

Virtual Bronx Community Board 12 Full Board Meeting

November 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Beatriz Colonel at 7:06pm. The meeting opened with the chair explaining the reason of having the meeting a week earlier due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and want to note that there will not be a General Board meeting in the month of December and that the Board will resume its regular meeting schedule in January. The Chair announced the Board's holiday get-together at the Carriage House on Friday, December 16th at 6:00pm. The format will be potluck and if you were not able to bring an item, a \$25 donation can be contributed. Any questions for this event can be referred to Ursula from CB12

* The Chair noted and as confirmed with The District Manager George that we are still awaiting notification on our meeting format whether virtual/in-person or hybrid as the current rule for virtual meetings is set to expire November 22nd. We should be notified shortly after January if we will be in person, or we will continue to be virtual/hybrid, however if you are participating virtually, you will be required to be on camera for voting.

The Chair also encouraged Board members to be on camera and if you are not able to do so to inform her.

The Chair moved to Public Gallery and asked for persons to adhere to the 3 minutes time allowance.

Public Gallery

* Caitlin Franco and Miss Carter from an independent school program who wanted to connect with the CB12 as they are tentatively coming to our area with an Elementary School in Co-op City.

The Chair encouraged connecting with our Education Committee Chair Tollyne for further discussions.

The District Manager also noted there were concerns that needs more conversations.

The District Manager and Tollyne placed their contact information for further conversations.

* Dr Adeyemi LaCrown, President of the 47th Precinct Council gave an invitation to their Christmas Party on December 14th and that flyers will be sent. He further informed the Community to reach out to their Neighborhood Community Officers (NCOs) for some of their concerns that are being brought to the Community Board. He also encouraged participants to reach out to our elected officials on the Commercial vehicle parking concerns.

* Tony B inquired on the pop-up car wash stations.

The District Manager responded and gave information of how NYC is addressing this matter and in addition noted that they are not in violation.

* Cameron Burrows from the New York City office of City Planning formally introducing himself as the liaison to CB12. He also noted the roles he will be assuming previously covered by other persons from the office.

* Vernes, a homeowner again brought the concern of the commercial vehicles parking illegally. She also noted a requirement should be made for the moped or electric scooters having licenses. She also noted the concern of tenants not paying rent and able to move into other section 8 apartments.

Board member Luke Szabados spoke on the bike concern and noted safe streets infrastructure are blocked which sometimes add to the bikes accessing pedestrian areas. The District Manager also had some input. The District Manager addressed the rent payment concern.

* Priscilla, parent education liaison for I raise and girls shared what that organization does by connecting with parents engaging them in the community as well as with their children's education, and the schools, by means of reaching out to them doing workshops.

* Virginia Sanders reminded everyone that the Wakefield tax-payers civic league is having a meeting at the community board office and that they would be raffling turkeys.

* Dwayne Bather reported on speeding cars in his block and DOT's denial of speed bumps noting too many curb cuts. He also noted that along with his neighbors they have started a petition and have amassed several signatures and an open ticket with the DOT.

The District Mgr. would like a copy of the letter from the DOT with the DOT number assigned and stated we can ask to see if there are other traffic calming measures that can be implemented. The District Mgr. will also reach out to DOT.

Second VP John Isaac also noted the concerns that are usually related to speed bumps. He noted speed bumps are dangerous and that people do not realize they make vehicles projectiles, which can cause severe injury. He also noted we should stop speeding in our community

* Skinner-Parkes

Concerns about the pickup of the electric bikes. The bikes are all over, sometimes blocking residents' especially seniors and driveways etc.

The second concern is the post office trucks from the Gun Hill Road Post Office.

The District Mgr. noted they do not have a parking lot any more so there are parking challenges in that area. He also noted the bikes are being picked up. He will however follow-up on the parking pen usage. He reminded participants to call 311 as maybe additional pick-up maybe needed.

* Anthony Letterio, Outreach Supervisor from an Anti-Gun program located at 825 East 233rd street.

He noted the program works with youth 14 to 24 years who have been in trouble in the past

* Cherie Braxton from Teimann Avenue Association again with concerns of sewer water flooding and a new construction in their area and inquired if CB12 could assist with setting up a meeting with the new Developers.

Cherie Braxton also noted she has been utilizing Roto Rooter for her flooding. She needs assistance as she anticipates more flooding once the project is completed. The District Mgr reiterated 311 complaints are logged and further discussed the process and how he can be of assistance.

Elected Officials & Representative Reports

* Daniel from Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz's office notes the Assembly member is currently out of town. He however sends his well wishes to everyone.

The office is collecting canned goods and nonperishable items for a food drive . This goes through December 9th. If anyone would like to drop off donations, you can do so at the office.

* Cynthia from Council Member Riley's Office :

Information on office hours and location including email address and telephone number.

Information given for upcoming Turkey distribution and locations

Veterans' Day event upcoming

Reiterated making 311 calls so your complaints can be logged. She noted that this information really assists the needs of constituents when the issues are brought to the respective city agencies. Personal information is secure.

* Alexis Ruiz from the Borough President's office. She noted the latest borough President's report has been sent via email to all board members into the board directly. She also noted an upcoming event with all local electives at the Northeast Bronx YMCA. Turkeys will be distributed also.

Harmony G - Senator Bailey's Office"

1. Upcoming Thanksgiving events.
2. Events are partnering with a lot of our local elected. Please feel free to reach out to our office or to her by email.
3. Constituent services are available Monday thru Friday in person by appointment.

4. Home energy assistance program is available to help individuals who are eligible for heating their homes.

The Chair gave her report encouraging all to participate and that she was looking forward to meeting individuals at the Holiday gathering

District Manager's Report:

See attached.

The District Manager thanked everyone on behalf of himself and Ursula . He also wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and expressed his gratitude in serving the district.

The Chair moved for approval of the previous minutes

Board Member Robert Hall made the motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Board Member Anthony Reid

The Roll Call was done by Miss Judith Benitez which included the vote on approval

Mr. Karl Stricker on his vote noted with the comment that last month's meeting was not officially closed.

This was acknowledged by Corresponding Secretary as confirmed by Judith Benitez

Minutes approved with no abstentions.

Quorum present.

Mr. Hall made a motion to close the meeting of October 2022 and seconded by Karl Stricker.

Financial Report

Treasurer Tollyne Dickerson reported the current balance of the Sunshine Fund was \$2,625.00 dollars.

She noted she would be reaching out to new board members after January.

Committee Reports & Voting

Housing and Land Use:

Report approved with 1 no and 1 abstention

Ivan Borrás abstained for the report

Joan Clodd no for the report

The Jewish board is requesting a letter support for 59 units of supportive housing located 4427 White Plains Road. Note there is no correction necessary as clarified by the District Manager as it was a typo for error in address

The Well Life is requesting a letter of support for 150 units of supportive housing at 3363 White Plains Road.

Denise Bond made a motion to accept the recommendation to provide the letters of support
Robert Hall seconded

Sadie Campbell abstained on both
Ivan Borrás abstained on both

Confirmed with 2 abstentions noted.

Economic Development:

Report on Economic Development.

Karl Stricker motion to accept the committee report and John Isaac seconded

Recommendation to list the 5 locations prior to voting on request of renewal or new liquor license by
Karl Stricker

1. Frontal Star-3376 Boston Road
2. D-Spot- 3511 Boston Road
3. Stacy Bonner- 4386 White Plains Road
4. St Bess-4466 White Plains Road
5. Jamex Sports Bar-3447 Baychester Road

1 Abstentions Victor Brown
Report accepted by majority

Miss Benitez requesting a vote on 2 renewals 1. Stacy Bonner aka GNS Restaurant & Lounge and
Jamex Sports Bar

Karl Stricker moved and Alfredo Figueroa seconded

Egeria Bennett abstains

Shanequa abstains

Debra Walker abstains

Victor Brown abstains

Majority approved for renewals

A letter is required of our denial of recommendation for St Bess to receive their liquor license to
be sent to New York State liquor authority

47th Precinct has recommended we deny St Bess due to prior violations
The Board voted unanimously in favor of the denial letter being sent.

Transportation and Public Safety Committee:
Report

Judith Benitez motion to accept the report and seconded by Denise Bond

John Isaac, VP2 noted a meeting with himself, Alfredo Figueroa, the Principal of PS 68 and a School Bus Driver for PS169

At PS 68 Noted the unsafe conditions with the drop off of kids in the mornings with speeding drivers and PS 169 located on Stenwick Street by the I95 with drivers also speeding through that location.

The VP2 noted a part of it is about people being unkind to each other and not worrying about the safety of the kids . He noted the solution would be to convert the street to a one-way street.

He would like to table the discussion until he meets with the DOT before bringing the issue to the full board.

A motion for Best Deal Car Service to have their Base License renewed.

The other concern was resuming the Bx 30 bus route to its original route.

Unanimous vote to accept the report

Best Deal Renewal – Unanimous vote to renew

2 Letters to MTA to change the Bus Stops

1. Bus Stop from 232 to 233 Plains in both directions North and South and Restore the Bx 30 to Gun Hill Road

Unanimous vote for both letters.

Luke Szabados recommends invitation of MTA to a future Board Meeting

No Old Business

Chair Thanked all for attendance

Motion to close the meeting Karl Stricker and seconded by Robert Hall

Chair reminded everyone no general board meeting in December.

COMMUNITY BOARD 12, THE BRONX

ATTENDANCE SHEET

Meeting Virtual

Date November 17, 2022

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	VIRTUAL
BENITEZ, JUDITH	X			
BENNETT, EGERIA	X			
BOND, DENISE	X			
BORRAS, ANTHONY IVAN	X			
BORSOTTI, CARLA	X			
BROMFIELD-ARMSTRONG, MICHELLE	X			
BROWN, VICTOR	X			
BROWNE, DEACON EDWARD	X			
BRYAN, NORBET		X		
CAMPBELL, DESIREE		X		
CAMPBELL, SADIE	X			
CLODD, JOAN	X			
CORONEL, BEATRIZ	X			
DEVONE, CHRIS		X		
DICKERSON, TOLLYNE	X			
EICHELBERGER, KEVIN		X		
FIGUEROA, ALFREDO	X			
GOFF, JOHNNIE		X		
HALL, ROBERT	X			
HAYES, LISA		X		
ISAAC, JOHN	X			
JAMES, THEODORE	X			

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	VIRTUAL
MARTIN, LUCILLE		X		
MOORE, SHANEQUA	X			
MYKE, CLINTON	X			
ORTIZ, CARMEN		X		
PANIAGUE, QUEENIE	X			
REID, ANTHONY	X			
SAMUELS, DR. SHERRYE		X		
SINGH, HARI		X		
SUBAIR, GBENGA	X			
SZABADOS, LUKE	X			
TIRADO, DEBRA		X		
WALKER, DEBORAH	X			
WALTERS, RYAN		X		
YEMMER, ASTERE	X			

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VOTING SHEET

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BENNETT, EGERIA	A	A	A	A	A	Abs	A
BOND, DENISE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
BORRAS, ANTHONY IVAN	A	Abs	Abs	Abs	A	A	A
BORSOTTI, CARLA	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
BROMFIELD-ARMSTRONG, MICHELLE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
BROWN, VICTOR	A	A	A	A	Abs	N	A
BROWNE, DEACON EDWARD	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
BRYAN, NORBET	NP	---	N	P	---	---	NP
CAMPBELL, DESIREE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
CAMPBELL, SADIE	A	A	Abs	Abs	A	A	A
CLODD, JOAN	A	N	A	A	A	A	A
CORONEL, BEATRIZ	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
DEVONE, CHRIS	NP	---	NP	---	---	---	NP
DICKERSON, TOLLYNE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
EICHELBERGER, KEVIN	NP	---	NP	---	---	---	NP
FIGUEROA, ALFREDO	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
GOFF, JOHNNIE	NP	---	NP	---	---	---	NP
HALL, ROBERT	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
HAYES, LISA	NP	---	NP	---	---	---	NP
ISAAC, JOHN	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
JAMES, THEODORE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
LAGO, MARTIN KEISHA		Excused					

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REID, ANTHONY	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
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TIRADO, DEBRA	NP		NP				NP
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BORSOTTI, CARLA	A	A	A				
BROMFIELD-ARMSTRONG, MICHELLE	A	A	A				
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CAMPBELL, SADIE	A	A	A				
CLODD, JOAN	A	A	A				
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MOTIONS:

1.	Approve minutes - October
2.	to accept report of Housing - Land Use
3.	Letter of support for 4427 White Plains Rd Jewish Board
4.	Letter of support for 3363 White Plains Rd.
5.	approve ED report
6.	Renewals for Stacy Bonner and Jamex Sports Bar
7.	Letter to NYS Liquor Authority re: St Bess
8.	to accept report of Transportation
9.	to renew Best Deal Car Service License

10. Write letters to MTA to change ^{Bus stop} 32-333 St WPR
and Bx 30 restore to Gun Hill Road



Public Safety and Transportation and Capital Improvements Committee

Joint Meeting Report

November 2022

11/10/2022

Meeting started at 7:35

Agenda: Address complain about safety issues at PS 68 and PS189.

Taxi Base Licensure Renewal for Best Deal Car Service.

Members in attendance: Luke Szabados, Carl Stricker and Norbet Bryan, Clinton Mike,
Alfredo Figueroa, John Isaac

Guest: Mrs. Soler Principal at PS. 68 and Mr. Bell Ass. Principal. Debbie a school bus driver from PS1
Albert Williams from Best Deal Car Service

PS 68

Principal Soler and member of her staff presented the safety concerns with unloading and loading the children on the school buses. Mrs. Soler and her staff has been acting as traffic control officers to protect the children departing and loading the school buses. They presented to alternative to address the problem,

- 1). Change Hill Avenue into a one way.
- 2). Close Hill Avenue from 7am to 8am for student arrival and 2pm to 3pm to calm the arrival and dismissal.

Alfredo Figueroa (Public Safety Chairman) spoke to the 47th Precinct during the meeting and on Monday November 14 Ps 68 will be receiving metal barricades so they can block the property line of the school as create a safe zone for dismissal. Unfortunately Mrs. Soler and her staff have to spend time which should be used preparing for the children to policing the parents driving cars. For the meantime the CB12 committees will monitor the situation, get the Department of Transportation, NYPD involved and invite them to a Join Committee Meeting next month.

It a problem in our society when the community members have lost total respect of for each other and for the smallest and most innocent members of our community. There where so many interesting ideas about handling this problem from turning Hill Avenue into safe street and alternative transportation to the school.



PS 189

Like PS68 School Bus driver Debbie presented the safety concern at PS189. PS 189 is located on Steenwick Avenue between Boston Road and Reeds Mill Lane. Debbie explain that Steenwick Avenue serves as a major connection to the I-95 and is a two way which creates safety problem with load and unloading he Children. Unfortunately Steenwick Avenue has a major constraints as one side of the street is undeveloped with major rock outcroppings, which pinch the roadway and prevent further development and traffic calming safety measures.

The Proposal is to convert Steenwick Avenue into a one way going South and install speed bumps. The speed bumps is an issue because Steenwick Avenue is undeveloped. The Transportation committee supports this change but will have to consult with NYCDOT.

PS 189



Best Deal Car Service

Attending this month transportation meeting for their base license renewal. Best Deal has been operating in the community for many years and is the Main Carrier for Bay Plaza shopping Center. They recently purchase Blue on White Car Service. There were no complains from the 47th precinct and are an asset to the community. A motion was made and properly seconded to recommend the renew of their base licensure.

Submitted by

John Isaac

11/12/2022



District Manager's Report
November 17, 2022

Good evening Board Members and Happy Thursday. This time next week we will all be celebrating one of my favorite holidays, Thanksgiving. I would like to wish everyone of my Board Members and everyone within earshot a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope the day is spent with family and loved ones eating the foods you enjoy.

I am thankful for Ursula and I am thankful for the work that we do and the community we serve.

Conclusion

Today marks my 2,664th day as your District Manager or 7-years, 3 month, and 15th day of my tenure here. I am grateful for each and every day at the Board.

Thank you for your patience and Good Night.

