

Community Board 12 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start Time: Approximately 7:30pm

Public Gallery:

Bronxworks: Mr. Guy Loving updates the board on the partnered events that the Family Enrichment Center has worked with regarding laundry services and educational workshops within the district including PS 21. He ended his remarks with an invitation to PS 21's Food pantry/family fun day on June 11th, 2025, from 1:30pm-3pm.

Beatriz Coronel asked for a break because while the community board has quorum there wasn't anyone assigned to take the minutes.

Eatonia E. Davis-Lopez- volunteered. The Public Gallery continued.

Councilman Kevin C. Riley: Mr. Andy Turicio gave an update about the Gun Violence Intervention bill that the councilman is pushing because it will include services regarding mental health assistance for people in these situations and he will alert the Community Board when the petitions are available to sign in support of this bill.

- The installation of NYPD cameras in the Co-op city primarily the Truman HS area because of the recent gun/knife violence incidents will commence.
- The councilman's office also garnered over a \$1 million dollars for tech improvements to the Baychester Middle School.
- The announcement of the street re-naming in recognition of Mr. Earl Moody on white plains road.
- 5G Tower information session will be held at 644 Adeo Avenue in The Bronx on May 28th, 2025. The flyer for that event will be shared with CB 12's secretary Ms. Ursula Greene.

Mayor Adam's Office: Alina Dowe gave updates on the success of the sidewalk shed removals and abandoned car removals throughout the city and invited the members of the district to an event on May 23rd, 2025, on City Island where the mayor would be present to take questions and suggestions about how to improve the city.

The Bronx Borough President's Office: Ciara Gannon informed the board that Parliamentary Training and conflict resolution training will be available soon and that new board member appointments will resume from June-July so that new community board members will be able to start in September 2025.

Councilman Eric Dinowitz: Randi Martos had no updates and was present to take questions or hear concerns that the board may have.

Congressman Richie Torres: Rochelle gave an update that the Congressman's legislation regarding the safe removal of rechargeable lithium batteries has passed.

- May 5th, 2025, the congressman requested that a 1-million-dollar environmental study of the Harlem River should be conducted to assess the rate of pollution and solutions to clean the river.
- The Congressmen is encouraging constituents to write letters in support of creating safety features for Immigration Centers because of the reported incidents of violence against the migrant communities that live in the shelters.
- The Congressmen has also asked that constituents write to congress and the white house in opposition of US president Donald J. Trump receiving a gifted private jet-plane from the country of Qatar.

Senator Jamal T. Bailey: Ranell invited the community to the memorial service of our veterans being held at Woodlawn Cemetery on May 23rd, 2025.

Bronx District Attorney Office: Fatamata had no updates but was present to take questions/concerns from the community board.

Public Gallery closed.

District Manager's Report: Mr. George Torres was absent. Beatriz Coronel encouraged the board members to read his report.

Executive board report: The executive board meeting was on Monday May 19th, 2025, where the new chief inspector for the 47th precinct introduced himself and spoke about the NYPD Public Safety & Quality of Life pilot program.

Carl Stricker: Thanked and remarked on how the new chief inspector informed the community about the method car jackers are using now i.e. fake tow trucks.

Clinton (2nd vice chair) remarked how grand larceny has been up in the district.

Mr. Hall: Asked the board to thank Ursula and all the members of the community who helped to clean up Cappuchin way.

Deborah- Mentioned how two middle school students were robbed on Laconia Avenue and is requesting that the board gets in touch with the DOT to install a traffic light at the corner of Gun Hill Road because of the constant damage that is done by speeding cars ramming into the Bridgefield Civic Center.

Dr. Goff: Asked for clarification of where the civic center was and the type of building it is.

Bobby Link: (After the board answered Ms. Goff about the location/building type of the Civic Center) Asked for a motion for a letter to be drafted by CB 12 in support of a bike lane.

Carl Stricker 2nd this motion

Ms. Judith Benetiz took the roll call.

The motion was passed with no objections.

Beatriz Coronel: Apologized for not stating at the beginning of the meeting the community board's condolences for the passing of the treasurer's (Ms. Toylene Dickerson) son.

Nominating Committee Report: Bobby Link announced that the current executive members are re-running for office except Ms. Bromfield who has stepped down as Correspondence secretary. Thus, leaving an opening on the executive board for a new correspondence secretary. Bobby Link went on to explain the election process of executive board members and that by June 2nd the nominating committee will have a ballot with all of the contests prepared. The votes will be tallied by June 20^{th, 2025}, or the next community board general meeting.

Clinton: nominates Eatonia E. Davis-Lopez for correspondence secretary.

The nomination was 2nd unanimously by the community board. With CB 12's chair Beatriz Coronel being recognized as the initial 2nd of the nomination.

Eatonia E. Davis-Lopez: Accepted the nomination and made a request that all future video tapings of CB 12's general meetings include closed captions for people that are deaf/hard of hearing.

Mr. Hall asked the community board to seek confirmation regarding the naming of a street on 230th street to be re-named after Maggie Alston from D.O.T.

Bronx CB 12 Connect (social media sub-committee) report: Dr. Dominique Phinn and Alpha presented how they are going to begin interviewing community board members and people from the district about issues the community is facing, what the community board does and what the community board can do to improve our community.

Beatriz Coronel: Suggested that Carl Stricker who has been a board member for 51 years should be community board 12's first "spotlight" interview.

Community board 12 unanimously agrees that Carl Stricker because of his dedication and commitment to not only Community board 12 but this district's improvements etc.; he should be the first community board member to be given a spotlight interview.

Dr. Jonnie Goff: Asked if there would be a pamphlet or newsletter to accompany the social media posts since not everyone in the community uses social media.

Dr. Phinn: Responded the goal is to reach as many people as possible which is why Alpha and herself are utilizing different social media platforms and are encouraging those constituents that rely solely on newspapers etc. to join and confirmed that the social media committee isn't opposed to creating a newsletter to reach those that don't want to use the internet to receive news about Community Board 12.

Beatriz Coronel: Encouraged Dr. Goff since she is on the committee with Alpha and Dominique to workshop her idea for a newsletter with them.

Denise: Suggested the possibility of making a podcast/ joining other podcaster on their radio/video programs to inform the community about CB12 events.

Dr. Goff: Went on to explain her concern about the possibility of people being improper during the interviews.

Karen: Mentioned that Alpha and Dominique are already very conscious of what they post.

Eatonia E. Davis-Lopez: Congratulated Dominique on earning her doctorate and thanked the board for being appointed as the new corresponding secretary. Then asked for confirmation that the interviews Alpha and Dominique will be conducting aren't "live" interviews and that the videos will be submitted to the chair for review before being posted to CB 12's social media pages.

Dr. Phinn: Confirmed that that is the procedure that will be followed.

Karen: Requested that the turnover time for submission and posting be quick so that the community has ample time to be notified of events and updates.

Alpha: Alpha confirms that what Karen is asking is already being implemented by their creation and use of the CB 12 community Calendar.

Alpha and Dominique concluded their presentation and encouraged all members and district constituents to provide input.

The Community Board gives a round of applause.

Beatriz Coronel: asks if there is any other business before closing the meeting.

Ms. Dickerson: Thanks everyone for their condolences regarding the passing of her son and asks that another round of applause be given to Alpha and Dominique for their outstanding work as the innovators of community board 12's new social media committee

The board members give another round of applause and thanks to Dominique and Alpha for a job well done.

The chair Beatriz Coronel closes out the meeting at 8:33pm.