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**Bronx Community Board 12
January 27, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of Community Board 12, the Bronx, for January 27, 2022 was called to order via a Webex virtual meeting, at 8:12 pm by Chairman Dr. Michael Burke.

I. Public Gallery Session

Ms. Leticia Stewart/Executive Director, I Raise Girls and Boys International Inc

Ms. Stewart provided an overview of her organization's mission and reported that her organization is launching a survey tool regarding the community's response to covid mandates. Ms. Stewart can be contacted at Stewart@iraiscinc.org

Ms. Patricia McDow/3100 Edson Ave Homeowners Association

Ms. McDow raised a complaint about a local property that is not being properly maintained, there is excessive trash around the property.

Board members Mr. Robert Hall and Ms. Sydney Blair noted that there have been complaints for some time about the property in question. District Manager Mr. George Torres responded that the issue is complex because the property owner has indicated they will have to impose rent increases if they are not granted the tax abatement extension. Chairman Dr. Michael Burke encouraged Ms. Stewart to view the December 2021 and January 2022 Land Use meetings, available on YouTube.

Mr. Moses/Community Resident

Mr. Moses spoke about tractor trailers parked illegally in the community, especially on East 238 Street. Mr. Moses stated that Community Board 12 has been tasked with identifying a location for tractor trailers to park. District Manager Mr. George Torres responded that this has been an ongoing problem and is still under review.

Community Resident



The Community Resident spoke about issues with trucks unloading and double/triple parking in areas heavily trafficked by school buses, obstructing traffic during rush hour and posing a safety threat to the students.

Ms. Pamela Hamilton/Community Resident

Ms. Hamilton also spoke about the tractor trailer parking issues in the community. She commented that consolidating tractor trailers in one location would concentrate the exhaust fumes, this should be taken into consideration.

Ms. Virginia Sanders/Community Resident

Ms. Sanders reported that there is a lot of trash on East 241st St. between Furman to Barnes Avenues. First Vice Chairperson Ms. Egeria Bennett asked Ms. Sanders to provide additional details to the Community Board office for further follow-up.

II. Land Use

Secretary Ms. Judith Benitez confirmed that there a quorum is present.

4541 Furman Avenue: request for a zoning map amendment from M1-1 to R7D and R7D/C2-4, a zoning text amendment to Appendix F for affordable housing, and a zoning text amendment to Appendix I to expand the transit zone to facilitate a new mixed-use 150-unit building with commercial and community facility uses

Motion made by Mr. Alfredo Figueroa, seconded by Mr. John Isaac to approve the zoning change. **The motion did not carry 7 Ayes, 21 Nays and 5 Abstentions.**

1930 Adee Avenue: request to rezone from an R4 to an R6B for Community Facility Use (a daycare center). The building is currently not conforming to the existing zoning.

Motion made by Mr. Alfredo Figueroa seconded by Ms. Denise Bond to approve the request, with the conditions that the 3 adjacent buildings be excluded from the up zoning; that a restrictive declaration be recorded by the County Clerk's office that the property will only be used as a day care facility; and that a notation be made on the certificate of occupancy limiting the use of the space to a day care facility. **Motion carried unanimously.**

III Elected Officials/Representatives Reports

In response to Board discussion related to land use issues, **Senator Alessandra Biaggi** commented that government can work to improve the way housing information is presented to facilitate keeping the community updated on current issues. She also provided updates on her office's upcoming priorities and events, and the resources they can provide.

Her office can be reached at (718) 822-2049.



Ms. Cynthia Prisco from **Council Member Kevin Riley's** office provided an update re. their office's recent activities and services offered by their office. She can be reached at cprisco@council.nyc.gov, or by phone at 718-684-5509.

Ms. Marilex Santana-Tavarez provided an update on activities of **Bronx DA Marcel Clark's** office.

IV. Report of the Bronx Borough President

Ms. Alexis Ruiz from the **Borough President's Office** reported that reappointment applications were sent out this week and are due March 4, 2022. Applications for new members are available on the borough president's office website.

- Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson Issued a Welcome Message
- The Borough President Issued a Statement on the Tragic 5-Alarm Fire in The Bronx
- Borough President Gibson Issued a Statement on the Herstoric Election of NYC Council Speaker Adrienne Adams.
- Borough President Issued a Statement on Governor Hochul's 2022 State of the State Address
- Bronx President Gibson Announced New Deputy Borough President Janet Altagracia Peguero

Up Coming Events

- Martin Luther King, Monday January 17, 2022—Union Grove Trinity Baptist Church—1488 Reverend Fr. Fletcher C. Crawford Way—10:00 A.M.

The Bronx Borough Presidents Report is available in its entirety in the Community Board office.

V. Chairman's Report

See Attached

VI. District Manager's Report

See Attached

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Karl Stricker and seconded to approve November 2021 minutes as printed with any corrections. **Motion carried unanimously.**

IX. Committee Reports



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ms. Tollyne Dickinson provided an update regarding the current balance of the Sunshine Fund: \$1849. She encouraged all members who have not yet done so to send their contributions by mail or hand delivery to the office.

Economic and Business Development

Chairwoman Ms. Judith Benitez recommended:

- Approval of waiver to extend time to submit application to the State Liquor Authority.
- Renewal of one liquor license application.

Motion made by Mr. Karl Stricker seconded by Mr. Robert Hall to accept the Economic and Business Development recommendations for both establishments. **Motion carried 30 Ayes and 1 Abstention.**

Discipline Committee

Motion made by Ms. Barbara Gibson, seconded by Ms. Judith Benitez to approve the proposed Code of Conduct. *Motion carried 23 Ayes, 3 Nays and 2 Abstentions.*

XII. Adjournment

There being no further issues to discuss the motion made by Chairman Dr. Burke and seconded by Mr. Robert Hall to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 10:31 pm.



Carla Borsotti
March 23, 2022



COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 12, THE BRONX ATTENDANCE SHEET

DATE: January 27, 2022

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
BENITEZ, JUDITH	X		
BENNETT, EGERIA	X		
BLAIR, SYDNEY	X		
BOND, DENISE	X		
BORRAS, IVAN ANTHONY	X		
BORSOTTI, CARLA	X		
BROMFIELD-ARMSTRONG, MICHELLE	X		
BROWN-ALLEN, MARLENE	X		
BROWN, VICTOR		X	
BROWNE, DEACON EDWARD			X
BRYAN, NORBERT			X
BURKE, DR. MICHAEL	X		
CAMPBELL, SADIE	X		
CLODD, JOAN	X		
CORONEL, BEATRIZ	X		
DICKERSON, TOLLYNE	X		
DUBOSE, KASHON	X		
EICHELBERGER, KEVIN	X		
FIGUEROA, ALFREDO	X		
GADPAILLE, HANNAH	X		
GIBSON-LAGRANT, BARBARA	X		
GOFF, JOHNNIE	X		
HALL, ROBERT	X		
HAYES, LISA	X		

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
ISAAC, JOHN	X		
JAMES, THEODORE	X		
LAGO-MARTIN, KEISHA	X		
LASST, AFUA (Ayy_Fwa)		X	
LANZANO, CARL	X		
MANZANET, JARAN JR.		X	
MARTIN, LUCILLE	X		
MOORE, SHANEQUA	X		
MYKE, CLINTON	X		
ORTIZ, CARMEN	X		
REID, ANTHONY			X
ROBINS, DR. DENA		X	
SAMBOY, JESSICA	X		X
SANCHEZ, LUISA Resigned			
SINGH, HARI	X		
STRICKER, KARL	X		
SZABADOS, LUKE	X		
TIRADO, DEBRA	X		
YEMMER, ASTERE		X	

VOTING SHEET
COMMUNITY BOARD 12, THE BRONX

DATE: January 27, 2022

MOTION NUMBER:	1	2	3	4	5	6
BENITEZ, JUDITH	A	A	A	A	A	
BENNETT, EGERIA	A	A	A	A	A	
BLAIR, SYDNEY	N	A	A	A	A	
BOND, DENISE	N	A	A	A	A	
BORRAS, IVAN ANTHONY	Abs	A	A	A	N	
BORSOTTI, CARLA	N	A	A	A	N	
BROMFIELD-ARMSTRONG, MICHELLE	A	A	A	A	A	
BROWN-ALLEN, MARLENE	Abs	A	A	A	Abs	
BROWN, VICTOR	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	
BROWNE, DEACON EDWARD	Excused					
BRYAN, NORBERT	Excused					
BURKE, DR. MICHAEL	N	A	A	Abs	N	
CAMPBELL, SADIE	N	A	A	A	A	
CLODD, JOAN	N	A	A	A	A	
CORONEL, BEATRIZ	Abs	A	A	A	A	
DICKERSON, TOLLYNE	N	A	A	A	A	
DUBOSE, KASHON	N	A	A	A	Abs	
EICHELBERGER, KEVIN	N	A	A	A	A	
FIGUEROA, ALFREDO	A	A	A	A	A	
GADPAILLE, HANNAH	N	Excused				
GIBSON-LAGRANT, BARBARA	N	A	A	A	A	
GOFF, JOHNNIE	N	NP	NP	NP	NP	
HALL, ROBERT	N	A	A	A	A	
HAYES, LISA	N	A	A	A	NP	

MOTION NUMBER:	1	2	3	4	5	6
ISAAC, JOHN	N	A	A	A	A	
JAMES, THEODORE	N	A	A	A	A	
LAGO-MARTIN, KEISHA	N	A	A	A	A	
LASST, AFUA (Ayy Fwa)	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	
LANZANO, CARL	N	A	A	A	A	
MANZANET, JARAN JR.	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	
MARTIN, LUCILLE	N	A	A	A	NP	
MOORE, SHANEQUA	Abs	A	A	A	A	
MYKE, CLINTON	N	A	A	A	A	
ORTIZ, CARMEN	A	A	A	A	A	
REID, ANTHONY	Excused					
ROBINS, DR. DENA	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	
SAMBOY, JESSICA	Abs	A	A	A	A	
SANCHEZ, LUISA	Resigned					
SINGH, HARI	A	A	A	A	NP	
STRICKER, KARL	N	A	A	A	A	
SZABADOS, LUKE	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	
TIRADO, DEBRA	A	A	A	A	A	
YEMMER, ASTERE	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	

A = AYE/YEA
 N = NAY/NO
 NP = NOT PRESENT
 ABS = ABSTAINED
 R = RECUSE
 EXCUSED

7	31	31	30	23
21	0	0	0	3
8	7	7	7	10
5	0	0	1	2
0	0	0	0	0
3	4	4	4	4
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TOTAL

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MOTIONS:

1.	LAND Use: 4541 Furman Avenue - Rezoning Request To Disapprove
2.	1930 Adele Avenue - Rezoning Request LAND Use: To Approve with an Amendment of restrictive Declaration
3.	To approve Board minutes for November
4.	To approve: Plumrose Cricket Club - renewal of liquor license; Wembley Athletic Club's waiver Request
5.	To approve: Board member Code of Conduct.
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To: The Members and Constituents of Community Board 12, The Bronx

From: L. Michael Burke, Jr., Ph.D.
Chairman

Date: January 27, 2022

Re: Chairman's Report (11/18/21 to 1/27/22)

1. Wakefield Taxpayers Association Meeting

The Wakefield Taxpayers Association Meeting took place on Friday, November 19, 2021. The President, Mrs. Virginia Sanders, presided over the meeting. A presentation by the Department of Sanitation was given on the Organics Food Scrap Program. Afterwards, Ms. Anna Sadofsky provided the attendees with valuable information about the many choices available for Medicare recipients.

2. PS 87 School Extension Groundbreaking Ceremony

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the extension of PS 87 was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. NYC Department of Education Chancellor, Dr. Meisha Porter, along with the Bronx District 11 Superintendent, along with Speaker Carl Heastie, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., NYS Senator Jamaal Bailey and NYC Councilman Kevin Riley were in attendance. Additionally, Ms. Tollyne Dickerson, CB 12's Education and Youth Services Committee Chairperson was also in attendance. After several remarks, all elected officials, all Department of Education officials, in addition to, Ms. Dickerson and Dr. Burke who represented Community Board 12, broke ground on the new facility.

3. Meeting with Former Borough President Carrión

Mr. George Torres, along with Ms. Ursula Greene, facilitated a meeting with Former Borough President Adolfo Carrión on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. Representatives from various city agencies including the NYPD, in addition to, DSNY and DOT were also present. Mr. Carrión informed the participants of conditions at 4605 Bullard Avenue which unnerves his client. This client has the potential to revolutionize and revitalize the area. Moreover, this area has the potential to enhance the profile of our Community Board and the surrounding area for generations to come. The stakeholders discussed solutions to the problem in order to propagate this prospective



opportunity. Based on the discussion, the stakeholders have specific action items to carry out. Although a follow-up meeting has not been scheduled, Mr. Carrión stated he would like to keep the stakeholders informed as to the progress of the opportunity. Additionally, our constituents and Board Members will have a chance to comment at an upcoming meeting.

4. 222nd Street Block Association Meeting

The 222nd Street Block Association Meeting took place on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. Mrs. Judy Hutson and Mrs. Pamela Hamilton-Johnson presided over the meeting. The association is setting up a Twitter account. The goal is to increase the profile of the association in the community. Additionally, the goal of the new social media presence is to engage businesses and other entities which are not or have not been good community partners. Ms. Eleanor Larrier, who is the Executive Director of the Bronx Community Health Network, stated her organization has leased the building on 218th Street and White Plains Road. She further stated the goal, of the BCHN, is to open a clinic at the aforementioned location. There was a discussion in regards to the new bicycle lanes which are now a fixture of the White Plains Road Safety Improvement Plan currently under construction. NYS Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie was the guest speaker. He addressed concerns attendees had as it pertains to FEMA disaster assistance, rental reimbursement and mortgage assistance.

5. 47th Precinct Community Council Meeting

The 47th Precinct Community Council Meeting took place on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Several Board Members were in attendance. This meeting served as the annual holiday party. There was plenty of holiday cheer as there was plenty of food, music and camaraderie enjoyed by the attendees.

6. Transportation and Capital Projects Committee Meeting

The Transportation Committee met on December 9, 2021. The MTA presented their final Bronx Bus Redesign to the committee and constituents of the board. Although this plan met with resistance, the MTA is scheduled to vote on the final plan on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. The committee recommended to write a letter to the MTA to discourage the changes. However, time constraints were not conducive for a letter to have an effect on the aforementioned outcome. The meeting minutes were prepared by Mr. John Isaac and can be found on file.

7. Joint Housing/Land Use Committee Meeting

A joint meeting of the Housing and Land Use Committees took place on December 13, 2021. The purpose of the meeting was to receive an update on the BSA renewal located at 2829 and 2875 Edson Avenue respectively. A new landlord approached the committee asking to approve a tax abatement in excess of \$35,000,000. Lastly, the property at 1959 Strang Avenue is prepared to initiate the ULURP process. The minutes for this meeting can be found on file.



8. Women of Woodlawn Invitation

The Women of Woodlawn held their Christmas Party at the Rambling House on December 14, 2021. This was the first time the group has met in person since the start of the pandemic. This was an opportunity for these constituents to meet, engage and interact with the Chairman of Community Board 12. The ladies stated they felt neglected from the board in the past. The ladies were very happy to know that "someone cared" about their concerns. They further stated they were happy to meet someone from board leadership. We participated in a question-and-answer session. Based on this meeting, correspondence has been received from several of the attendees.

9. Joint Bronx Borough Board and Bronx Borough Service Cabinet Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Bronx Borough Board and Borough Service Cabinet took place on December 16, 2021. Updates were given on the Open Restaurants Permanent Program. Community Board 12 voted to approve the sidewalk text amendment in September. However, this proposal was different in that the Department of Transportation and the Department of City Planning discussed extending the program to include the streets of New York City. City Council is expected to vote on this proposal in early 2022. The emergency program, which was established due to the pandemic, is set to expire in December 2022. To view the presentation or to obtain any further information, go to www.nyc.gov/openrestaurants. The public survey is currently open. It is set to end January 31, 2022. The Department of City Planning also gave a presentation entitled **The Principles of Good Urban Design Initiative**. This presentation and corresponding website were designed to engage residents and Community Board members. The objective is to have NYC residents inform DCP the features they would like to see in their neighborhoods. The information can be found online a <https://www.goodurbandesign.nyc>. This was the last meeting facilitated by the outgoing Deputy Borough President Marricka Scott-McFadden. She thanked everyone for their years of support during her tenure as Deputy Borough President. Although she is leaving public service, she informed the attendees that she still plans on being an active citizen in her community.

10. Land Use Committee Meeting

The Land Use Committee met on January 10, 2022 several developers returned to address concerns, raised by the committee, at the last meeting. Additionally, two new ULURP applications have been certified by the NYC Department of City Planning. These applications are in the sixty-day Community Board review phase. A public hearing is scheduled on January 27 prior to the General Board Meeting. The minutes for the meeting can be found on file.



11. Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

The Parks & Recreation Committee took place on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. Capital projects, in addition to, park security and maintenance were topics of discussion. Parks Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Denise Bond, led discussions on various other topics including the Shoelace Park exercise equipment public meeting scheduled for January 26, 2022. The minutes for the meeting can be found on file.

12. 47th Precinct Community Council Meeting

The 47th Precinct Community Council Meeting took place on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Several Board Members were in attendance. This meeting was led by the 47th Precinct Community Council President, Mr. Toba LaCrown. Inspector Osvaldo Nunez provided the attendees with updated crime statistics within our community. The inspector asked the attendees to remain vigilant against the increasing criminal element which resides in our neighborhood.

13. By-Laws Committee Meeting

The meeting of the By-Laws Committee took place on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. The primary topic was to discuss the member Code of Conduct which was drafted by the Discipline Committee.

14. Economic Development and Business Services Committee Meeting

The Economic Development Committee met on January 20, 2022. The committee discussed methods to deliver better services to the merchants and residents of the community. Several businesses came before the committee to have their applications reviewed. The recommendations, of the committee, are on file for examination.

15. Wakefield Taxpayers Association Meeting

The Wakefield Taxpayers Association Meeting took place on Thursday, January 20, 2022. Councilman Eric Dinowitz was the guest speaker for the meeting. Councilman Dinowitz provided an update to previously addressed concerns which were brought to his attention in the past.

16. Shoelace Park Fitness Equipment Community Input Meeting

The NYC Parks Department held a community engagement meeting, on January, 26, 2022, to solicit public input on the fitness equipment proposed for installation in Shoelace Park. This meeting is a continuation of the Shoelace Park/Bronx River Greenway Masterplan. Mrs. Denise Bond, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee, led the delegation of Board Members and community stakeholders at the meeting.



17. NYC Vaccination Information

Bronx Community Boards met with the leadership of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH). Information about the inoculation procedures for members of the general public was presented. This information can be found below:

Vaccine Fact Sheet (Multi-language):

[What New Yorkers Need to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines \(PDF\)](#)

Other Languages: [Español](#) | [Русский](#) | [繁體中文](#) | [简体中文](#) | [Kreyol ayisyen](#) | [한국어](#) | [বাংলা](#) | [Italiano](#) | [Polski](#) | [العربية](#) | [Français](#) | [اردو](#) | [عبرית](#)

COVID-19 Distribution in NYC (information on phases and eligibility):

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccine-eligibility.page>

NYC Vaccine Locations per borough (make online appointments in your selected location):

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccine-locations.page>

For assistance with appointments:

For assistance with appointments call 833-307-1678.

NYC Vaccine Information for Providers:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-providers-vaccines.page>

NYC Vaccine Command Center:

www.nyc.gov/vcc

NYC COVID-19 Vaccine DATA:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data-vaccines.page>

Additional resources:

NYS COVID-19 Vaccine Form (PDF) in order to get vaccinated:

<https://hca-nys.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/doh-covid-vaccine-form-instructions.pdf>

<https://forms.ny.gov/s3/vaccine>

CDC COVID-19 Vaccine phases:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

According to NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene website <https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov>, there are a total of eight sites where constituents of Community Board 12 have immediate access to the vaccine manufactured by Moderna. The vaccine can be accessed at the following locations:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>
1. Walgreens/Duane Reade	3901 White Plains Road	10466
2. Walgreens/Duane Reade	4232 Baychester Avenue	10466
3. Rite Aid Pharmacy	1139 E. 233 rd Street	10466
4. Top Value Pharmacy	3811 Dyre Avenue	10466
5. Walgreens/Duane Reade	3575 Boston Road	10469



6. *Walgreens/Duane Reade* *3040 Eastchester Road* *10469*
7. *Montifiore/Williamsbridge* *3011 Boston Road* *10469*
8. *Bay Eden Senior Center* *1220 E. 229th Street* *10466*

An appointment is necessary in order to be able to receive the vaccine. The telephone number to schedule an appointment is (800) 925-4733. As of this moment, one must be at least 65 years of age or older in order to be eligible to receive the vaccine at the sites listed above. Our constituents can also schedule their vaccine appointments online. The 10466 through 10470 zip codes are home to least vaccinated population in all of New York City. Community Board 12's Carriage House was used as a COVID-19 testing site until August 14, 2021. There are no plans for this space to be used as a vaccination site.



District Manager's Report
January 27, 2022

Good evening Board Members, Happy Thursday and Happy New Year. As we get ready for this impending snowstorm tomorrow, I hope you are all well. Unfortunately, my report tonight is not brief, but I do hope you take the opportunity to read it. A lot of the work that we do is nuanced and requires a commitment to be informed and honest brokers, not only with ourselves, but with what is good for our fellow neighbors who are not here participating in these meetings. We have two land use items up for a vote this evening that I think warrants your support. We are not an anti-development and despite the noise these projects will benefit our communities.

I am going to layout my vision for the Community Board. I have raised these issues in the past but unfortunately, we have not given these topics much discussion. I will tackle the most straightforward proposals first.

Term Limits

The year 2027 will be the first year that Board Members can be removed from the Board due to the imposition of term limits. The voters of the City of New York voted in 2018 to impose term limits on Community Boards. I raise all this to say that we are just beginning 2022 and we need to impose term limits here at our Board. I propose 2-year term limits for all Executive Offices and Committee Chairs. This might encourage more engagement from Board Members to be more active.

It should be noted that we did vote on this matter and it was successful however it was not implemented.

Limiting Debate

This is pretty straightforward. Right now, the Community Board imposes a 3-minute time limit for anyone speaking during our Public Gallery Session. I am proposing that we should impose a time-limit or number of question threshold on how long a Board Member can debate/ask questions. Hopefully, it will speed our meetings up and not let one individual Board Member dominate a meeting with endless questions/comments.

Reduction of Committees

I am proposing a reduction of committees to a total of four committees for the Community Board. I am also suggesting that those committees meet the second week of the month. Community Board 12 has twelve standing committees and three ad-hoc committees. There will be a time when we are meeting in person and I doubt everyone is going to running up to the Board for nightly meetings. It is a blessing right now to meet virtually but this will not always be the case.

1. Municipal Services Committee – would have oversight over most City Agencies that provide services like uniformed services, social services and over concerns not specified in the other committees description.

2. The Planning Committee – would have oversight on all Land Use matters, housing concerns, BSA, DOB, HPD and DOT related matters. They would also oversee matters related to Economic Development like liquor licenses and business development ideas.
3. Governance and Rules – would have oversight over how the Board runs itself. This committee would handle matters before our current By-Laws, Discipline and Executive Committees.
4. Public Hearings/Committee on the Whole (COW)- would handle all hearings for the Community Board's requirement to host Public Hearings once a month. Every Community Board was recently audited by the Comptroller's Office. Our previous assumptions about the public gallery session satisfying the public hearing requirement were wrong. A public hearing must have a quorum of the Full Board to count. We do not want these meetings to be held the same day as our Full Board Meetings.

I recommend that the Board take the time to consider these proposals and implement them. I know the Board is concerned about our current direction and is not happy with the length of our meetings or the number of meetings. I think these ideas are mindful of your time and move the Board to a place where we can be responsive to the community we represent.

I understand that this is not an easy decision to make. I hope all our executive officers and chairs believe that the work that they are doing is important. It is but it is not just your responsibility. We want to engage all Board Members and right now that is not happening. Let's be frank, we must embrace technology that some of us are not comfortable using. Community Board 12 posts all our meetings on our You Tube Channel. Our Full Board Meetings are streamed on multiple platforms and televised on Bronxnet. I am constantly harping on this because I think we can do more to reach more people and be more informative. I have always strived to give Board Members and our community residents as much information as possible. I want Board Members to have a clear conscience when they vote on matters before the Board.

Conclusion

Today marks my 2,370th day as your District Manager or 6-years, 5 months, and 25th day of my tenure here. I am grateful for each and every day at the Board.

Thank you for your patience and Good Night.

12/13/21

Bronx Community Board #12 – Land Use Committee Meeting

In Attendance: Karl Stricker, Hari Singh, Esq., Carla Borsotti, John Issac, Carl Lanzano, Keisha Lago Martin, Sydney Blair, Denise Bond, Anthony Reid

Absent: Judith Benitez

Other CB12 Members in Attendance: Alfredo Figueroa, Clinton Myke, Robert Hall, Dr. Michael Burke, Luke Szabados,

Meeting began at 7:04pm via WebEx with Karl Stricker, Chair, welcoming the members and community.

Agenda Topics 1 & 2 are combined as they are being represented by the same company.

1. 2875 Edson Ave – 13-01-BZII; BSA Renewal
2. 2829 Edson Ave – 12-01-BZ; BSA Renewal

Updates provided re: sidewalk being constructed on Grace Avenue.

- Filings made with DOB & DOT
- Retaining wall is required to support the sidewalk; need a "Revocable Consent" to proceed, currently under review by DOT – process is 12-14months
 - o Retaining wall on site would remove parking for the storage unit, would need to redesign parking lot, instead is going to the city to place retaining wall on city property (past the curb line of the property)

Hearing on Agenda Topics 1 & 2 closed at 7:25 pm

Agenda Topic 3: 1135 East 222nd Street – this is a BSA renewal, 319-53-BZII. – extend variance for another 10 years

- No longer on the Dec 2021 meeting agenda due to BSA not certifying until January or February. Will be presenting Jan 2022.

Agenda Topic 4: 3300 Palmer Avenue – is asking for an Article 11 tax exemption.

Hearing began at 7:26pm

- YMY Acquisitions
- Looking for tax exemption to keep property affordable for additional 40 years – keep apartments rent stabilized.
- 3300-3310 Palmer Avenue acquired in 2016, 135 rental units
- 421a Real Estate Tax Abatement was given that begins expiring in 2021 and fully expires in 2025/26
- Would also participate in HPD's Aging in Place Program to help elders who reside at the property to stay in their apartments.
- HPD has agreed to grant this Article XI exemption
- Sent to us by Councilman for being "bad neighbors" – 91 summons in 2021 by DSNY for illegal dumping behind the property.

Hearing on Agenda Topic 4 closed at 8:27pm

Agenda Topic 5: 1959 Strang Avenue – Eric Palatnik believe that City Planning will be certifying this application, public hearing needs to be scheduled

Hearing on Agenda Topic 5 opened at 8:28pm

- Talks about curb cut in Bx16 stop on Baychester Ave c/o Strang Avenue
 - o Congestion on Strang Ave
- Bank of America to go into this vacant lot

Hearing closed at 8:39pm

Meeting Closed at 8:40pm

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 12, Bronx

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICES COMMITTEE

January 20, 2022

In Attendance: Judith Benitez, Alfredo Figueroa, Astere Yemmer-Brown, Lou Szabados, Michael Burke (ex-officio)

John Isaac, Sydney Blair, Ted James, Beatriz Coronel

Absent: Kashon DuBose, Michael Felter, Merchants Association

Meeting began at 6:33pm via WebEx with Judith Benitez chair welcoming members and community-at-large.

The meeting began with an announcement regarding two establishments in the area. License is Suspended on Wally's Deli Corp., 664 East 233 Street. Barries Restaurant, 707 East 235 Street is closed for being an **Unlicensed Premise (SLA) with Nuisance Abatement (NYPD)**.

Establishments: Klassique Bar & Lounge, 3813 Boston Road (Renewal) and Triple Z's Bar and Lounge Corp. (formerly Iguana Lounge) (New). Have not received their documents for review.

In addition, questions surfaced at our last meeting regarding the cooking on premises for Iguana Lounge aka Triple Z. Until we have these questions answered, we are going to deny approval of a new liquor license.

Mr. Paul Sinclair owner of the Primrose Club was present. Mr. Sinclair indicated that the Primrose Club a non-profit sports/social club has been in this community since 1913. The Club is actively involved in the community; they sponsor a Christmas show for the children every year. The Club is actively involved in cricket.

Webley Athletic Club, 550 East 239 Street is asking for a one time wavier in regard to the renewal of their liquor license.

There are noise complaints for Easy Life Restaurant Bar, 130 East 222 Street. Several complaints have been lodged against the establishment with Ms. Greene at the Community Board and through 311. Ms. Greene talked to the owner and sent a letter to the owner. She asked him to attend this meeting to work out these noise complaints. The suggestion is that if he doesn't comply that we send a letter to SLA. Again, an attempt to contact the owner will be made. Mr. Szabados recommended that complaints be filed with the SLA and copy the

Community Board so that they are on record with the State Liquor Authority (SLA). When SLA reviews licenses, they will see if there are any complaints on file for those establishments. The address is: enforcement@SLA.NY.gov.

New Business – next month's meeting we will have a presentation from Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH). OATH is independent administrative law court. OATH holds hearings on summonses that are issued by enforcement agencies. Such as, Departments of Sanitation, Buildings, Fire Department, Police Department, Finance Department, Consumer Affairs and many more Departments. **Businesses should make every effort to attend this meeting. Please spread the word to attend this meeting.**

The Economic Development Committee is recommending to the Community Board that they approve the Renewal License of the Primrose Cricket Club. The approve the waiver for Wembley Athletic Club, Inc. The waiver will help with preparing and submitting their renewal application to SLA in a timely manner.

Meeting ended at 7:15pm.