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## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

FERNANDO P. TIRADO, DISTRICT MANAGER

## GENERAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, September 18, 2012 @ 6:30 PM**

**Meeting held at: Bronx Library Center ♦ 310 E. Kingsbridge Road ♦ Bronx, New York 10458**

- I. Meeting opened at 6:35PM
- II. Motion to go to into Executive Privilege was made by Bruce Kaufman
  - A. Seconded by John Snider
  - B. Motion was approved
- III. Announcements:
  - A. There will be a meeting with DOT and Montefiore Hospital on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 9:00AM regarding parking changes on Wayne Avenue. This meeting will be held at the Community Board Office
  - B. There will be a public forum regarding the Armory on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Monroe College located at 2501 Jerome Avenue. Two developers will be present to provide information on the project
  - C. Courtesy and Professionalism is suggested by the Chair during the Executive Session
  - D. Procedure:
    1. Vote must be made in public regarding the personnel issue on the removal of the District Manager, Fernando P. Tirado
    2. All must vote. No delaying your vote to the end.
    3. At the end of the vote, the meeting will be adjourned
  - E. By-Law change to be voted on in October
  - F. Walter Bell was not present to make the motion regarding termination of the District Manager.
    1. Mr. Ali refused to make the motion, as he was not present at the time of the motion
    2. Ms. Pina made the motion in Mr. Bell's absence (Motion attached)
    3. Ms. Pina informed Paul that she was not a member of the Committee and was not able to make the motion
      - i. Motion withdrawn
    4. Mr. Bell arrived at 6:55PM, and motion was made
      - i. Ms. Stronczer raised a question regarding a quorum at the Public Safety Committee when the motion was decided
      - ii. Mr. Bell assured the group that a quorum was present and that the vote was "Yes"
      - iii. The question of a quorum being present at the Committee meeting was raised
  - G. Paul made a motion to end the Executive session and admit the public
- IV. Public Session began at 7:10PM
  - A. Bronx 12 was present recording the session
  - B. Laverne Sparrow, President & Founder of "SOCKS4TOTS INC.":
    1. Distributed a flier regarding the services his organization provides
  - C. Patricia Burlace, Executive Director of the Bedford Park Senior Center:
    1. Paul thanked Ms. Burlace for the use of the Center for CB meetings
    2. She spoke about Fernando Tirado and his influence and positive impact in the community
  - D. Adaline Walker, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Community Board 7:
    1. Voiced her dissatisfaction about the procedure used by the Board to dismiss Mr. Tirado



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2. The minutes were referred to by Ms. Walker
- E. Nivardo Lopez, Mayor's Office:
  1. New office in the Bronx as the Mayor's Liaison
- F. Anthony Riviuccio, Community Resident:
  1. Spoke about voting in general election
  2. Praised the District Manager's work, and supports him as an administrator. Also spoke about the good work Fernando does
- G. Eleanor Lundeen, Community Board Member:
  1. Spoke about the District Manager's involvement in Lehman's grant about community partnerships and the assistance he provided that made the project successful
- H. Helene Hartman, Community Board Member:
  1. Spoke in support of Fernando Tirado as a District Manager. She also mentioned many of the projects he was involved in that made the Community Board
- I. Sallie Young, Community Resident:
  1. Spoke about the property on Decatur Avenue and Oliver Place
- J. Sharon Jarvis, Library Manager:
  1. A career coach to help plan for a career change is available at the library Thursdays through Saturday. Volunteers needed
- K. Dani Walker Santiago, Community Member:
  1. Spoke about the process being used by the Board to terminate the District Manager
  2. Considers process invalid and leaves the Board open to ridicule. Due process should be adhered to
- V. After the public session, the motion was open for discussion. Ms. Saeed asked to table the motion. It was seconded by Eleanor Lundeen
  - A. A motion was made to table the motion to terminate District Manager until the attendance sheets of the Public Safety Committee meeting could be produced to verify that quorum was present and an actual vote was taken.
    1. Motion to table:
      - i. 15 "No's"
      - ii. 13 "Yes"
    2. Motion was defeated
- VI. Discussions:
  - A. A discussion ensued about the motion to terminate
- VII. Vote to accept the motion to terminate District Manager:
  - A. 10 "Yes"
  - B. 15 "No"
  - C. 3 Abstentions
- VIII. Paul remarked that the business of the Board would continue and asked for the support of all
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM