



MINUTES
Bronx Community Board 12
October 28, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of Community Board 12, the Bronx, for October 28, 2021 was called to order via a Webex virtual meeting, at 7:10 pm by 1st Vice Chairwoman Ms. Egeria Bennet.

I. Public Gallery Session

Ms. Miranda Goodwin/New York State Independent Redistricting Commission

Ms. Goodwin informed everyone that this process occurs every 10 years after the census. NYS will be losing one congressional seat and they are seeking input from community residents. She further stated that residents should see proposition 1 on ballot.

II. Elected Officials/Representatives Report

Carlos Torres/Bronx Borough District Attorney's Office

Mr. Torres informed everyone that he is the Crime Prevention Officer and he invited everyone to attend their Bronx Re-entry Resource Fair being held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 12-Noon until 4:00 P.M. at Town Hall—4101 White Plains Road. He can be reached at 718-590-6890.

Angela Conley/Senator Biaggi's Office

Ms. Conley reported on recent legislation. She can be reached at angela@senatorbiaggi.com or 718 822-2049. She provided an update on local neighborhood canvassing and current proposed legislation.



Ms. Cynthia Prisco/Council Member Kevin Riley's Office

Ms. Prisco provided an update on their office recent activities and services offered by their office. She can be reached at cprisco@council.nyc.gov, or by phone at 718-684-5509 / 347-326-8652.

Donnella Smith/Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz

Ms. Smith provided an updated on upcoming events sponsored by their office. Their office can be reached at 718-796-5345 or by email at dinowitzj@nyassembly.gov.

Mr. Nicholas Vazquez/Congressman Jamaal Bowman's Office

Mr. Vazquez provided an update on events sponsored by their office.

Ms. Marilex Santana-Tavares, Bronx District Attorney's Officer informed everyone about the Bronx Re-entry resource Fair that was previously spoken about.

III. Report of the Bronx Borough President

IV. Chairperson's Report

See attached.

V. District Manager's Report

See attached.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes is postponed to the next meeting.

VII. Financial Report

Ms. Tollyne Dickerson, Treasurer encouraged everyone to arrange with the office to drop off their Sunshine Funds Dues or to mail it in. She reported that the fund currently has \$1,014.00

VIII. Special Presentations

Ms. Hillary Bosch/NYC Services

Ms. Bosch from Department of Sanitation provided an update on curbside compost pickup in Community Board 12. She can be reached at ahillarybosch@dsny.nyc.gov.

IX. Vote on Committee Recommendations

Business and Economic Services Committee

Chairperson Ms. Judy Benitez recommended renewal licenses for Front Page—4655 White Plains Road—New—On Premise and The Avenue—4352 Katonah Avenue—On Premise—Renewal. **Motion made by Anthony Reid and seconded** to accept the committee's report. **Motion passed 23 Ayes, 1 Nay and 8 Abstentions.**

Executive Committee Update

Motion made by Karl Stricker to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation for merit raises for Mr. George Torres, District Manager and Mrs. Ursula Greene, Community Coordinator. **Motion passed 31 Ayes and 1 Abstention.**

Land Use

Mr. Karl Stricker, Chairman of Land Use, reported that the Board will vote later.

Executive Officer Elections

Nominating Committee Chairman Mr. Clinton Myke reported on the election results:

All the candidates ran unopposed, results are 100% in favor of the candidates running. However, Board Members must be present for their vote to count, and 2 people out of the 29 who voted are not present.

The Executive Committee of Community Board 12 remains the same: Dr. Michael Burke, Chairperson, Ms. Egeria Bennett, First Vice Chairperson, Mr. John Isaac, Second Vice Chairperson, Ms. Judith Benitez, Secretary, Ms. Carla Borsotti, Recording Secretary, and Ms. Tollyne Dickerson, Treasurer.

District Needs Statement

District Manager George Torres reported that the Board can vote on the consolidated list of district needs at the November 18th meeting.

Newsletter

Ms. Sydney Blair provided an update on the proposed Community 12 Board newsletter.

X Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

XI New Business

There was no new business discussed.

XII Adjournment

There being no further issues to discuss the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:32 pm.

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

Carla Borsotti
October 28, 2021



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To: The Members and Constituents of Community Board 12, The Bronx

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

Date: October 28, 2021

Re: Chairman's Report (9/24/21 to 10/28/21)

1. Bronx Borough Budget Consultations

The second portion of Bronx Borough Budget Consultations were held on September 27, 2021. During this time, Mr. George Torres, Ms. Ursula Greene and I attended these meeting with the various city agencies. Substantial information was gleaned as it pertains to the needs of the borough and the capabilities of the city during the pandemic. As a result of these meetings, Community Board 12 members should begin to formulate our budget requests with the agencies which is of most importance to the constituents we serve. The third and final portion of Borough Budget Consultations was held on October 4, 2021.

2. Public Safety Committee Meeting

A meeting with the Public Safety Committee was conducted on September 27, 2021. This meeting was called to order by Mr. Alfredo Figueroa, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. Inspector Osvaldo Nunez was the guest speaker. The inspector provided the attendees with information necessary to improve the quality of life for our constituents.

3. 222nd Street Block Association Meeting

The 222nd Street Block Association Meeting took place on October 4, 2021. Mrs. Pamela Hamilton-Johnson presided over the meeting. The residents asked several questions relating to Community Board 12 and the overdevelopment of parcels within the confines of CB12. They have concluded their investigation into the practicality of using acoustic technology to determine if it is feasible to utilize a similar noise mitigation source. To that end, they have transcribed a letter to our elected officials asking for support for their efforts. The next step is to form a coalition with the other community groups, within the Community Board, to consolidate our collective voice.



4. 47th Precinct Community Council Meeting

The 47th Precinct Community Council Meeting took place on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Several Board Members were in attendance and recognized for their hard work and dedication to the Community Board.

5. Nominations Committee Meeting

The Nominations Committee met on Thursday October 14, 2021. The meeting was held in order for Executive Officer candidates to introduce themselves to Board Members and the community at large. Moreover, the forum was an opportunity for the candidates to orate their ideas on how each candidate would lead the board into a better future.

6. Executive Committee Meeting

The meeting of the Executive Committee took place on Monday, October 18, 2021. This meeting set the tone for the objectives the Executive Officers and Committee Chairpersons wish to accomplish for the year. It was decided the theme for the 2021-2022 Community Board year is Moving Forward Together.

7. Bronx Borough Wide New Member Orientation

The Office of the Bronx Borough President, Ruben Diaz, Jr., called a meeting of all newly appointed members of Community Boards throughout the Bronx on October 18, 2021. In addition to the new members, all Community Board Chairmen and District Managers, throughout the Bronx, were required to attend. The meeting was presided over by the Deputy Borough President Marricka Scott-McFadden. After the greetings and introduction of the presenters, the Borough President congratulated the new members and later proceeded to provide them with opening remarks, well wishes, and most importantly an outline of their duties and responsibilities as Community Board members. Seven of nine new members of Community Board 12 were present and accounted for. Once the attendees had the opportunity to meet with Ms. Mirtha Sabio, General Counsel Bronx Borough President's Office, the orientation continued as scheduled. There were several presenters which emphasized three major hallmarks of Community Board service. Workshops revolved around the following topics:

- A) Land Use
- B) Budget Basics
- C) Conflict of Interest

There were two to three presenters, for each topic listed above, from various agencies within NYC government and the Bronx overall. It can be stated that the new members, from CB12, were presented most of the information from the orientation when they received the Community Board 12 Handbook. We look forward to the contributions our new members will impart upon the board.



8. Joint Housing/Land Use Committee Meeting

A joint meeting of the Housing and Land Use Committees took place on October 19, 2021. The purpose of the meeting was to review the proposal of adding two 8 story residential towers at 4847 Furman Avenue. The proposal would require the Community Board to rezone the area needed for development to occur. If the project is certified, the Community Board will hold a public hearing for the community at large.

9. Economic Development and Business Services Committee Meeting

The Economic Development Committee met on October 21, 2021. The committee discussed methods to deliver better services to the merchants and residents of the community.

10. Wakefield Taxpayers Association Meeting

The Wakefield Taxpayers Association Meeting took place on October 21, 2021. The President, Mrs. Virginia Sanders, presided over the meeting. The residents inquired about the Joint Housing/Land Use Committee Meeting which took place earlier in the week. Additionally, the Democratic Nominee for Bronx Borough President, Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson, was the guest speaker for the meeting.

11. 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](#)

[ayisyen](#) | [한국어](#) | [বাংলা](#) | [Italiano](#) | [Polski](#) | [العربية](#) | [Français](#) | [اردو](#) | [עברית](#)

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.



COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 12, Bronx

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICES COMMITTEE

October 21, 2021

In Attendance: Judith Benitez, Alfredo Figueroa, Michael Burke (ex-officio)

Absent: Michael Felter, Merchants Association, LaToya Niles,

Marlene Allen, Egeria Bennett, John Isaac, Theodore James, Clinton Myke

Staff: Ursula Greene

Guest: Deputy Inspector Osvaldo Nunez, NYPD

Meeting began at 6:32pm via WebEx with Judith Benitez, Chair welcoming the members and community-at-large.

The meeting started with establishments Delores Hope-Douglas d/b/a Berries Restaurant, 707 East 235 Street for renewal and Kerry, Inc. d/b/a The Hide Out, 143-145 East 233 Street also a renewal. We are deferring review until the Community Board receives the completed CB Applications with attachments.

Front Page Restaurant, 4635-4637 White Plains Road was represented by the owner Junior Mcnaughton and Arelia Tavares. This is a new application. The restaurant will serve wine and beer only. The food is Caribbean and American. Deputy Inspector Nunez found no issues with this location and/or establishment. A copy of the original C of O is needed for CB files. Though the establishment is two hundred (200) yards from a church they are serving wine and beer only. The Committee has no issue with recommending to the Community Board Front Page Restaurant. If SLA list an objection on this establishment, we will go back for review.

Iguana Bar and Lounge, 3304 White Plains Road. Deputy Inspector Nunez indicated there were no issues with the establishment. We will table the review of the Iguana Bar until next month. We await the owners' response to the request of Documents needed (the C of O, floor plan and menu).

The Avenue, 4352 Katonah Ave., Inc., is a renewal. No representative was present. Deputy Inspector Nunez indicated no issues with this establishment. The Committee is asking for the original C of O, floor plan and menu. We are recommending that the Avenue be approve for renewal.

The Economic Development Committee is recommending to the Community Board that they approve the New License of Front Page Restaurant Corp. and the Renewal License for The Avenue.

No update was available from the Merchants Association or MPC.

Meeting ended at 6:54pm.

District Manager's Report

October 28, 2021

Good evening Board Members, Happy Thursday! I will try to be very brief in my report today. There are two DOT items I wanted to update the Board on as changes have been made to the plans for those projects. We shared the changes via email. The first is DOT's plan for the Safety corridor along White Plains Road. The other is DOT's plans for a protected bike lane on Webster Avenue. The final issue is getting our District Needs statement together.

DOT Updates

There was a significant development in the progress of the White Plains Road Safety Corridor. We received an email earlier this month from DOT addressing concerns FDNY had about emergency access for their fire apparatus during a firefighting operation. DOT has added additional daylighting and channelization to White Plains Road and cross streets to allow for more room for the FDNY to maneuver in the event of fire or rescue operation. The updated design results in a removal of 133 parking spots from Burke Ave to East 226th Street. DOT anticipates that the implementation of this roadway design to begin by the end of October 2021. Ursula shared the email with our lists on October 13th and DOT has it up on their website. The link is copied below.

The second DOT project is the Webster Avenue protected bike lane on Webster Avenue between East 233rd Street north to East 240th Street. It extends to the already existing off-street path on Bronx Boulevard from East 233rd Street to East 229th Street that connects to the entrance to Shoelace Park. According to the website the proposed project also involves signal timing improvements for bike and pedestrian crossings at Webster Avenue and Bronx River Parkway and East 233 Street at Bronx Boulevard, as well as circulation changes to Bronx Boulevard.

Both of these projects were reported to the Community Board and both received support from Community Board 12 membership. Anyone seeking more information on either project should visit DOT's website at <https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/about/current-projects.shtml#bronx>

District Needs Statement

As our Chairman noted in the agenda, we are in the process of submitting our District Needs Statement for the Fiscal Year 2023. This is a statement of priorities of things we would like to see in the district. There are two lists; the first is a listing of programmatic items like more officers or more programming for not for profits. The second is a listing of capital expense items for big ticket items like infrastructure requests or items that cost more than \$35K. An example would be physical improvements to Parks or a new school.

Conclusion

Today marks my 2,279th day as your District Manager or 6-years, 2 months, and 25th day of my tenure here. I look forward to each and every day at the Board.

Thank you for your patience and Good Night.





Land Use Committee Minutes

Name of Committee: Land Use Committee

Date of Meeting: October 8, 2021; 7:00 PM

Location: Virtual-WebEx

Members in Attendance: Karl Stricter – Chair
Hari Singh – Vice Chair
Judith Benetiz
Denise Bond
John Isaac
Sydney Blair
Keisha Lago-Martin
Carl Lanzano
Carla Borsotti
Anthony Reid
Michael Burke – Board Chairman

Absences: None

Meeting Called to order: 7:12 PM

Motions Passed: None

Discussion (in random order):

- Items II (2875 Edson Ave – Storage facility BSA Cal. No. 13-01-BZ), and IV (Rezoning 1930 Adee Avenue from R4 – R6B with/MIH to facilitate 2-storey 14, 264 square foot daycare) were not addressed since their respective presenters were not in attendance. These items will be added to future Agendas.
- Item I – the developers of the 4541 Furman Avenue Rezoning project made a comprehensive presentation.
- Item III – Sandra Erickson and her team from the Sandra Erickson Real Estate firm made a presentation on their Affordable Homeownership project at 1234 E. 233rd Street.

Both sets of presenters fielded questions from the Land Use Committee members, Board members and members of the public. No votes were required at the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: Approx 9:30 PM

Recorded and Submitted by Hari Singh, Vice-Chair, Land Use Committee
October 23, 2021

