

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK**



**BOROUGH OF THE BRONX**

**COMMUNITY BOARD #5**

**Honorable Ruben Diaz, Jr., Bronx Borough President**

**Chairperson  
Dr. Bola Omotosho**

**District Manager  
Kenneth Brown**

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2019**

CHAIRMAN DR BOLA OMOTOSHO OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:05. NERO GRAHAM, BOARD MEMBER SAID THE OPENING PRAYER.

BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED THE JANUARY MINUTES. NERO GRAHAM MOVED AND FRANK AMATO SECONDED THAT THE JANUARY MINUTES BE APPROVED WITH THE ADDITIONAL CORRECTIONS. VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY,

LINDA PEDROSA, BOARD MEMBER, UNEXPECTEDLY ANNOUNCED THAT SHE WAS RESIGNING FROM COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE. MS PEDROSA THANKED THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND HOPED THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSIDER ISSUES CONCERNING THE DISABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS. SHE THEN LEFT THE MEETING.

ROY KOSHY, EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST FROM NYC CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS BOARD, ALERTED THE BOARD MEMBERS THAT THEY MUST RECEIVE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST TRAINING EVERY TWO YEARS. HE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED BOARD MEMBERS TO READ THE COMPLIANCE MANUAL IN THE BOARD PACKET, WHICH GIVES RULES ABOUT VOTING, DISCUSSIONS AND DISCLOSURES. HE CONTINUED THE TRAINING. AFTER THE TRAINING, ANY BOARD MEMBER MAY CONTACT HIS OFFICE WHERE ATTORNEYS IF THEY HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TRAINING AND THE MANUAL.

THE CHAIRMAN REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

**NYPD 46<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT**

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OFFICER ANTHONY FIOL AND LEIUTENANT BATISTA PRESENTED THE MONTHLY POLICE REPORT. GRAND LARCENY IS INCREASING. COMMUNITY RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED NOT TO LEAVE CAR KEYS IN THEIR AUTOMOBILES. THE PRECINCT HAS INCREASED PATROLING AROUND SCHOOLS WITH IN THE PRECINCT AND CONDUCTS YOUTH PROGRAMS. FOR MORE INFORMATION THE CONTACT NUMBER IS 929 364 6094. NCO MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 6, 2019, 5:30PM AT L553 UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND ON MARCH 13, 2019, 5:30PM AT DAVIDSON COMMUNITY CENTER. TRAFFIC AGENTS ARE NOT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE NYPD.

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## ELECTED OFFICIALS

FAMOUS KONNEL FROM THE BRONX OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CONGRATULATED THOSE WHO VOTED IN THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECTION. BUT HE REPORTED THAT THE BRONX HAD THE LOWEST TURNOUT. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE MAYORS OFFICE IS PROVIDING BUSES ON MARCH 4 2019, AL BANY LOBBY DAY WHEN RESIDENTS WILL JOIN THE MAYOR IN ASKING THE NYS LEGISLATORS ABOUT MAYORAL CONTROL OF THE NYC PUBLIC SCHOOLS. CONTACT NUMBER IS 646 483 3882.

ANDY TOLEDO, REPRESENTING THE BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT RUBEN DIAZ JR ALSO REPORTED THAT THE VOTER TURNOUT WAS LOW ON PUBLIC ADVOCATE ELECTION DAY. MR TOLEDO REMINDED THE BOARD MEMBERS REAPPOINTMENT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 31 2019. ALSO BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT TAKEN THE MANDATED SEXUAL HARRASMENT TRAINING, MUST DO SO BY MARCH 31, 2019. THE BOROUGH PRESIDENT IS SPONSORING A CONSTRUCTION JOB FAIR ON 3/13/2019. THERE WILL ALSO BE A CAREER FAIR AT HOSTOS ON MARCH 15, 2019.

FELIX GARCIA, REPRESENTING COUNCILMEMBER VANESSA GIBSON, REPORTED THAT THE COUNCILMEMBER WILL GIVE HER STATE OF THE DISTRICT ON MARCH 3, 2019 AT THE BRONX MUSEUM. THE OFFICE ALSO PROVIDE A VAN IN WHICH LAWYERS PROVIDE REGULAR FREE LEGAL SERVICES. THE VAN IS LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE. CONTACT NUMBER IS 718 588 7500.

JOSEPH A MCMANUS, REPRESENTATIVE FOR COUNCILMEMBER RITCHIE TORRES REPORTED THAT THE COUNCIL MEMBER SUPPORTS THE BILL THAT WILL MANDATE THE PUNCTUALITY OF BUSES AND THE SCREENING OF BUS DRIVERS. HE ALSO SUPPORTS CASHLESS BUSINESSES. CONTACT NUMBER IS 718 842 8100.

RAMON SUERO, REPRESENTATIVE FOR ASSEMBLYMEMBER VICTOR PICHARDO, REPORTED THAT THE ASSEMBLYMEMBER IS SUPPORTING BILLS THAT ELIMINATE GENDER DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECT REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS. THE OFFICE CELEBRATED BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND TWO LEADERS WITHIN THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT WERE HONORED. SPANISH AND ENGLISH SPEAKING LAWYERS ARE AVAILABLE TO ADVISE RESIDENTS ABOUT IMMIGRATION ISSUES. NOTARY SERVICES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

HENNESEY REYES, REPRESENTATIVE FOR STATE SENATOR GUSTAVO RIVERA, REPORTED THAT TENANT SPECIALISTS ARE AVAILABLE TO RESOLVE TENANT-LANDLORD PROBLEMS ON TUESDAYS. FREE LEGAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ALSO ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH. FREE NOTARY SERVICES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE. CONTACT NUMBER IS 718 933 2034.

SHARON WILLIAMS, REPRESENTATIVE FOR ASSEMBLYMEMBER LATOYA JOYNER, WAS PRESENT AT THE BOARD MEETING BUT COULD NOT GIVE REPORT BECAUSE OF SEVERE LARINGITIS.

VICTOR HERRERA, REPRESENTATIVE FOR CITY COMPTROLLER, SCOTT SPRINGER, REPORTED THAT THE COMPTROLLER WISHES EVERYONE HAPPY DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE DAY. SUMMER INTERNSHIPS APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE UNTIL MARCH 8, 2019.

ROBERT SPENCER, COMMUNITY LIAISON, REPRESENTATIVE FOR BRONX DISTRICT ATTORNEY DARCEL CLARK :

AFTER ARREST            MARCH 7  
YOU BE THE JUDGE    APRIL 24  
GANGS AWARENESS    MAY

THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE HIRING OF THE COMMUNITY ASSISTANT IS IN THE BOARD PACKET. ADVERTISEMENT OF THE POSITION IS IN THE CHIEF, BRONX TIMES AND EL DIARIO FROM FEBRUARY 25 TO MARCH 25 2019.

#### **CHAIRMAN REPORT**

CHAIRMAN OMOTOSHO ANNOUNCED THAT NICOLE JORDAN, BRONX BOROUGH DIRECTOR OF NYC DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES WILL REPORT ON PROPOSED THREE SHELTERS IN THE BRONX ,IN COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE, ON MARCH 11.

THE CHAIRMAN ACKNOWLEDGED JACOB GROSS FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM.

MT HOPE COMPANY IS HAVING OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PARK ON BURNSIDE AND CRESTON AVENUES ON MARCH 13, 2019.

THE CHAIRMAN EMPHASIZED THAT ANY BOARD MEMBER WHO USES THE BOARD'S LETTER HEAD FOR PERSONAL COMMUNICATION, IS IN VIOLATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST LAW

HE ENCOURAGED ALL BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE CLAUSE IN THE PROPOSED BYLAWS, WAS SENT TO THE BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE FOR REVIEW.

#### **DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**

KENNETH BROWN, DISTRICT MANAGER STATED THAT THE REPORT IS IN THE BOARD PACKET. MR BROWN HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS CONCERNING BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT; ONE NYC; MONTEFIORE METHADONE CENTER; MORRIS GARDEN CORE GROUP; BRONX BUS DESIGN; BROTHERS AT BARD; MORRIS GARDEN GROUP AND PARKS SYRINGE DISPOSAL.

**VOTING ITEM:** THE DEVELOPERS OF 29 FEATHERBED LANE WERE NOT PRESENT FOR QUESTIONS.

DARINKA MALDONANDO MOVED AND DISAMNIS PEREZ SECONDED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT 29 FEATHERBED LANE. VOTE: 0 YES 22 NO 3 ABSTENTION 2 BOARD MEMBERS DID NOT VOTE. MOTION WAS DEFEATED

KINSELY JABOUIN MOVED AND ANGEL CABALLERO SECONDED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REGISTER OF COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET WITH ANY OMISSIONS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SALLIE SMITH, COMMUNITY ADVOCATE GAVE A BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION OF HER DISPLAY OF BLACK INVENTORS AND THEIR INVENTIONS.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

SALLIE SMITH ASKED WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE BIKE RACKS IN COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE?

JACQUELINE BROWN, ACTING MANAGER OF THE FRANCIS MARTIN LIBRARY AT 2150 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, BRONX, WELCOME ALL TO USE ITS SERVICES AND PROGRAMS. AND SHE DISTRIBUTED LITERATURE ABOUT THE LIBRARY.

JACOB GROSS FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM IS DOING A STUDY ON UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. HE WELCOMES BOARD AND COMMUNITY INPUT THAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE STUDY.

JUDITH EISENBERG, GRANT DIRECTOR FOR BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS SEEKING SUGGETIONS REGARDING THE DESIGN OF THE HALL OF FAME; INTERESTED ARTISTS, A CAMPUS CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM AND EXTENDED USES OF THE GOULD MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

PUBLIC SESSION ENDED.

**OLD BUSINESS** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS** NONE

**BOARD COMMITTEE'S REPORTS**

PABLO BLANCO, CO-CHAIR OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, STATED THAT THE REPORT IS IN THE BOARD PACKET.

FRANK AMATO, CHAIR OF THE JEROME AVENUE PLAN COMMITTEE, STATED HE WILL GIVE AN UPDATE AT THE NEXT GENERAL BOARD MEETING.

ANGEL CABALLERO, CO-CHAIR OF PARKS COMMITTEE, REPORTED THAT THE BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTS WILL DO A WALK THROUGH OF AQUEDUCT PARK.

ANGEL CABALLERO, CHAIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, STATED AT THE NEXT MEETING, THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE THE NEIGHBORHOOD 360 PROGRAM.

BELINDA LAWRENCE CHAIR OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HIRING A COMMUNITY ASSISTANT, COMMITTEE IS COLLECTING RESUMES OF INTERESTED APPLICANTS.

ANNETTE DEJESUS AND CARLOS ROSARIO ARE STILL WORKING ON ARRANGING WORKSHOPS ON MENTAL HEALTH AID AND NARXOLONE TRAINING.

KENDALL LEWIS, CHAIR OF YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT NAMES OF FIVE NOMINEES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE YANKEES ORGANIZATION FOR THE YANKEE SCHOLARSHIPS.

NERO GRAHAM, CHAIR OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, REPORTED AT THE MARCH MEETING, THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE MTA PRESENTATION ON #32 BUS LINE AND THE TAXI BASE ON JEROME AVENUE, BRONX.

BOARD MEMBERS CELEBRATED THE FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS OF BELINDA LAWRENCE AND MARIA ROSADO.

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS ON MARCH 27, 2019

THE MEETING ENDED AT 9:04PM.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

THOMASINA BUSHBY  
BOARD MEMBER AND SECRETARY