



## COMMUNITY BOARD 12 MINUTES MARCH 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Beatriz Colonel at 7:04 pm. The Chair reminded Board Members the importance of attending both their individual assigned committee meetings as well as the full board meetings. She also reminded New Board members to pick up their Handbook at the District Office.

- **Public Gallery:**

The speakers are listed

- Eric Moore Sr. (Samaritan Day Top Villages, located at 3050 White Plains Road with a 5–10-day Substance Abuse Program. Program serves Dual Diagnosed individuals as well. Invitation offered to Board Members to visit the site.
- William Langlais-Realtor/Public School Educator

The chair concluded the Public Gallery as there were no other speakers.

### Elected Officials/Representatives Report:

- **Carl Heastie's Office**
  - Upcoming Housing Resource Event scheduled at the Northeast Bronx YMCA
  - Fire Safety Event scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> at CB12's Office
- **Office of Assembly member Jeffrey Dinowitz**
  - **Donnella Smith brought greetings**
- **Alexis Ruiz from Borough President, Vanessa Gibson's Office**
  - Community Board Applications are still available until March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Congressman Jamal Bowman**
  - Listings of Mobil Office Hours and locations for Constituent Services
- **Council Member Riley's Office**
  - Upcoming Event at CB12's office – Homeowners & Tax Preparation Session on March 7th



- **Naqi Cruz (CCRB will be hosting a Public Board Meeting at the CB12's Office on March 8<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Sydni Burg- Council Member Dinowitz**
  - Illegal Parking
  - Upcoming Community Information Session with Questions/Answers via zoom
  - Mobil Office Hours at listed Public Libraries across the District
- **Bronx District Attorney's Office**
  - Esaie St-Vil -Upcoming Events Child Safety Fair-Location TBA
  - April 19<sup>th</sup> Reentry Fair for Recently released individuals/ID assistance etc.
- **Senator Bailey's Office**
  - Ranell Ogilvie
- **Congressman Ritchie Torres Office**
  - Victor Martinez spoke on behalf of the Congress member updating location of the office at 540 East Fordham Road- (718)503-9610

**Presentation:**

**Stephen Caruso-DSNY**

The Chair suggested that Mr. Caruso should connect with the Board's Environmental Committee Chair Carla Barsotti.

Mr. Caruso announced the new set out time for garbage goes in effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>

- Receptables 6:00pm
- Bags 8:00pm
- Businesses are still permitted to set out 1 hour before closing
- Buildings with 9 or more units can apply for special waiver /application period January 2024

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Chair then moved for approval of the November 2022 meeting minutes. **Motion to approve by**

**John Isaac, seconded By Robert Hall.** Vote and roll call followed. Minutes approved with 1 abstention and 1 excused. A quorum is present.

**Financial Report:**

Treasurer Tolleyne Dickerson reported Balance remains \$2625.00

**Committee Reports:**

Economic Development is requesting support from the Board on their decision to object the request of an establishment located at 4609 White Plains Road to renew their license. This is based on report of numerous incidents at that location as reported by the 47<sup>th</sup> Precinct including a recent fatal shooting at that establishment.

**Motion to accept the report was made by Karl Stricker and seconded by Robert Hall. Minutes approved with 1 excused.**

Karl Stricker then made a motion that the Board supports the decision of the Economic Development Committee in sending a letter to object the license renewal for the establishment located at 4609 White Plains Road known as Last Stop Restaurant.

Votes were unanimous to send the letter of denial.

The Chair noted that there is still consideration for a gathering of Board members to get to know each other. She encouraged sharing your input.

There were no other concerns and the Chair invited member Joan Claud to close in prayer.

**Meeting closed at 7:45pm**

**Submitted By,**

**Michelle K Bromfield**



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK Borough Of The Bronx

## COMMUNITY BOARD #12

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BRONX, NEW YORK 10466  
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Date: March 13, 2023

Committee: Land Use

### Present:

- Karl Stricker (Chair, Land Use Committee), Queenie Paniagua (Vice Chair, Land Use Committee), Beatriz Coronel (Chair, CB 12)
- Land Use Committee Members Present: Carla Borsotti, John Isaac, Anthony Reid, Keisha Lago-Martin, Denise Bond, Luke Szabados
- Land Use Committee Members Excused: Judith Benitez
- Land Use Committee Members Not Present: Alfredo Figueroa

### Minutes:

- Meeting commenced at 7:27 PM to give Applicant the opportunity to appear. Applicant did not appear.
  - "Applicant" (222<sup>nd</sup>Auto Street Realty, BSA Calendar No. 319-53-BZIII, Owners of the property D/B/A 222<sup>nd</sup>Auto Repairs)
  - Applicant was telephoned by Ursula Greene. Ms. Greene was informed by the Applicant that the Applicant had gotten the dates "mixed up" and was unable to appear for today's Land Use Committee Meeting. Applicant further requested an adjourn date.
- Committee Chair indicated that the Applicant's adjourn date will likely be in April 2023, for the Applicant to re-appear.
- Meeting closed at 7:36PM.

Queenie Paniagua





## Transportation and Capital Projects Committees report for March 2023

**March 20, 2023**

Committee Meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 9, 2023**, via Web-Ex at 7:00 P.M.

### Agenda

#### One-Way Conversions:

- White Plain Roads Bike Lanes
- Gun Hill Road Bus and Pedestrian Improvements Project

**Committee Members** in attendance: Beatriz Coronel, Alfredo, Luke Szabados, Ted James, Norbet Bryan, Clinton Mike, Karl Stricker and John Isaac

**Guest:** NYCDOT Kieth Kolb, Darisa Cruz, Holly Malone Jesus Soto, Kevin Perez, Rachel Eisenberg, Sarah Feller, 47<sup>th</sup> Precinct-Marlon Wright and Erik Worobey, DSNY- Stephen Caruso.

DOT requested that an official letter be sent addressing the concern raised at the previous meeting by the White Plains Road Merchants and the Board members at the previous transportation meeting. Below is a list of concern raised about the bike lanes by the community.

1. The lack of parking due to the bike lanes is causing small businesses to suffer financially, they're losing business. This is creating a hardship for vendors/businesses
2. Loading zones are inaccessible, trucks cannot enter to make deliveries throughout the corridor (one example. vender located between 238th and 239th street and White Plains Road)
3. Overall safety of the pedestrians, cyclists and motorists is a huge concern. When the travel lanes are blocked by delivery vehicles the emergency vehicles such as ambulances, NYPD cars, fire trucks MT A buses and school buses are trapped and the only option is to use the travel lane which is dangerous. This issue is delaying response time/the amount of time it takes for NYPD, EMT, & Firemen to get to a scene/incident.
4. MTA Buses can't get around the loading/unloading trucks
5. People are parking illegally throughout the corridor, and/or unsafely for example, diagonally. Total disorder

6. Cyclist are crossing/riding along the designated pedestrian area
7. Motorists are driving on the sidewalks
8. Meter enforcement should be evaluated and enforced (already discussed with traffic enforcement)
9. The bike Lanes are trash collectors. There is no way to clean the bike lane (Meeting with DOT & Sanitation is needed). Street sweeper can't get behind plastic bollards.
10. Inclusion and equity. Small Business Owners feel they weren't properly informed. Distribution of flyers weren't effectively shared.
11. We are not opposed to bike lanes, logistically White Plains Road is not working effectively.
12. Location of bike lanes should be revisited. The city's bike lane location may differ from what's been placed in our community.
13. We are requesting DOT to conduct spot visits with small businesses and observe challenges.
14. Inclement weather such as snow storms with increase issues noted.

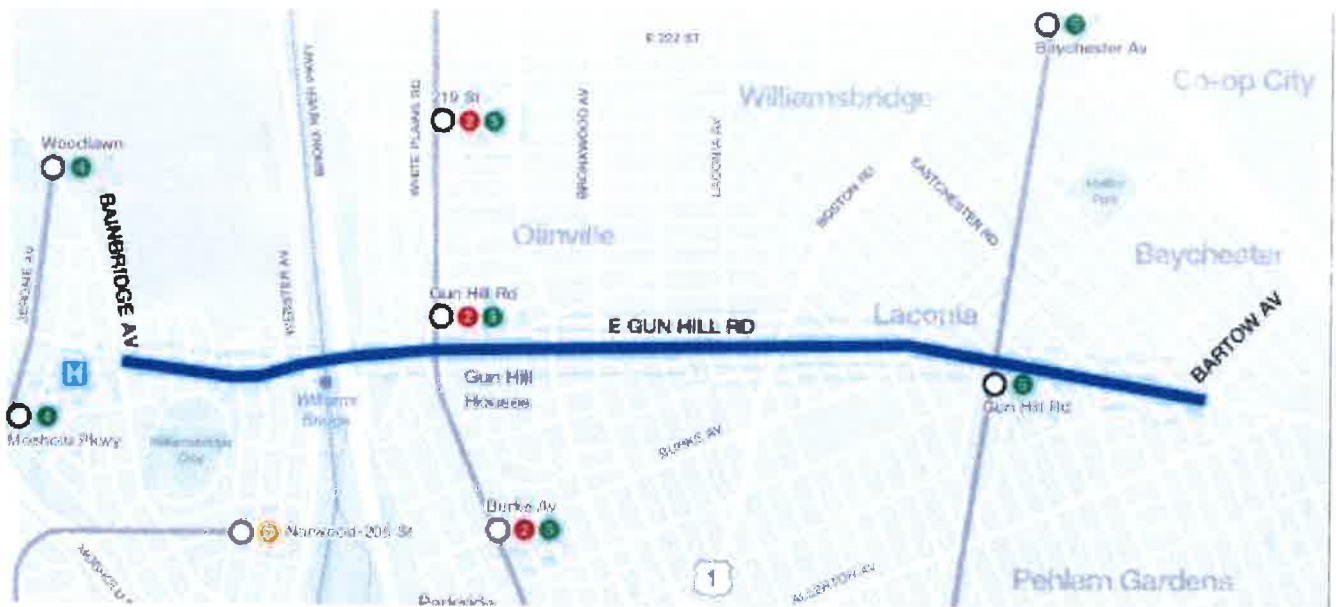
Keith Kolb from NYCDOT and his team, was in attendance to answer question and make comment. As a result DOT will schedule a walk through with the board members and the Merchant, to observe the concern and make adjustment where needed. Also in attendance was the NYPD who will step up the enforcement and issue ticket for illegally parked cars. Just as global warming has affected the way we live, the bike lanes are here to stay. adjustments to a new way of life is difficult but this is the direction which the city is moving in, and we must adjust and change to way we live!!!



Sarah Feller from NYCDOT, Presented the Gun Hill Road redesign updates. They have been working on the design for four years. There have been on street outreach by DOT and the survey identified three common concerns.

- Faster service
- More frequent timely service
- Less crowding

Some statistics 40,000 daily bus passengers along 5 routes • Critical crosstown service with key connections to 2/5/D , many local bus routes, Montefiore Hospital, Co-Op City, Bay Plaza. 60 feet wide, curb to curb – Each direction has 2 lanes +Parking.



**Bus Speed**

- Slow and unreliable bus service along Gun Hill Rd
- Buses move slow all day and less than 5 mph in the AM westbound, PM eastbound
- Peak-period trips take 15-17 minutes longer than evening/overnight
- Traffic congestion and double-parking cause slowdowns

**Injuries and fatalities-2015-2019 Crash History** • On average, nearly 5 people every week are injured in crashes on Gun Hill Rd • In top 10% of most dangerous Bronx streets • 64 severe injuries + 2 fatalities • Vision Zero Priority Corridor • Safety solutions: – Fix wide-angle left turns – Discourage speeding – Improve driver-pedestrian visibility.

**Goals & Challenges**

Make bus service fast, reliable and on-time • Make Gun Hill Rd safer to walk • Organize traffic movements Goals: Challenges: • Traffic congestion • Broken street grid • Bronx River Pkwy bottleneck

**The safety improvements includes:**

**Defined Bus Lane, Median Extension, bus boarding island**

The narrowing and defining the intersection.. This will help with eliminating the double parked cars

Respectfully submitted,

John Isaac  
Chair of Transportation and Capital Projects

## **March 14th at 7pm via WebEx**

**Committee Member** - Denise Bond- Chairperson Present

**Committee Member** - Theodore James Present

**Committee Member** - Beatriz Coronel- Present

**Committee Member** - Lucille Martin- **Absent**

**Committee Member** - Ivan Borrás- Present

**Committee Member** - Michelle Bromfield-Armstrong- **Tech difficulty could not attend**

### **Notes**

#### **1) Established Norms for Committee Meeting**

#### **2) Review Mission Statement for Parks Cmte**

- a. **Current Mission Statement** - The Parks and Recreation Committee of Community Board 12 seeks to enhance, maintain, create parks and green spaces that benefit the emotional and mental well being of all community members. We value the importance of these spaces within our borders as an essential part of the quality of life in our community. We partner with all advocacy and coalition groups who seek the necessary budget from our public officials to continue our mission.
- b. **Suggestions** - Historical aspects - data and add the phrase “preservation of open space”

#### **3) Update on Ujamma Gardens** - Jaileen Pierre-Louis - 3601 Marolla Place - Corner Boston Road and Marolla Place - April 1st Starts growing season

#### **4) Pedestrian Bridge in Woodlawn** - Alyssa Duvall, Kim Holocher-Furletti and Stephanie Ehrlich and Mike Ortiz from NYC Parks Capital Projects.

- a. The bridge was funded over 5 to 7 years ago but only made it to about 40% of the drafting phase of the project. It is now projected to have a shortfall of \$15 to \$16 million. The original budget that was allocated was close to \$22 to 23 million dollars but no one is sure exactly how that money was spent.
- b. There was a proposal made to do a walk through of the areas impacted by all the various community boards, therefore all stakeholders would have a voice and have a full understanding of the issues and concerns moving forward.

#### **5) PEP Command for Van Cortlandt Park** - Deb Travis - Parks Cmte Chair CB8 - Requesting that we either draft a letter of support for this proposal or our own letter making the request for the command.

#### **6) Bronx River Alliance Updates** - Victoria Toro Event - Topic - Climate Change March 23rd at 1391 Lafayette in Hunts Point section of The Bronx. Hours 5:30 pm to 7:30pm and also April 11th in Mt. Vernon.



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7) **Updates from Matt Dioron - Parks Dept.** - Matt has been promoted and we will have a new person to contact shortly.

### **8) Seton Falls Park**

- a. **What is the timeline for the repair of the Stars and Stripes Playground water line that services the bathroom and the water fountain?** - *Water main pipe needs to be repaired and requires Capital improvement money - maybe for the next Fiscal year - July 1st 2023. As an accommodation there might be a Portable Potty installed.*
- b. **Is the installation of the new fencing along East 233rd Street completed? If yes, the benches have not been replaced?** *Fencing finished benches on back order.*
- c. **Will there be a Park Attendant for this year?** *No park attendant because the rest area is closed due to the drain repair needed.*
- d. **Is the drain from the pumping station contracted to be cleaned?** *Pumping station functioning without a problem.*
- e. Opportunity to Volunteer at **Seton Falls Park Trail Work Event** on Saturday, March 25th - High Rock Playground located E 233rd Street and Baychester Avenue. Time: 9am to noon. Registration required:  
<https://www.nycgovparks.org/reg/stewardship/13542>

# **COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 12, Bronx**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**March 16, 2023**

In Attendance: Judith Benitez, Luke Szabados, Astere Yemmer-Brown, Gbenga Subair, Sherrye Samuels, Beatriz Coronal, ex-officio

Excused: Alfredo Figueroa

Absent: Norbert Bryan, Desiree Campbell

Non Committee Persons: Clinton Myke, Tolleyne Dickerson, Ted James

Guest: Tea Ingram, Non-Profit Coach at the Bronx Collab

Meeting began at 6:43pm via WebEx with Judith Benitez, Chair welcoming members and community-at-large.

We have a presentation from Ms. Tea Ingram, a non-profit coach and leader of the Bronx Collab.

Ms. Ingram asked for the purpose of this committee. Mr. Szabados, committee member, responded with the committee reviews liquor licenses required according to the State Liquor Authority permitting process. As well as economic sustainability, small business and ensuring that we keep business informed. And how we can better support small businesses in this district.

The Bronx Collab is a small business rooted in community collaborations which is done in two different buckets. The community bucket deals with a lot of non-profits, agencies that may need space to meet, there is a community pantry that is operated monthly. A community garden will be open on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 1 to 5pm. Co-working bucket work with entrepreneurs and solo entrepreneurs in which we create an environment (space) for them to work independently but collectively. For instance, on Tuesday and Thursday there is women resource hub. A partnership with Bronx Collab and a non-profit in calligraphy. On Wednesday is Wednesday workday where entrepreneurs come to work out their ideas use wi-fi and need a quiet space. On Friday, flexible Friday, space for meetings. Every year Bronx Collab has the Big Yes Give Back. Where all their community/business neighbors give out backpacks, pantry items and clothing to the children in the area.

The Bronx Collab is 3866 White Plains Road between 221<sup>st</sup> and 222<sup>nd</sup> Street.

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# COMMUNITY BOARD 12, THE BRONX ATTENDANCE SHEET

Date March 23, 2020

| BOARD MEMBER                  | PRESENT | ABSENT | EXCUSED | VIRTUAL |
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| BENITEZ, JUDITH               | X       |        |         |         |
| BENNETT, EGARIA               | 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       |        |         |         |
| LAGO, MARTIN KEISHA           | X       |        |         |         |
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# COMMUNITY BOARD 12, THE BRONX

## VOTING SHEET

Date March 23, 2023

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

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| Egeria Bennett       | A  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| MOORE, SHANEQUA      | NP |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| MYKE, CLINTON        | A  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| ORTIZ, CARMEN        | A  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| PANIAGUA, QUEENIE    | NP |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| REID, ANTHONY        | A  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| SAMUELS, DR. SHERRYE | A  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| STRICKER, KARL       | A  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| SUBAIR, GBENGA       | A  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| SZABADOS, LUKE       | A  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| TIRADO, DEBRA        | A  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| WALKER, DEBORAH      | A  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| WALTERS, RYAN        | NP |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| YEMMER, ASTERE       | A  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| CORONEL, BEATRIZ     | A  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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A = AYE  
 N = NAY  
 NP = NOT PRESENT  
 ABS = ABSTAINED  
 R = RECUSE  
 Excused

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**DATE:** March 23, 2023

**MOTIONS:**

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