

CB 3 to discuss group home

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A proposal to place a group home for the developmentally disabled in Oakwood will be discussed tomorrow at 8 p.m. at a Community Board 3 Human Resources Committee meeting at the board headquarters in Rossville.

Representatives from United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) will answer questions and give details to the board and other interested community members about the site proposed for 1832 S. Railroad Ave.

The public discussion has the potential to be lively, after three foster care group home residents admitted to the murder of an elderly man in January.

The accused murderers lived at a home on Roe Street, West Brighton. It was run by a Brooklyn-based not-for-profit agency, Jackie Rummolo, who will represent UCP at tomorrow's meeting, is optimistic that people will make the distinction between

foster care group homes and homes for the developmentally disabled.

She already has been in contact with neighbors of the proposed site. They appeared sensitive, she said.

"Their questions were rational. My job is to answer them," she explained.

The site is proposed to house eight adult males, who will be supervised 24 hours a day, every day, said Ms. Rummolo. Each day between early morning and mid-afternoon, the residents will leave for "day programs," she said.

After tomorrow's meeting Community Board 3 has 40 days to approve or disapprove of the proposed home. If the board disapproves, UCP must go before an arbiter at the state Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

Marie Bodner, district manager of the board, informed the Advance that her office has received many calls about the proposed home in recent weeks.

CRIME ROUNDUP

Youth held in slashing

A resident of a Richmond Valley group home was arrested yesterday after he slashed another resident with a razor blade, police said.

According to Advance files, the facility at 6532 Amboy Rd., which is owned by the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, Mount Loretto, houses developmentally disabled teens and young adults.

The 15-year-old victim, whose name was withheld by police, was treated for a gash to his neck in Staten Island University Hospital, Prince's Bay, and released, officials said.

Police arrived at the group home around 1:30 p.m. after receiving a report of a stabbing via 911.

Charged with second-degree assault and criminal possession of a weapon was Kristopher Nebbett, 19. Police said he and the victim had an ongoing dispute.

A man answering Mount Loretto's phone last night said a spokesman was not available for comment.

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