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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



GREGORY FAULKNER, CHAIRPERSON

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 20th, 2009 @ 6:30 PM

Bedford Park Senior Service, 243 East 204th Street, Bronx, NY 10458

- I) Public Session began at 6:30 PM
 - A) Úrsula Aybar – Centro Recreativo 30 de Marzo
 - 1) Presented about their organization and what their intentions. This organization has appealed to the CB for support for a liquor license for their establishment.
 - B) Alvin Calderon – Fordham Bedford Housing Corp.
 - 1) Spoke about the new Senior Housing at Mount St. Ursula, Serivam Houses
 - 2) Invited everyone to attend the “Bronx Park Speak-up”, which will be held at Lehman College on Saturday, Feb. 28th, 2009. Topic will be “Politics, the Environment & Parks”
 - C) Pedro Félix – Centro Recreativo 30 de Marzo
 - 1) Second appeal to the Board to reconsider supporting a liquor license for this group of 100 families as dictated by the NYS-SLA.
 - D) Donnette Carroll – Thesselonia Center – Sickle Cell Patients Network
 - 1) Informed the Board about Montefiore’s closing of the sickle cell center day-clinic
 - 2) Discussion of the lack of care for these special patients at the hospital
 - 3) Inquired if the closing of the center was due to cutbacks at Montefiore hospital
 - 4) Follow-up will be forthcoming by Councilman Oliver Koppell
 - E) Pamela Lieber – Bronx Library Center,
 - 1) Discussed the services that the Library provides despite the cutbacks
 - F) Bruce Blount – 2830 Schley Avenue; Bronx, NY (Sickle Cell Patient)
 - 1) Testified regarding the benefits of the clinic that closed on January 9th, 2009. He shared treatments over the years that saved his life
 - G) Michelle Angulo – NYC Mental Health Association
 - 1) Shared materials pertinent to mental health care. For information regarding available benefits, call (877) 737-1164
 - H) David Truzman, Outreach Coordinator – NYC Mental Health Association
 - 1) Wants to do presentations for the Latino Community
 - I) Emmanuel Cabrera – Good Jobs NY
 - 1) Spoke about his organization and jobs placement opportunities in the community
- II) Community Board Meeting opened at 7:30 pm
 - A) Attendance taken; sheet on file
 - B) Quorum established
 - C) December 17th, 2008 Minutes were unanimously approved
- III) Chairperson’s Report by Gregory Faulkner:
 - A) Attended a Croton Facility Monitoring meeting this week with the Parks Department. They will report back on issues concerning the Board.
 - B) DEP reported on minority hiring practices and minority business opportunities at the filtration plant. The information on receiving grants by minorities needs to be delivered to the community so they can take advantage of available grants.
 - C) Bus stops and other transportation issues were discussed.



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- IV) District Manager's Report by Fernando Tirado:
- A) Reviewed and discussed the liquor licensing process. Requested that actions be taken to deny certain locations from receiving liquor licenses and revoke the licenses for problematic establishments.
 - B) Reported on our newly constructed website
 - C) Discussion regarding the transitional housing issue at 3001 Briggs Avenue
 - D) Census jobs are still available
 - E) MTA issues and the 2/4 public hearing at Lehman College were discussed
- V) 1st Vice-Chairperson's Report by Paul Foster:
- A) Asked for time to discuss the closing for the Sickle Cell Center by Montefiore Hospital
 - 1) Motion to encourage Montefiore Hospital to reconsider the closing of the Sickle Cell Center as we feel strongly about the issue and the loss of services.
 - 2) Motion Amendment: To reopen the Center at its previous capacity
 - B) Education Committee Meeting to be held on January 28th, 2009 at 6:30 pm
- VI) Environmental / Sanitation Committee Report by Helene Hartman:
- A) Wants to change the name of her Committee. Must do so by a change in the By-laws
- VII) Housing Committee Report by Anthony Springer:
- A) Housing Committee Meeting to be held on January 22nd, 2009 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Bedford Park Senior Center at 243 East 204th Street
- VIII) Land Use / Zoning Committee Report by Ozzie Brown:
- A) Discussed tour of the Armory and future planned projects
 - B) Spoke about the students who have the Armory as a class project
 - C) The re-zoning of Webster Avenue was discussed
- IX) Parks and Recreation Committee by Barbara Stronczer:
- A) Discussed the lack of snow removal in some areas. 3 motions were unanimously approved:
 - 1) Send a letter to Hector Aponte and Valerie Davis requesting that ice and snow be removed from the following areas in a timely manner:
 - a. Aqueduct Walk on Kingsbridge Road and Fordham Road
 - b. Jerome Avenue at Mosholu Parkway
 - c. Risse Street Park area
 - d. The sidewalk along the outfield fence of Frisch Field (pathway to the Metro North Station)
 - e. Bainbridge Avenue / Marion / Hull Avenues crossing Mosholu Parkway
 - f. Devoe Park along Father Zeiser Place
 - 2) A letter to be sent to Councilman Oliver Koppell, Commissioner Aponte, and Valerie Davis requesting their aid in the creation and installation of "No Barbecuing Signs" along Mosholu Parkway from Webster Avenue to Jerome Avenue. The Committee is also requesting that the Parks Department issue a press release informing the public regarding this issue. Devoe Park should also receive these signs.
 - 3) The Committee recommends that a letter be sent to the DEP Study Group and the Parks Department requesting open and equal access to the proposed jogging path for both Community Boards #7 & #8. Residents along the eastern boundary of the reservoir should be able to enter and exit the proposed jogging path from the east side of the



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reservoir. The students attending Dewitt Clinton, Bronx High School of Science, Walton, and Lehman College should also have easy access to this facility

- X) Traffic and Transportation Committee by Lowell Green:
 - A) Motions:
 - 1) Bx34 Bus - Motion as read was voted down. It was recommended that the motion be re-worded to oppose the #34 bus shut down, and that we need service along the route that is being proposed to be eliminated.
 - a. Motion was unanimously approved that the bus service be continued and with no shut down.
 - 2) Due to safety and security concerns for our community residents, the Committee is against the removal of the part-time customer service agents located at the 205th Street / Norwood (N225K) and Kingsbridge Road (N220K) entrances to the D subway line.
 - a. Motion was approved
 - B) Public hearing regarding public transportation and proposed closings will take place at Lehman College on Wednesday, February 4th, 2009 at 6:00 pm
- XI) Borough President's Report by Andy Toledo:
 - A) Applications to join the Community Board are available
- XII) 52nd Precinct Report by Wilson Hernandez:
 - A) Statistics were discussed. Stats will be delivered during the week
 - B) Burglaries through open windows off fire escapes are a big problem. Police urges residents to install window gates to prevent burglaries from happening
- XIII) Elected Officials Reports:
 - A) Discussion by Councilman Oliver Koppell:
 - 1) Congratulated the Board for their good work
 - 2) Discussed future cuts
 - 3) Tax increases for real estate
 - 4) Council opposes future city taxes
 - 5) Hopes for a stimulus package from NY State
 - 6) Police class to be opened
 - 7) ACD support
 - 8) Supports "No cuts" for Community Boards' Budget
 - 9) Senior Center cuts not going forward
 - 10) Community Board appointments
 - 11) E-mail lists