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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 17, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

I) Barbara Stronczer opened the meeting at 6:40 pm with greetings to all and a reminder to wait to be recognized before speaking.

II) Chairperson's Report

A) Barbara is now acting Chairperson until a new one is selected and voted on.

1) She asks for support and cooperation during this time.

B) She reported on the Andrew Sandler street naming with pictures of the event to be sent to the Newsletter.

C) Remarks were made about the Borough President's celebration of Community Board's on May 10th.

D) Reminder of the parade on Sunday May 20th on Mosholu Pkwy in celebration of Bronx Week. All are encouraged to attend and bring the family.

E) Barbara and Ischia are working on the Bus Tour stops. The bus will depart at 9:30 am and return later to the CB office for lunch.

F) Councilman Fernando Cabrera was named the Chairman of Governmental Affairs on the NYC City Council.

1) He will be proposing a bill to increase funds for CB's.

a) He recommends that the CB write a letter to the Mayor requesting the increase.

2) **Motion(s):**

a) To write a letter to the Mayor to increase the funding for Community Boards. Motion was approved unanimously

G) There are 2 vacancies on the Executive Board.

1) There will be nominations at the May meeting.

a) Barbara reviewed the nomination process.

III) District Manager's Report

A) Attended a training at the Human Rights Commission – Housing Voucher Discrimination

1) <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/media/source-of-income.page>

B) Met with Con Edison to discuss their community partnerships and services they provide.



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- C) April 23, 2018 – attended the Yankee game with the 5 CB 7 scholarship recipients, sponsored through the NY Yankees.
- D) Attended 2 borough board meetings which included the following presentations:
 - 1) NYC Department of Environmental Protection- Storm water Management Plan to Further Reduce Pollution and Improve Health of Local Waterways:
 - a) http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/pdf/water_sewer/NYCSWMP_Executive_Summary.pdf
 - b) http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/press_releases/18-026pr.shtml#.WvxRd6QvxhE
- E) SAPO - Permitting process:
 - 1) <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/cecm/permitting/permit-types.page>
- F) NYC Parks - Enforcement for the summer of 2018
 - 1) <https://www.nycgovparks.org/about/urban-park-service/park-enforcement-patrol>
- G) Bronx Tourism Council - Bronx Week 2018
 - 1) <https://www.bxtimes.com/stories/2018/19/19-bronxweeklist-2018-05-11-bx.html>
 - 2) <http://www.ilovethebronx.com/index.php/happenings/bronx-week>
- H) Attended a Land Use and Zoning Training provided by NYC Planning – the following link will help you navigate data within Bronx Community Board 7.
 - 1) This data can help understand many things ranging from demographics, green spaces, schools etc....
 - 2) <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/index.page>
- I) Attended CB committee meetings – reference committee reports.
- J) Housing and Land Use Committee – NYC Planning presented on the proposed permit process for M-1 zones.
 - 1) CB 7, at this time, will not be affected as M-1 is an industrial and we have very limited areas.
 - 2) The permit will be similar to the ULURP process; requiring developers to obtain approval from the community board etc.
 - 3) <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/m1-hotel-text/m1-hotel-text.page>
- K) Shelter Discussion update:
 - 1) Commissioner Bank's presentation of our homeless crisis was email to all board members (borough presentation).
 - 2) Attended meeting at Council Members Ritchie Torres office with the Chair of Housing/Land Use to discuss our concerns with the saturation of shelters in our district with Commissioner Banks.



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- 3) Discussion included:
- a) A request for a list of clusters and shelters in our area.
 - b) Inquired about us getting more men shelters than any other CB (they claim to have met the needs of family shelters).
 - c) The Community Board needs to be notified once the RFP's have been submitted to DHS. Right now, we are given a 30 day courtesy of notification prior to opening.
 - d) Prior knowledge of the RFP will help us identify the non-profit applying and potentially the community can make a recommendation.
 - i. Unfortunately, we are waiting for responses.
- L) The Bronx Borough Presidents office sent out a sexual harassment memo to our office for distribution to all board members.
- 1) All board members were emailed this document and will be given a hard copy the day of the general board meeting.
 - i. Sexual harassment in the work place is taken seriously by the City of New York.
- M) District Service Cabinet
- 1) New York Police Department
 - a) UPDATE: Shooting Incident (May 1, 2018) – Perry Avenue and East 209th Street.
 - b) Homeless Encampment – 42 West Fordham Road.
 - c) Assault (May 9, 2018) – East Mosholu Parkway South & East 203rd Street.
 - 2) Department of Buildings
 - a) 3254-3258 Parkside Place: At this time, the filed NB (New Building) Job applications are still in Disapproved Status as of 5/07/2018.
 - i. Job application 220635490 (proposed subdivision of tax lot...) is currently under review under review.
 - ii. The only permitted work to occur on the property is for Job Application 220634393 – Proposed Earthwork. Parkside Place– has been permitted to conduct Alteration Type2 – Earthwork (Excavation work) under Job Application Number 220634393.
 - iii. Feel free to take a look at this provided link for my information in regards to this specific application:
<http://a810bisweb.nyc.gov/bisweb/JobsQueryByNumberServlet?requestid=3&passjobnumber=220634393&passdocnumber=01>



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- iv. The permit was issued on 4/16/2018. Please take a look at the attached copy of the permit which states the description of the work and the business contractor's information.
 - v. The Department will conduct random on-site excavation audits to inspection depth, operations, underpinning and work as per plan, amongst a variety of other specifics regarding construction.
 - b) 33 Bedford Park Boulevard: There is a NB Application (220642115) that was filed on 4/06/2018 for proposing an 11 story mixed-use building with 19 residential units. The application is in disapproved status as of 4/12/2018. According to the application, this proposed building will be house a retail store as well as the Residential Units. Please feel free to contact me if you should have any additional questions or concerns.
- 3) Department of Education
 - a) Rezoning Proposal In District 10
 - 4) Department of Health & Mental Hygiene
 - a) Rats & Mice Concern – 232 East 201st (1-1-1557697031)
 - i. DOHMH – This specific area is currently being indexed. Rat Indexing is an inspection process that is part of the overall DOHMH Rat Initiative, currently operating in the Bronx and Manhattan. This program is based on the concept that rats rarely inhabit a single property - rather, they occupy entire blocks or larger areas. In Rat Indexing we inspect all the properties in a targeted area. This process allows us to identify all of the properties in a neighborhood with active rat signs and conditions conducive to rats. Once identified, we can address these properties simultaneously and the effectiveness of the efforts is enhanced. The DOHMH inspectors visited the location for an initial inspection on 1/19/18. The location failed the inspection for harborage, although harborage can be conducive to rats in this specific case the location showed no active sign of rat activity. Our inspectors revisited the location for a compliance inspection on 3/28/18; the location passed the inspection with no active signs of rat activity. If Mr. McCabe believes that the issue has not been addressed he may file a 311 complaint. Lastly, raccoons are protected wildlife. Like many other animals if there is an active food source in the area it is not uncommon to see raccoons. Although raccoons are nocturnal it is not uncommon to see them during the day, especially if



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they have a litter nearby. If the raccoon is being aggressive or acting erratically I advise to not try to engage with the animal. Instead a 311 complaint should be filed and our animal control unit will be sent out to observe the animal. If the animal is observed behaving erratically by our AC unit the animal will be trapped. If the animal is behaving normally the animal will not be captured. If raccoons inhabit a private property, the property owner can seek and pay for a private trapper. Please advise if you have any additional questions.

5) Metropolitan Transit Authority

- a) UPDATE: Flood Lights on during Daytime Hours – 3119 Jerome Avenue (Concourse Maintenance Shop) superintendent is aware of the faulty timer and he will have it repaired.

IV) Treasurer's Report – No Report

V) Committee Reports

A) Budget, Personnel & Ethics

- 1) The budget was reviewed and plans for spending down of any excess funds were discussed.

B) Community Relations and Economic Development

- 1) The Committee Chair was not present. A combined report with the Economic Development Committee was given. The Committees discussed a proposal for Summer Resource Fair at Devoe Park. They will continue an overview of rezoning and monitoring of developers to ensure the hiring of community workers on any projects being brought into the community.

C) Education, Youth & Libraries

- 1) The Chair of the Committee was absent but 2 motions were introduced by a member of the Committee.

2) **Motion(s):**

- a) To send a letter of Support for the Mosholu Library's new heating ventilation air conditioning (HVAC) system, roof replacement and related work to the NYC Public Design Commission (NYC PDC). Motion was approved unanimously
- a) To provide a letter of support from CB 7 was requested from "I Learn "to open a Charter School in CB 7. After much discussion, the motion was voted down with 2 in favor, 6 opposed and 2 abstentions.



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D) Environment & Sanitation

- 1) The Committee reported that there is more interest in organic recycling and composting in the neighborhood with more homes signing up to participate.
- 2) Information was shared on the HEAP Program describing benefits on weatherization and other improvements.
- 3) AC's are available to needy senior citizens.
- 4) Next meeting will feature DEP.
 - a) There will also be a presentation on cat colonies by Betty Arce.

E) Health and Hospitals – No report

F) Housing, Land Use & Zoning

- 1) Sean Brady gave an overview on permits for hotels.
 - a) They cannot build in the community without approval from the CB.
- 2) **Motion(s):**
 - a) The Housing Committee recommends that CB#7 approve the proposed M1 Hotel Zoning Text Amendment to establish a City Planning Commission special permit for new hotels, motels, tourist cabins, and boatels in M1 districts. Specific review process will ensure that in the future hotels are built on appropriate sites in order to attain a balanced mix of uses in a given area.

G) Parks & Recreation

- 1) There was a presentation from the Wildlife Division on coyotes.
- 2) Issues at Devoe Park were raised by Chad Royer.
 - a) Concerns about the quality of life problems in the park now that the summer is approaching were mentioned.
 - b) Parks will be working with the PD to enforce the rules.

H) Public Safety & Quality of Life

- 1) The Committee Chair was not present.
 - a) The report was given by Cole Hawkins.
- 2) The members discussed plans for a Community Resource Fair and are asking for approval from the CB to support the event.
- 3) **Motion(s):**
 - a) To have a CB7 Community Resource Fair and a Back to School Event. The objective is to invite city agencies and organizations to table and share materials with the community. In addition, to educate the residents of CB7 about the resources which are–



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available to them locally, Bronx-wide and citywide. Motion was approved with one opposed (Lowell Green).

I) Senior Services

- 1) There was a presentation on Senior Services by the Director of MMCC Senior Center, Lisa Nicotra.
- 2) Next meeting will have a presentation from Bedford Park Senior Director, Patricia Burlace.

J) Traffic & Transportation

- 1) The issue of poor transportation in off hours and early morning times when many workers use the subways and buses to be addressed with DOT. A transit study is being requested.

2) **Motion(s):**

- a) To provide a letter of support to the Bedford Mosholu Community Association's letter to DOT requesting a study to be performed by the Department of Transportation along Marion Avenue between the eastbound lanes of Mosholu Parkway and the south service road of Mosholu. They propose that the one short block become a one-way street going south. Motion was approved unanimously

K) Veterans

- 1) The recent Veterans event was discussed.
 - a) Outreach to veterans is ongoing.
- 2) The V.A. will present at the next meeting.

L) Ad Hoc

1) By Laws

- a) There will be a vote to accept the revised by laws at the May meeting.

VI) Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.