

Full Board Hybrid Meeting Minutes
Beatriz Coronel, Chair
September 22, 2022 at 7:00pm

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Beatriz Coronel at 7:19pm after the Secretary confirmed an in person and virtual count of members.
The meeting opened with the Public Gallery Session

Public Gallery:

- Esther Morrison of the Barnes Avenue Neighbors thanked Councilmember Kevin Riley, Alena Dole from the Mayor's Office and Speaker Heastie and for the interventions and assistance in addressing the flooding issues and getting the drains cleaned in that area. Currently they are reaching out to the community board for any assistance as recommended.
- Robert McCool Director of Home ownership program. A nonprofit offering help for homeowners facing hardship. Information on Solar Panels
- Virginia Sanders Wakefield Taxpayers Civic league extending invitation to attendees for their upcoming monthly meeting to be held at the Community Board Office.
- Patricia McDowell of the 3100 Edson Avenue block between Burke and Hammersly and noted an increase in rodent infestation and would like some assistance on how to address this issue.
- Nicole Touzien of Dancewave introducing a tuition free program
- The Chair noted to residents for any complaints they should feel free to reach out to Ursula Greene at the District Office.

Elected Officials Representative Reports:

- Carlos Torres Crime Prevention Coordinator of the Bronx District Attorney's Office the office will be hosting their 5th annual Domestic Violence 5k walk to run on October 15th at 9:30-12:30pm.
- Tajche Goins, Community Liaison from Speaker Carl Heastie's Office just wanted to introduce himself as new in the Assemblyman's office and that he was looking forward to working with everyone.
- Hillary Bosh, Dept. of Sanitation Compost and Partnership Unit. There will be a Special Fall leaves collection program to be held on 11/27 and 12/11. Leave bags were available this evening and noted to everyone the ability to compost all year round by following the Dept. of Sanitation Compost maps of food drop off sites.
- Greer Mayhew of NYC Comptroller's Office noted some updates for everyone that the Comptroller's along with Mayor Adams will be issuing approximately 400 million of taxable general obligation social bonds and the proceeds will support several initiatives of affordable housing etc. In addition one of the responsibilities of the Comptroller's of is conducting audits of City Agencies and currently they are addressing an audit of NYCHA. Several concerns with security of exterior doors. They are asking residents to fill out a survey called "resident powered

audits to see what areas should be audited. The deadline is the end of September. You can access the survey on the Comptroller's website.

- Alexis Ruiz of the Bronx Borough President's Office noted the latest BP report had been issued and noted if anyone had not seen it, she would place the link in the chat box. She congratulated all the new Board members and encouraged members to complete the EEO policy form if it has not been completed already. She thanked member Barbara Gibson for serving 20 years on CB12 and noted her hard work and dedication is matchless. She also noted she would remain available for the entirety of the meeting.
- Cynthia Prisco from Councilmember Riley's office noted the Councilmember's offices were open Monday thru Friday 9:00am -5:00pm and the contact information for the Gun Hill Road office the office which is located in CB12. She noted the best ways to contact the office and encouraged residents to sign up for email contact to know when events are happening. She also thanked the Community Board for all the collaborations with the Councilman's office. The upcoming cycle of Participatory Budget will be coming soon and they are looking forward to the input.
- Teresa Roberts President of the Community Education Council for District 11. She noted she was here tonight to engage with the community board for a strong partnership with the Education Committee to help in elevating the voice of the parents. Keeping the parents informed of all that happening and that their voices and input in the Educational system, keeping our children safe, better resources, infrastructure, more equitable and reflective of our actual community in this diverse district. Encouraging parents to keep their children in this district. They are relooking at rezoning and just how to make our district better looking etc.
- Harmony from Senator Bailey's office representative highlighted a few upcoming events during the month of September and encouraged persons to sign up on the Senator's email list to stay informed.
- The Chair noted that she would be sitting on the panel at that upcoming event of Senator Bailey and encouraged the community to support.
- Angela from Senator Biaggi's Office – Congratulations to the new board members and she highlighted upcoming events such as "Feeding the Bronx Food Empowerment Fair" and their annual Turkey and fresh produce distribution around the time of Thanksgiving and invited anyone who would like to be a partner with them. She also noted the upcoming Bronx Healthy Start Infant Mortality awareness fair and panel discussion and how it was important in this recent legislation and enables funding. It was also mention the upcoming award ceremony and that each Senator is able to give 100 plus awards to community members such as commendation etc. The Senator also encouraged individuals in need to feel free to reach out to the office.
- Sabrina from Councilmember Dinowitz's office congratulated all the new board members and noted the events sponsored by the office throughout the summer such as hosted several shredding opportunities in the district and noted common pantry cannot enroll as they are on a freeze but you could be placed on a waiting list. She noted Helmet give-away in Woodlawn during their family day. The Councilmember also met with various school Principals and will be visiting the Matilda School in an effort to build relationships and ways to allocate more funding. Hosted 3 back to school events in collaboration with council member Riley. The office is well aware of the ongoing quality of life issues throughout Wakefield such as the parking of the

commercial vehicles and dumping. Cameras have been installed and the hope is to mitigate the dumping. The office also plans to meet with the management of Speedway Gas Station on Bronx Boulevard in reference to the poor maintenance and litter. The Sanitation Department will assist by installing Mit/Mutt stations to address the curb your dog concerns by the playground. The office can assist with Graffiti request removal, however the owner of any business and permission will be needed from the owner in order to get graffiti removed.

Councilmember Dinowitz additionally added that there was more funding allocated for clean up. He also added that the Redistricting Commission met and removed Wakefield from district 11 and that persons reached out to the Councilmember. The 15 member commission met and they voted their own maps down and will have to reconvene to redraw the maps to one they can vote yes on. The Councilmember promised that as the lines are redrawn he would like to ensure it is what the constituents want. He encouraged everyone to write or reach out to his office.

- Edili Espalliat Director of Constituent Services and Immigration Specialist with Congressman Bowman's Office.
Provided updates on their office hours and events.
Upcoming Career Fair in Yonkers
Issued a Proclamation on behalf of the Congressman to Miss Barbara Gibson former member of Community Board 12.

Community Board Chairperson's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone and noted she will review the hybrid model format of the board meetings.

The Chair noted it's a new year and reminded everyone that we volunteer our time and that we should make the best of it. She also noted that we are a Board of 38 members.

The Chair reviewed the resolution and noted we need to be back in person and the following stipulation of 20 members needed to be present in person for voting.

The chair reviewed the information below:

Proposed Resolution concerning the use of videoconferencing to conduct all of Community Board 12, the Bronx, meetings in the matter of a resolution to authorize the use of videoconferencing to conduct Community Board 12, the Bronx, meetings, as authorized by and in conformance with amendments to the New York State Open Meetings Law, Part WW of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022. Proposed Resolution:

RESOLVED, by Community Board 12, the Bronx, that the use of videoconferencing to conduct Commission meetings is hereby authorized in conformance with the requirements of the New York State Open Meetings Law, including the following:

1. For all the Community Board's meetings, a minimum of a quorum of Community Board 12 Board Members, shall be present in a physical location or locations where the public can attend in person; and

2. If a quorum of Board Members is physically present at a Community Board meeting where the public can attend in person, a Board Member may attend and participate in a Community Board meeting by videoconference from any location and without providing access to members of the public to such location if such Board Member is unable to attend the meeting in person due to extraordinary circumstances, which include but are not limited to, disability/limited mobility, illness, caregiving responsibilities, senior (65+), out of Borough for work/travel purposes any other significant or unexpected event which precludes the Community Board Member's physical attendance at the meeting; and

Additionally the chair requested members notify the board when unable to attend meetings preferably 2 days in advance .The chair also reiterated excused board members cameras must be turned on.

- Luke Sabatos asked for clarification on virtual voting and in person on resolutions.
- District Manager noted if we have a quorum and you are on camera your vote will count. He further stated we would have to notify the community of the way the member is voting. And again we must have 20 persons in person.
- Luke Sabatos asked is there specific type of business that can be conducted when we do not have a quorum. The District Manager responded no votes.
- The Chair welcomed new Board members

District Manager's Report

Welcomed all new and former board members back and for their participation in this evening's meeting.

He noted that it had been the first in person in about 2 ½ years and that some board members were seeing each other for the very first time.

The District Manager noted that it had been busy summer in the district and that the board had been notified in early August of the Family Shelter on Tilden Street.

The Community Board had a meeting with DHS via webex platform on August 9th.

The Community Board was also notified of another shelter to address the migrant crisis within our district.

The Mayor had a press release of using Orchard Beach as a temporary site to process the newly incoming migrants.

The District Manager also noted Pelham Bay Park is a part of this district for those who were not aware.

He further noted the time of his tenure thanked the board and recognized one of our newest Board member "Benga" and noted he was happy he had been appointed as a member to the community board.

- The Chair reported that the board will be introducing a plan to condense the committees. We currently have 14 and once it has been reviewed there will be a possible amending of our bylaws.

Financial Report

Treasurer Tolleyne Dickerson reported \$2625.00 in the Sunshine Fund. She noted we were at 34 members at that time and 30 members participated by giving. If anyone else would like to contribute she noted they may contact her and her information was placed in the ch\0.

Old Business

Board Member Kecia noted she will be revisiting our newsletter and that she would be reaching out to the Executive Committee on anything they would like highlighted.

She noted that she would be reaching out to Benga as he appears to be an ideal candidate at this time.

New Business

Board Member Luke Sabado the Orchard Beach temporary migrant shelter. He noted that we should keep our ears open to assure people are being treated humanely.

He acknowledged transit improvements in our district and noted the scooter program. He noted the stats and the utilization in our neighborhood. He wanted to flag the discounted prices needed for low income New Yorkers and wanted a review of assurance of our people in need. The new bike lane is lined with cars on White Plains Road and enforcement is needed.

The District Manager inquired on the user friendliness of the access on the app for the e-scooters.

The District Manager will voice the issue with the DOT in the next upcoming meeting

The Chair encouraged all to visit the CB12's website and noted the updated information of the Executive Board Members and the Board members.

Board Member Deacon Brown would like the community board to address some concerns occurring in the district such as mechanic work on the streets, wild parties in the Ely Avenue vicinity are of the "Valley" and NYPD officers not being mandated to live in the district where they serve.

The District Manager noted that legislations were passed that NYPD officers must reside within the 5 Boroughs.

Board Member Shenequa congratulated the Chair and the new Board members and noted she was proud to know a fellow Social Worker was in such a role.

Board Member Anthony Reid inquired on the Shelters and increase in Buildings being erected within the district.

The District Manager noted Community Board 12 has 6 Shelters which is lower than most districts.

First VP Clinton Myke noted every neighborhood should absorb a portion of the migrants at this time.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

**COMMUNITY BOARD 12, THE BRONX
ATTENDANCE SHEET**

Date 9/22/22

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BENNETT, EGERIA	✓			
BOND, DENISE				
BORRAS, ANTHONY IVAN				✓
BORSOTTI, CARLA				✓
BROMFIELD-ARMSTRONG, MICHELLE	✓			
BROWN, VICTOR				✓
BROWNE, DEACON EDWARD	✓			
BRYAN, NORBET				✓
CAMPBELL, DESIREE				✓
CAMPBELL, SADIE				✓
CLODD, JOAN				✓
CORONEL, BEATRIZ	✓			
DICKERSON, TOLLYNE				✓
EICHELBERGER, KEVIN				
FIGUEROA, ALFREDO	✓			
GIBSON, LAGRANT BARBARA				✓
GOFF, JOHNNIE	✓			
HALL, ROBERT				
HAYES, LISA				
ISAAC, JOHN	✓			

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JAMES, THEODORE				✓
MARTIN, LUCILLE	✓			
MOORE, SHANEQUA				✓
MYKE, CLINTON	✓			
ORTIZ, CARMEN				✓
PANIAGUA, QUEENIE				✓
REID, ANTHONY	✓			
SAMUELS, DR SHERRY				
SINGH, HARI			✓	
STRICKER, KARL				✓
SUBAR, GBENGA	✓			
SZABADOS, LUKE	✓			
WALKER, DEBORAH	✓			
WALTERS, RYAN				✓
TIRADO, DEBRA				
YEMMER, ASTERE				

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District Manager's Report
September 22, 2022

Good evening Board Members, Happy Thursday and welcome back. I hope you all had a great summer. We were busy this summer and we received some news. Let me begin by welcoming our newest Board Members and thanking all my Board Members for participating this evening. There is maybe a little awkwardness tonight as we are meeting in-person for the first time in almost two and a half years. For some of us, this is the first time we are seeing each other in the flesh.

I mentioned earlier that we had an active summer. The Community Board was notified in early August at a family shelter coming to Tilden Street. The Community Board hosted a meeting with DHS and local residents on August 9th via the WebEx platform. Additionally, the Community Board was just notified this past weekend of another shelter reopening to address the migrant crisis within our district. Just this morning Mayor Eric Adams sent out a press release this morning about using Orchard Beach for Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Centers or HERRC for short. They will be run the Health and Human Services agency and are giant tents with cots inside of it. Pelham Bay Park is a part of our jurisdiction as that is how Judge's Row connects to our Community Board.

Moving forward we need to have direct and honest conversations about how to deal with the issues that will continue to confront us as a Community Board. Much of this conversation needs to happen at the committee level. We will continue to ask questions of DHS and hold them accountable about the actions they have taken to address the homelessness crisis.

Conclusion

Today marks my 2,607th day as your District Manager or 7-years, 1 month, and 19th day of my tenure here. I am grateful for each and every day at the Board.

Thank you for your patience and Good Night.

