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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

BARBARA STRONCZER, CHAIRPERSON

ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 @ 6:30 PM | Botanical Gardens

Welcome by Barbara Stronczer to all with best wishes for a safe summer. She announced that this will be the last scheduled meeting until September.

I) Public Session

- A) Dilletta Pena spoke about the proposed reserved parking spots for other than residents in our community. She recommends contacting our City Council about the inconveniences this plan will cause. She reminded all about voting in the election on June 26th.
- B) Lieutenant Sandra Cabon introduced an organization she is associated with as a chaplain. It is a resource agency which provides food and other support for needy people.
- C) Jane Addison from the Mosholu Library announced the summer activities at the library. On June 30th the Bronx Health Network will host a Nutrition Workshop on eating well and exercising. In June, July and August there will be free book readings for children aged 8 – 11 yrs. The STEM Program will be on Tuesdays at 3 pm. It includes Music, Electricity and Water. It is open to children 5 yrs. +.
- D) Elizabeth Quaranta from the Friends of Mosholu Parkland announced a Wellness Fair to take place at Frisch Field on Sunday from 12 – 4 pm. There will be fun, games, activities and music. All are invited. The goal is to revitalize the community. It's free. All are invited. On June 28th there will be a movie under the stars.
- E) Ron Jordan from Councilman Torres office announced that Participatory Budgeting brought in 4500 votes. The funding will support lap tops and libraries in the community.
- F) P.O Eccevaria from the 52 pct. reviewed the stats which showed rape, burglary, grand larceny and grand larceny auto up. August 7th will be National Night Out. A question session followed his presentation.
- G) Councilman Fernando Cabrera greeted all by announcing that the City Council passed a bill increasing CB funding in the amount of \$ 43,000. Passing the bill came with the support of Corey Johnson. CB s can now plan on activities for the coming year that will support projects to enhance quality of life for community residents.
- H) Heide Salazar from Assemblyman Victor Pichardo's office announcing that the office is open for information and support with housing, SCRIE, evictions, overcharges and more. Every Thursday from 11 – 3 pm at 2175 Jerome Avenue, Suite C or call (718) 933 – 6909.



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- I) Madelyn McNamee announced that Congressman Adrian Espaillat's office on the Grand Concourse is open.
- J) Jean Happersaud from the Bronx Library thanked the CB and the elected officials for continued support of the library. On Friday's Citizenship and ESL classes are available.
- K) Marie DeLaCruz from NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's office announced an event at Hunter College on Thursday to celebrate Post Eid al Fitr.
 - 1) There is an event planned for the summer in the Bronx where one can talk directly with the Comptroller. Date TBA.
- L) Andy Toledo, from the Bronx Borough President's office announced that the reappointment letters have gone out. New members will be notified this week.
 - 1) There will be a ULURP Workshop planned for this summer.
 - 2) All are invited to the fireworks on Thursday at 8:30 pm.
- M) Odis Guerrero representing Assemblywoman Natalia Fernandez introduced herself and wished all a happy and safe summer.
- N) She wants input on issues. Call her at (718) 109-0109.

II) Closing of Public Session/Opening of Board Meeting

- A) Attendance was taken. Quorum present.
- B) The Minutes and the Agenda were approved

III) Chairperson's Report

- A) Barbara reminded members that Jackie from MAS needs information on your Committee's accomplishments over the year and pictures of Committee activities.
- B) Barbara remarked on the bus tour and luncheon and rated it a success.

IV) District Manager's Report

V) Election for Chair and Treasurer

- A) Andrew Laiosa distributed ballots to the Board members with assistance from Dilletta Pena. After the ballots were collected the votes were tallied.

VI) Committee Reports

- A) Community Relations/Economic Development
 - 1) Lorita Watson reported on the Outreach Event to take place in Devoe Park on Saturday



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- B) Education - No report
- C) Environment - No report
- D) Health & Hospitals - No report
- E) Housing, Land Use & Zoning
 - 1) Jean Hill reported on the 2 developments proposed for the community. One issue causing problems is the lack of parking with the new buildings.
- F) Parks & Recreation
 - 1) Barbara reported on the presentation of the proposed dog run at St. James Park at the cost of \$ 650,000 supported by Councilman Cabrera. A Letter of Support is being requested for the project. A Motion was made to send the letter. Before the vote was taken there was much discussion and concern about the maintenance and clean-up of the dog run. The motion was made with the proviso about the maintenance and clean-up of the run. The motion was approved with 5 members opposed: Lowell Green, Myrna Calderon, Cynthia O Neal- Riley, Yajaira Arias and Andrew Laiosa.
- G) Public Safety - No report
- H) Senior Services
 - 1) Lowell Green reported that Senior Services will no longer be a standing committee but would be part of the newly formed Human Services Committee.
 - 2) She warned members about scams directed at seniors and to keep vigilant in reporting them to the proper authorities and to remind one's elderly neighbors about scams.
- I) Traffic & Transportation
 - 1) Edgar Ramos reported on the Bedford Park station presentation.
 - 2) There will be a DOT Pilot program on Bike share to be tested on Fordham Road. Vendors will be selected in July. DOT will also introduce a Car Share program in Parkchester to begin on June 1st.
 - 3) The Committee reviewed the Capital and Expense Budget and recommended much needed maintenance and upkeep.
- J) Veterans
 - 1) The Committee had a representative from the Veterans Administration at their Committee meeting who described many of the benefits that veterans are entitled to. They are located at 851 Grand Concourse. Arrangements will be made for a follow-up meeting in the fall.



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K) Budget, Personnel & Ethics

- 1) Andrew Laiosa reported on the spending down of the remaining funds in the CB budget; any unspent funds will be returned.
- 2) The results of the Election were announced:
 - a) Chairperson: Jean Hill - 20 votes
 - b) Treasurer: Edgar Ramos - 20 votes
- 3) There will be an opening for 2nd Vice Chair now that Jean Hill has vacated that position for Chair. Nominations will be made in September with Election in October.

Barbara thanked all for the support over the year with the many demands on the Board and the many complications throughout. She wished Jean Hill the best and asked for a few words. Jean was all smiles as she thanked all for their support and reminded them of the ton of work ahead and how she would need each and everyone's assistance.

Edgar Ramos shyly thanked all.

Adjournment at 8:25 pm