



THE CITY OF NEW YORK THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX



*Community Board #12 (The Bronx)
4101 White Plains Road
The Bronx, New York 10466*

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GEORGE L. TORRES, II
District Manager

BOARD MINUTES SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of Community Board 12, the Bronx, was called to order by Chairman Dr. William A. Hall at 7:35 pm. Those wishing to participate was asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II Good and Welfare/Community Speaks

Kerry Ann McLean/Wake-Eden Community Baptist Church

Ms. McLean informed everyone that the church is located at 2074 Strang Avenue on the corner of Murdock Avenue. She is an employee of WHEDco (Women's Housing and Economic Development) and they are partnering up with the Wake-Eden Community Baptist Church to do a community needs survey for the zip codes 10466 and 10470. She provided everyone with surveys.

Ms. McLean also provided brochures for Wake-Eden Christian Academy for Pre-K to 5th grade.

Mr. Bob McCoullgh/Resident

Mr. McCoullgh informed everyone that for the last 5 years he has been doing the "Fatherhood Image Film Festival." This festival assess and engage the fatherhood image. It is his opinion that there is a fight for our children and our neighborhoods and these fights will be won in meetings like the one here tonight. Mr. McCoullgh spoke on the amount of television that everyone watches especially our children. He invited everyone to attend the festival which is geared towards fathers. He noted that there are not many programs geared to uplifting and assisting men.

The festival will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. There were 682 films entered and 60 were chosen. These films are all about fatherhood.



Mr. Frank Sotomyer/Resident

Mr. Sotomyer explained that the organizations in Wakefield are working on the sanitation issues on White Plains Road from East 233rd Street to East 241st Street. He stated that especially on Friday evenings through Sunday the garbage is piled up and it looks unsanitary. They are looking for a program to clean up the area. Store owners and residents are dumping their garbage into the liter baskets.

He is also concerned about the lack of tow pounds. There has been an increase in abandoned cars in the district and when the police department is contacted they say that there is nothing that can be done because once the cars are towed there is nowhere to put them. Auto repair shops are parking their cars on the streets for weeks and months.

Ms. Shireka Rivera/Resident

Ms. Rivera informed the Board that the house next door is in foreclosure and the house is a mess and no one comes to take care of the property. The property is full of rats and raccoons. There is also a water leak where the water came through the wall and ruined her basement.

Ms. Pamela Hamilton-Johnson/Urban Neighborhood

Ms. Pamela Hamilton-Johnson informed everyone that she is the Executive Director of Urban Neighborhood and they will be hosting a series of workshops with the first one being on Opioid addiction. People will be trained on how to use the norcan kit. The workshop is free of charge and it will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018.

She further stated that there will be a scholarship workshop on October 20, 2018 at 3480 Seymour Avenue. Ms. Johnson also provided fidget spinners.

Ms. Hamilton-Johnson is asking that parents get involved and vote during the 2019 Community Education Council (CEC) election. She gave a brief description of the role of the CEC. She can be reached at pjohnson19@schools.nyc.gov.

Mr. Roberto Reyes/RAIN

Mr. Reyes commented that he has been to other Community Board meetings and that they have never been as well attend as Community Board 12's meeting. He went on to explain that RAIN is the acronym for Regional Aid for Interim Needs which is the largest nonprofit organization in the Bronx. They specifically help seniors stay at home safely for as long as they can. All of their services are free of cost i.e., taxes, home care, home delivered meal etc. His program specifically deals with dementia. People with dementia sometimes walk off and be missing for weeks and unfortunately at times are found deceased.

Mr. Reyes makes presentations throughout the Bronx and Westchester explaining to caregivers exactly what the disease is, how it develops and how it is effecting them. He provided his business cards to anyone who needed to talk with him.

Ms. Bernadette Welds/Resident

Ms. Welds informed everyone that she has been a resident of Murdock Avenue for over 15 years and she is requesting a turning light at the intersection of East 241st Street and White Plains Road. She would also like to increase timing on the traffic light at the same intersection. Ms. Welds is requesting that Nereid Avenue between Baychester and Barnes Avenues be repaved, that the barricades in Wakefield be removed since all of the work appears to be complete. She would also like to see the entire Wakefield community repaved.

Mr. Karl Stricker responded that the repaving of Nereid Avenue is the responsibility of Con Edison and they are not finished with their work.

Mr. Michael Dedon

Mr. Dedon is interested in purchasing Last Stop Bar and Grill located at 4609 White Plains Road. He wanted to see if there was any open issues before he applied for a liquor license.

Mr. Ovan Morrison/Resident

Mr. Morrison inquire about the rental breakdown for the units at Enclave?

Mr. Karl Stricker, First Vice Chairperson responded that the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) sets the rent guidelines and it goes by salary.

Mr. Williams Hall requested a vote on the minutes from May 24, 2018 and June 28, 2018. **Motion made by Mr. Karl Stricker seconded by Mr. Robert Hall to accept the minutes as printed with any necessary corrections. Motion passed 26 Ayes and 4 Abstentions and 27 Ayes and 3 Abstentions respectively.**

Ms. Janice Martin/Ridgewood Savings Bank

Ms. Martin invited everyone to a free Homebuyers Workshop at their branch at 3824 White Plains Road from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 2, 2018. They will also have a Money Matters Workshop in the next couple of weeks. This workshop will teach everyone how to manage their money.

I Guest Speaker: Ms. Primavera Vasquez—CCRB

The Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is an independent New York City Agency who investigates, mediates and sometimes prosecute police officers who are accused of misconduct. She further explained that anyone can file a complaint and they don't ask for criminal background nor immigration status. Ms. Vasquez stated that CCRB's mediation services gives people the opportunity to sit down and discuss their issue with the police officer. They also concentrate on FADO—Excessive or Unnecessary Force, Abuse of Authority, Discourteous/Offensive Language and as of February 2018 Sexual Misconduct. If anyone believes that they have witness or they are

a victim please call 311, 1-800-341-2212 or visit them at 100 Church Street. They are also located in Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson's office. Ms. Vasquez reminded everyone that during interactions with police office everyone should always try to remain calm.

A brief discussion ensued.

III District Manager's Report

See Attached.

Mr. Konneh Famod, Bronx Borough Direct, Office of the Mayor

Mr. Famod informed everyone that due to the Criminal Justice Reform Rikers Island will be closing and they will be opening up smaller jails in each borough. The Mott Haven section in the Bronx has been chosen as the Bronx site. They will be hosting a Scoping Meeting on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 851 Grand Concourse from 6:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. to hear everyone's concerns.

Mr. Famood also informed everyone that the Bronx Public Tax Commission will be having a Public Hearing on property tax Thursday, October 11, 2018 6:30 P.M. at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

He also further stated that the Charter Revision Commission has a proposal for term limits on Community Board members. They are recommending 4 2-year terms. It will be on the ballot in November.

At this this point the Mr. John Isaac, Second Vice Chairperson introduced Community Board 12's distinguished guest and representatives.

IV Report of the Bronx Borough President

- Borough President Issued a Statement: The Anniversary of 911.
- BP Diaz invested Over \$3M in New Affordable Housing.
- BP Diaz and CM Cohen Partner on Seton Park Renovations.
- Council Member Constantinides, Levine, Torres and BP Diaz to Introduce Bill Requiring Unannounced Inspections of Drinking Water Tanks.
- Mayor deBlasio, Assembly Speaker Heastie and Local Elected Officials Broke Ground on New YMCA Community and Recreational Facility in Edenwald.
- City Launched Bronx Metro-North Station Area Study; Convenes Working Group to Harness Economic Potential of Coming Rail Service for the Bronx

Upcoming Events

- Tour de Bronx 2018—Sunday, October 28, 2018
- September 11th Day of Remembrance Ceremony—Friday, September 14, 2018—12-Noon – 2:00 P.M.—Lou Gehrig Plaza, East 161st Street between Walton Avenue and the Grand concourse
- Borough President Diaz's Muslim School Holiday Celebration—Saturday, September 15, 2018—12-Noon to 3:00 P.M.—P.S. 83, 950 Rhineland Avenue
- Borough President Diaz's Ecuadorian heritage Celebration—September 20, 2018—5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.—Veteran's Memorial Hall—851 Grand Concourse

The Bronx Borough President's Report is available in its entirety in the Community Board office

V Report of the Chairman

Mr. William Hall, Chairperson, reported that Budget Consultations were held yesterday in the Community Board office. It is his opinion the District Manager is doing a great job and there is a lot of work going on in the office.

Mr. Hall informed all Board Members that they must work on their attendance. He wants the chairs to be active in Committees and everyone is signed up for a committee. He would like to see each committee have 4 or 5 member. He will be developing a Legislative committee to monitor all legislative issues on the city and state level. More information will be given during the October meeting.

Mr. Hall introduced Mr. Eichelberger a new board Member.

Mr. Kevin Eichelberger has been a resident of Bronxwood Avenue and Tilden Street for over 20 years, has been married for 21 years and is a father of four.

Mr. Ivan Nedds/Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz

Mr. Nedds stated that the Assemblyman shares the district with Assemblyman Carl Heastie. He encouraged anyone who needed assistance to contact him especially with the abandoned house on Pitman Avenue. He provided newsletters which also has his contact information on and voter registration cards.

Mr. Brian Melford/Councilman Andy King

Mr. Melford on behalf of the Councilman thanked everyone for coming out. He informed everyone that there was a meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2018 with MTA to find a way to make their service better. They will also be hosting one in Co-Op City on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 2049 Bartow Avenue from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Councilman King will be hosting an orientation meeting at Evander Childs Campus for parents with children aged 11 to 18 on Monday, October 1, 2019. The Bronx Youth Empowerment Program was founded by the Councilman and his wife Ms. Neva Shillingford and is a program that teaches young people about getting involved in community and civic activities.

A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Victor Martinez/New York City Comptroller's Office

Mr. Martinez is the new Bronx liaison and he resides in Baychester. He thanked everyone for attending the Town Hall that was held in July by the Comptroller's Office. He provide his contact information 646-647-7491.

He reported that a study found that more than 400,000 affordable apartments costing less than 900 has disappeared, 88,000 units of rent regulated apartment was lost from 2005-2017 and property taxes has tripled in the last decade compared to income. They are asking the Property Tax Commission to initiate something that will help with low and medium income homeowners.

VI Committee Reports

Land Use

Mr. Karl Stricker made a motion to approve the Land Use Committee Report. A brief discussion ensued. **Motion passed 27 Ayes and 3 Abstentions.**

Motion made by Mr. Karl Stricker to support Application 180083 ZMX and N180084 ZRX by Enclave on East 241street LLC. **Motion passed 27 Ayes and 3 Abstentions.**

Parks and Recreation Committee

Dr. Michael Burke, Vice Chairperson reported that the committee met on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 and Mr. Matthew Doiron, Administrative Parks and Recreation Manager, Bronx Operations, Department of Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Doiron updated the committee on the Shoelace Parks Bioswales. It was discussed that the surrounding Bronx River tends to become inundated with water so this project was initiated to mitigate this issue. In late 2017 early 2018 the water retention landscape was installed and now they are functioning normally.

The sidewalk and adjacent retaining wall in Seton Falls Park was damaged and since then illegal dumping has been occurring. A Capital Allotment was approved for the necessary repairs and construction should begin shortly. The Agnes Heywood Playground should be completed within the next 3 months.

New York City Parks needs funding for staff, operating budget and equipment.

Motion made by Dr. Burke to accept the report of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Burke to write a letter requesting additional funding for the New York City Parks Department. Motion passed unanimously.

Housing Committee

Motion made by Mr. Robert Hall to accept the report of the Housing Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Robert Hall to support a Saturday Work Variance for Almat Group at 839 Tilden Street. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chairperson noted that the Montefiore Wakefield Campus Advisory Board has hired a new Vice President and he will be requesting the Health and Human Service Chairperson, Mr. Carl Lanzano to invite him to a future board meeting.

Ms. Johnnie Goff reported that the former CEC Superintendent was recently promoted. We currently only have an interim superintendent. She would like to see a diversity at the CEC.

Economic and Business Services Committee

See Attached.

Motion made by Mr. Felix Roldan to accept the Economic and Business Services Committee report. Motion passed 30 Ayes and 1 Nay.

Motion made by Mr. Karl Stricker to write a letter of support to the New York State Liquor Authority to approve the licenses mentioned in the report. Motion passed 29 Ayes, and 1 Abstention and 1 Nay.

The Chairman informed everyone that he will be sending out letters to Board Members who miss meetings.

Library and Cultural Affairs Committee

Ms. Clodd informed everyone that the Committee in conjunction with the Jamaica Progress League will be hosting a mental Health Forum on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Town Hall—4101 White Plains Road from 11:30 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.

VII Old Business

There was no “Old Business” to discuss.

VIII New Business

Mr. Hall requested feedback from the Board Members regarding the new set up. He congratulated Mr. Robert Hall on the awards he received.

Dr. Dena Robins invited everyone for a Commemoration and Dedication of a plaque to the former residence (1924) of John Baptiste at 760 East 221 Street at 12-Noon on October 13, 2018.

IX Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

HONORABLE RUBEN DIAZ JR, BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT
COMMUNITY BOARD #12, THE BRONX

ATTENDANCE SHEET

WILLIAM HALL
CHAIRMAN

DATE:

9/27/18

ALLAKO, FRANKLIN

BENITEZ, JUDITH

BENNETT, EGERIA

BLOOMFIELD, HILARY

BORRAS, IVAN ANTHONY

BORSOTTI, CARLA

BROWN, VICTOR

BROWN-ALLEN, MARLENE

BROWNE, DEACON EDWARD

BRYAN, NORBERT

BURKE, DR. MICHAEL

CAMPBELL, SADIE

CHRISTIAN, EVELYN

CLARKE, GAIL

CLODD, JOAN

CUMBERBATCH, ROBERT

DICKERSON, TOLLYNE

EASTMOND, LAURA

EICHELBERGER, KEVIN

EVANS, RAYMOND

FIGUEROA, ALFREDO

GIBSON-LAGRANT, BARBARA

GOFF, JOHNNIE

GREEN, CHANTAL

J. P. Benitez

excused
forget to sign
excused

Brown

Marlene Brown

Deacon Edward Browne

NORBERT BRYAN

Dr. Michael Burke

Sadie Campbell

Evelyn Christian

Gail Clarke

Joan Clodd

Robert Cumberbatch

Tollyne Dickerson

Kevin Eichelberger

Raymond Evans

Barbara Gibson-Lagranti

Johnnie Goff

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| HALL, ROBERT | Robert Hall |
| HALL, DR. WILLIAM | William Hall |
| HAYES, LISA | |
| ISAAC, JOHN | John |
| JAMES, THEODORE | |
| LANZANO, CARL | Carl Lanzano |
| MARTIN, LUCILLE | |
| MCCLLOUD, MARY | Mary McCloud |
| MCNEIL, WALTER | Walter McNeil |
| MYKE, CLINTON | excused |
| ORTIZ, CARMEN | Carmen Ortiz |
| PORTER, FRANK | excused |
| POWELL, CLAUDIA | Claudia Powell |
| REID, ANTHONY | excused |
| ROBINS, DR. DENA | Dr. Dena Robins |
| RODRIGUEZ AHA REID, JAHDEI | |
| ROLDAN, FELIX | Felix H. Roldan |
| SALKEY THOMAS, ICY MAE | excused |
| STRICKER, KARL | Karl Stricker |
| TRIPICCO, SHIRLEY | excused |
| WEIR, NICOLE | excused |
| WILES, NORMA | Norma Wiles |

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| TOTAL BOARD MEMBERS | 46 |
| QUORUM NUMBER | 24 |
| TOTAL PRESENT | — |

**VOTING SHEET
COMMUNITY BOARD 12, THE BRONX**

DATE 9/27/18

May Minutes

June Minutes

Hand Use Report

Enclosure

Housing Report

Saturday Version of Meeting

| MOTION NUMBER | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| ALLAKPO, FRANKLIN | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| BENITEZ, JUDITH | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| BENNETT, EGERIA | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| BLOOMFIELD, HILARY | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| BORRAS, IVAN ANTHONY | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| BORSOTTI, CARLA | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| BROWN-ALLEN, MARLENE | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| BROWN, VICTOR | ABS | ABS | A | A | A | A |
| BROWNE, DEACON EDWARD | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| BRYAN, NORBERT | A | A | ABS | ABS | A | A |
| BURKE, DR. MICHAEL | ABS | ABS | A | A | A | A |
| CAMPBELL, SADIE | A | A | ABS | ABS | A | A |
| CHRISTIAN, EVELYN | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| CLARKE, GAIL | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| CLODD, JOAN | A | A | ABS | ABS | A | A |
| CUMBERBATCH, ROBERT | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| DICKERSON, TOLLYNE | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| EASTMOND, LAURA | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| EICHELBERGER, KEVIN | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| EVANS, RAYMOND | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| FIGUEROA, ALFREDO | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| GIBSON, LAGRANT BARBARA | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| GOFF, JOHNNIE | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| GREEN, CHANTAL | A | A | A | A | A | A |

| | Mag/Munici- pal | June Minds | Land Use Report | Enclave | Housing Dept | Severely- Worn Vicinity Alameda |
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| HALL, ROBERT | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| HALL, WILLIAM | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| HAYES, LISA | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| ISAAC, JOHN | ABS | ABS | A | A | A | A |
| JAMES, THEODORE | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| LANZANO, CARL | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| MARTIN, LUCILLE | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| MCLOUD, MARY | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| MCNEIL, WALTER | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| MYKE, CLINTON | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| ORTIZ, CARMEN | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| PORTER, FRANK | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| POWELL, CLAUDIA | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| REID, ANTHONY | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| ROBINS, DR. DENA | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| RODRIGUEZ AHA REID, JAHDEI | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| ROLDAN, FELIX | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| SALKEY, ICY MAE THOMAS | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| STRICKER, KARL | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| TRIPICCO, SHIRLEY | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| WEIR, NICOLE | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP | NP |
| WILES, NORMA | ABS | ABS | A | A | A | A |

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VOTING SHEET
COMMUNITY BOARD 12, THE BRONX

DATE

9/27/18

Parks Report
Support Letter
Economic Report
Liquor Licenses

| MOTION NUMBER | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| ALLAKPO, FRANKLIN | NP | NP | NP | NP | | |
| BENITEZ, JUDITH | A | A | A | A | | |
| BENNETT, EGERIA | NP | NP | NP | NP | | |
| BLOOMFIELD, HILARY | NP | NP | NP | NP | | |
| BORRAS, IVAN ANTHONY | A | A | A | A | | |
| BORSOTTI, CARLA | NP | NP | NP | NP | | |
| BROWN-ALLEN, MARLENE | A | A | A | A | | |
| BROWN, VICTOR | A | A | N | N | | |
| BROWNE, DEACON EDWARD | A | A | A | A | | |
| BRYAN, NORBERT | A | A | A | A | | |
| BURKE, DR. MICHAEL | A | A | A | A | | |
| CAMPBELL, SADIE | A | A | A | A | | |
| CHRISTIAN, EVELYN | A | A | A | A | | |
| CLARKE, GAIL | A | A | A | A | | |
| CLODD, JOAN | A | A | A | A | | |
| CUMBERBATCH, ROBERT | A | A | A | A | | |
| DICKERSON, TOLLYNE | A | A | A | A | | |
| EASTMOND, LAURA | NP | NP | NP | NP | | |
| EICHELBERGER, KEVIN | A | A | A | A | | |
| EVANS, RAYMOND | NP | NP | NP | NP | | |
| FIGUEROA, ALFREDO | A | A | A | A | | |
| GIBSON, LAGRANT BARBARA | A | A | A | A | | |
| GOFF, JOHNNIE | A | A | A | A | | |
| GREEN, CHANTAL | A | A | A | A | | |

| | Ports Report | Support Letter | Economic Report | Letters | | |
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| HALL, ROBERT | A | A | A | A | | |
| HALL, WILLIAM | A | A | A | A | | |
| HAYES, LISA | NP | NP | NP | NP | | |
| ISAAC, JOHN | A | A | A | A | | |
| JAMES, THEODORE | NP | NP | NP | NP | | |
| LANZANO, CARL | A | A | A | A | | |
| MARTIN, LUCILLE | NP | NP | NP | NP | | |
| MCCLOUD, MARY | A | A | A | A | | |
| MCNEIL, WALTER | A | A | A | A | | |
| MYKE, CLINTON | NP | NP | NP | NP | | |
| ORTIZ, CARMEN | A | A | A | A | | |
| PORTER, FRANK | NP | NP | NP | NP | | |
| POWELL, CLAUDIA | A | A | A | A | | |
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| TRIPICCO, SHIRLEY | NP | NP | NP | NP | | |
| WEIR, NICOLE | NP | NP | NP | NP | | |
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**Community Board 12
Sign-In Sheet**

Date 9/27/18

ELECTED OFFICIALS

HONORABLE RUBEN DIAZ JR

HONORABLE BILL de BLASIO

HONORABLE ELIOT ENGEL

HONORABLE JEFFREY KLEIN

HONORABLE JAMAAL BAILEY

Ann R. Larrue

*HONORABLE JEFFREY DINOWITZ

IVAN NEDDS

HONORABLE CARL HEASTIE

HONORABLE ANDREW COHEN

Andrew Cohen

HONORABLE MARK GJONAJ

*HONORABLE ANDY KING

Andy King

HONORABLE RITCHIE TORRES

HONORABLE JIMMY VACCA

HONORABLE DARCEL CLARK

REPRESENTATIVES/GUEST

**NYC Comptroller - Victor Martinez*



District Manager's Report
September 27, 2018

Good evening Board Members and welcome back after your summer hiatus. As you may have noticed the Carriage House looks remarkable different and we are not done yet. DCAS, our landlord, removed the stage making this space more accessible and enlarging the room by removing the stage. Additionally, it levels the playing field both figuratively and literally. Everyone is at the same eye level. We can see you and you can see us.

Secondly, our HVAC Units are operational. We can control the temperature with the touch a button. We are very grateful to DCAS as we will no longer have to suffer through balmy or chilly nights. You may have noticed the giant blue tarp on the walls. The divisional panes were removed revealing water damage to our walls. When the walls were opened up the contractors noticed outdated electrical work and rotted out studs. All the sheet rock in this room will be removed and replaced and we will get an updated and up to code electrical system. When that is complete we will get a fresh new paint job.

We have a new security system in place. We have cameras throughout interior and exterior of this building ensuring the staff's safety as well as yours. The equipment that we are using this evening belongs to the Community Board. We now have the ability to amplify our voices even when the cameras are not rolling. The chairs you are sitting on are new and when you walked into the lobby this evening you may have noticed a stylish new desk and new padded chairs. Finally, we are also getting new floors. It is my hope that by next month all of this should be finished. It has been a long process and I thank you all for your patience as we have rolled this out.

The purpose of all this work was to make this space open and available to the community. I can tell you that from my first day here we have been able to increase our presence in the community and this space has always been at the forefront of that outreach. This building is open almost daily beyond regular working hours. We have programming almost every weekend. We have all manner of local organizations using our space for graduations, pre-school shows or HRA hosted baby showers. Last week the MTA – NYC Transit Division had their bus scoping meeting. Community Board 12 now host our annual budget consultations with OMB and the Bronx Borough Presidents Office. IdNYC will use our space as a pop-up enrollment site between October 18th and November 11th. This will be the third year that we have partnered with IdNYC to bring this valuable asset to this community.

I would like to thank everyone, especially our Board Members that came out on August 20th for the YMCA groundbreaking. This is truly a great achievement for this Board. I cannot wait until we are cutting the ribbon as a community.

I would like to recognize Robert Hall and the honors that he received at the Bronx Neighborhood Housing Services Banquet. Board member Robert Hall received the Leslie McHenry Award who was the founder of Bronx NHS. This award is given to those individuals who work towards housing preservation and homeownership promotion. Additionally, Mr. Hall received a commendation from NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, A Special Citation of Recognition from State Senator Jamaal Bailey and a Certificate of Recognition from NYC Council Member Andy King.

Please join me in wishing Ursula Greene a Happy Birthday. She is getting up there in age. She turns a ripe 29-years old tomorrow. I am grateful to Ursula as she has always been what makes all this happen.

Finally, I wanted to discuss Community Board governance and attendance. I realize I am preaching to the choir since many of you are the ones that do attend. Between September 2017 and June 2018 we did not have a quorum for three of our Full Board meetings. This negatively impacts the work that we are required to do here at the Board. Our Chairman, Dr. Hall could not vote at a Borough Board meeting on the M1-1 Hotel Text Amendment. Simple letters to City Agencies requesting ASP or variances on construction projects could not be written because of those absences. Responses to the State Liquor Authority on our votes could not be sent. We are voting this evening on minutes from our May and June meetings because we did not have a quorum. Dr. Hall and I have spoken to the Bronx Borough President's Office who appoints each of you about this issue. They have correctly pointed out that the Board has a mechanism within its By-Laws to deal with this issue. We have never used this provision before because it would require each of you to vote to oust one of your fellow Board Members. I get it. It's not always easy to attend; from rain or snow to familial obligations it is a burden. Believe me I would much rather be home right now making dinner and watching Thursday Night football. Our meetings also run a very long time. I am looking into speeding that up. In the near future we will share with each of you your attendance during the last three years. Hopefully this will allow you to see how many meetings you missed. I know it's not done intentionally but please do realize that this has real world implications of not being able to carry out our mission. I have spent my first three years trying to clean up my house and make this building a welcome environment. I am going to spend the next three years making this Board the envy of the City. I need all of us on the same page and that can only happen if you are here.

Conclusion

Today marks my 1,152nd day as your District Manager or 3-year, 1 month and 25th day of my tenure here. I look forward to each and every day at the Board.

Thank you and Good Night



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COMMUNITY BOARD #12 (THE BRONX)

Committee Meeting Report Form

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Transportation + Capital Projects and Public Safety

DATE OF MEETING: 9/25/2018

LOCATION: CB 12

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Clinton Myke, Norbert Bryan,
Clardia Powell, Michael Felter, Alfredo Figueroa.

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: _____

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED: _____



GUEST: New Laconia Radio Dispatch, 3934 Laconia Avenue,
Bronx, NY.

AGENDA: Base Operating License Renewal.

MOTION/RESOLUTIONS PASSED: Yes No

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NO RESPONSE. NEW LACONIA
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Respectfully Submitted: 

Date: 09/25/18

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Presenters:



Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.
September 2018
Community Board Report

**STATEMENT FROM BOROUGH PRESIDENT DIAZ RE: The Anniversary
of 9/11**

“Today, we remember those we lost in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

“These were our friends, our neighbors, our co-workers, our family. Some of the victims we never met, some of them were close to our hearts. All of us, together, understand the pain of the moment of 9/11 and the years it has taken for our city, and our nation, to try to heal.

“Please take a moment today to remember those we lost and to reflect on the meaning of this day.

“My office’s annual ‘Day of Remembrance’ of 9/11 will take place this Friday. Each year, we come together to remember those we lost on 9/11 and to share with one another the feelings and emotions that are brought to the surface during this commemoration. All are welcome,” said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

BP DIAZ PROVIDES NEARLY \$10 MILLION TO BRONX SCHOOLS

With the new school year set to begin, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. announced today that his office has provided nearly \$10 million in new capital funding to public schools in every corner of the borough.

“Our public schools are the lifeblood of our communities, and I am proud to support their growth through my capital budget each year,” said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. “As we work to provide our children with a quality education, we must provide them with the resources they need to have the best possible experience within their school buildings. This funding is critical to that mission.”

This year, Borough President Diaz provided \$9,751,000 to 55 public school projects across The Bronx. This represents almost 42 percent of his entire capital budget allocation for FY2019, and is by far the highest amount given to any single group of projects.

Notable projects in this year’s allocation include \$750,000 to upgrade the physical fitness facilities at the Lehman High School Educational Campus in Westchester Square, \$200,000 to build an acoustic shell for the auditorium at the Harry S. Truman High School Campus in Co-op City, \$100,000 to help build a “Family Welcome Center” for Community School District #11 and \$75,000 to convert a classroom into a new “sensory library” at P.S. 17x in Mott Haven.

This year, Borough President Diaz also allocated funding to help upgrade technology offerings in dozens of Bronx schools. The complete list of Borough President Diaz’s budget allocation for public schools can be viewed at <https://on.nyc.gov/2LK63o5>.

“As we prepare our students for college and the workforce, it is incumbent on elected leaders to ensure they have the best opportunities possible within their school walls,” said Borough President Diaz. “This funding helps us do just that, and my office will continue to work with educators and parents to provide necessary resources for our borough’s children.”

Since taking office in 2009, Borough President Diaz has provided \$69,997,000 in capital funding to 443 school projects, nearly a quarter of his office’s total capital allocations during the time period.

This year, Borough President Diaz’s office has provided \$23,250,000 in total capital dollars across 81 projects. Since coming to office in 2009, Borough President Diaz has provided \$271,896,000 in total capital funding to 806 projects.

BP DIAZ INVESTS OVER \$3M IN NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Funding will help create more than 700 new affordable units throughout The Bronx

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. has announced that his office has allocated more than \$3 million in capital funding to five developments in The Bronx, creating more than 700 new units of affordable housing in neighborhoods throughout the borough. The funding is allocated as part of the borough president’s FY2019 fiscal budget.

“Keeping this borough affordable, and the development of new affordable housing units, has been a priority of mine from the day I first took office. My office continues to showcase its commitment to affordability through our capital grants,” said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. “Through this funding we will help a wide-range of individuals find and keep an affordable home so that they can keep their families right here in The Bronx as we undergo a positive transformation.”

Since taking office in 2009 Borough President Diaz has invested \$54,929,000 in capital funding towards affordable housing across The Bronx, leveraging that funding to create 8,491 new units.

This year, Borough President Diaz is providing funding to five housing projects through his capital budget, creating a total of 719 new units of affordable housing. This includes \$800,000 towards the creation of new affordable housing at The Peninsula, located at the former site of the Spofford Juvenile Detention Center; \$750,000 for 173 units at Williamsbridge Gardens, including 52 units for formerly homeless families at the lowest income levels; and \$500,000 for 122 units of affordable housing for seniors in Highbridge, in partnership with Volunteers of America.

Since the borough president took office in 2009, a total of 36,437 residential units have also been constructed in The Bronx, with 58 percent of those (21,157) having been developed with government subsidies.

“We understand our borough residents’ need for affordable housing as the cost of living in the city continues to rise,” said Borough President Diaz. “The largest number of requests we receive in my office is from constituents in need of housing assistance. Funding for these projects is imperative in addressing our residents’ needs. That’s why making these type of investments is so important to me, as we continuing to build on the successes we have achieved recent years.”

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A complete list of Borough President Diaz’s capital funding allocations in housing for FY2019 can be found at <https://on.nyc.gov/2KebPh7>.

BP DIAZ & CM COHEN PARTNER ON SETON PARK RENOVATIONS

Elected leaders will provide over \$1.2 million to fund new skate park and fitness equipment

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and City Council member Andrew Cohen announced today that they have allocated a combined \$1,249,000 in capital funding for renovations in Riverdale’s Seton Park.

The funding will be used by the City’s Department of Parks & Recreation to fund the construction of a new skate park as well as to provide new fitness equipment throughout the park.

“Seton Park is one of the great gems of the Riverdale community, and I am proud to have partnered with Council Member Cohen to help bring a skate park and upgraded fitness equipment to this park,” said **Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.**, who provided \$830,000 for the renovations from his FY2019 capital budget. “These renovations will make this park more accessible to users of all ages, provide Bronx residents with greater recreation options and create a new space for our skateboarders to shred!”

“With its tennis courts, baseball fields, sitting areas and playground Seton Park is the heart of South Riverdale,” said **Council Member Andrew Cohen**, who allocated \$410,000 towards the installation of the new skate park and fitness equipment. “I am thrilled to have partnered with Bronx Borough President Diaz and NYC Department of Parks and Recreation to repurpose an area of this beautiful park that was previously under-utilized to create more recreational spaces for everyone in the community to enjoy.”

Borough President Diaz has funded a total of \$55,014,000 across 73 park projects through his capital budget since taking office in 2009.

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Council Members Constantinides, Levine, Torres & BP Diaz to Introduce Bill Requiring Unannounced Inspections of Drinking Water Tanks

Council Members Costa Constantinides, Chair of the Committee on Environmental Protection, Mark Levine, Chair of the Committee on Health, and Ritchie Torres, Chair of the Committee on Oversight and Investigation, introduced legislation today in partnership with Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. that requires the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to conduct unannounced inspections of drinking water tanks atop buildings.

“New Yorkers should not have to worry about harmful bacteria in the water they drink,” said Council Member Costa Constantinides. “Unfortunately, landlords are misrepresenting the condition of the water stored inside tanks for many buildings. This legislation will provide the necessary oversight to ensure our residents, especially those in low-income housing, are healthy.”

Said Council Health Chair Mark Levine, “It is in the public health and environmental interests of this City that New Yorkers have the confidence of knowing that when they turn on the tap, the water that comes out will be free of contamination and safe to drink. No one should have to question the quality of their drinking water—especially not NYCHA residents facing challenges on so many other fronts. As this bill strengthens the rules for inspection of water tanks, it will provide for a higher level of real time transparency.”

“The recent news reports of contaminated water tanks that are rarely inspected and unregulated have made it clear that the City and the Health Department must intervene. Requiring unannounced inspections will ensure that water tanks aren’t hastily fixed in a pinch, will protect public health and safety, and ensure that drinking water is safe to consume,” said Council Member Ritchie Torres.

“Our City has seen devastating outbreaks of Legionnaires’ Disease in recent years, and these water tanks tend to be breeding grounds for this disease and other harmful bacteria. New Yorkers deserve safe drinking water, and they deserve to know that their own water tanks have been inspected and just what that inspection found. This legislation will help do just that, and I am proud to partner with Council Members Constantinides, Levine and Torres to move this critical public health and safety legislation forward,” said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

Tanks are typically made from cedar and used to feed water to buildings taller than six stories. More than 10,000 buildings in the five boroughs rely on water tanks, according to City estimates. Until about a decade ago, these tanks were essentially unregulated to ensure they complied with various City codes.

Monitoring our water systems, either tanks that hold drinkable water or cooling towers, is crucial as New York endures yet more outbreaks of Legionnaires’ disease, a form of pneumonia caused by contaminated water particles. Health officials recently found traces of Legionella, the bacteria that causes Legionnaires’ disease, in the water supply at Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx. Harmful materials found in drinking water tanks at several New York City Housing Authority properties were not included on reports to DOHMH, [according to a recent City & State article](#).

Intro. 657-A of 2017 required landlords to submit annual tank inspection reports to show they complied with all New York City administrative, construction, and health codes. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene received those reports, which are then supposed go into an online open data portal.

The new bill, which will be formally introduced to the City Council on Wednesday, would require spot checks of water tanks conducted by DOHMH without the building owner's prior knowledge. The legislation would also cover both private buildings as well as public ones, including NYCHA properties, which experts told City & State last week had some of the worst materials. This will give a clearer picture of what types of materials are in the tanks, which will then be posted online in a public database.

Mayor de Blasio, Assembly Speaker Heastie and Local Elected Officials Break Ground on New YMCA Community and Recreational Facility in Edenwald

The state-of-the-art facility will create 100 permanent jobs and include two pools, a full basketball court, and programming for New Yorkers of all ages

Mayor Bill de Blasio, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, local elected officials and community stakeholders broke ground today on a new YMCA community and recreational facility in the Edenwald neighborhood of the Bronx. The 50,000 square-foot facility will serve as a valuable resource to the community, offering two swimming pools, a full length basketball court, gym facilities, an indoor track, a wellness center, a childcare facility and multi-purpose rooms.

The center will also provide childcare, afterschool and summer camp, classes to improve health and wellness, and activities to strengthen the community, including senior adult programs and civic classes for new Americans. The recreational facility is expected to serve over 25,000 New Yorkers by year four of operations.

“This much-anticipated new YMCA in Edenwald will provide the Northeast Bronx with a state-of-the-art community center and recreation space, and I am proud to have helped move this project forward with \$3 million from my own capital budget,” **said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.** “The entire Bronx is excited for this new YMCA, and I want to thank the NYCEDC, Mayor de Blasio, Speaker Heastie, Council Member King, and other stakeholders for their continued partnership on this transformative community development.”

The YMCA was selected in August 2016 to develop and operate the recreation center. In May 2018, the Edenwald YMCA facility certified into the City's public review process and is expected to open in 2020. Construction of the facility is expected to create 100 temporary construction jobs, and 100 permanent, living wage jobs. As part of the de Blasio Administration's efforts to expand economic opportunities to minority- and women-owned business enterprises (MWBEs) and local residents, the YMCA has committed to a 35 percent MWBE contracting goal for design and construction and will engage in local hiring efforts through the City's HireNYC program.