



THE CITY OF NEW YORK Borough Of The Bronx

COMMUNITY BOARD #12

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Bronx Community Board 12 January 26, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of Community Board 12, the Bronx was called to order via a Webex virtual meeting, at 7:01 pm by Chair Beatriz C. Community Board member Jean Claud was called on for Prayer. She was not able to connect. The Pledge of Allegiance was then led by VP2, John Isaac.

Assembly member and Speaker Carl Heastie greeted the Board with Happy New Year and notified the Board that the Governor would be introducing the upcoming budget. He also briefly discussed some possible changes with the current Justice system. Council member Kevin Riley also wished participants Happy New Year and shared the upcoming events in the district and encouraged participants on being more civically engaged in the community. In addition, he noted the recent success in being able to stop the Charter school Success Academy from displacing a school in the district.

1. Public Gallery Session

- **QWPR- Had concerns about the state of White Plains Road and noted several businesses are suffering due to the Bike Lanes.**
- **Pedro Gonzalez (Bronx Community Health Network) introducing their services and their newest site on White Plains Road with planned opening mid-September. The main office is at 1 Fordham Plaza, Suite 1108, and his contact (646) 771-5505.**
- **Leah Gittens & Hayden (Women Creating Change) their focus is civic engagement in making it more equitable for women. Creating more opportunities for NYC women, making a more equitable New York. Women are their focus but all are welcome. Free workshops are available.**
- **Ayris Granby of Granby Funeral home had concerns on the bike lane traffic on White Plains Road and that they are creating hazardous conditions.**
- **Katherine from "I Raise Girls & Boys" noted upcoming event in the district**
- **Dr. Toba, President of the 47th Precinct Council shared about upcoming Breakfast Fundraiser on April 26th and the Precinct will be getting a new Commanding Officer.**
- **Dr Toba discussed with participants of the upcoming video release of an incident in Memphis, Tennessee. He noted that viewing the video might raise tension between the community and the police and encouraged persons not to be disruptive. In addition, he noted those cops in Tennessee have already been indicted.**



- **Damon** requesting to be involved in the Community Board and noted the website information not updated.
- Illegally parked vehicles, parking at hydrants etc
- Slow response by the 47th Precinct
- He has created 311 tickets
- **District Manager** will follow-up with NCOs for the area in the district where complainant resides.
- **District Manager** gave his contact information for further assistance
- **District Manager** also noted Community Board applications are now available on the site.
- **Alexis from the BPs office noted the deadline of March 3rd**
- **JM wanted to get the Board aware of the corner of Cranford Avenue and White Plains Road flooding. Pooling of water where a safety concern for residents' inability to cross the street.**
- **District Manager will follow up with DEP**
- **Dianna & James Hunt reporting that they would like street cleaning or alternate side parking at Schieffelin and 222nd Street. They noted illegal dumping of cars, mobile homes parking and trash littering.**

II Elected Officials/Representatives Report

- **Bronx DA office Esaie St Vil noted the upcoming events Re-entry Fair in April**
- **Child Safety Fair**
- **Job Opportunities at the Bronx DA's Office**
- **Luke Mark concerns with the bus services on Gun Hill**
- **Community Board Karl Stricker noted this is an issue currently being addressed with the MTA**
- **Karishma Pyankaro, Intelligent Analyst (Bronx DA's Office) requesting residents with security cameras to share information by registering their private cameras with their office. This would assist with crime prevention in the ne**
- **Sydni Burg (Council Member Dinowitz Office)**
 - **Discretionary Budget applications are available**
 - **Training on process is available**
 - **Renovation of Woodlawn Library – July 2026 projected reopening**
 - **Council member Dinowitz is trying to improve the services of 311 making it more interactive**
 - **660A Bill to assist students with disabilities making transition to tertiary institution more accessible**
 - **Free PPEs, Mask, Inflatable Flood Barrier**
 - **Rat proof Garbage Bins available at 277 W 231st Street**

- **Bronx Borough President's Report**
- • **Alexis Ruiz (Bronx BP's Office)**
- **- Latest News Letter has been sent via email.**
- **- Community Board Applications are now an online application and you can call to check if it has been received once it is submitted. This is available for new members and reappointments. Deadline is 3/3**

- **Ranell Ogilvie (Senator Bailey's Office)**
 - **Apologies for the Senator's absence**
 - **Upcoming event "Raise Your Voices" Human Trafficking awareness**
 - **Upcoming Hate Crime event**
 - **Black Expression events for Black History Month at the NE Bronx YMCA**

Presentation (The Door)

Shavaughn Stewart, Supervisor Foster Care Division

-The Door North Bronx Youth Center Satellite Site

- Youth ages 16-24

- **Education**
- **System involved youth stipend offered (Homelessness. IEP or disability, high poverty zone, Foster Care etc**
- **Post Secondary Training and Job Placement**
- **OSHA Training**
- **Information how to join was given**
- **Contact information was shared**

III Community Board Chairperson's Report

The Chair thanked all for being here and noted all new members have been assigned or reassigned at this time and would like this time for the Chairs of Committees to introduce themselves and share briefly.

She noted that we had a quorum and that is why it is so important to be here.

- **Judith Benitez (Economic Development & Business Services)** This committee works with the businesses and the city agencies to promote business development. This committee also works with local businesses to review and approve liquor licenses request.
- **Carla Borosotti (Environmental Concerns Committee)** focus is on issues with immediate local community environmental concerns as well as broader issues impacting the environment. Local level trash complaints we escalate to DSNY and address other

concerns with trash. Offering workshops on lead poisoning, home energy conservation etc. Rat mitigation is also a concern.

- Liaise with contacts of various agencies etc. Current curbside composting pick-up in the Bronx.
- Robert Hall (Housing Chair) Deals with Block associations and also Developers ensuring compliance with necessities in constructing new developments. He noted some types of housing are Affordable and low-income housing.
- Joan Claud (Libraries & Cultural Affairs) This committee introduces cultural programs to provide inclusion in the community for all.
- Karl Stricker (Chair Land Use) Land use deals a lot with developers and zoning in the community. Land use makes recommendations when request for rezoning is made. They are advisory only and their decisions are still subjected to the city agency.
- Denise Bond (Parks & Recreation Chair) Seeks to enhance Parks and Green spaces within the community.
- Alfredo Figueroa (Public Safety Chair) works closely with NYPD, Fire Dept and OEM. This committee works also with the Transportation Committee of CB12 as concerns for public safety also falls in line with many transportation issues.
- John Isaac (Transportation & Capital Projects) Transportation works with Education & Safety Committees. There are a lot of changes that will be coming into our community with the introduction of ebikes etc. Our aim is to see improvements in our community
- Tollyne Dickerson (Education and Youth Services Chair) Collaborates with community and private schools, colleges, universities, parents, or guardians to ensure positive educational outcome for our community.

District Manager's Report

The District Manager wished all a happy New Year. He encouraged sharing the Community Board applications with our friends, this includes other Community Boards also as it is the same application. He noted the extension to meet virtually by the mayor. He also thanked everyone and noted his 7 years 5 months and 23 days as District Manager to CB12.

District Manager also thanked the Chair on her assistance in our recent city audit by EEOC.

Board will continue to virtually approved to February 15th

Chair gave excuse for Ursula Greene in her absence

IV Approval of Minutes:

Chair requested a motion to tabling of the November 2022 minutes motion by John Isaac seconded by VP1 Clinton Myck

V Financial Report

Treasurer Ms. Tollyne Dickinson provided an update regarding the current balance of the Sunshine Fund: \$2,625.00

Letter will be sent for 2023 Sunshine Fund donation request.

Committee Reports

Chair reminded Committee Chairs to send her a copy of their reports

Economic Development

Four Businesses making request to renew or for new liquor license

Letter of Support for:

Fronto Star—3376B Boston Road--On Premises--New

Fireside Pub—4299 Katonah Avenue--On Premises--Renewal

Klassique—3813 Boston Road--On Premises--Renewal

Triple Deuce-3601 Boston Road- On Premises - Renewal

Motion to accept report Alfredo Figueroa seconded by John Isaac

Victor Brown -abstained

Report Approved by majority

Motion to send a letter to approve on request for licenses new and renewal Karl Stricker seconded by Robert Hall

Victor Brown- abstained

Approved by majority

Transportation & Capital Improvement:

Report of January 12th meeting at 7:00pm. This was a joint meeting with Education & Public Safety Committees. Both schools noted concerns with children off loading and loading the buses. Committee requesting a letter for DOT to do a study on the conversion of the streets of the locations to be made into one-way streets. The barricades currently given by the 47th Precinct has been helpful but cannot be the long-term solution. Complete lack of courtesy by persons in these areas.

Letter of support to DOT for school safety transit study

Motioned to accept report by Karl Stricker seconded by Ivan Boris

Vote for letter of support for Transit study for one-way conversions. Karl Stricker made the motion.

P.S.68—4011 Monticello Avenue

P.S. 189—3441 Steinwick Avenue

John Isaac requested from the Board to send a second letter to Transit to return the Bx 30 to its original route

Motioned by Robert Hall seconded by Antony Reid

Goals of Committee for 2023 presented by Luke Sabadoz

Parks And Recreation:

Reported By Denise Bond, Chair

motion to accept report Karl Stricker seconded Clinton Myck

Letter of Support requested

Renaming of Indian Field

Motion to vote Karl Stricker seconded John Isaac

Unanimous approval

Old Business

Jewish Board presented to the board 11/2022 and requested a Support Letter for 59 Units of Supportive Housing at 4421 White Plains Road. We have been informed that they will not be moving forward with this plan.

New Business

New Precinct Commander for the 47th is being recruited

Good and Welfare - Board Member Social Gathering Ideas needed

Moment of Silence for Gun Violence was done

Adjournment

There being no further issues to discuss motion made by Ivan Borrás seconded John Isaac to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Michelle Bromfield,
Corresponding Secretary

COMMUNITY BOARD 12, THE BRONX ATTENDANCE SHEET

*All
Virtual*

Date January 26, 2023

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			
LAGO, MARTIN KEISHA		X		

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	VIRTUAL
MARTIN, LUCILLE	X			
MOORE, SHANEQUA	X			
MYKE, CLINTON	X			
ORTIZ, CARMEN	X			
PANIAGUA, QUEENIE	X			
REID, ANTHONY	X			
SAMUELS, DR. SHERRY	X			
SINGH, HARI	X			
STRICKER, KARL	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

Date January 26, 2023

MOTION NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
BENITEZ, JUDITH	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
BENNETT, EGERIA		Excused						
BOND, DENISE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
BORRAS, ANTHONY IVAN	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
BORSOTTI, CARLA	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
BROMFIELD-ARMSTRONG, MICHELLE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
BROWN, VICTOR	Abs	N	A	A	A	A	A	
BROWNE, DEACON EDWARD	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
BRYAN, NORBET	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
CAMPBELL, DESIREE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
CAMPBELL, SADIE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
CLODD, JOAN	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
CORONEL, BEATRIZ	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
DEVONE, CHRIS	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	
DICKERSON, TOLLYNE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
EICHELBERGER, KEVIN	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	
FIGUEROA, ALFREDO	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
GOFF, JOHNNIE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
HALL, ROBERT	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
HAYES, LISA	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
ISAAC, JOHN	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
JAMES, THEODORE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
LAGO, MARTIN KEISHA	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	

MOTION NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MARTIN, LUCILLE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
MOORE, SHANEQUA	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
MYKE, CLINTON	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
ORTIZ, CARMEN	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
PANIAGUA, QUEENIE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
REID, ANTHONY	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
SAMUELS, DR. SHERRY	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
SINGH, HARI	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
STRICKER, KARL	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
SUBAIR, GBENGA	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
SZABADOS, LUKE	NP	A	A	A	Abs	A	A
TIRADO, DEBRA	A	A	A	A	A	NP	NP
WALKER, DEBORAH	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
WALTERS, RYAN	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
YEMMER, ASTERE	A	A	A	A	A	A	A

A = AYE
 N = NAY
 NP = NOT PRESENT
 ABS = ABSTAINED
 R = RECUSE

Excused

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DATE: January 26, 2023

MOTIONS:

1.	to accept the report from the ED committee
2.	to send a L of S to SLA re: Front to Star- New Klassique, Fireside Pub, Triple Deuce - Renewals
3.	to accept the report from the Transportation Comm.
4.	to send a L of S to DOT for school safety study for P.S. 68 and P.S. 189
5.	to send a 2nd L of S to MTA to return Bx 30 bus to its original route.
6.	to accept the report of the Parks Committee
7.	to send a L of S to have a name change of Indian field.
8.	
9.	

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 12, Bronx

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICES COMMITTEE

January 19, 2023

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

Non Committee Persons: John Isaac, Clinton Myke, Tolleyne Dickerson, Joan Clodd, Debra Tirado, Ted James, Lucille Martin, Sadie Campbell

Absent: Norbert Bryan

Guest: Simone Jones, Chief of Staff to Councilman Kevin Riley, Cynthia Prisco, Community Board 12 Liaison, Malcom Gray, Neighborhood Development Manager, Jerome/Gun Hill Bid (MPC)

Meeting began at 6:36pm via WebEx with Judith Benitez, Chair welcoming members and community-at-large.

We were joined by Ms. Cynthia Prisco, CB12 Liaison and Ms. Simone Jones, Chief of Staff for Councilman Riley who gave an update on the White Plains Road corridor.

Ms. Jones stated that a walk through the corridor was performed by Council Member Riley, Small Business Services Commissioner Kevin Kim and Council Member Julie Menon who is the chair of the Committee of Small Business Services for NYC was made to assess some of the needs of the businesses and get some feedback. Some of the needs regarded more support for Grants, the lack of support for services, i.e., sanitation. A local law created a One Stop Shop where all grants can be located grants and resources can be access through SBS portal. Councilman Riley hosted a You can get further information through Council Riley's office. Last Summer, Councilman Riley hosted an event with Bronx Collab.

During the summer Councilman Riley personally went to a lot of the auto body shops about complaints received from constituents about cars parking on the sidewalks and establish a dialog with theses auto body shops.

There is a grant that is available now and the deadline is January 30th for businesses sponsored by the Citizens Committee for NYC.

We would like to partner with the Community Board to have OATH come to this district to be helpful and triage summons received by the businesses in this area (e.g., sanitation and building violations). (April or May.) Ms. Jones indicated that they are working with Mosholu Preservation Team (Jerome/Gun Hill BID) to start a project where we will reach out to the

owners of the storefronts, not the renters, to figure out who the owners are and have them buy into the community (by upkeeping property) and maintain consistent communication with the community board.

We are working with Mosholu Preservation Team (Jerome BID) to start a project where we will try figure out who the owners are (not the renters of storefronts) and have the owners invest in the community with upkeep of their property and maintain consistent communications with community board as well as elected officials.

We are waiting for the new person to reestablish a link with MP Team/Jerome BID. The Council Member allocates funding for holiday lights and additional cleanup and outreach.

We then continued with the agenda. A cleanup item from last month.

The Economic Development Committee is recommending to the Community Board that they approve the application for New License of the Fronto Star Inc. located at 3376B Boston Road.

Fireside Pub was represented by Thomas Mulligan. The Pub is a family-owned business, been in the area since 1977. Run by Mr. Mulligan and his three daughters. Serve hamburgers, mozzarella sticks bar food. They have taken advantage of the Open Street/Dining Program. There is a shed on the street in front of their place.

916 East 233 Street Sports Club Inc. – Tabled.

Also....

The Economic Development Committee is recommending to the Community Board that they approve the applications for Renewal Licenses of Klassique located at 3813 Boston Road, Two Two Two Bar and Grill Corp. located at 3601 Boston Road and Fireside Pub located at 4272 Katonah Avenue.

Behan's Pub, 4299 Katonah Avenue, Renewal. Received no documentation. Tabled.
Rambling House, 4292 Katonah Avenue, Renewal. Received no documentation. Tabled.

Two, Two, Two Bar and Grill Corp, 3601 Boston Road was represented by Austin Howell and Michael Ferrari, Esq. Up for renewal license. All the documents except Stipulations was received. After discussion Mr. Ferrari and his client agreed to submit by Friday. It was received.

Discussion about dancing or live music in the district

Malcom Gray of Gun Hill/Jerome BID, MPC introduced himself to the committee. He is now the new Neighborhood Development Manager. Been in the job two weeks. Daniela Beasley who is the new executive director of MPC right now is covering White Plains Road area.

Question arose about work being done on Gun Hill Road between Laconia and Boston Road. Staff will check on this.

Meeting ended at 7:18pm.