

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 MEETING

MINUTES

MARCH 27, 2019

CHAIRPERSON DR BOLA OMOTOSHO OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:10PM. NERO GRAHMAN, BOARD MEMBER, SAID THE OPENING PRAYER AND BLESSED THE FOOD. MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES WERE WELCOME TO EAT THE MEAL PROVIDED.

BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED THE FEBRUARY 2019 MINUTES. THERE WERE THREE CORRECTIIONS.THE CHAIRPERSON REQUESTED BOARD APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS. THE BOARD APPROVED THE MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS.

CHAIRPERSN OMOTOSHO REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

ELECTED OFFICIALS

ANDY TOLEDO, REPRESENTING THE BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT RUBEN DIAZ JR, REPORTED THAT REAPPOINTMENT LETTERS WILL BE SENT NEXT WEEK. SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING WILL BE HELD JUNE 2019. ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE MANDATED TO TAKE THIS TRAINING. THE BRONX ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT IS POSTED ON THE BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S WEBSITE. THE COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE RECEIVED 3.8 MILLION DOLLARS FOR DEVELOPMENT. THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON REPORT INDICATED THAT THE BRONX IS SIXTY TWO ON THE LIST OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS.

JEFERY TOLENTINO, REPRESENTING CONGRESSMEMBER ADRIANO ESPIATT, REPORTED THAT PAMPHLETS ON VETERAN SERVICES ARE IN THE OFFICE AT 3530 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX.

ANGELICA CAPELLAN REPRESENTING ASSEMBLMEMBER LATOYA JOYNER, REPORTED THAT IMMIGRATION SCREENING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 23, 2019; TENANT SUPPORT SPECIALIST IS AVAILABLE FOR LANDLORD HARASSMENT ISSUES; FREE LEGAL SERVICES ON EVERY FOURTH THURSDAY; AND FREE INCOME TAX

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PREPARATION AVAILABLE ON APRIL 2 AND 4/12. ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE AT 910 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX. CONTACT NUMBER IS 781 538 2000.

SUAD, REPRESENTING STATE SENATOR SERRANO, REPORT THAT THE OFFICE STILL OPERATES IN THE BRONX AT THE HIGHBRIDGE AND SEDGEWICK LIBRARIES.

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LIEUTENANT BATISTA REPORTED THAT RAPE AND BURGLARIES ARE UP. BUT CRIME IN THE PAST MONTH IS DOWN 14%. HE ADVISED THE BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY TO BE AWARE OF STRANGES WHO TRY TO GET MONEY IN THE EXCHANGE FOR GOODS. OFFICER SAMMY PEREZ REPORTED THAT THERE WERE FIRES AT 1925 UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND WEBSTER AVENUE. THE PRECINCT IS ANNOUNCING A COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR FOR 3 YEARS OLD TO 13 YEAR OLDS. AT ST MARGARET MARY SCHOOL ON MORRIS AVENUE ON APRIL 27, 2019.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

CHAIRPERSON OMOTOSHO REQUESTED THAT COMMITTEE AGENDAS AND MONTHLY MINUTES BE SENT ONE WEEK BEFORE THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY. ANGEL CABALLERO ADDED THAT THE BOARD IS HAVING A MEET AND GREET EVENT ON APRIL 30, 2019 SO THAT THEY CAN BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER. THE CHAIRPERSON REMINDED PARTICIPANTS THAT THE MEAL PROVIDED TO BOARD MEMBERS MUST BE SHARED WITH ATTENDEES AT THE GENERAL MEETINGS. THE CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCED THAT ALL COMMITTEES MEETINGS WILL BE HELD EITHER ON TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS OR THURSDAYS, IN THE FUTURE. THE CHAIRPERSON ACKNOWLEDGED THE PRESENCE OF DISTRICT MANAGER, JOHN SANCHEZ FROM COMMUNITY BOARD 6.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

THE DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT IS IN THE BOARD PACKET. KENNETH BROWN, DISTRICT MANAGER HIGHLIGHTED THE BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE RE-PURPOSING OF GOULD MEMORIAL LIBRARY; MT HOPE GARDEN RIBBON CUTTING; THE JEROME AVENUE EMPLOYMENT WORKFORCE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY AND THE GRAND CONCOURSE UNDERPASS WARNING SIGNAL.

DARINKA MALDONALDO MENTIONED THAT DSS IS PROPOSING THREE SHELTERS FOR THE COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE AREA. CURRENTLY COMMUNITY BOARD 6 HAS 23 SHELTERS ACCORDING TO DISTRICT MANAGER SANCHEZ.

JASMINE FROM MONTIFILORE COMMUNITY OCCUPATION COMPLETED A SURVEY ON THE STATUS OF HEALTH IN THE BRONX. AS A RESULT, THE HOSPITAL HAS ESTABLISHED A DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM; HIRE HEALTH EDUCATORS; HIRED SPECIALISTS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATORS FOR THE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS. SHE ALSO DISTRIBUTED THE SURVEYS TO BOARD MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES.

PRESENTATION: GUEST SPEAKERS:

TOYIN OMOLOLA, CEO OF DSI INTERNATIONAL GAVE A PRESENTATION ON THE AGENCY'S SERVICES TO UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS. THEY ADVOCATE FOR DRIVERS LICENSES AND HEALTH CARE FOR ALL FOR IMMIGRANTS. THE AGENCY ALSO DOES WORKSHOPS. CONTACT NUMBER IS 347 257 4244. OR 212 627 2227 EXT 244

PUBLIC SESSION

JOSH SANCHEZ ANNOUNCED WITHIN COMMUNITY BOARD 6, THERE WILL BE A 5K RUN FOR LUPUS AWARENESS AT TREMONT PARK, ON MAY 18, 2019. CONTACT NUMBER IS 718 579 6990.

THOMASINA BUSHBY ATTENDED A BCDI MEETING IN WHICH CONCERNS OF DAY CARE PROVIDERS ABOUT THE TRANSFER OF CHILD CARE AGENCIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. WAS BEING DISCUSSED. SHE ENCOURAGED PARENTS TO CONTACT THEIR PROVIDERS ABOUT THIS TRANSFER.

JOSE CABALLO, COMMUNITY RELATIONS LIAISON OF MONTEFIORE HOSPITAL WILL CONDUCT SAFE AFFORDABLE HOUSING EDUCATION AND ECONOMICS SESSION.

SHANNON GOODSON ANNOUNCED THAT THERE IS A NEW OPTICAL CENTER ON BURNSIDE AND JEROME AVENUES, BRONX

PUBLIC SESSION ENDED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

THE PARKS COMMITTEE REPORT IS IN THE BOARD PACKET. ROBERT WHETSTONE CHAIR HIGHLIGHTED THE PRESENTATION OF MS FRANCES RODRIGUEZ ON THE RENNOVATION PLANS FOR ROBERTO CLEMENTE STATE PARK. CHAIRPERSON BOLA ENCOURAGED ALL BOARD MEMBERS TO SEE THESE PLANS AND VISIT THE PARK. GREEN THUMB APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED COMMUNITY GROUPS.

PABLO BLANCO, CO-CHAIR OF LAND USE ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 18, 2019.

THE HOUSING REPORT IS IN THE BOARD PACKET. DARINKA MALDONADO STATED THAT THE NEXT HOUSING MEETING IS APRIL 18, 2019.

THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES REPORT IS IN THE BOARD PACKET. NERO GRAHAM, CHAIR OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, HIGHLIGHTED THE PRESENTATION OF JACQUELINE CARTER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT. SHE STATED THAT THE MTA WILL HOLD AN OPENHOUSE EVENT IN MAY AND JUNE 2019.

THE YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT IS IN THE BOARD PACKET. THE YOUTH COMMITTEE IS PLANNING AN EVENT IN JUNE 2019.

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT IS IN THE BOARD PACKET.

THERE WERE BOARD CONCERNS EXPRESSED ABOUT THE ABSENCE OF COUNCILMEMBER FERNANDO CABRERA AT THE MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE JEROME REZONING PLAN, LED BY COUNCILMEMBER VANESSA GIBSON.

BELINDA LAWRENCE, CHAIR OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE HIRING OF A COMMUNITY ASSISTANT, REPORTED THAT THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION IS MARCH 25 THE COMMITTEE WILL SCREEN RESUMES ON APRIL 2, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS NONE

NEW BUSINESS

GRISSET MEDINA CONDUCTED A BRIEF NOXALONE TRAINING FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS REGARDING THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW.

BOARD MEMBERS CELEBRATED APRIL BIRTHDAYS.

MEETING ENDED AT 9PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

THOMASINA BUSHBY
BOARDMEMBER AND SECRETARY