

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
JANUARY 23, 2019**

FIRST VICE CHAIRPERSON ANGEL CABALLERO OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:10PM IN THE ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN DR BOLA OMOTOSHO. MUHHAMED F ISLAM SAID THE OPENING PRAYER.

ANGEL CABALLERO REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

ELECTED OFFICIALS

DESTINY CRUZ, REPRESENTATIVE FOR ASSEMBLYMEMBER VICTOR PICHARDO, REPORTED THAT THAT THERE IS FREE NOTARY SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE LOCATED 2175 JEROME AVENUE, SUITE C, BRONX. THE CONTACT NUMBER IS 718 933 6909. TENANT SUPPORT SERVICES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE. THE ASSEMBLYMEMBER IS SPONSORING A BLACK HISTORY EVENT IN DAVIDSON COMMUNITY CENTER IN FEBRUARY 2019.

NANETTE ALVARADO, REPRESENTATIVE FOR ASSEMBLYMEMBER, RITCHIE TORRES, REPORTED THAT THE OFFICE IS OFFERING FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES. THE CONTACT NUMBER IS 718 842 8100.

GREGORY FAULKNER, REPRESENTATIVE FOR COUNCILMEMBER FERNANDO CABRERA, REPORTED THAT THE COUNCILMAN WILL REACH OUT TO FURLOUGHED FEDERAL WORKERS FACING EVICTIONS.THE OFFICE WILL BEGIN TO ALSO REACH OUT TO SMALL BUSINESSES WITHIN BOARD FIVE.THERE WILL ALSO BE FOLLOWUP TO HOMEOWNERS REGARDING PROPERTY TAXES INCREASES. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY GROUPS.THE COUNCILMAN IS INTERESTED COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY.

SUAD HASSAN, REPRESENTATIVE FOR STATE SENATOR JOSE SERRANO REPORTED THAT THE SENATOR STILL MEETS WITH HIS CONSTITUENCY AT THE HIGHBRIDGE AND SEDGEWICK LIBRARIES EACH MONTH.

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FAMOUS KONNEL, REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BRONX OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, REPORTED THAT MAYOR DEBLASIO WILL HOLD TOWN HALL MEETINGS IN EVERY BOROUGH. THE FAIR FARE METRO PROGRAM HAS BEGUN.

ANDY TOLEDO, REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT RUBEN DIAZ JR, REPORTED THAT THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NEW COMMUNITY BOARD APPLICATIONS FEBRUARY 8, 2019. CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS MUST SUBMIT REAPPOINTMENT APPLICATIONS ALSO. ALL BOARD MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE THE MANDATED SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING. MR TOLEDO WISHED THE BOARD AN HAPPY NEW YEAR AND MANY MORE.

MAXIMO JAVIER, REPRESENTATIVE FOR CONGRESSMEMBER ADRIANO ESPAILLAT, REPORTED THAT THE OFFICE IS SPONSORING A JOB FAIR AT PS 229 ON MARCH 14, 2019. THE CONGRESSMEMBER REQUESTED APPROPRIATIONS FOR FURLOUGHED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES DURING THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.

SHARON WILLIAMS, REPRESENTATIVE FOR ASSEMBLYMEMBER LATOYA JOYNER, REPORTED THAT THE OFFICE WILL OFFER CAREER SERVICES INFORMATION ON FEBRUARY 5, 2019. TAX PREPARATION SERVICES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE DURING MARCH AND APRIL 2019. CONTACT NUMBER IS 718 538 2000.

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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OFFICER ANTHONY FIOL IS THE LEAD LIAISON FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS IN THE PRECINCT. HE ANNOUNCED THE DATES OF THE NCO MEETINGS IN COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT ROBBERIES SHOWED AN INCREASE REGARDING CELL PHONES, CAR BREAK INS AND FIRESCAPE WINDOWS. THE NEXT PRECINCT COUNCIL MEETING IS FEBRUARY 19, 2019. YOUTH AGES 14-19 AND 10-13 CAN ENROLL IN THE PRECINCT'S YOUTH PROGRAMS. THE NYPD WELCOMES IDEAS FROM THE BOARD AND COMMUNITY REGARDING YOUTH ACTIVITIES WITHIN COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE.

COUNCILMEMBER VANESSA GIBSON WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR. SHE REPORTED THAT COMMUNITY REQUESTS APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM EXPENSE IS DUE BY MID FEBRUARY. \$400 REBATES FOR THE PROPERTY OWNERS DID NOT PASS THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED THE MINUTES. BELINDA LAWRENCE MOVED AND NERO GRAHAM SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2018 BE APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS. VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VOTING ITEM: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR 2195 MORRIS AVENUE FULL STREET CLOSURE
NERO GRAHAM MOVED AND RAYNOLD OWUSU SECONDED THAT THE LETTER
OF SUPPORT BE APPROVED. 18 YES 0 NO 4 ABSTENTIONS
1 ABSENCE MOTION PASSED.

VICE CHAIRMAN ANGEL CABALLERO THAT ALL BOARD MEMBERS MUST ATTEND COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN ORDER FOR THEM TO KNOW THE REQUESTS MADE IN THE GENERAL MEETING.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

THE REPORT IS IN THE BOARD PACKET. KENNETH BROWN, DISTRICT MANGER HIGHLIGHTED CERTAIN ITEMS. HE STATED THAT BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS LAUNCHED A PROGRAM REPURPOSING THE HALL OF FAME.THERE IS A CALL FOR ART WORK IN THE HALL OF FAME THAT REFLECTS THE RACIAL DIVERSITY IN THE BRONX. HE ALSO SUMMARIZED ITEMS IN HIS REPORT.

PUBLIC SESSION

CARLOS ROSARIO, BOARD MEMBER, IS BRINGING THE NYC MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING TO BOARD FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THIS WORKSHOP.HE ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO ATTEND IT AT DAVIDSON COMMUNITY CENTER.

DENISE PERRY, BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCED THAT THE RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL ROCKETTES ARE COMING TO THE BRONX TO DO A DANCE WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS ON JANUARY 27, 2019 AT THE MILLENNIUM DANCE COMPANY.

DAVID CABA IS THE DIRECTOR OF B.R.A.G. IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT PREVENTS GUN VIOLENCE IN COMMUNITY BOAR FIVE.THERE WAS NO GUN VIOLENCE IN FEBRUARY.THE ORGANIZATION ALSO PROVIDES EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH.

PILAR MASCHI PARTNERSHIP FOR PARKS WILL HOST A FORUM AT DAVIDSON COMMUNITY CENTER ON FEBRUARY 26, 2019 TO TRANSFORM PARKS IN COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE. CONTACT NUMBER IS 212 602 5347.

ROBERTO RODRIQUEZ IS SUPPORTING POSTAL BANKING IN THE BRONX.THIS FINANCIAL SERVICE WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE U.S POSTAL SERVICE.

PUBLIC SESSION ENDED.

OLD BUSINESS NONE

NEW BUSINESS NONE

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS FEBRUARY 27, 2019.

MEETNG ENDED 8: 45PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

THOMASINA BUSHBY
BOARD MEMBER AND SECRETARY