

**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  
MAY 22, 2019**

CHAIRMAN BOLA OMOTOSHO OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:04PM. MOHAMMED ASLAM SAID THE OPENING PRAYER. THIRTEEN MEMBERS WERE PRESENT IMAN ASLAM INVITED THE BOARD AND COMMUNITY TO ATTEND THE RAMADAN DISCUSSION PROGRAM ON MAY 24, 2019, AT 7PM I THE DAVIDSON COMMUNITY CENTER.

CHAIRMAN OMOTOSHO REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS:**

FELIX GARCIA, REPRESENTATIVE FOR COUNCILMEMBER VANESSA GIBSON REPORTED THAT A CENSUS TOWN HALL WILL BE HELD ON MAY 23, 2019 IN SERVIAN HALL, 2848 BAINBRIDGE AVENUE, BRONX, BETWEEN 6pm TO 8PM; A YOUTH FORUM WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 8, 2019; COUNCILMEMBER WILL SPONSOR THE HOUSING CONFERENCE ON JUNE 13, 2019 AT THE BRONX MUSEUM. THE GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE PUBLIC ADVOCATE, JUMANEE WILLIAMS; HER CARRIBBEAN CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD ON MAY 27, 2019; AND SILENT DISCO WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 28, 2019. THE OFFICE CONTINUES TO PROVIDE FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO FAMILIES, TENANTS AND IMMIGRANTS. CONTACT NUMBER IS 718 588 7500.

SHARON WILLIAMS, REPRESENTATIVE FOR ASSEMBLYMEMBER LATOYA JOYNER, REPORTED THAT THE OFFICE IS PARTNERING WITH BRONXWORKS TO SERVICE SENIORS IN THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY BETWEEN 11AM AND 3PM AT THE ASSEMBLY OFFICE, 910 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX.

SUAD HASAN, REPRESENTATIVE FOR STATE SENATOR JOSE SERRANO, REPORTED THAT THE SENATOR CONTINUES TO MEET AND SERVICE BRONX CONSTINUENCY IN LIBRARIES OR SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS. HE PROVIDES INFORMATION ABOUT CENSUS JOBS, TENNT LEGAL SERVICES. HE ALSO HAS HELPED TO SUPOORT AND PASSES BILLS REGARDING DAYCARE CENTERS.

VICTOR PICHARDO, ASSEMBLYMEMBER ANNOUNCED THAT THE TWO LEGISLATIVE HOUSES IN ALBANY ARE MAJORITY DEMOCRAT;; HE ALSO THANKED THE BOARDMEMBERS DEALING WITH REN REGULATIONS IN THE BRONX; HE IS SUPPORTING A PACKA REGE OF NINE BILLS REGARDING RENT REGULATIONS THAT RELATE TO THE BAN OF LANDLORDS PUSHING OUT TENANTS FROM THEIR APARTMENT BUILDINGS; THE OFFICE STILL PROVIDES FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO IMMIGRANTS, TENANTS. THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 2175 JEROME AVENUE. THE

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CONTACT NUMBER IS 718 933 6909. HE ALSO CO SPONSORS BILL ALONG WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHARLES BARON, A380 REGARDING REPARATIONS FOR THE DESCENDANTS OF AFRICAN SLAVES IN New York STATE. ASSEMBLYMMEMBER BARON ALSO WANTS TO ELIMINATE THE SAT STATE EXAMINATIONS.

ANDY TOLEDO, REPRESENTATIVE FOR BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT RUBEN DIAZ JR REPORTED THAT THE BOROUGH HAD A GREAT BRONX WEEK; REAPPOINTMENT LETTERS WILL BE SENT NEXT WEEK; HE THANKED THE BOARDMEMBERS FOR THEIR WORK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR;

**PRECINCT 46 REPORT**

LIEUTENANT NOVELLO REPORTED THAT CRIME IS DOWN 14%; THERE WERE TWO SHOOTINGS AT 178 STREET AND ANTHONY AVENUE AND 181 STREET AND WALTON STREET; NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT WILL BE ON THE FIRST TUESDAY IN AUGUST; THE NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATING OFFICERS HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE; THE NEXT PRECINCT COUNCIL MEETING IS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY IN JUNE 2018;THE PRECINCTT"S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS IS SPONSORING A RENAMING OF 1660 ANDREWS AVENUE AND MEMORIAL MASS ON JUNE8, 2019 TO HONOR FALLEN DETECTIVE SEAN CARRINGTON.

THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT THERE IS A QUORUM AT 7:48PM. HE ASKED ALL BOARDMEMBERS TO REVIEW THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 27 AND APRIL 24 2019,

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

CHAIRPERSON OMOTOSHO THANKED BOARDMEMBERS FOR ATTENDING THE MEET AND GREET EVENT ON APRIL 30, 2019.DAVIDSON COMMUNITY CENTER PROVIDED THE FOOD. THE CHAIRPERSON ATTENDED A MEETING WITH FRANK AMATO REGARDING THE POOR HEALTH OUTCOMES IN THE BRONX.

THE CHAIRPERSON ASKED THE BOARDMEMBERS FOR ANY CORRECTIONS TO THE MARCH AND APRIL MINUTES. SUZANNE MARKLAND-SUWAREH STATED THAT PART OF HER NAME WAS MISSPELLED. VOTE: ANNETTE MOVED AND THERESA MIMS SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES BE APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS THERE WERE NO NAYES OR ABSTENTIONS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

THE CHAIRPERSON REQUESTED THAT THE SECRETARY PRODUCE THE JUNE 2018 MINUTES FOR THE PURPOSES OF APPROVING THE NEW BYLAWS AT JUNE 2019 BOARD MEETING.THE BOARD MUST VOTE FOR NEW OFFICERS IN JUNE 2019. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE SUZANNE MARKLAND-SUWAREH, GRISET MEDINA, AND ANNETTE DEJESUS. THEY WILL PRESENT THE NOMINEES FOR CHAIR, FIRST VICE CHAIR, SECOND CHAIR, SECRETARY AND TREASURER. THE ELECTIONS WILL BE BASED ON THE OLD BYLAWS. SUZANNE MARKLAND-SUWAREH ATTENDED THE COMMUNITY BOARD 9 MEETING TO OBSERVE THE BEST PRACTICES. SHE OBSERVED THE BOARD WAS ORGANIZED; THERE WAS LARGE ATTENDANCE; THE PUBLIC SESSION WAS HELD IN THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING; ELECTED OFFICIALS MUST STAYUNTIL THE END OF THE MEETING AND NO FOOD WAS PROVIDED. THE BOARD PREFERS FAMILY SHELTERS.

**THE CHAIRPERSON REQUESTED THE DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**

KENNETH BROWN, DISTRICT MANAGER HIGHLIGHTED THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF THE REPORT:THE DISTRICT MANAGER ATTENDED HEALTH TASK FORCE MEETINGS ON SYRINGE PROGRAM AND ECHO PARK PROBLEMS;BETWEEN APRIL 15 AND APRIL 30, 2019 THE COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE OFFICE WAS DISPLACED DUE TO ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS ON THE BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS. THE BOARD RESUMED ITS FUNCTIONS AT ITS OFFICE

IN GOULD HALL; THE NEW COMMUNITY ASSISTANT WAS INTRODUCED TO THE BOARDMEMBERS.SHE BEGINS WORKING ON JUNE 3 2019.

**VOTING ITEM:**

THE CHAIRPERSON ASKED IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LETTER OF APPROVAL FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GYRO KING APPLICATION.

**VOTE:** NERO GRAHAM MOVED AND FRANK AMATO AND ANGEL CABALLERO SECONDED THAT COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE APPROVE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GYRO KING. VOTE: 17  
YES 1 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS MOTION PASSED

**PRESENTATIONS:**

THE CENSUS BUREAU CAN BE CONTACTED AT 718 450 8241 REGARDING THE 2020 CENSUS TOWNHALL EVENT, JOB APPLICATIONS AND MORE INFORMATION.

THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CAN BE CONTACTED AT 212 748 6680 ABOUT IMPROVING TRAFFIC SAFETY AT 174 STREET AND 176 STREET AT JEROME AVENUE, BRONX.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT LINCOLN HOSPITAL HAS OPENED AN EXPRESS CARE SERVICE WITHIN ITS EMERGENCY ROOM FROM 8AM TO 8PM PLUS HOLIDAYS.

SAMUEL ANSAH, DIRECTOR OF THE SEDGEWICK LIBRARY LOCATED AT 1701 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WILL OPEN A PHOTO TRAINING PROGRAM THAT WILL SHOW THE COMMUNITY HOW TO USE A CAMERA ON SATURDAYS FROM 2PM TO 3:30PM.

BRONXWORKS SENIOR CENTER AT 181 STREET AND MORRIS AVENUE PROVIDES MEALS, SERVICES AND TRANSPORTATION TO SENIOR CITIZENS.

SALLIE SMITH INVITED A CHURCH MEMBER; DOROTHY ROSE TO THE BOARD MEETING.MS SMITH ATTENDS EVERY BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT HOW SENIOR CITIZENS ARE BEING DROPPED OFF IN THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE SENIOR CENTER. SHE FEELS THERE SHOULD BE SAFE SPOTS FOR THE SENIORS TO ENTER AND LEAVE THE BUS.MS SMITH ALSO WANTS THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK EARLIER IN THE BOARD MEETINGS.

CHAIRMAN OMOTOSHO ACKNOWLEDGED A FORMER BOARDMEMBER, PIERINA SANCHEZ AND ASKED HER TO SPEAK. SHE STATED THAT SHE MISSES EVERYONE. CURRENTLY SHE IS A LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE WORKING ON LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

ALBERTO PIZZARO STATED THAT HE NEEDS THE BOARD'S SUPPORT IN ORDER TO SPONSOR THE FIRST HIP HOP FESTIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD ON THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 10 2019 WHICH IS THE BIRTHDAY OF HIP HOP IN THE BRONX.

SHANNON GOODSON REPORTED THAT THE BURNSIDE AVENUE BUSINESS DISTRICT WILL UNDERTAKE THE BEAUTIFICATION OF BURNSIDE AVENUE, TREMONT AVENUE AND JEROME AVENUE. ALSO THE ASSOCIATION WILL SPONSOR STREET FESTIVAL ON JUNE 29, 2019. ANGEL CABALLERO STATED THAT ALL AGENCIES ARE WELCOMED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL.

MARSHA ROGERS, BOARD MEMBER, REQUEST HELP FOR SENIORS WHO CANNOT CLIMB STAIR.

DENISE PERRY, BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCED THAT ONE HUNDRED GIRLS WILL PARTICIPATE IN A DANCE COMPETITION

PUBLIC SESSION ENDED.

BOARD MEMBERS CELEBRATED MAY BIRTHDAYS OF BOARD MEMBER, FRANK AMATO AND THE SON OF LASHAWNDA DODSON, BOARD STAFF MEMBER.

ALL COMMITTEE REPORT IS IN THE BOARD MEMBER'S PACKETS.

MEETING ENDED AT 8:29PM.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

THOMASINA BUSHBY  
BOARDMEMBER AND SECRETARY