counseling services will be provided at the community board office by a specialist from the West Bronx Housing and Neighborhood Resource Center.
- C) The "March Operation" which took place on Fordham Road between Webster and Jerome Avenues was also described. 66 summonses were given out to illegal peddlers. A thank you was given to the 52nd Precinct and the other city agencies involved in the operation.
- D) A thank you was also extended to the Legionnaire Greys and the American Eagles who recently helped in the Borough wide clean-up.
- E) Plans for starting an educational program in the schools regarding graffiti were also announced. As a follow-up to last month's meeting, it was stated that a waiver will be needed from property owners before installing cameras on their property.
- F) On June 12th the University Heights Bridge will celebrate its 100th birthday. The bridge will be closed from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm for a celebration.

VII) **Committee Reports**

- A) **Environment and Sanitation:** "Curb Your Dog" signs are available. Call 311 and/or the Community Board office.
- B) **Health and Hospitals:** The committee is promoting an organ donation program through Montefiore Hospital. They are also working with the Borough Board to organize a city health forum.
- C) **Land Use:** Information from the last committee meeting was given. See the minutes provided.
- D) **Parks and Recreation:** Two motions were presented by the committee.
- 1) **Motion #1:** The Parks' Committee recommends that the Board approve the creation of a farmer's market in the area of Mosholu Parkway North and Jerome Ave. provided that Ms. Owens adheres to the regulations of the Parks' Dept. The motion was approved.
 - 2) **Motion #2:** the Parks' Committee recommends that the development of a shower area at the southern end of Risse Street Park be part of the 2010 capital request of the Board. The motion was approved.



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- 3) An update of the rehab of parks with the filtration monies was presented by the Parks' Dept. at the last committee meeting. See the minutes for details.
 - E) **Traffic and Transportation:** Two motions were presented by the committee.
 - 1) **Motion #3:** Community Board #7 will give a letter of support for the Gun Hill Car Service business license renewal." The motion was approved.
 - 2) A request to change the route of the #12 bus was sent back to the committee.
 - 3) **Motion #4:** Community Board #7 approves the request for a NO STANDING Ambulance only drop-off and pick-up zone between the hours of 8:00am. to 6:00pm. Monday to Friday for the 204th Medical Plaza located at the 204th Street entrance of 3130 Grand Concourse. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed by a vote of 11 to 9.
 - F) **Youth Services:** A directory of services is being developed. Work is planned to integrate youth programs.
- VIII) **52nd Precinct Report**
- A) Yvette Ortega reviewed the stats for the past month.
 - B) A suggestion was made to include the stats in the pack of materials given to board members.
- IX) **City Planning**
- A) Richard Guether reported on plans for the rezoning of Webster Ave. They will be discussed at the next Land Use Meeting.
- X) **Borough President's Report**
- A) Andy Toledo reported information on a home owner's fair.
- XI) **Elected Officials**
- A) Sallie Caldwell, representing Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera, announced that activities in the parks, sponsored by the assemblywoman, would begin soon.
- XII) The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.