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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 17th, 2009 @ 6:30 PM

Meeting held at: Montefiore Medical Center ◊ 111 East 210th Street ◊ Bronx, New York 10468

- I) Gregory Faulkner introduced 14th C.D. Councilmember-elect, Mr. Fernando Cabrera
- II) Mr. Cabrera made a few remarks and announced his future plans
- III) Public Session opened at 6:35pm
 - A) Anthony Riviaccio:
 - 1) Spoke about the Bainbridge Avenue Fire and the need for the Community Board to support efforts to salvage the businesses
 - 2) Expressed concerns regarding new income tax laws
 - B) Gloria Hughes – Bronx Library Center:
 - 1) New representative for the Library. She replaced Mr. Leslie Harrison
 - C) Patricia Arroyo – Cancer Services Program:
 - 1) Spoke about breast exams
 - D) Angelo Diaz – Scott Towers:
 - 1) Spoke about safety around the Scott Towers area. Buses are creating a hazard where they are parking on Paul Avenue. He wants these busses to be rerouted to avoid possible accidents
 - E) Fay Muir – Watershed Coalition:
 - 1) Spoke about a resolution to prevent a raise in water rates. A 15-point resolution was presented
 - 2) She asked that the community and the Community Board supports the resolution
 - a) Greg Faulkner reminded the Board that a similar resolution was adopted in June by the Community Board. He referred the issue to the Environment and Sanitation Committee
- IV) Meeting opened at 6:50pm
 - A) Motion to approve October's minutes
 - 1) Unanimously approved
- V) Chairperson's Report by Gregory Faulkner:
 - A) Remarks about the Armory and the Community Benefits Agreement and vigilance by the Board to keep on top of the issue
 - B) Mentioned the MMCC staff celebration on November 11th
 - C) Announced his new position as the Chief of Staff for Fernando Cabrera and will assume the position as of January 1st. Paul Foster, 1st Vice-Chairperson will assume the Chair position at that time



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- VI) Executive Committee Report by Paul Foster:
 - A) Spoke about the availability of H1N1
 - B) Flu vaccine at Morris Heights on November 21st, 2009 will be open to the public FREE of charge
 - C) Discussed the By-Laws change in term-limits. Mentioned the changes in the term-limits proposal. It was seconded and a discussion ensued
 - 1) An amendment was proposed for a change in wording (see attached document for new wording)
 - 2) A further discussion on the Chairperson's vacancy and terms of service was discussed
 - 3) A motion was made to table the term limits proposal until the December meeting and the new changes be presented in writing
 - a) Motion to table the amendment was passed
 - D) Further information was provided about the flu shot vaccination and its availability. Many questions were raised about the effects and the lack of information regarding the vaccine
- VII) District Manager's Report by Fernando P. Tirado:
 - A) It was reported that the mother of Cedric Loftin, CB1's District Manger, has passed away
 - B) Department of Health and the animal shelter at old Fordham Library was discussed
 - C) New CB members need to see Fernando Tirado regarding their committee interests
 - D) H1N1 vaccine information is on our website
- VIII) Committee Reports
 - A) Youth Services Committee by Waleska Roldan:
 - 1) Discussed the future of the Committee and the focus on the youth at Tracy Towers because of the recent tragedies to the youth living in the complex. Outreach was made to Montefiore Hospital, the DA's Office, and the Police at the 52nd Pct and will continue as an ongoing project
 - B) Traffic / Transportation Committee by Lowell Green:
 - 1) The Committee is working on a car-free street for the summer months. One site is the Grand Concourse and the second site would be 204th street, outside the Community Board Office. (Only on Sundays when Yankees are not playing a home game)
 - C) Land Use / Zoning Committee by Ozzie Brown:
 - 1) A report was provided from his 10/15/09 meeting
 - 2) Slides of the Harlem River and the Waterfront were shown. Random shots of the properties along the river (unseen by the public) were discussed.



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- His focus is the development of the waterfront and the future accessibility by the public for recreation use
- 3) Land Use Committee Chair is working with Columbia University and City Planning to develop a plan for the use of the river and waterfront properties
 - 4) Slides of the Bainbridge Avenue fire were also shown and the plans for rebuilding the site was discussed
 - 5) On-going plans for maintaining the zoning in the area to prevent unwanted development
 - 6) The graduation of the most recent class of Building Blocks was shown. Ozzie expressed his pride in the students and the need to continue project
- D) Parks Committee by Barbara Stronczer:
- 1) The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on November 19th, 2009 at 6:30pm at the Community Board Office
 - 2) Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 10th, 2009 at 6:00pm at the intersection of Mosholu Parkway and Bainbridge Avenue
- E) Health and Hospitals Committee by Socrates Caba:
- 1) Next meeting to be held on December 16th at 6:30pm to plan for future challenges
- F) Education Committee by Yvette Page:
- 1) Charter School looking to relocate to CB7 area. No location at this time was provided
 - 2) The Committee is looking to attract middle school students to elite schools in the Community Board
- IX) 52nd Pct. Report:
- A) Comp-Stats were reviewed
 - B) Identity theft is an on-going problem. Capt. Rivera made recommendations as to how to avoid these types of thefts
 - C) Warned the public about scams regarding apartment rentals
 - D) Burglaries are difficult crimes to solve since victims are usually not at home during burglaries
 - 1) Advice was given on broken door locks and how to further protect yourself from being a victim
 - E) The 52nd Pct. has a new Commanding Officer, John D'Adamo who previously commanded the 50th Pct.
- X) Borough President's Report by Andy Toledo:
- A) Economic Development Summit at the Botanical Gardens will be held on 11/18/09 to offer plans for the development of gaining more jobs for the Borough



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- XI) Elected Officials Reports:
 - A) Arlene McClaren from Councilman Koppell's Office:
 - 1) Discussed the 5-minute idling law for drivers
 - 2) Ticketing clergy on call
 - 3) Discussed legislation that Koppel proposed on cluster site housing in private apartment buildings for homeless families.
- XII) Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm