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GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

COMMUNITY BOARD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Meeting held at: Glad Tidings Church * 2 Van Cortlandt Avenue East * 10468

- I) Attendance sheet on file
- II) Public Session: The public session began at 6:35PM.
 - A) Mr. X (William Stanton) spoke about a hearing he attended regarding the new Hudson line station being constructed at Yankee Stadium. His complaint was that information on the time frame for the new station was not addressed. He also wanted to know if the station would be operable all year. Greg Faulkner informed him that once completed, the station would be open all year.
 - B) Anita Reynolds - Fordham Hill Resident, spoke about the promised return of the Sedgwick Ave. stop on the Select Bus #12. She had attended the meeting with DOT at the Bronx Library Center. She asked the Board to monitor the promised return of this bus stop.
 - C) Gloria Walker - Rebuilders Source, spoke about a non-profit organization is looking for donations of used surplus building materials. This Hunts Point organization will pick-up materials free of charge. Pamphlets were distributed.
- III) The meeting opened with a roll call for attendance. A quorum was reached. A motion passed for the approval of excused members.
- IV) Chairperson's Report
 - A) Greg Faulkner congratulated John Franco on the work which he has performed at "Promesa". Mr. Franco's picture appeared on the front page of the "Bronx Times."
 - B) Mr. Faulkner reported on the City's plan to use the old Bronx Library building on Bainbridge Avenue as an animal shelter. Our Board and many community groups have fought to have this building become a community center. Mr. Faulkner promised to continue this fight.
 - C) The next meeting of the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee was announced for Nov. 20th. A security plan will be discussed.
 - D) Lastly, Mr. Faulkner noted that the Task Force for the Kingsbridge Armory met. They are working to insure that living-wage jobs go to community residents.
- V) Executive Committee Report: Paul Foster thanked both Ozzie Brown and Richard Guether for the very informative tour of Bedford Park and Norwood which Board members took last Saturday. The tour was part of an initiative to re-zone Webster Avenue.
- VI) District Manager's Report: Fernando Tirado thanked Reverend Figueroa for granting the Board permission to use his facility for our meeting.
 - A) He requested sites for bike racks to be placed in the Board area.
 - B) He also informed the Board that our budget requests had been submitted.
 - C) He next discussed the community partnerships which the Board has formed with not-for-profit organizations. He then introduced Wilson Cano from the "Children's Arts and Science Workshop." Mr. Cano described the work of his organization. He would like to use our office



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space to house his summer program. The program would offer 500 summer job slots to community youth. After numerous questions, the proposal was sent to the Youth and Education Committees.

VII) Committee Reports

- A) Parks and Recreation: Barbara Stronczer introduced two motions. The first motion pertained to the comfort station on Webster Ave. opposite Frisch Field.
- 1) Motion #1: The Parks' Committee recommends that a letter be sent to Commissioner Aponte requesting that during the spring, summer, and fall of 2009, the comfort station opposite Frisch Field be opened for use by the ballplayers on the weekends. The motion was approved.
 - 2) Motion #2: The committee recommends that a letter be sent to both the Police and Parks' Departments requesting their help in correcting the gambling situation at Devoe Park. The motion was approved.
 - 3) Donna Benjamin introduced a motion to request better lighting at Devoe Park especially in the areas of the playgrounds. The motion was seconded by Carlos Cortez. Motion#3: The Board should send a letter to DOT requesting better lighting in Devoe Park especially in the area of the playgrounds. The motion was approved.
- B) Traffic and Transportation
- 1) Lowell Green reported on the recent meeting with DOT regarding the Select Bus #12. She informed the Board that her committee would follow-up on the replacement of the stop at Sedgwick Avenue.
 - 2) She also stated that the Transportation and Parks' Committees would be sending a letter to DOT requesting the installation of a spotlight on the street light at the World War 1 Monument on Mosholu Parkway and Marion Avenue.

VIII) Borough President's Report- Andy Toledo reported that applications are available for community board membership. He urged community residents to apply.

IX) City Planning

- A) Richard Guether thanked the Board for its suggestions regarding the rezoning for Webster Avenue. He plans to present his proposal at the December Board meeting.
- B) He also informed the Board that the current zoning of the old Fordham Library building is C4-4. This zoning does not permit an animal hospital or kennel.
- X) 52nd Precinct Report- Wilson Hernandez, the Community Affairs Officer reported on monthly crime in the CB7 area.

XI) Closing statements

- A) Greg Faulkner thanked the young people providing the tech mapping at our meeting.
- B) He also reminded everyone of our annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held at Mosholu Parkway and Bainbridge Avenue on Thursday, December 11 at 6:00pm.

XII) The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.