



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012 @ 6:30 PM

Held at: Botanical Garden ♦ 2900 Southern Blvd. ♦ Visitor's Center Café ♦ Bronx, NY

- I) Public Session opened at 6:35pm with the following speakers:
 - A) Ryan Sigr, City Planning:
 - 1) Discussed the zoning for Webster Avenue from Fordham Road to Hun Hill Road
 - 2) Discussed the proposed rules and regulations for new business and properties. (Mixed use building)
 - 3) He is requesting a letter of support for a transparency requirement for stores along the Webster Avenue corridor
 - B) Jane Addison, Mosholu Branch Library:
 - 1) Thanked all for the letters of support
 - 2) Provided informational flyers regarding library activities
 - C) Councilman Cabrera:
 - 1) Thanked Board Members for their commitment to the community
 - 2) Distributed citation to long term board members with a special citation to Paul Foster
 - 3) He was warmly received by all with kudos for his recognition
 - D) Mark Gjonaj, Assembly Candidate:
 - 1) Introduced himself and talked of his ties to the community. He mentioned the local offices he has opened in the district.
 - 2) He is looking for support at the upcoming elections
 - E) Michael Muscetti, Science schools initiative:
 - 1) Thanked all for support
 - 2) Looking for space as he will be expanding him the Bronx
 - 3) Mentioned success stories of some of the students who were accepted into Stuyvesant H.S. Needs space for Saturday classes since M.S.80 will close next week
 - F) Ricky Martinez, District Leader and Assembly Candidate:
 - 1) Talked about Community Issues and how he would reach out and help in all areas of need
- II) Public Session closed and meeting opened at 7:15pm
 - A) Attendance taken, quorum present
 - B) Agenda and minutes were approved
- III) Chairperson's Report by Paul Foster:
 - A) Paul welcomed the new Board Members
 - B) Reported on the Filtration plant; the next meeting will be held on 6/22/12
 - C) Request for a meeting about the Armory with Coalition and CB7, which will be sponsored by CB7. This meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 6:30pm at Councilman's Cabrera's office located at 107 East Burnside Avenue. The Councilman's office telephone number is: 347-590-2876
- IV) Executive Committee Report **MOTION**:
 - A) In the absence of Adaline Walker, 1st Vice-Chairperson, Hector Lopez read the motion RE: Sending a letter to the Mayor's Office regarding supporting cultural institutions.
 - 1) Motion was passed unanimously
- V) District Manager's Report by Fernando P. Tirado:
 - A) Announced a new Parks Manager, Tanisse Palmer



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- B) Kingsbridge Road "Unity in the Community" festival will be on Saturday, June 23rd, 2012 from 12pm to 6pm. This event will be sponsored by Mosholu Preservation Corporation and Montefiore Hospital. All are welcome
- C) After a nice welcome, Mr. Tirado mentioned training for the new Board Members

VI) **MOTIONS:**

- A) Traffic & Transportation Motion:
 - 1) Letter of support to DOT for the Grand Concourse Street improvement project from East 205th Street to Mosholu Parkway as presented at the Committee meeting slated to begin in August 2012.
 - a) Motion was read and discussion followed
 - b) Motion was passed unanimously
- B) Housing Motion:
 - 1) Regarding a development on Villa Avenue and East 204th Street. This motion came from the floor due to the urgency of the issue and the concerns of the community
 - 2) Motion to send a letter to HPD objecting to this project
Motion was approved with one objection who wished to be noted, Joseph Lee. (He spoke about the reasons for his objection)
- C) Public Safety Motion:
 - 1) Letter of support to Bronx Community Solutions to form a community partnership with them for the Place-Based Community Revitalization grant application to the federal government to implement a QOL enhancement project in Sectors C, D, & G within the 52nd precinct.
 - a) This motion was already approved in the Executive Committee.
 - 2) Street Renaming after Carmen Lozada. Walter Bell gave the background on Carmen Lozada
 - a) Motion approved with two abstentions who wished to be noted:
 - i) Charlesetta Rhett
 - ii) Khadijaha Saeed
- D) Economic Development Motion:
 - 1) Letter to Consumer Affairs against an application for the installation of a newsstand at the SW intersection of East Gun Hill Road and Bainbridge Avenue, License#: 1433049.
 - a) Motion was read by Eleanor Lundeen and a discussion ensued
 - b) Motion was unanimously approved
- E) Sanitation / Environmental Motion:
 - 1) Helene read her notes on Radon
 - 2) Committee had a motion regarding sending a letter to the City Council about dangers of Radon in the water supply.
 - a) It was decided to send a letter and e-mails to the CB7 members to sign a petition about this danger

VII) Police Report from the 52nd Precinct's Inspector Joseph Dowling:

- A) Comp-Stats were reviewed
- B) Robberies in the Transit System was mentioned
- C) Crime is down in most categories
- D) Cautioned people about strangers hanging out in building lobbies
- E) There is a slight rise in Grand Larcenies, purses and gold chains
- F) The Inspector distributed a flyer of a man wanted for burglary. He is asking all to be on the lookout for him, as he is dangerous

VIII) Other Reports, Discussions and / or Topics:



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- A) Paul Foster said his farewell to 2 members, Ezequiel Jimenez and Joe Lee, who will be returning to school full time
- IX) Elected Officials' Reports:
- A) Borough President's Office by Andy Toledo:
- 1) Welcomed new members and said farewell and God Speed to the departing members
 - 2) There will be Fireworks at Orchard Beach on Friday, June 29, 2012 at 9:30pm. All are invited
 - 3) New members will receive notice of Board training, which must be attended
- B) Councilman Koppell's Office by George Diaz:
- 1) Reported on the "Stop & Frisk" forum at Tracey Towers. He stated that the Councilman is opposed to this practice
 - 2) Talked about a Green House Forum
 - 3) The Councilman supports Kindergarten for 5 year-olds
 - 4) Riverdale River Fest will take place on Sunday from Noon to 6:00pm at Mt. St. Vincent Marillac Lawn
 - 5) Project RISE is recruiting 18-24 year-olds for a GED and 18-week paid internship program
- C) Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera by Michelle Avila:
- 1) Report will be sent to Fernando by Email
- D) Gustavo Rivera's Office by Maryann Rosa:
- 1) There will be a nutrition forum on July 7th, 2012. Introducing policies on good health
 - 2) Passed a bill to prevent smoking front of schools
- E) Charles Rangel's Office by Socrates Solano:
- 1) Reported on Health Care; present and future coverage
- F) Fernando Cabrera's Office by Greg Faulkner:
- 1) Noted a heat emergency and mentioned Cooling centers for people without AC especially seniors
 - 2) Welcomed new members and congratulated members who received awards
- X) Paul's closing comments:
- A) Paul thanked the Botanical Garden and staff for their support and for preparing the food
- XI) Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm
- XII) The Board went into Executive Session, which was requested by Walter Bell and his Committee (Public Safety)
- A) A discussion ensued about issues that were raised. A vote was taken on a motion raised by Mr. Bell
- B) Results of motion were as follows:
- 1) 13 Yes
 - 2) 7 No
 - 3) 8 Abstentions
- XIII) Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm