CEDRIC L. LOFTIN
DISTRICT MANAGER

FULL BOARD MEETING<br>January 28, 2021<br>MINUTES

The District Manager Cedric L. Loftin introduced himself and said Bronx Community Board One of the City of New York, first Board in the Bronx, the best Board in the Bronx by all accounts of anyone that has ever worked with us, and good to see everyone for the new year, Happy New Year. Now as we enter the new year it's time to get back to the challenges facing our district. Welcome to all the Board Members, our guests, and all elected officials.

## PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Steven Williams Outreach Trainer Accessible Dispatch said that we connect the community to wheelchair accessible taxis all throughout the five boroughs ofNew York. The good news is you don't have to use a wheelchair anyone can use the program. It's available 24 hours a day 7 days a week no assist someone in and out of the vehicle who have mobility disabilities and seniors and you can access the program by going to our website. You can reach us at AccessibleDispatch.com or call us at our dispatch center 646-599-9999.
Questions and Answers

Ms. Catherine Garcia-Bou ERSEA Manager Early Childhood Education Division said that I'm just here talk about some early childhood education programs and the conditions of early childhood in your district. So we are a Head Start program and I am part of a Social Service Agency Cardinal
McCluskey. In our Early Childhood Division we service over a thousand children in the South Bronx so one of the crises that we're having is that our programs are only 50 percent enrolled. We serve children and families in the ages from zero to five in your community and these are free programs, so we offer social services and referrals when required with breakfast, lunch for the children and educational services from 8:30 to $4: 30$ but we are only at 50 percent capacity because of COVID so I'm here just to let the community know and you can call me or email me and I can connect any family that you're working with, with the
proper program, But I just want to let you know that we will be proper program, But I just want to let you know that we will be opening February 22nd that's plan for in person services. We have three locations 629 Courtlandt Avenue, 560 Concord Avenue and 690 Westchester Avenue. But if you have any families with young children or Moms who need day care we are happy to enroll the child and service those families. I just want to say we service homeless families.

## END OF PUBLIC SESSION

## The roll was called.

Motion made to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed.

## CHAIRMAN \& DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cedric L. Loftin District Manager said let me give the Board some background related to this matter. A couple of weeks ago I received an email from one of the residents of this facility stating that they had received notification from the Department of Homeless Services that they would be relocated out of this facility to another location. The new known location was not provided at that time, subsequently I had a meeting out of my Borough Service Cabinet meeting with all the agencies that include the Department of Homeless Services. At that particular time they would not state fully what was the timeframe that the transfer was to take place, but they did state that the transfer would include a family shelter subsequently becoming a shelter for men. So once that notification occurred, I reached out to them and informed them that they would have to come before the Board to talk about the entire process and why the change had taken place. From the last conversation I had with the Department of Homeless Services we have about 15 to 16 shelters in the district starting from a period going back at least 10 years.

## Ms. Nicole Jordan Bronx Director Department of Homeless Services said that I've been in this

 position for almost 4 years and in 2017 I came to the district and about that time say you had about 30 Department of Homeless Services sites, I remember that number because that was when I first started. At that time DHS was presenting Turning the Tide Initiative to decrease the footprint of homelessness in the city we started that by removing clusters. The reasons we removed clusters because clusters were apartments that the city rented in buildings going back 20 years and what happened was that it wasn't a very good environment for our families because it didn't have any resources in that building to assist them day-to-day. The Mayor created the initiative to freeze and get us out of clusters at about 3,800 at its highest and about 80 percent of those were in the Bronx. So we're almost completely out of all the clusters of almost 3 thousand lessening the footprint. There has been a huge decrease in Community Board 1.So we're here today as Mr. Loftin mentioned I notified him that we were doing a transfer and what that is it's not an opening of a shelter. It is a shelter that already existed on $134^{\text {th }}$ Street for adult families, adult families are all over the age of 18. So they could be couples, an uncle who has custody of his nephew any of those adult situations. So we are transferring a profile of adult families from the $134^{4 \mathrm{~h}}$ Street shelter to single adults. The reason for that is with the Pandemic our census has been seeing an increase in single adults coming into our system and as you know with homelessness the shelter system has a mandate to provide housing for anyone that comes into our district. So what we're doing is a profile transfer in this particular space to give an opportunity because the numbers for single adults have increased to have a place to stay. The adult families that were previously at that location are being transferred now some were able to seek placement with an apartment others that are not ready yet for whatever the reason may be, employment issues or could be a number of other issues are transferred to other adult locations that will be able to help them get on their feet and get to permanency.

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So I have on line today the Assistant Commissioner Cindy Teta and she is Commissioner of single adults and she will be able to answer your questions in detail about that particular population at DHS and I have the Vice President of Westhab the provider that will be running the $134^{\text {th }}$ Street shelter and has run it previously when it was for adult families Valerie Smith. So I will turn it over to Ms. Smith.

Ms. Valerie Smith said that like Ms. Jordan said I represent the provider Westhab we have been at this location since 2017 we were adult families. We got the call from DHS informing us that the population was going up and we would be housing single men. So we have been in the community for quite some time. I think that we've done a fairly good job in servicing the families that have been placed with us. During the Pandemic we were fortunate enough to be able to exceed housing placement that was placed on my facility on $134^{\text {th }}$ we were supposed to move 25 families my team that works actually moved 34 families during the Pandemic. I would say that's exceptional work considering that the city was closed for a period of time. However our sense was that working at the shelter was essential my team and I have continued to show up to provide services to these families that were with us during the Pandemic. We are committed to during the same for the population that we're getting singles and we're going to be working with them from whatever barriers they come to us with so we can move them that closer to permanent housing. So that is Westhab's commitment to the community and to those persons placed in our facility.

## Questions and Answers

Mr. Cedric L. Loftin said Assistant Commissioner what we'd like to see is that one we're just starting the budget year now we're in preliminary budget and moving forward could you provide to us one the number of facilities that are planning for possible conversion use that are new in Board 1 in this calendar year of 2021 and also going forward in fiscal year 2022. So we can start with that and at least we'll know what's coming into the community. There's a disconnect not so much sometimes from the Department of Homeless Services but let's say the legislative process and therefore by the time we know the changes have been made. On this site it was only because of someone that had been present in the shelter and concerned that they had to be moved out of the shelter that we were informed and when I asked for the time frame, they were told they would be leaving by the $25^{\text {th }}$ of January and that is not the right protocol to have.

We want to thank you for coming Assistant Commissioner and Ms. Jordan but please know that this is an issue on the forefront of notification and proper protocols in place for that notification. We ask that you stay in contact we may be asking you to come back again.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Cedric L. Loftin said that this item has come before the Economic Development-Land Use \& Housing Committee twice once in January and previously in October. This is a ULURP voting item. I will now defer to the Chairperson of the Committee.

Ms. Arline Parks Chairperson Economic Development-Land Use \& Housing said that I'm going to give the particulars on the project. As Mr. Loftin said this project came before the Economic Development-Land Use \& Housing Committee on two separate occasions and they appeared before us to request a formal letter of support to rezone the development site. The development site is located at 261 Walton Avenue. It is a site where currently there is a warehouse that used to be a storage facility and it was involved in a really substantial fire about maybe two years ago. The project Developers are as follows, it is a joint venture between the JCAL Group and the owner of the warehouse, Management Agent probably is SoBRO. What they're proposing to develop on the site is to build 193 units of affordable housing which will be financed by HPD's ELLA Program. The site will also include commercial space on the ground floor that is planned for a supermarket for the location. The HPD's ELLA Program is for very low income families and the project is estimated to have about 200 construction jobs of which 25 of them will be permanent and the group made a commitment to hiring locally.

The first time they came they had a large number of one-bedroom units but after hearing the concerns of the Committee they actually reduced the number of one bedroom units and increased the number of threebedroom units so that more individuals with families can be helped. So that said we deliberated and asked the Committee for any concerns or issues they had before the item was voted. There was a motion made to grant a letter of support by Alberto Torres for the project with the stipulation that the letter of support be granted subject to the project meeting the terms and conditions of the ELLA Program, that motion was seconded, there was a roll call vote and the project did not pass by the Committee to grant a letter of support for the project. There was subsequent to that a request that was made of the Committee that any concerns that the Committee Members had relevant vote why they felt that the could not grant a letter of support for the project I asked them to submit their concerns in writing so that I could share that with the Board. When the Board took a vote on the matter, it would take the vote on the context of the issues that transpired at the Committee. So the list that I received why the Committee Members that were present voted no was that when the presenters came back a second time they were requested to come back with a better clarification of the issue regarding the fire and they felt like the second time around they came back with the exact same presentation and they didn't come back with the Fire Marshall report. They also made a representation that the fire took place in the basement but a Committee Member actually took the time to look up the news reports that other issues caused the fire so they did their due diligence. The other issue was that there was no response to the issue whether the tenants that had stored their property there had been made whole. The other serious issue is if you have business with or work for an entity that is doing business with the Developer you must recuse yourself from the vote. The other issue just in the interest of full disclosure was that someone was present at the meeting who is employed by an Elected Official should not have been at that meeting voting at all, but he left the meeting and after the vote was passed, we did not allow him to vote. Then there was the other issue of Committee Members understanding why the project was being presented well in advance of the project being considered by HPD and/or the City Planning Commission. So with that said those were the issues why the Committee did not vote to support the project. At the same time the project gets affordable housing capacity at some point in the future to affordable mixed income housing for workforce individuals.

The project if it weren't for as-of-right it is privately owned they could develop it the owners and it would be market rate for whatever the market would bear for that location. So the project affords the district the opportunity to get some affordable housing at that location, so that's the pro side of it. There were other issues that were raised around the Master Plan for Urban Development in the district for what we have here and if we continue to have a transactional based approach you will have a lot of individual

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development sites that might actually be cumulatively detrimental to the community. So let it be clear it's a letter of support from Community Board 1 to rezone that location so that they can rise the height of the project which is not out of context with all the other development there and with about 193 units of affordable housing. So that completes my report so now I am turning the matter over to the Board for their vote and consideration of this project given all of the information that was presented. So District Manager or Madam Chair could you open up the floor to the Board Members present so that they can ask about any issues, questions or concerns.

Mr. Cedric L. Loftin said you've heard from the Chairperson of the Committee that this issue was reviewed and vetted. The last time it was vetted was at this last meeting this month and the vote from the Committee was a no with a stipulation. So the floor is now open to any other questions related to the project before the vote is taken by the Full Board, the floor is opened.

## Questions and Answers

Ms. Lauren George Constantinople \& Vallone LLC said that the key question we're addressing is the unit distribution. As Ms. Parks mentioned this is an area as-of-right and this proposal is for 100 percent income restricted of which 40 percent would be under HPC regulations. This is proposed as an ELLA extremely low affordable building which has different household income levels and unit sizes. Due to the (MIH) Mandatory Inclusionary Housing no matter what happens here it would require that 25 percent of the units here or the floor area here whenever it's built is permanently affordable. This development team intends and proposes to build a 100 percent affordable building. The unit distribution again we're talking about 193 units roughly and that's because we added three-bedroom units so there's fewer than the original proposal so this is a breakdown for you to look at. This is a proposal with the exact unit and AMI breakdown after being vetted and approved by HPD so that's something we want to be clear on so this is proposed as an ELLA Project which is the lowest affordable project that there is. I don't know if anyone else wants to speak up but I can just say I represent JCAL and I believe in them community engaged, have their office in the neighborhood, care about the neighborhood and they want to create long-term benefits for all with different income levels for the neighborhood. I believe the street scape could be greatly improved with trees and plantings and all the required amenities. It would be a benefit in lots of ways for safety for eyes on the street I think it's a positive.

Mr. John Wolfling Architect said that Lauren just made a good point about activating the street, there will be an active streetscape with trees and plants I think this will be a great addition to the neighborhood.

Motion made to grant a letter of support on the rezoning of 261 Walton Avenue to allow for a proposed mixed use 193 unit 100 percent income restricted building under HPD's ELLA Program with the stipulation that letter of support be granted subject to the project meeting the terms and conditions of the ELLA Project. Motion duly seconded. The roll was called and there were $15-\mathrm{Yes}, 3$-No and 2 Abstentions. The item passed.

Motion made to approve the Chairman and District Manager's Report. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

## The representative for the Honorable Ruben Diaz, Jr. The Bronx Borough President said

 just two quick announcements. For new Board Members that are looking to apply to the Community Board the applications are out. If anyone on the Board knows of someone that would be a good fit on the Board encourage them to apply and the applications have to be in by February $5^{\text {th }}$. On the new application there is a meeting attendance form normally we would have people attend the meeting and have the District Manager signoff or the Chairperson, but since the meetings have been taking place virtually so there's an attendance sheet so just signoff on the General Board meeting you went too then you can scan a copy to us and mail us the original. For Board Members that are up for reappointment same thing reappointment applications are due back in our office February $5^{\text {th }}$ scan a copy over to us and then mail the original. If anyone has any questions, if you have any difficulties feel free to call me at any time.
## The representative for the Honorable Congressman Richie Torres said this Board is like a

 family to me so I'm looking forward to be as helpful as I could. I just want to give a few quick updates the Congressman has been in DC. The biggest priorities are the vaccine rollouts. We are in the process of starting a coalition with all the other Congress people and looking to see what the status is with the vaccine doses. But all this week 12 million New Yorkers out of 15 million 60 years and older were targeted for were deemed recipients unfortunately there was a holdover with some of the producing companies. There's also that the Bronx the South Bronx especially is not getting enough doses of the vaccine and so we're working to collaborate with the other people in the State so that we can not only fast track the production of those doses but make sure that people in the district in Mott Haven, Melrose and the South Bronx in general can get the information they need especially since there's language outreach issues people are not speaking French they're not speaking Arabic so we're looking to make sure everyone is represented.The representative for Honorable State Senator Jose M. Serrano said that there are several things that I would like to underline so the first thing that the States COVID19 Rent Relief Program has reopened and applications will be accepted through Monday, February 1, 2021, so the programs eligibility criteria has been expanded to provide rent relief to more New Yorkers. So you can call our office at 212 - 828-5829 if you need assistance with the application process. Second the COVID19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Protection Act of 2020 by the New York State Senate ensures New York renters and homeowners effected by COVID19 Pandemic can safely remain in their homes. You can visit the Senator's website senator.nysenate.gov to fill out the Hardship Declaration application. Then regarding the vaccines you have had your first dose but don't have information about your second dose you can call our office and we can assist you getting the time and location for your second dose you can call our office and we can assist you getting the time and location for your second dose. Today the Governor signed a Senate bill that prohibits the unnecessary application of a dangerous herbicide in State parklands and parks in New York State it is a first step in cutting back on herbicide usage. Finally the State Senate voted to pass a bill amending Article 1 of the Bill of Rights to add a new section establishing environmental rights the new bill would mean that each person has the right to air and water and a healthy environment. The bill is expected to pass the New York State Assembly and in November 2021 the people of New York will have the opportunity to vote for this constitutional amendment by referendum. This resolution ensure that environmental protocols are protected for the public health so I think that's a first step for us.

Honorable State Senator Luis Sepulveda said I want to thank everyone on the Board for allowing me to address you today. A lot of things happening at the State level that I want to discuss but I want to remind people that there's still a problem of food and security in our community. We continue to try to feed people I provide as much food as we can, so that there's no reason why anybody in our community should go to bed hungry, so if you know of anyone that needs food please have them call my office. In our district we've done well over 35 food distribution events in the last few months we don't discontinue because its cold we still have to feed people. When we look at what's happening with COVID we're now about 7.5 positivity again we are the highest in the City of New York. Our communities continue to be ravished by COVID but yet as you can see even though we're pushing the Governor and the Mayor to make sure that bring these vaccines to our community after the essential workers, still falling behind. I read a report recently that said only about 5 percent of people in communities of color have gotten the vaccine as opposed to over 20 something percent in more affluent neighborhoods, so we as Elected Officials have to continue to fight against that. We've had healthcare issues many, many years in this county 62 out 62 , at least I will not allow for our communities to be ignored. We have to get these vaccines to us immediately to make sure that our seniors and families are protected. I am working with an organization a Health Care Provider Essen they're doing fantastic work in terms of getting people vaccinated. If you want to go you have to make an appointment and you have to qualify and they're lowering the requirements so that more people can qualify. So anyone who needs it please make sure that you call Essen. My office information will be put on the chat you can contact us and we can direct you and help you.

It is now that part of the year where we're doing the budget in Albany if anyone has a program and they want to do a budget request for us please let us know. If you want to do that do it now if you're a non-for-profit or any organization that wants to seek funding reach out to our office and will make sure that we put you in the path and help you fill out the forms, either way do it as soon as possible.

We have passed a series of legislation that is aimed at expanding Absentee Ballot access for people and lowering the number of signatures you need to qualify, that's important because we don't want people out there in the community knocking on doors getting COVID or transmitting COVID. It's critical that we lower that number so that we can protect our community before the election. It's also going to allow for remote participation of a party designation stuff and protect our residents that live in Nursing Homes. Last week we also passed a series of packages that helps small businesses we extended the Eviction and Foreclosure moratorium we're seeing a lot of storefronts that are closing down and we have to stop that because small businesses have always been the life blood of our community. If we lose them we lose a lot of economic development in our community and services they provide. We also expanded the Employment Insurance Benefits for employees. Now one important thing about unemployment the New York State Department of Labor is implementing the Hours Based Rule what that means that if before you were a part-time worker you were not entitled to getting unemployment benefits, with this new program being implemented even if you work part-time for those hours that you're not working you will be entitled to unemployment benefits. It's good because now it gives you an incentive to continue to work part-time employment. The State has also extended the foreclosure moratorium until May $1^{\text {st }}$ for tenants that can prove that they are suffering economically because of COVID. Now there is a Hardship Declaration Form that has to be filled out. Any landlord that is going to attempt to evict a tenant, to provide that tenant with that form. If any of you foresee any problems for you, family or friends make sure that they get that Hardship Form or let us know in our office we have a series of Lawyers helping to prevent evictions. I myself in my first life was a Housing Lawyer for about 28 years so I get involved personally with anybody facing any potential eviction. We are also I want to remind everyone about the COVID Rent Relief Program that was created 100 million dollars to help people pay their rent, the

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applications will end on February $1^{\text {st }}$. So if you or anyone you know is in need of rent relief please make sure that you fill this form out on or before Monday, February $1^{\text {st }}$ if not you might miss out on an opportunity of receiving assistance to pay your rent. The applications for relief of your rent you can get it at the Department of Housing and Community Renewal and they're number is 1-833-499-0318 or email covidrentrelief@hcr.ny.gov you make sure you apply if you need it. Now our offices are clearly closed because of COVID but we working at the same pace we have before COVID. We have helped between 6 and 7 hundred individuals navigate the process of getting their unemployment. I can tell you the number of people that get frustrated and give up do not give up, give us call we want to make sure that you get your unemployment benefits, we're also helping with SNAP, cash assistance and Medicaid. I want to tell everyone that we're going to also be passing legislation that I will co-sponsor the primary sponsor is one of my colleagues that is going to require the Department of Labor for their office to increase and provide news about the Share Work Program and information about eligibility. Remember that Share Work Program can reduce layoffs significantly and this is fully funded by the Federal Cares Act. The New York State Department of Labor has a website and it has about 30 to 40 thousand jobs listed, so if anyone you know is looking for a job we encourage you to go to that website. Again you can call our office and our number is 718-991-3161 or at team@senatorsepulveda.com. If you need don't be shy reach out to us we look forward to each and everyone of you calling us and asking for help. We are not out of this by any stretch of the imagination and again if you want vaccines let us know, Yankee Stadium is not opened yet but it's going to become a large location for vaccinations. Bless you all and stay safe.

## Questions and Answers

## The representative for the Honorable Scott Stringer New York City Comptroller said that I

 am the Bronx Borough Director for Comptroller Stringer which means I go to community meetings to let the community know the work our office is doing. There's a lot that the Comptroller has been doing for equity in the city with the vaccine and making sure that students have an appropriate way to learn. But I'm going to focus on just two things so one I'm going to put it in the chat again, we are having a South Bronx Town Hall, what that means is that it's an opportunity for the Comptroller to hear directly from the residents about what the issues are. It's going to be on Wednesday the $3^{\text {rd }}$ at 6 PM he's a citywide elected official so everyone is welcome. We focusing on Community Boards 1, 2 and 3 you have to RSVP in order to attend the meeting and the meeting will be simultaneously translated in Spanish. Secondly which is also exciting is that we are going to be having a summer Internship Program it is paid for Undergraduate and Graduate students and have to be enrolled in college in order to apply, the application deadline is March $5^{\text {th }}$. I'm going to put my information on the chat.
## The representative for the Honorable Councilwoman Diana Ayala said that I just want to

 announce that the Councilmember has been recently appointed as the new Chair of the Committee of Consumer Affairs which has the jurisdiction over the city's Department of Consumer Affairs including practices and policies related to consumer rights. As the newly appointed Chair the Councilmember is extremely honored and excited to have been appointed the Chair of said committee. Having witnessed the committee's oversight in the protection of women's issues she's extremely thrilled to building with her colleagues. As State Senator Sepulveda had indicated it is budget season and at this particular time applications for discretionary and capital funding has commenced, on January $4^{\text {th }}$ it started. Those organizations seeking to apply for discretionary funding that started January $4^{\text {th }}$ as I indicated the submission deadline is Tuesday, February 16th. As well as the capital applications as well, those applications the deadline there is Thursday, February $25^{\text {th }}$. It only applies if your requesting funding fromthe Council or the Department of Cultural Affairs. Also want to highlight that Councilmember Ayala and Councilmember Gibson earlier this month have written a letter to the New York Yankees requesting that and urging them for the stadium to become one of the vaccine hubs, as you all know City Fields had opened its doors. As State Senator Sepulveda said it seems that Yankee Stadium will be one of those 24 hour access points for Bronx residents but more so for those who live in the South Bronx. The last thing I want to say in reference to that homeless project Councilmember Ayala and Representative Torres just last week sent a letter to DHS in opposition of said transferring out of the shelter, they stand with this Board. In the chat I sent over to the District Manager a copy of said letter. The Councilmember got on the phone with the folks from the Mayor's Office and just basically gave them the riot act, this is not an issue of being anti-shelter, I myself was once homeless. Yes we know our people are utilizing these services, we understand that but at the same time we need to ensure that the Administrations in the present and the future adhere to the Fair Share Policies. Why should we bear the brunt of these types of facilities. Okay maybe at one point we had 30 and now we're down to 13 they're not taking into consideration the other social services. So that being said we took the initiative and spoke to Representative Torres basically expressed our opposition and at this point we indicated to DHS and they have not responded to us that we're in total opposition to the change in profile. Which quite frankly the original idea was to help families who were homeless to get back on their feet and then to mislead everyone during their presentation to say oh at that site in 2017 there were men. The men that were part of that shelter were part of the families. So with that being said I conclude.

A motion was made to approve the Elected Officials Reports as presented. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## - Economic Development-Land Use \& Housing \& Education \& Youth

Mr. Cedric L. Loftin said it was approved by the Committee. In reference to a BSA Application for rezoning of a site that is presently in an M1-4 zone. The present site of the school is 164 Bruckner the school has been there over 10 years it was the old site of the Golden Lady a strip club that they ended up renovating and taking over. At this point their space is limited so they're looking to fit this extension into the M zone to open a school there. They are talking about having the new school at 2500 Park Avenue at East $135^{\text {th }}$ Street in an M1-4 Zone. I will give you briefly some parameters of the school, they will serve lower school kindergarten, fourth grade and then extended to a middle school in 2018. The school currently serves 388 students. The school seeks to construct a new school which will be used for the middle school and anticipated high school. The demand for seats has been consistently higher than the space that they're in. Classes are being consolidated and studios are being used for classrooms, the auditorium multi-purpose room converted into a music room and a library and now an eight grade classroom. The new premises which is on a regular lot on Park Avenue and $135^{\text {th }}$ Street, the premises is located in 100 feet in the MX zone, R7 zone which is adjacent to the site, that's why they need expansion and zoning action

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related to it. The proposed project consists of construction of a 6 -story building for a total floor area of approximately 1908 sq . ft. The building would consist of a new gymnasium, bleachers a large theatre, for $6^{\text {th }}$ through $12^{\text {th }}$ grade a robotics lab, a graphic studio, science lab and multi-media center, dance studio an orchestra room a greenhouse and various offices in the school and anticipate enrollment of approximately 770 students. So this is the item that came to the Committee on January $8^{\text {th }}$. The Committee approved the project and now it comes before the Full Board for approval at this particular time. Also at the presentation was the legal team and the Principal of the school.

So that's the item you have before you and the Chair apologizes for not being here.

Motion made to grant a letter of support to the South Bronx Charter School for International Cultures and the Arts for their request to the Board of Standards and Appeals for a special permit pursuant to Zoning Resolution Section 73-19 to construct a new Use Group 3 middle high school at 2500 Park Avenue (199 East $135^{\text {th }}$ Street). Motion duly seconded. The roll was called and there were $20-\mathrm{Yes}$ and 1 -Abstention. The item passed.

Motion made to approve the Committee Report as presented. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed.

## OLD BUSINESS

NONE

## NEW BUSINESS

NONE

Motion Made to adjourn. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed.

## MEETING ADJOURNED

