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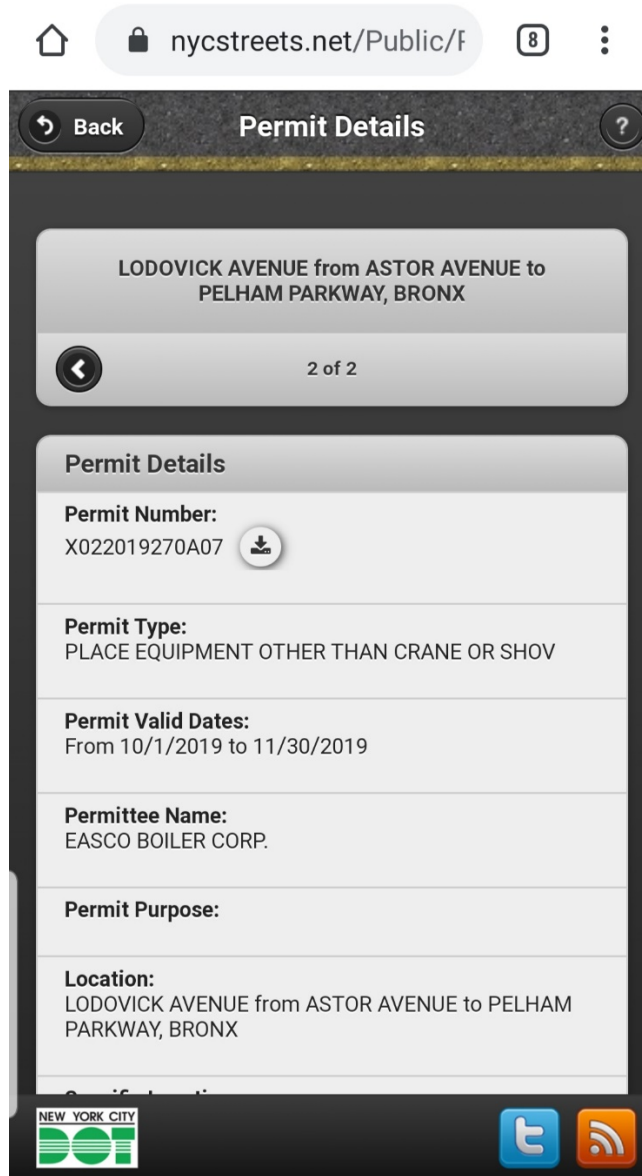
Youth Services

October 24, 2019 District Manager's Report

You may recall that at the April Leadership Committee meeting, I got complaints/inquiries about the following situation at 2225 Lodovick Avenue:



As stated in April, May and June, this is a temporary boiler, which has been on the street at this location for well over a year. In May, DOT issued Easco Boilder Corp a violation for lack of a valid permit, but ever since then, Easco has been keeping its permit up to date:



New board member bio published on the CB11 website:

Natali Medina's Biography

Originally from the Dominican Republic, Natali and her family moved to Brooklyn when she was 10 years old, settling in the Bed Stuy neighborhood where she lived until she met and married a Morris Park resident. Deciding to set new roots in the Bronx, Natali and her spouse became the happy parents of a baby girl.

A licensed architect in the state of New York, Natali obtained her bachelor's degree from Barnard College and her Master of Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. She has over 10 years of experience working at all levels of various, private, architectural firms and has led small and large teams to successfully complete a variety of residential, commercial and retail projects.

As a new member of the community board, Natali is eager to contribute her skills to help bring forth projects that will foster the growth and dynamism of CB11's diversity.

As I mentioned last month, we have a new intern at the CB11 office by the name of Dakota Medina, who is a singer. She will be singing our national anthem at Board Member Silvio Mazzella Veterans Day Ceremony at Peace Place on November 11, 2019 at 11am.

A board member suggested she come to our October full board meeting and sing for us, but unfortunately, she attends class on Thursday evenings.

Previously sent email that will be on the agenda of the next Health Committee meeting:

From: Warneke, Jeremy (CB)
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2019 4:15 PM
To: Nathalia Fernandez
Cc: Miguel Rondon-Almonte, Senator Biaggi's Office; Ishrael M. Gonzalez, BxBP's Office; Thomas Lucania, BxBP's Office; Farrah Ruben, CM Gjonaj's Office; Caitlyn Best, Senator Rivera's Office; Elaine Fiorio, AM Benedetto's Office; 'Council Member Ritchie Torres, 15th District'; Ranell Ogilvie, Senator Bailey's Office; Albert D'Angelo, Chair <aldangelo@cb.nyc.gov>; Destiny Cruz, Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez's Office; Mariel De La Cruz, NYC Comptroller's Office; Harold Miller, Mayor's Office; Adam Bermudez, CM King's Office'; Bronx CB11 General Staff <bx11@cb.nyc.gov>; ckirka@cb.nyc.gov; Lasky, Harriet (CB) <hlasky@cb.nyc.gov>
Subject: 2500 Williamsbridge Road

Dear Assembly Member Fernandez:

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to stop by the CB11 Office last week to chat with us about 2500 Williamsbridge Road.

As discussed, it has come to my attention that the notification process for proposed drug treatment facilities in New York State could be improved. According to the State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, there is no timeline requirement for proposed facilities to notify the public.

You may recall me mentioning that the State Liquor Authority (SLA) requires liquor license on-premise consumption applicants to notify the municipality or community board in which their establishment resides thirty days in advance of applying for or renewing their license. Additionally, the SLA has its own [Standardized NOTICE FORM](#) for applicants, which may be a good model for drug treatments facilities.

Can something be proposed legislatively to require drug treatment facilities to notify municipalities or community boards at least thirty days in advance of their intentions? Just to be clear, because someone has already raised a concern about this question: this is

not asking the State to cede its approval power to local governments. Often, community boards object to liquor license applications, but more often than not, the State approves the applications over our objections.

Lastly, if you are not already aware, Community Board 11 voted at its September 2019 full board meeting to send you, and our other elected officials (Cc'ing them/their offices), written correspondence objecting to a drug treatment facility at 2500 Williamsbridge Road as currently proposed by Carnegie Hill Institute. Among the thirty-three members present, all but one voted in favor of this motion. The one member not in favor abstained from voting.

Some of the reasons for the Board's objection were provided to you in a previously sent letter to Exit Realty, the copy of which you should have received, but in case you didn't, I'm attaching that letter to this email.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Warneke

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Another email you should be aware of:

From: Joanna Rojas <pelhampkwycc1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 4:03 PM
To: Warneke, Jeremy (CB) <jwarneke@cb.nyc.gov>
Cc: Ibrahim, Ahmed <Ibrahima@liro.com>; Pelham Parkway Phase 2 <hw710a@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Stillwell Avenue Street Closure

Good afternoon Jeremy,

Please be advised, the Stillwell Avenue street closure will begin on Monday, October 28, 2019. Along with the reconstruction of the roadway, the electrician will be on site to install the conduit for the traffic signals and street lights. In order to expedite the

installation of traffic signals and street lights, the electrician will continue installing conduit on Stillwell Avenue from Pelham Parkway Westbound Main Road heading south to Pelham Parkway South. This would be a moving operation, and lane closures will be in place only in the affected areas where they are working. NYPD Traffic Enforcement Agents will be scheduled to mitigate traffic at the affected areas during this restriction. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks.

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I don't believe all of our board members have yet seen the guidelines for the additional \$42,500.00 allocated by the City Council toward our board's annual budget. The guidelines this year are much more restrictive compared to last, and are as follows:

In the Fiscal 2020 Adopted Budget, the City Council, for the second consecutive year, allocated supplemental funding for each of the 59 Community Boards through the Community Board Enhancement Initiative. This initiative grants each of the Community Boards an additional \$42,500 in Other than Personal Services (OTPS) funding.

The initiative provides supplemental funding directly to each Community Board with the intent to aid the critical work you do for your local communities.

Below are guidelines for the use of these funds. With respect to the \$42,500 allocated by the Council, all purchases with a value of \$10,000 or more should be approved by a vote of the full Community Board. OTPS purchases should be made within the boundaries of the scope of work of the Community Board and should be limited to the items listed in the following categories:

1) Information Technology Upgrades:

- Computers/laptops;
- Computer monitors;

- Projectors;
- Copiers/printers/scanners;
- Sound/Audio systems;
- Tablets;
- Desk phones;
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM) System;
- Software upgrades;
- Community Board website upgrades;
- Software licenses;
- Hardware upgrades;
- Network equipment;
- Webcast live-streaming and translation tech services; and
- Faster internet speed packages.

2) Community Outreach/Community Events:

- Community correspondence (i.e. mailings, notifications, and other advertisements of services);
- Operating expenses for board member/community meetings (i.e. rental space costs, live streaming services and other expenses, to exclude food and catering costs);
- Sponsoring/co-sponsoring events in the local community (i.e. street fairs, local entertainment events, Charity walks/runs, health and safety workshops – to include space and equipment rental costs); and

3) Professional Development/Staff Trainings:

- Staff training relevant to the work of the Community Board
 - Computer training;
 - Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) training;
 - Skills training (software/hardware);
 - Sensitivity training;
 - Management training; and
 - Health and Safety training.

4) Consultants:

- Urban planning consultants;

- Land-use consultants;
- Demographic consultants;
- Historical District Preservation consultants;
- Affordable housing study consultants;
- Computer consultants;
- Temporary office help to cover short staffing issues (i.e. parental/medical leave); and
- Other consultants for studies on local issues relevant to the work of the Community Board.

5) Office-wide Upgrades:

- New furniture;
- Equipment/equipment rentals;
- Office supplies;
- Office renovations;
- Energy efficiency retrofits;
- New air conditioning (A/C) units/fans;
- New paint coating for the office;
- Security cameras;
- File cabinets/Storage cabinets;
- Desks;
- Carpeting; and
- Cleaning supplies.

In order for the Council to evaluate the efficacy of the initiative, each Community Board will be required to report on the use, or intended use, of the City Council's discretionary funding. Similar to last year, the Council will provide a survey mid- year, which all Community Boards must complete and return to the Council. Additional information regarding the survey will be forthcoming.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Sebastian Palacio Bacchi, Financial Analyst for the New York City Council Finance Division at (212)-482-2958 or sbacchi@council.nyc.gov or John Russell, Unit Head for the New York City Council Finance Division, at (212)-482-2931 or jrussell@council.nyc.gov.

If it's not evident to you, we are very limited to what we can do for the community directly with these funds. We cannot use the money, e.g., for Fedcap services such as graffiti removal, as we did last year.

Now, a board member said to me recently that these guidelines are just that guidelines, as if we didn't have to take them seriously. That is a huge mistake in my opinion because if we don't follow them, we run the risk of not getting funds next year, and we could come under intense scrutiny by the City Council and others.

In June, the Community Board limited the amount the Office could spend of the \$42,500. Given the new guidelines, this should be reversed or modified in my opinion because on Friday, October 18, 2019, the Office received the following email from the City Department of Information Technology:

Hello Community Boards,

Please be advised that Microsoft is no longer going to support the Windows 7 operating system as of January 14th, 2020. We must migrate over to the Windows 10 operating system by that date. After [January 14th 2020](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/windows/end-of-windows-7-support), Microsoft will no longer provide security updates for Windows 7 and this will leave your pc exposed to Virus's and other malware, possibly infecting your network. See link below.

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/windows/end-of-windows-7-support>

An easy way to tell if you have Windows 7 or Windows 10 is if you look at the start button in the bottom left corner of your screen, if the windows symbol is round, you have Windows 7. If its square, you have Windows 10.

Microsoft has recommended that Windows 7 computers that over 3 years old be replaced with new computers. (See attached for Doitt's recommended model)

If your pc is less than 3 years old, we can upgrade the operating system from Windows 7 to Windows 10. Please open a ticket to have this done. **Please only do this if the computer is under 3 years old** because if its older than 3 years, **some of the hardware in the computer may not work with Windows 10, leaving your PC in a state that might not be usable.**

As always, I would leave ample time to order and receive the computers from HP, so don't wait too long to start the process.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

In the office, we have seven computers we operate on a regular basis. Among the seven, only one computer is younger than three years old, meaning that we have six computers to replace, which will cost our office a minimum of \$6,000.00.

Additionally, if you're not already aware, the Office has seven security cameras, which largely service the public. Four cameras are on the outside and three on the inside. One camera facing Morris Park Avenue has already died, and we have another outside camera that is failing. Our wiring for all seven cameras is old and should be upgraded/replaced. Our current cameras are not digital. The images they record are digitized. Meaning, they have a poor resolution of 2.1 megapixels. If we were to upgrade, the camera quality would be 6 megapixels.

How do our security cameras largely service the public? They have captured acts or attempted acts of arson, vandalism, a break in/home invasion...and car accidents. Police Detectives, e.g., have used our cameras on multiple occasions because of these incidents. That's just the outside cameras. The inside cameras have caught members of the public digging through the unionized staff's desks. While this may not be considered a direct service to the public, members of the staff should be protected.

Lastly, someone pointed out how frayed our carpet is in the front of the office. It was suggested that the carpet be replaced with ceramic tile, which I believe is a worthy long-term solution. The carpet in the front part of the office has been replaced twice, and since I've been DM, we also pay to shampoo the carpet. We don't do it as frequently as CB10, twice a year, but we can avoid unnecessary spending by putting tile down, which we got an estimate of six to eight thousand dollars to do. Please remember that we have tile in the conference room of the office, and we have had that there since at least 1997. And we haven't had to do anything to maintain the tile in the conference room outside of using a mop.

October 31 is the deadline for CB11 to submit its annual budget priorities. It's also the deadline the Education, Culture & Youth Services Committee set for next year's Youth Leadership Award, aka the Yankee Award. As of today, we have received only three award nominations. Unfamiliar with the award or our budget priorities? Please speak to Harriet, Chris or me after the meeting.

As discussed in September, the Bronx Borough President's Office published its first annual Community Board Members and Demographics Report in August. The information provided was not the most accurate or up to date. So, I've created the following page on our website:

Demographics & Appointment Info

In August 2019, the Bronx Borough President's Office published its first annual [Community Board Members and Demographics Report](#). This page serves as a current version of that report as it pertains to CB11 board member demographics and appointment info.

Demographics

Category (raw total): percentage of total board members

1. Total board members (49): 100%
2. Below age 50 (17): 35%
3. Age 50 or above (32): 65%
4. Men (25): 51%
5. Women (24): 49%
6. Self-IDed Persons of Color (24): 49%
7. Veterans (5): 10%
8. City Employee (5): 10%

Appointment Info

Board member name (nominating party): year current term expires

1. Albert D'Angelo (Borough President): 2020
2. Anthony Vitaliano (Borough President): 2020
3. Dominick Schiano (Council Member Torres): 2021
4. Veronica Castro (Borough President): 2020
5. David Leavitt (Council Member Gjonaj): 2021
6. Frano Zagreda (Borough President): 2021
7. Tasneem Aljayyousi (Borough President): 2021
8. Christian Amato (Council Member Gjonaj): 2021
9. Valerie Babb (Borough President): 2021
10. Joseph Bacote (Council Member Gjonaj): 2020
11. Edith Blitzer (Council Member Gjonaj): 2020
12. Durrell Boahen (Borough President): 2021
13. Junior Campbell (Borough President): 2021
14. Patricia A. Charles (Council Member King): 2021
15. Paula Creary (Borough President): 2021
16. Bernadette Ferrara (Council Member Torres): 2020
17. Avril Francis (Borough President): 2021
18. Rabbi Moshe Fuchs (Borough President): 2021
19. Kenneth Gelnick (Council Member Gjonaj): 2020
20. Debra Kawalick (Council Member Gjonaj): 2020
21. Maleny Lahoz (Council Member Gjonaj): 2021
22. Silvio Mazzella (Council Member Gjonaj): 2020
23. Natali Medina (Borough President): 2020
24. Joseph A. Menta (Borough President): 2021
25. Hazel Miura (Council Member Torres): 2021
26. John Musto (Council Member Gjonaj): 2020
27. Diane Norris (Council Member Gjonaj): 2020
28. Yahay Obeid (Borough President): 2020
29. Shradhanand Pirtam (Council Member Torres): 2020

30. Vincent Prezioso (Council Member Gjonaj): 2021
31. Keith Ramsey (Borough President): 2021
32. Daisy Rodriguez (Borough President): 2021
33. Eliezer Rodriguez (Borough President): 2020
34. Marnie Rodriguez (Borough President): 2020
35. Jacob Rosado (Borough President): 2020
36. Joanne Russo-Rubino (Borough President): 2021
37. Joseph Schaentzler (Council Member Gjonaj): 2021
38. Oral A. Selkridge (Borough President): 2020
39. Edit Shkreli (Council Member Gjonaj): 2021
40. Andrea Siegel (Council Member Gjonaj): 2020
41. Tony Signorile (Borough President): 2021
42. Lisa Soto (Council Member Gjonaj): 2021
43. John Squitieri (Borough President): 2020
44. Joann Terrelonge (Council Member Torres): 2020
45. Joseph A. Thompson (Council Member Torres): 2021
46. Sandra Unger (Council Member Gjonaj): 2021
47. Janice Walcott (Borough President): 2020
48. Linda White (Borough President): 2020

The page is live, if you know where to find it. If you need help finding it, please let me know.