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Bronx Community Board 12 March 24, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of Community Board 12, the Bronx, for March 2022 was called to order via a Webex virtual meeting, at 8:00 pm by Chairman Dr. Michael Burke.

I Public Gallery Session

Mr. Moses Deese/Community Resident

Mr. Moses Deese raised the issue regarding ongoing tractor trailer illegal parking in the community. He stated that it is unclear which council district is responsible for the area. He also stated that issues are raised at meetings but there is often no closure communicated back to community residents.

District Manager Mr. George Torres replied that the issues are in Eric Dinowitz's district because it is Baychester/Wakefield. Council Member Dinowitz's office has reached out to schedule a meeting/site visit. He further stated that there is enforcement, but the problem recurs.

Mr. Moses Deese commented that Baychester Avenue across the street from Bissell Gardens there is a large number of abandoned cars. Mr. Torres responded that it is the responsibility of New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) to tow cars which have no license plates, otherwise the 47th precinct is responsible.

Ms. Virginia Sanders/President of Wakefield Taxpayers & Civic League

Ms. Sanders stated that Barnes Avenue is littered with trash and dog waste. Chairman Dr. Michael Burke referred Ms. Sanders to the Board's Environmental Concerns Committee.

Ms. Xiomara James/Community Resident

Ms. James reported that streets are very uneven from East 219th Street to East Gun Hill Road, which is hazardous when hoverboarding in the area. She stated that she is also starting a nonprofit arts school, which will be free to the community. It will be comparable to a college, but without credits.



Dr. Burke responded that the area she described has recently been repaved. Dr. Burke said the Board will investigate further.

Mr. Torres noted that the Board has been requesting repaving of White Plains Road for many years.

Mr. Raynard Ganey/Community Resident

Mr. Raynard stated that he started a 401C3, with the intention of providing a club house for young men of the community. He stated that he is a substance abuse counselor.

Dr. Burke noted that a community member does not need to be a Board member to participate in committees.

Denise Echevarria/ Resident

Ms. Echevarria informed everyone that she is a Union Carpenter, and her union will be hosting an open house at 8:00 A.M. at 395 Hudson Street for apprenticeship with the Carpenters Union on April 13, 2022

Ms. Wahanga Gakere/Mind Builders

Ms. Gakere announced upcoming events at their organization.

Ms. Renee Patterson/Resident

Ms. Patterson thanked Ursula Greene and George Torres for their support with a Con Edison issue.

Ms. Dickerson / Community Resident

Ms. Dickerson informed everyone that she is the Education and Youth Services Committee Chairperson and she put her information in the chat. She encouraged everyone to reach out to her.

II Elected Officials/Representatives Report

Cynthia Prisco, respecting **Council Member Riley**, reported that both offices are currently open by appointment only. She reported on upcoming events sponsored by their office.

Council Member Eric Dinowitz reported on upcoming City Council legislation. He highlighted budget discussions around supporting children with special needs. He reported that the Council has also had discussions around fully funding CUNY. He stated that he is on 8 NYC Council Committees, and the best way to learn about his office's activities is to read their newsletter and follow him on social media.

Dannella Smith from **Assembly Member Dinowitz's** office announced a safe streets initiative is underway.

Angela Conley from **Senator Biaggi's office** reported that a bill was passed last week to provide a toll-free hotline for complaints of sexual harassment in the workplace. Constituent services are being provided on an appointment basis. They are always available by phone and email at (9718) 822-2049 angela@senatorbiaggi.com. Mr. Torres remarked that changing mandates from remote meetings to in person and back to

Ms. Alina Dowe introduced herself as Bronx Borough Director for Boards 7-12, representing **Mayor Eric Adams**.

Mr. Greer Mayhew, representing **Controller Brad Anders**, provided an update on upcoming events.

Ms. Marilex Santana-Tavares, representing **Bronx District Attorney Marcel D. Clark's** office, announced upcoming events sponsored by their office.

III Bronx Borough President's Report

Ms. Marilex Santana-Tavarez reported that the Borough President's newsletter has been emailed to community residents. New Board applicants should expect a phone call for an interview. She provided an update on upcoming events sponsored by the Borough President's office.

IV Community Board Chairperson's Report

The Chairman's Report is attached.

V. District Manager's Report

The District Manager's Report is attached.

VI Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes of January 27, 2022, as printed with any corrections. **Motion made by Mr. Anthony Reid**, seconded by **Mr. John Isaac**. **Motion carried 29 Ayes and 1 Abstention**.

VII Financial Report

Treasurer Ms. Tollyne Dickinson provided an update regarding the current balance of the Sunshine Fund: \$2009. She encouraged all members who have not yet done so to send their contributions by mail or hand deliver to the office.

VIII Special Presentation

Board Member Ms. Lisa Hayes, representing Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), provided a presentation on NAB – the Neighborhood Advisory Board program.

IX Vote on Committee Recommendations

Land Use Committee

Chairman Mr. Karl Stricker reported on the committee meeting regarding 3300 Palmer Avenue, seeking an extension of the owners' Article XI tax abatement. The committee recommended approval of the request if the owners commit to installing a sidewalk on the Boller Avenue side of the property. **Motion carried 18 Ayes, 3 Nays.**

Parks Committee

Chairwoman Ms. Denise Bond request a letter of support for the Woodlawn Playground reconstruction. Ms. Bond made a motion of unanimous consent to send a letter of support. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Bond requested a motion of unanimous consent to send a letter of support for the retaining wall project between 234th and 236th Streets. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Economic Development and Business Services

Chairwoman Ms. Judith Benitez recommended renewal of the liquor license for the Wembley Athletic Club, located at 555 E. 239th St. **Motion carried 24 Ayes, 2 nays and 4 Abstentions.**

X Old Business

Dr. Burke reported that work on the Community Board 12 Masterplan is ongoing.

Ms. Keisha Lago Martin provided an update on the proposed community board newsletter.

XI New Business

Dr. Burke discussed initiation of board expulsion procedures. Correspondence to Ms. Maiga-Laast was returned as undeliverable. Mr. Manzanet has indicated he no longer wishes to serve.

Discussion of the Community Job/Health Fair was tabled to a future meeting.

Dr. Burke recognized important events in board members' lives.

Mr. Carl Lanzano indicated that he is not seeking reappointment.

XII Adjournment

There being no further issues to discuss motion made by and seconded by to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:55 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carla Borsotti".

Carla Borsotti

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 12, THE BRONX ATTENDANCE SHEET

DATE: March 24, 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	Resigned		
EICHELBERGER, KEVIN	X		
FIGUEROA, ALFREDO	X		
GADPAILLE, HANNAH		X	
GIBSON-LAGRANT, BARBARA	X		
GOFF, JOHNNIE		X	
HALL, ROBERT	X		
HAYES, LISA	X		

VOTING SHEET
COMMUNITY BOARD 12, THE BRONX

DATE: March 24, 2022

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

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

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

29	18	30	24
0	3	0	2
7	7	7	7
1	9	0	4
0	0	0	0
2	2	2	2
<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>

TOTAL

DATE: March 24, 2022

MOTIONS:

1.	Approval of January 2022 minutes
2.	To approve recommendation to C. Riley on Article XI Tax Abatement
3.	Letter of Support
4.	Approve Renewal liquor for Wesley Athletic Club
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To: The Members and Constituents of Community Board 12, The Bronx

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

Date: March 24, 2022

Re: Chairman's Report (2/24/22 to 3/24/22)

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

Bronx Deputy Borough President Janet Peguero presided over the Joint Bronx Borough Board and the Bronx Borough Service Cabinet meeting on February 24, 2022. The information shared with the attendees is presented below:

a. Bronx Impact

<https://my.bronximpact.org/>

<https://www.bronximpact.org/>

b. 2022 Tax Season Literature Request

Form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetRbTD4_mDiPvhDpv-mmGQhUIFZ2mpQwGnx0cLn8qo6n0fhg/viewform

Visit nyc.gov/taxprep

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/media/tax-credit-campaign.page>

Overview of the tax

credits: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dca/downloads/pdf/media/NYCFreeTaxPrep-Flyer-English.pdf>

Deadline to apply for Property Tax Exemptions – March 15, 2022

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/benefits/landlords.page>

Please renew your Rent Freeze benefit every time you sign a new lease!!

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/index.page>



c. Department of Environmental Protection

Please join DEP at a virtual workshop on the Green Infrastructure Grant Program on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Attendees will learn about funding available for green roof retrofits on private property, eligibility requirements, and how to apply. To learn more about the Green Infrastructure Grant Program, visit nyc.gov/dep/gigrantprogram.

- 1) NYS is offering a Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), through which eligible homeowners could receive up to \$5,000 to resolve overdue water bills.
Unlike DEP's HWAP program, which customers do not have to apply for, NYS is asking people to apply here:
<https://otda.ny.gov/programs/water-assistance/>
- 2) New York City homeowners may be eligible for financial assistance to help pay overdue water bills, thanks to a new NYS program. The New York State Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is offering eligible homeowners a one-time payment of up to \$5,000 to resolve overdue water bills. NYS is now accepting applications for this program. To learn more, or to apply, visit otda.ny.gov/lihwap, call 833-690-0208, or call the toll-free OTDA Hotline at 800-342-3009. For questions about your water bill, or for assistance in another language, please call DEP at 718-595-7000.

2. Community Board Chairpersons Meeting

On March 2, 2022, Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson called a meeting, with the twelve Chairpersons of the Bronx Community Boards and her support staff, to discuss strategic implementation of her vision for the Bronx. Part of the discussion included the following topics:

1. Enforcement of EEO Rules and Regulations
2. Freedom of Information Law & Website Maintenance
3. Open Meetings Law Requirements
4. Reopening District Offices
5. Resuming In-person Meetings
6. Community Board Budgets
7. District Manager Timesheets
8. District Office Operations

The Chairpersons engaged in several minutes of questions and answers from the Borough President and/or members of her staff. Madame Borough President stated that she would like to engage with the Chairpersons on frequent intervals. A follow up meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place sometime in the spring.



3. Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee took place on March 7, 2022. The minutes were submitted by Mrs. Joan Clodd, Chairperson, and can be found on file. The committee presented their annual Women's History Month Program to the attendees present. The guest speaker was Marcia Keizs, Ph.D. Dr. Keizs is the President Emeritus of York College. York College is an affiliate of the City University of New York (CUNY). The committee also presented a cadre of outstanding women who had an impact in shaping the modern lifestyle. Additionally, our very own Mrs. Carmen Ortiz was the recipient of the Community Board 12 Woman of the Year. Mrs. Ortiz served as secretary of the Community Board for a number of years. We are grateful for her many years of dedication to the board, in addition to, the constituents of Community Board 12. The program was well attended and well received by everyone.

4. Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee took place on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The was led by our Parks and Recreation Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Denise Bond. Several topics were up for discussion during this meeting some of which included Shoelace Park and the Woodlawn Playground. The meeting was well received by all stakeholders who were in attendance. The minutes were submitted by Mrs. Bond and can be found on file.

5. 47th Precinct Community Council Meeting

The 47th Precinct Community Council Meeting took place on Wednesday, March 9, 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.

6. Land Use Committee Meeting

The Land Use Committee met on March 14, 2022 to address a concern aligned with the Housing Committee. The new owners of an HPD sponsored property, located at 3300 Palmer Avenue, were recommended to speak to the Community Board, by Councilman Kevin Riley, regarding their application for a Article XI tax abatement. At present, the owners enjoy a tax break afforded to them by the 421-a tax exemption program. This program is scheduled to be eliminated in June 2022. Therefore, the owners are seeking the Article XI abatement as a result. The result would result in approximately \$35,000,000.00 in tax savings over the next 40 years. The minutes were filed by Attorney Hari Singh.



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

Bronx Deputy Borough President Janet Peguero presided over the Joint Bronx Borough Board and the Bronx Borough Service Cabinet meeting on March 17, 2022. Representatives from the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development gave a presentation on Neighborhood Advisory Boards, in addition to, the Summer Youth Employment Program. Community Board 12's very own, Ms. Lisa T. Hayes, was a co-presenter. The Borough Board also voted on the FY 2023 budget as proposed by the Borough President. Community Board 12 voted in the affirmative. The budget vote passed and will be sent to City Council and the Mayor's Office for review.

8. Economic Development and Business Services Committee Meeting

The Economic Development Committee met on March 17, 2022. Representatives from the Wembley Athletic Club Inc. were on hand to answer questions from the committee. Committee members, Mr. Alfredo Figueroa and Mr. Luke Szabados, explained the various requirements necessary to file for certain Certificates of Occupancies throughout New York City after the presentation by the club.

9. Education and Youth Services Committee Meeting

The Education and Youth Services Committee Meeting took place on March 22, 2022. Ms. Tollyne Dickerson, Chairperson, led the meeting. Ms. Nyessa Manning, from Bronx Impact, and Professor Diane Banks, from Bronx Community College, were the guest presenters. The information was informative and well received by the attendees present.

10. 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](#) | [Kreyòl](#)

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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. <i>Walgreens/Duane Reade</i>	<i>3901 White Plains Road</i>	<i>10466</i>
2. <i>Walgreens/Duane Reade</i>	<i>4232 Baychester Avenue</i>	<i>10466</i>
3. <i>Rite Aid Pharmacy</i>	<i>1139 E. 233rd Street</i>	<i>10466</i>
4. <i>Top Value Pharmacy</i>	<i>3811 Dyre Avenue</i>	<i>10466</i>
5. <i>Walgreens/Duane Reade</i>	<i>3575 Boston Road</i>	<i>10469</i>
6. <i>Walgreens/Duane Reade</i>	<i>3040 Eastchester Road</i>	<i>10469</i>
7. <i>Montifiore/Williamsbridge</i>	<i>3011 Boston Road</i>	<i>10469</i>
8. <i>Bay Eden Senior Center</i>	<i>1220 E. 229th Street</i>	<i>10466</i>

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
March 24, 2022

Good evening Board Members and Happy Thursday. There are several items that may seem repetitive in my report but we are guinea pigs in this virtual conferencing experiment. Last week, March 16th was the day we were required to return to in-person meetings. We received an email March 16th, Wednesday, at 6:06PM from the BxBP's Office that the Governor's Office extended through April 15th the executive order that allows for the continuation of remote meetings. It is my understanding that there are several pieces of legislation before the State Legislature requesting permanency of remote meetings. This is not without controversy. Ursula shared an article from the NY Post speaking to these issues. It is an interesting read.

Whatever the outcome we need to be prepared for a hybrid type meeting where we are both in-person and remote. This set-up will require our committee chairs to be able to manipulate both the Webex option via a laptop while also using a portable camera we have purchased to capture those who are meeting in-person. I think this means our committee chairs will be required to be in-person to operate the camera and meet with those individuals that come in person. I cannot predict what will happen on April 15th but if this past month is any indication of what's to come please expect lots of confusion.

Things to Consider

Remote meetings have afforded us the flexibility to meet from anywhere and to cast a wide net on those who could participate. While I expect this option of remote meetings to continue in some fashion much more will be required of our Chairs. Speaking to this inevitable conclusion, I suggest limiting debate amongst Board Members so that no one individual monopolizes debate. It should be noted, our Public Gallery sessions are limited to 3-minutes per person.

I have reached out to the Borough President's Office for more clarity on the Public Gallery session during our Full Board Meetings. My interpretation of the Open Meetings Law means that we may be able to save time by cutting out the Public Gallery session. It was recently revealed during the Comptroller's Audit that Community Boards were non-compliant because we were not having monthly Public Hearings. Community Boards maintained that we were compliant because we had Public Gallery sessions during our Full Board Meetings, where the public was allowed to raise any concerns or questions they had. It is stated in the guide on how to run public meetings the right to participate (that is, to speak) at a meeting may be limited to the members of the public body itself. There is a distinction between Public Meetings and Public Hearings. The distinction is how the public participates and if they are allowed to speak. The City uses this terminology interchangeably and this is what leads to confusion.

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. As we inch closer to meeting in person the burden to attend meetings in-person will weigh heavily on everyone. We are meeting remotely and I have noticed that our numbers can be lacking. At our most recent Land Use meetings we barely made quorum. We have often not made quorum in our other meetings like the Transportation Committee. The following is my recommendation on the committees and what they will be responsible for.

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 committee’s 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.

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 Community Board to a place where we can be responsive to the community we represent.

I am actively pursuing training opportunities for Board Members on general governance. I am working with the Civic Engagement Commission and other District Managers throughout the City to identify or create these individual training sessions tailored to Community Boards on how to have more effective and productive meetings. I will provide more information as it becomes available.

Conclusion

Today marks my 2,426th day as your District Manager or 6-years, 7 months, and 22nd day of my tenure here. I am grateful for each and every day at the Board.

Thank you for your patience and Good Night.

COMMUNITY BOARD 12 – LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

REPORT

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM - MARCH 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. via Webex by the Chair, Joan A. Clodd.

Mrs. Clodd opened with a prayer. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance and interest in the Women's History Month program.

Mrs. Clodd and Ms. Sadie Campbell delivered the history of Women's History Month which is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. The actual celebration of Women's History Month grew out of a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California in 1978.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8th as National Women's History Week. In 1986, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March. In 1987, Congress declared March as Women's History Month.

The theme for 2022 is "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope." This theme is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.

Ms. Campbell, member of the Committee then paid homage to her woman of choice, namely, Ms. Fannie Lou Hamer who was an American voting and women's rights activist, community organizer and a leader in the civil rights movement. She was the co-founder and vice-chair of the Freedom Democratic Party which she represented at the 1964 Democratic National Convention.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Marcia V. Keizs, was the sixth and second longest serving president of CUNY York College in Queens, New York. After 14 years of leadership,

Dr. Keizs retired from a successful career in 2019 but continues to help others to achieve financial wellness.

Dr. Keizs gave us a presentation on Financial Health & Wellness which she calls "Marcia's 10 Steps Towards Financial Health & Wellness."

1. KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SPENDING – do a monthly tracker; inventory of income and expenses
2. MAXIMIZE TAX DEDUCTIONS – use employee tax deferred offerings. Give to church and other charities. Keep a record.
3. DEVELOP GOOD SAVING HABITS – automatic savings e.g. automatic deductions from paycheck to savings account.
4. LONG TERM SAVINGS – invest in an IRA, 401, 403 plan or NYS 529 for college tuition for children and grand children.
5. REVIEW YOUR LONG TERM SAVINGS quarterly and make changes annually.
6. SOLICIT AND GET GOOD FINANCIAL HELP
7. CADRE OF EXPERTS THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFETIME, family, guests.
8. ESTATE PLANNING – prepare a well executed will, a well executed Power of Attorney, a well executed healthcare proxy and named beneficiaries.
9. SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE – giving financial advice to others.
10. GET BUILDING NOW – It's never too late, don't delay, just do it.

Thanks so much to Dr. Keizs for such a powerful and informative presentation. The feedback is very encouraging and pertinent questions were answered by Dr. Keizs.

Ms. Carmen Ortiz, a long time member of Bronx CB12 was celebrated by members of the committee and the Board for her dedication and commitment

to her duties. She volunteered for ten years in the role of secretary which she performed well and is always ready to help others in whatever way she could. She is also very active in advocating for others in her church and her community as well as being a doting grandmother to her grand children.

Congratulations to you, Ms. Ortiz as we salute you as our "Woman of the Month."

HAPPY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TO ALL WOMEN.

There were 21 individuals in attendance. Thanks to all in attendance and who participated. Again, a big "thank you" to Dr. Keizs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan A. Clodd



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Land Use Committee Minutes

Name of Committee: Land Use Committee

Date of Meeting: March 14, 2022; 7:00 PM

Location: Virtual-WebEx

Members in Attendance: Karl Stricter – Chair
Hari Singh – Vice Chair
Judith Benetiz
Denise Bond
Keisha Lago-Martin
Carla Borsotti
Michael Burke – Board Chairman

Absences: John Isaac
Sydney Blair
Carl Lanzano
Anthony Reid

Meeting Called to order: 7:10 PM

Motions Passed: One (1)

Discussion:

Item I. 3300 Palmer Avenue--421A Exemption

The representatives of the above property re-argued their case for Committee approval of tax exemption request. Their argument included their provision of low-income housing, which will be lost if their request is denied. They also assured against rent increase for tenants who have been grandfathered in, should there be a denial of their request. The Committee in turn debated, sought and obtained further clarifications from the representatives, and passed a motion approving the request conditioned on the property owners fixing the sidewalk. The Committee has now referred this matter to the General Board for its consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.



COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 12, Bronx

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICES COMMITTEE

March 17, 2022

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

John Isaac, Ted James, Clinton Myke, Debra Tirado Tollyne Dickerson, Norbert Bryan

Absent: Michael Felter, Merchants Association

Meeting began at 6:38pm via WebEx with Judith Benitez, Chair welcoming members and community-at-large.

The establishment up for renewal is Wembley Athletic Club, Inc. located at 550 East 239 Street. Representing the Webley Athletic Club is Adhiamdo Balewa, President and Dionne March. The Webley Club has been in existence since 1954, it is a member only social club. The club was originally a cricket club. The Club also have giveback to the community with parties for children such as Christmas and Back-to-school giveaways. To become a member of Webley there is an application with a \$250.00 fee for those 30 years and above. There is also a junior membership for those 18 years. Potential members are interviewed by the Executive team. Some potential members would have to be athletic in a sport (e.g., soccer, tennis). To join is done by word of mouth. There are no complaints from the 47th Precinct.

The Economic Development Committee is recommending to the Community Board that they approve the Renewal License of the Webley Athletic Club, Inc.

Meeting ended at 7:33pm.

Committee Member - Denise Bond- Chairperson
Committee Member - Theodore James
Committee Member - Dr. Michael Burke
Committee Member - Lucille Martin
Committee Member - Michelle Bromfield-Armstrong
Committee Member - Ivan Borrás
Committee Member - Kashon DuBose

Agenda for March 8th Meeting at 7pm

Michael Ortiz from the Parks Department

- Request for Support Letters
 - Retaining Wall on East 233rd Street and Carpenter Avenue
 - Woodlawn Playground
 - Shoelace Park Fitness

Bronx River Assembly

- Bronx River Assembly in the Carriage House! Join us at the Assembly on Thursday, March 10 from 6-8 PM in person. This year the theme is "A Watershed For All" and the watershed would not be what it is without you!

Link -

<https://bronxriveralliance.secure.force.com/volunteerEventRegisterPageBootstrap?cid=7015a000000zTmKAAU>

Urban Park Rangers

- The Rangers have events taking place throughout the month of March every weekend. Please review their website for the details.

Link - <https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/urbanparkrangers/f2022-02-25/bX>

Matt Doiron from the Parks Department

- Any updates on Capital projects

Partnerships For Parks

- It's My Park Programming - If anyone is interested in partnering with Partnerships for Parks in hosting your own It's My Park project is an opportunity available to the many community groups that they support throughout the year. Many other community groups dedicated to local parks are currently working with them. You can go to their website and complete a Project Leader Application. <https://cityparksfoundation.org/volunteer-its-my-park/>

Any other comments or concerns