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### BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10 VIRTUAL DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING MINUTES September 15, 2020

Attendance: CB10: M. Cruz; N. Kilkenny; CCHR: B. Simmons; DDC: M. Caminero; DEP: E. Ardizzzone; DFTA: J. Melendez; DHS: N. Jordan; DoHMH: E. Peralta-Downing; DOT: D. Cruz; DOT Bridges: A. Zhou; DSNY: M. DiRusso; HRA: J. Williams; MTA: C. Gonzalez; NYCEM: A. Pal; NYPD: J. Souhrada; NYPL: L. Brown, L. Marin, T. McCrae, L. Torres; Parks: C. Acosta; K. Zagorski; V. Davis-O'Neill; Verizon: A. Horton  
Representatives: Assemblyman Benedetto's Office: M. McKay; Councilmember Gonaj's Office: F. Ruben; (25)

Mr. Cruz commenced the meeting at 10:10 AM by welcoming Cabinet members.

#### Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – E. Peralta-Downing

Ms. Peralta-Downing reenforced the importance of continuing agency protocols of social distancing, hand washing, face covering and staying home when demonstrating any symptoms.

Indoor dining at 25% capacity begins on September 30<sup>th</sup>. This was not initiated by the Dept. of Health. The agency has been fielding questions pertaining to dining and school openings. They are working closely with the Department of Education. Pertinent information is available on the Department of Education website: [www.schools.nyc.gov](http://www.schools.nyc.gov).

Businesses with safety questions can contact the New York City Business Restart Hotline #800 727 4692 for assistance.

The Agency encourages all New Yorkers to seek testing when needed. Call 311 or visit [www.nyc.gov/covidtest](http://www.nyc.gov/covidtest) to find testing locations.

For those in need of mental health counselling or treatment, please visit the NYC Health Program at [www.nyc.gov/health](http://www.nyc.gov/health), or call for counseling: 888 692 9355.

Ms. Peralta-Downing reported that mobile Food Vendor inspections have resumed. There is a backlog. Resources are limited and representatives will be responding on a case by case basis, according to the severity of each case.

Mr. Cruz reported that at Amendola Plaza and along Crosby and Buhre Avenues, vendors selling books, t-shirts, perfumes, etc., have become an issue. Ms. Peralta Downing explained that her Agency only addresses food vendors and NYPD would handle other illegal vendors.

#### NYPD – 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct – Det. J. Souhrada

Det. Souhrada excused himself from the meeting in order to respond to a police call.

## **NYCEM – Anastasia Pal**

Ms. Pal reported that September is National Preparedness Month. A 2020 National Preparedness Month toolkit is available on the Emergency Management website at: [www.nyc.gov/em](http://www.nyc.gov/em)

August – October is the period of highest hurricane occurrences. Updates can be found on the severe weather website: [www.nyc.gov/severeweather](http://www.nyc.gov/severeweather).

## **Department of Transportation (DOT) – D. Cruz**

Mr. Cruz indicated that the NYCDOT website is not being updated in a timely fashion and has recently found several active jobsites in the district which were not identified on the website. Ms. Cruz indicated that due to people working from home there may be a lag in updating the site. She will alert them.

Mr. Cruz indicated that he was in touch with the contractors on the south side of Westchester Avenue between Pilgrim and Buhre Avenues and resolved the issues noted at that site.

The following lighting installations remain on hold due to COVID-19. Borough Commissioner Lopez is working on getting these requests accomplished:

- lighting installation on Westchester Avenue from Middletown Road to Wilkinson Avenue
- lighting installation on East Tremont Avenue from Bruckner Boulevard to Miles Avenue.

The moratorium on Capital Projects remains in effect and has delayed the reconstruction of Revere Avenue from Dewey to Sampson Avenues, DOT-426667-M4S1. Mr. Cruz will restore this item to his District Needs Statement. Ms. Cruz indicated that the moratorium may be addressed during upcoming Budget Consultations, however, looming budget cuts may also impact projects.

Ms. Cruz indicated that she will contact the resurfacing team to inquire about: The request for repaving Ellsworth Avenue between Fairmount and Layton Avenues, DOT-400580-C1N5, and the request for repaving Barkley Avenue, between Wilcox and Clarence Avenues, which are on the 2020 repaving schedule.

The moratorium on the Signals Department continues and is indefinite. Traffic conditions cannot be evaluated as they have not returned to normal capacity due to the pandemic.

Traffic Signal Request – Tratman and St. Peters Avenues – DOT-443718-F6T4

Traffic Signal Request – Frisby and St. Peters Avenues – DOT-443719-M7G6

Request for traffic controls at the intersection of Edison Avenue and Harrington Avenue, Case # DOT-449247-X2X0

Ms. Cruz reported that the following signs should be in place by the end of October.

All Way Stop Sign – Frisby Avenue and Rowland Street – DOT-443721-Q6L5

All Way Stop Sign – Seddon Street and Maclay Avenue – DOT-443725-G5C9

“No Parking Anytime, 12 AM – 5 AM” signage on Schley Avenue between Brush Avenue and Hutchinson River Parkway – DOT-453560-V8P0

### **Department of Transportation (DOT) (continued)**

Mr. Cruz requested that Ms. Cruz reach out to State DOT on the Board's behalf on the following:

- extremely high weeds along the Cross Bronx Expressway between Randall and Lafayette Avenues require maintenance
- I-95 North and South bound require resurfacing between exits 8 and 13. This area of highway is concrete and currently in very poor condition.

### **Department of Transportation – Bridges – A. Zhou; A. Bayer;**

Westchester Avenue Overpass – Ms. Zhou reported that the project is going well. Current work will require some overnight closures. Specific information on closures will follow. In response to complaints received, the pedestrian crosswalk markings have been painted at Waters Place and Westchester Avenue.

Mr. Cruz requested assistance in keeping the area clean, and that high weeds on Middletown Road and the island on Ericson Place opposite Seven- Eleven be trimmed.

### **Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) – C. Gonzalez**

Mr. Gonzales reported that ridership stands at approximately 1.5 million down from 3 million pre-pandemic. \$50 fines will be issued to those using mass transit who are not wearing a mask. Masks available at ticket booths. 93% of riders are adhering to the mask requirement.

Mask Taskforce Thursdays are an initiative to promote wearing masks. Mr. Cruz will participate at a local bus stop and will pick up materials on Thursday.

Mr. Gonzalez reported that the Transit Authority requires 12 billion dollars in aid to operate through 2021. All options are on the table. Decisions have not been made but will be shared when available. The 2020-2024 Capital Plan is questionable due to the budgetary shortfall.

Overnight subway shutdowns for disinfection are ongoing.

### **Department of Design and Construction (DDC) – M. Caminero**

City Island Project HED564 – Ms. Caminero reported that the drilling of the first underground tunnel was completed and crews are now drilling the second tunnel. They are currently working on the City Island side. Pipe insertion will follow. A 30-inch casing pipe will be installed first with a 20-inch water main pipe fitting inside of that pipe.

### **Department of Design and Construction – L. Alfred**

Burr Avenue Project SEX-20047 - Ms. Alfred was inadvertently omitted from the meeting notification but provided informational flyers, attached.

### **Department of Parks and Recreation – C. Acosta; K. Zagorski; V. Davis-O'Neal**

Ms. Davis-O'Neal reported that the commissioner is working on the Toss Your Trash Campaign aimed at alleviating trash build up in New York City parks. Picnic and barbeque areas are being targeted with signage and special litter corrals for trash disposal.

### **Department of Parks and Recreation (continued)**

Chris Acosta reported that an anti-litter corral was installed at Ferry Point Park West near the comfort station. This is the only location in Bronx Community Board #10 which received a litter corral.

Mr. Acosta reported that the Agency was particularly busy during the summer months due to the pandemic.

The Jointly Operated Park/Skate Park at PS 304 has not been issued permits to use the area; however, it is clean and ready for use.

Ms. Zagorski reported that Orchard Beach closed after Labor Day. Parking lots close early, at 4 PM, because problems were experienced after hours on the beach and in the parking lot. On weekends, the parking lot closes at 3 PM. Those already in the parking lot can remain, however new arrivals will be unable to enter after closing time.

### **New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) – M. DiRusso**

Mr. Cruz introduced the new District #10 Superintendent, Michael DiRusso.

Mr. DiRusso reported that he has worked with DSNY for 10 years and looks forward to working with Bronx Community Board #10 and agency representatives. He explained that during the pandemic his crew has been operating on a 30/40/30 schedule (30% - 12 AM to 8 AM; 40% - 5 AM to 1 PM and 30% - 4 PM to 12 AM). During the snowplow season, which begins on October 26<sup>th</sup>, this schedule will remain in effect but switch to two twelve hour shifts during snow storms.

Superintendent DiRusso discussed snow emergency preparedness including early brining of roads and updated equipment with turn by turn navigation.

Because of switches in shifts, it is important to put out collection items after 4 PM the evening prior to pick up day. Collection begins at midnight and may be missed if residents wait to put it out the morning of their pick-up.

School trucks begin on September 21, 2020, the first day of school.

Budget cuts have already begun to impact the Agency which is forced to do more with fewer resources. Sunday basket service has been discontinued. Superintendent DiRusso asks that fellow Agencies please pitch in, especially at shared Leventhal areas. DSNY no longer has funding to overextend its personnel.

Alternate Side Parking regulations have changed recently. Now, street cleaning is reduced to one day per week. On posted signs that note two days for Alternate Side Parking, it will only be observed on the last of the two days. If Mondays and Thursdays are referenced on a sign, cleaning will only occur on Thursdays. Home and business owners are asked to clean in front of their homes and businesses plus 18 inches into the curb. The Department of Sanitation encourages neighborhood clean-ups and will provide bags and tools to groups organizing them.

Superintendent DiRusso indicated that he looks forward to meeting his fellow Agency Representatives in person, when possible, and to working together.

### **Department For The Aging (DFTA) – J. Melendez**

Mr. Melendez reported that the Agency's Social Isolation Campaign is still active for senior citizens. Volunteers are needed for the Aging Connect Line 212-Aging-NYC (212-244-6469)

The Senior Farmers Market Coupon Program is ending.

### **Department of Social Services**

#### **Homeless Services – N. Jordan**

Mr. Cruz indicated that he has concerns about the adult men's shelter coming to Blondell Avenue. Ms. Jordan noted that Mr. Cruz will be looped in with Board 11 on all communications concerning 1400 Blondell Avenue.

Ms. Jordan reminded all of Commissioner Banks' weekly web seminar for Agency updates of the Department of Social Services/ Human Resources Administration/Department of Homeless Services every Tuesday at 4 PM.

#### **Human Resources Administration – J. Williams**

Mr. Williams reported that he continues to refer individuals to Access HRA for cash assistance and snap benefits. Commissioner Banks provides Agency updates on the Tuesday Update call at 4 PM.

Recertifications for August are almost completed and September online requests are being worked on. There has been an uptake in applications due to the removal of the \$600 federal unemployment supplement.

#### **Human Rights Commission – B. Simmons**

Ms. Simmons reported that discrimination complaints are ongoing. A recent press release stated that the Human Rights Commission had the largest ever discrimination case payout of 7.5 million dollars in 2020, including hospitals such as Sloan Kettering and numerous landlords who refused to accept rent vouchers. Some landlords were forced to designate a percentage of apartments for voucher tenants as part of their settlement.

Matt thanked Ms. Simmons for her service.

### **Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) – E. Ardizzone**

Ms. Ardizzone discussed the MEND NYC Program, a new mediation tool used to navigate issues arising from the hospitality industry's new policies. Residents with issues concerning sidewalk and curbside dining can utilize the MEND NYC Program to seek resolution.

The Green Infrastructure Grant Program is ongoing.

**New York Public Library (NYPL) – L. Brown, L. Marin, T. McCrae, L. Torres**

Ms. Brown, Co-op City Branch, and Ms. McCree, City Island Branch, reported that their branches are opened for grab and go service. All other services are temporarily suspended due to Covid-19.

Ms. Marin, Westchester Square Branch, noted that fifty branches in New York City are opened for grab and go service. Parents are reminded that children can no longer be dropped off at local branches after school.

Mr. Cruz reported that his mother is retiring after 37 years of service at the New York Public Library. He and his family are very proud of her accomplishments.

Ms. Torres, Throggs Neck Branch, had no update. The Throggs Neck Branch is hosting an open book discussion online and other virtual resources. Mr. Cruz volunteered to read aloud to young readers online if possible.

**Council Member Gjonaj's Office – F. Rubin**

Ms. Rubin reported that the Councilman will participate in a neighborhood cleanup on Thursday, September 17, on the Hutchinson River Parkway Service Road between St. Theresa and Wilkinson Avenues. She thanked the Department of Sanitation and the Parks Department for their support. The council member is interested in performing weekly clean ups with the help of Wildcat and volunteers at local parks or streets. Suggested locations can be submitted to the Council member's office. Pelham Bay Taxpayers and the Parks Department participated in recent clean-ups.

**Assembly Member Michael Benedetto's Office – M. McKay**

Mr. McKay announced that Assemblyman Benedetto is considering a socially distanced barbecue in Co-op City on September 26, 2020. Information will follow if the event is finalized.

**Verizon – A. Horton**

Ms. Horton reported that the New York Public Library will be getting a grant for digital inclusion, K-8 space for virtual learning. 5G installations are coming soon. Mr. Cruz will provide his library intergovernmental contact via email.

Mr. Cruz thanked all for their participation and reminded all that the log-on credentials for future District Service Cabinet meetings will remain the same as those used for today's meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11:07 AM.

DDC Video  
www.nyc.gov/webuild

**Noise:** During construction hours, you can expect the increased levels of dust, noise and heavy equipment. DDC will monitor the noise level, to ensure it is within the DEP Noise Code regulations.

**Traffic & Parking:** Emergency vehicle as well as Pedestrian access, will be maintained. Vehicular travel lane closures and/or detours will be required, warning signs will be posted in advance. Parking and driveway/loading dock(s) access may also be restricted, signs will be posted in advance within the affected area(s).

**Public Transportation:** BX 12 Bus detours/relocations may be required. DDC will coordinate with MTA prior to any bus detour or relocation being scheduled, and advance notification will be provided throughout the community-at-large.

**Baiting:** Rodent and Water Bug pest control will be done by the contractor's pest control specialist throughout the project area, on a regular basis, to help curb any pre-existing rodent or pest population.

**Trash Collection:** Proper trash collection can be a challenge on a project as large as this but if everyone is considerate it can be managed with a modicum of disruption. Please pack your trash properly to avoid easy breakage and/or spill over. Put it in the designated areas as close to collection time as possible. If you use a private carter, ensure your trash collection occurs on a timely fashion. If you aren't sure where to bring your trash, please contact the CCL.

**Community Construction Liaison**

The DDC has assigned Mrs. Lisa Alfred, as the Community Construction Liaison (CCL) for this project. Please contact Mrs. Alfred for any project related inquiries or concerns you may have.

As well as to be added to the electronic Neighborhood Notification Network (NNN) List.:

Phone: (718) 822-1484 / Fax (718) 822-1485

Email: [BurrAveccl@gmail.com](mailto:BurrAveccl@gmail.com)

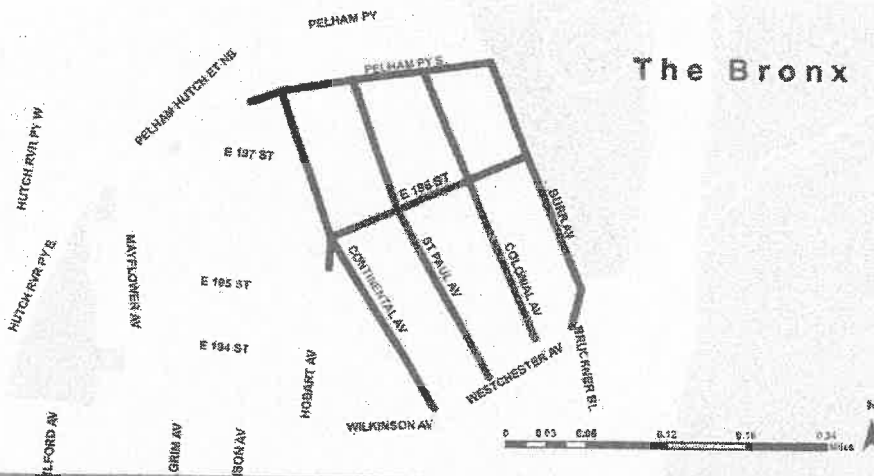
Field Office: 3250 Westchester Ave, Suite 112,  
The Bx, NY 10461

**Quarterly Newsletter Distribution:**

The Quarterly Newsletter is distributed by the Community Construction Liaison (CCL) both electronically via the NNN List and hand delivered throughout the project area. It can also be found at the following location:

***The Bx CB-10 at 3165 E. Tremont Ave, Bx NY 10461***





## Replacement of Sewers and Water Mains in Burr Avenue Area

### Project Contact

Mrs. Lisa Alfred  
Community Construction Liaison  
718-922-1484  
BurrAvecd@gmail.com

### Field Office Address

3250 Westchester Ave. Suite 112  
Bronx, New York 10461

During non-working hours  
please call 311 and provide  
the Project ID: SEX-20047

### Intent/Scope

We are upgrading essential infrastructure, including water mains and sewers, for improved delivery and service to the area.

### Schedule

Summer 2020 - Spring 2022

### Work Hours

Mon - Fri: 7:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Saturdays as needed

### Construction Cost

\$14,196,586.00

**General Contractor**  
Maspeth Supply Co.

**R.E.I. Firm**  
The LiRo Group

**Management Agency**  
NYC Department of  
Design and Construction

**Sponsor Agency**  
NYC Department of  
Transportation

NYC Department of  
Environmental Protection

### Project Information

We are replacing sewers and water mains in the Burr Avenue area between Pelham Parkway South and Westchester Avenue. We will also upgrade catch basins to reduce street flooding and fire hydrants to protect the community.

#### Community Outreach

- Advisory Notices will be distributed throughout the affected project work area as necessary, in advance of the anticipated project work.

- For project inquiries, concerns, please reach out to the project contact.

Mrs. Lisa Alfred  
718-822-1484  
BurrAveccl@gmail.com

#### Community Impacts

The DDC is committed to maintaining a project work site that is safe and well kept. However, dust, noise, and heavy equipment are common elements of construction and we ask for your patience during the project.

#### Special Needs

- The DDC staff will work specifically with individuals that have special needs who may be uniquely impacted by the project. Please reach out to the project contact.

#### Dust Control

- The contractor will maintain dust control measures by using/spraying water periodically or as needed, to minimize dust that may be produced from the work site.

#### Service Delivery Coordination

- The DDC staff will coordinate with related agencies and the community during the project to minimize inconveniences, e.g. Trash Collection, etc.

#### Rodent & Water Bug Control

- Baits are placed within the construction zone as required by the contract for rodent control.
- Specialists perform a Rodent/Water Bug Survey prior to construction.
- A professional specialist installs Rodent/Water Bug Control Stations.

#### Noise Code Regulations

- Certain operations produce noise; DDC monitors construction operations and works within the DEP Noise Code regulations.
- Certification of Equipment Noise Compliance.
- Noise Compliance Specialist.

#### Property Damage

- You are advised to contact the DDC and/or the General Contractor (GC), of any property damage that may have occurred as a result of the construction work. If the GC fails to respond within 10 days, you should inform the DDC Construction Director, in writing. If you intend to file a claim, you must do so within 90 days of occurrence with the NYC Comptroller's Office.

#### Water Service Interruption

- During the course of the project there will be service interruptions. To allow water main replacement, the existing water service must be shut off by closing the valves at either end of the section. Advance notice will be given for all planned interruptions. Water service will be restored at the end of the day.

#### Traffic Impacts

Traffic Regulations during construction are coordinated with the NYC DOT (OCMC)

- Emergency vehicle access will be maintained at all times.
- Merchant deliveries will be coordinated/allowed.
- Pedestrian access to buildings will be maintained at all times.
- Signs will be posted in advance where necessary in anticipation of any closures or traffic restrictions.

- Street or Travel Lane closures may be required. Detour traffic lane adjustments (maintenance and protection of traffic) may be made to maintain the safety of pedestrians, motorists and bicyclists during construction.
- Bus detour/relocation may be required.

- Driveway access may be temporarily restricted while streets are closed to through-traffic. (Coordination will be arranged on a case-by-case basis.)
- Parking of private vehicles on street, within construction work area is restricted.
- Parking may be temporarily restricted.
- The Contractor will comply with Embargoes, if applicable and as issued by the NYC DOT OCMC.



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DDC Website  
[www.nyc.gov/ddc](http://www.nyc.gov/ddc)

DDC Video  
[www.nyc.gov/wqbuild](http://www.nyc.gov/wqbuild)



# Handling a temporary water shutdown

The NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) installs and repairs the underground pipes that deliver water in New York City. Some pipes are over 100 years old and need to be replaced. New types of pipes are more resistant to cracks and breaks. They will safely deliver high-quality water for decades to come.

To do this essential work, we have to temporarily turn off your water.

Your water will be turned back on at the end of each work shift.

## BEFORE THE WATER SHUTDOWN

- Store water for cooking, cleaning, and other needs
- Shut off the water main valve in your house or building to prevent plumbing problems, including brown water from sediments (or ask your landlord or super to do so)
- Turn off water-cooled systems such as central air and heating

## ONCE THE WATER IS BACK ON

- Turn on the building's water main valve (or ask your landlord or super to do so)
- Run all sink and tub faucets for 15-30 minutes to flush the plumbing

## QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

If you have any concerns or questions, or would like to receive updates, please contact this project's dedicated **Community Construction Liaison**. If you will be uniquely impacted by this work, you may request a special accommodation, if possible.

**CCL: Mrs. Lisa Alfred**  
**Phone#:** (718) 822-1484  
**Email:**  
[Burravecci@gmail.com](mailto:Burravecci@gmail.com)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**During non-construction hours, please call 311.**

Please be advised, the water main installation is being performed on behalf of the sponsoring agency, NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). If you have questions about water quality, please contact DEP.