

Bronx Community Board #2

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Chairperson



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District Manager

Full Board Attendance

Date: December 18, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Venue: Casita Maria - 928 Simpson Street Bronx NY 10459

Members present

Carrie Agapito
Thelvis Alston, Jr.
Evelyn Arauz
Barbara Bennett
Elias Contreras
Paul Coverdale
Roberto Crespo
Julia Cruz, LMSW
Lisa Delancey
Jesse Harris
Roselyn Gullon
Cindy isadoro
Dr. Lucretia Jones
LaShawn Lindsey
Luis Marrero
Monique Minnis
Clifford Muniz
Rev. Moses Oladosu
Maggie Ortiz
Eric Rivera
Larry Robinson
Anthony Rodriguez
Elvis Santana
Peter Serrano
Jennifer Torres
Maria Torres
Pastor John Udo Okon

Members absent

Raymond Arroyo
Love Betancourt
Kevin Ellison
Sha-Toria McCoy Gregg
Kisha Hutchinson
Albin Infante
Brian Kelly
Jeffrey Korn
Roland Lopez
Lynette Olmo
David Pabon
Viancey Taveras
Laticia Thompson
Chrishenna Turner
Maryleah Wrotten

Staff Present:

Ralph Acevedo, District Manager
Cynthia Baez, Community Coordinator

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FULL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, January 29, 2025

TIME: 6:00 PM

VENUE: 977 Fox Street , Bronx NY 10459

I. COMMANDING OFFICER REPORT: (41st Precinct) (10 Minutes)

II. BUSINESS SESSION: (BOARD MEMBERS)

A. Roll Call Julia Cruz (2 Minutes)

B. Adoption of Minutes Roberto Crespo, Chair (2 Minutes)

C. Chairperson's Report Roberto Crespo, Chair (5 Minutes)

***Resignation of Love Betancourt**

D. District Manager's Report Ralph Acevedo, District Manager (5 Minutes)

E. Borough President's Report Alexis Ruiz, BP Representative (5 Minutes)

F. Elected Officials Report **Not to exceed 10 minutes - 2 minutes per Rep** (10 Minutes)

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III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
V. TAVERAS, CHAIRPERSON
JANUARY 8TH 2025**

MINUTES

1. 2025 Events

Event	Date	Location	Contact/ permit
Senior Valentine			PO Feliz
Valentine	Feb 12, 2025	Bronx zoo	Maritza Wiggins
Black history month		Bronx zoo	Maritza Wiggins
Rat Academy	March 5, 2025		Lisa Delancey
<i>Animal Studies</i> by Maria P Vila, Exhibition Closing Celebration,	Thurs. March 6, 5:30-8pm	Gallery Casita Maria	
<i>You CAN Sit Here</i> by Tiff McFierce, Exhibition	Thursday, March 20 from 5:30-8pm:	Casita Maria Gallery	
Autism Walk	First week of April		
41 st Precinct Easter egg hunt	April 19	Barretto Park	Ray Arroyo / PO Feliz
Spring fest	May 2, 2025	Julio Carballo	Maritza Wiggins
Fellowship Breakfast	May 20, 2025	Banknote	Ray Arroyo / PO Feliz
<i>South Bronx Culture Festival:</i>	May 30-June 1:	Father Gigante Plaza	
Juneteenth	June 19, 2025		
Fiesta del San Juan	June 28, 2025		Luis Marrero / Pauline Cruz
National Night Out	August 5, 2025	Bill Rainey Park	Ray Arroyo / PO Feliz
Aids Walk			Luis Marrero / Pauline Cruz
Aids health fair			Luis Marrero / Pauline Cruz
Earth day			
Fish Parade			Maria / Barbie
Longwood Festival		Dawson st between Longwood & intervale	Maritza Wiggins

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CB 2 Back to school		Longwood avenue between beck street and fox st	
HPAC Back to school Event			Ray Arroyo
Longwood Festival		Dawson st between Longwood & intervale ave	Maritza Wiggins
9/11 Memorial	September 11, 2024 8am	1035 Longwood ave Bronx NY 10459	Ray Arroyo / PO Feliz
Breast Cancer Walk			
Co naming Bronx Halloween Way			
Annual Bronx Halloween Parade 2024		Dawson st between Longwood & intervale ave	Parks cb2 SAPO cb2 parade
Pre Halloween Ball			
41 st pct trunk or treat	October 31 4pm to 7pm	41 st precinct	Ray Arroyo / PO Feliz
Halloween Costume Drive			
Baldor Turkey Giveaway		The Point CDC 940 Garrison Ave	Cb2
41 st precinct turkey give away			Ray Arroyo / PO Feliz
Tree lighting			
Parranda			
World AIDS Day	December 1, 2025		Luis Marrero / Pauline Cruz
SoBo Bid Coat giveaway			Javier Medina
41 st pct Winter wonder land			
Bid Narcan training			
Fire Safety training			

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A. Housing and Land Use
Pastor John Udo Okon, Chair

Housing & Land- Use Committee Meeting
Rev John Okon, Chairperson Wednesday,
January 8, 2025

Members: Joyce Campbell-Culler, Jeffrey Korn, Cindy Isidoro, Paul Martinez, Paul Coverdale, Eric Rivera, Rev John Udo Okon

1. Angela Mora of Community Access did not attend the meeting.
2. Paul Martinez of Wavecrest Management provided an update on their buildings in the district.
3. New Business
4. Old business
5. Announcements:

Respectfully submitted by

Cindy Isidoro

B. Franchise, Licensing and Permits
Clifford Muniz, Chair

1- Review of a renewal application for La Morena Restaurant Corp (serial # 0240-22-101613) located at 935 East 163rd St, Bronx, NY 10459 for a Wine/Beer & Cider License They will have a full food menu, They will have recorded music. They do not have a license for outdoor area.

- No Quorum for meeting.
- Applicant/owner Ronald Rodriguez Perez was not present for the meeting.
- Juan Ramos attended the meeting and is in the process of purchasing business within 2-3 months, and was advised to have the owner of business attend the next upcoming meeting.

2- Review of NYC DOT Dining Out NYC for La Cueva Fonda Mexicana Bar, located at 961 Leggett Ave, Bronx, NY 10455.

- Owner(s) of the business did not attend the meeting.
- NYPD has had no issues with business.

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C. Youth and Education
Larry Robinson, Youth Chair
Thelvis Alston, Jr. Education Chair

Community Board Education and Youth Committee Meeting Report

Date: January 16, 2025

Chairman: Thelvis Alston and Larry Robinson

Opening Remarks

The meeting was officially opened by Chairman Thelvis Alston.

Presentations

1. **Sisda Presentation**
 - Not present for their scheduled presentation.
 2. **OurPlace Presentation**
 - **Family Enrichment Center (FEC):**
 - All classes are free.
 - Target audience: Ages 18 and up.
 - **Lions Charter School Partnership with Bridges High School**
 - Focused on fostering economic mobility within the community.
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Programs and Initiatives

1. **Taking Care of Business**
 - A 5-week program (once a week) designed to teach community members how to:
 - Obtain certifications in food preparation.
 - Access micro-grants (\$200 towards their business).
 - **Specific Program Highlights:**
 - **Barbers 101:** Hands-on barbering experience for shelters and events like prom cuts.
 - **Master Haircuts:** Micro-grants for purchasing barber equipment.
 - **Sewing Basics:** Training on creating masks and tote bags with sewing machines provided.

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- **LLC Training:** Guidance on establishing LLCs, domain setup (GoDaddy), and other business basics.
 - **Pop-Up Shops:** Final class incorporates practical business exposure.
 - **Achievements:**
 - Active in the community for 3 years.
 - Impacted 30 community members.
 - **Requests:**
 - Support with printing services, notary assistance, etc.
2. **Co-Helpers Program**
- **Services:**
 - Hot meal distribution every Friday (in partnership with Bascom).
 - Free produce and food demonstrations on Wednesdays (partnered with Grow NYC).
3. **Ms. Milly's Closet**
- **Services:**
 - Personal shopping experience designed to restore dignity.
 - Provides free access to washers, dryers (with detergent), printers, and computers for the community.
 - **History:**
 - Established in 2017, requires a call before donating items.
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Class Capacities and Waitlists

- Current capacity: 15 members per class.
 - Planned expansion: 20 members.
 - Waitlist operates every two months, with a two-week break between sessions.
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Old Business

1. **BAM School Yard Construction**
 - Still ongoing, now under the third contractor.
 - Delays impacting local businesses.
2. **Democracy Prep Updates**
 - Principal brought two students to learn about community service.
 - Adjusted parking and added a crossing guard.

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New Business

1. Upcoming Meetings:

- Graham organization to host a future meeting.

2. Youth Initiatives:

- Brianna applied for a grant to start a youth swimming program.
- Work Learn and Grow (WLG) jobs available for college-age individuals.

3. Job/Education Opportunities:

- CDL Training Program.
 - BronxWorks GED Program.
 - Hope Program (HVAC Training).
 - Jobs NYC Event: January 30th (RSVP required).
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Announcements

1. Scholarship Opportunities:

- Whitney M. Young Jr. Scholarship.
- Brandon Hendricks Scholarship 2025 (in honor of a victim of gun violence).
- UFT \$5K Scholarship.

2. Education & Training Programs:

- Lehman College Business Program.
- NYC Autism Charter Schools.
- Bronx River Arts Center Internships.

3. Other Announcements:

- Special Education Parent Series (District 8); RSVP required).
- MLK Federal Holiday Events.
- Suggestion from Democracy Prep youth participants: Real-life classes, including tax education.

4. Parks Department Updates:

- Barreto Shoreline Restoration Project underway.
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Closing Remarks

- Emphasis on encouraging youth to pursue college opportunities and scholarships.
- Adjournment by Chairman Thelvis Alston.

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D. Economic Development
Maria Torres, Chair

Economic & Municipal Services Subcommittee
Wednesday January 15, 2025
6PM

- The Economic and Municipal Services Committee Meeting was cancelled for the month of January. The committee will meet again for their meeting on Wednesday February 12, 2025

E. Health & Human Services
Luis Marrero, Chair

Bronx Community Board #2
Health and Human Services Committee
Minutes for January 7, 2025

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

2. Recap of Bronx Community Board #2's World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil

The Health Committee Meeting Chair, Mr. Marrero, provided a summary of the World AIDS Day. The Health Committee hosted the **World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil** on **Monday, December 2, 2024**, at **5:00 PM** at **1070 Southern Blvd, Bronx**.

Event Overview:

- **Sponsorship:** Sponsored by Councilmember Ralph Salamanca.
- **Purpose:** The vigil aimed to raise awareness, support to affected communities, promote education and prevention, mobilize for actions, and highlight achievements and challenges related to HIV/AIDS.
- **Attendance:** Approximately 28 community members attended.
- **Theme:** *"Take the Rights Path: My Health, My Right."*
- The program began at **5:15 PM** with opening remarks by the **Health and Human Services Committee Chair**, Mr. Luis Marrero, who addressed the attendees and explained the significance and purpose of World AIDS Day.
- The **District Manager** followed with remarks addressing the crowd.

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- **Special Guest:** Dr. Richard Torres from Urban Health Plan spoke about the HIV/AIDS condition, available medications, treatment options, and the importance of hope in combating the epidemic.

3. Ms. Diana Candelario, Outreach Coordinator for the South Bronx Early Head Start, Robin Hood Foundation spoke about the services.

- It provides free home-based early childhood education for pregnant moms and children from birth to three years old.
- The program receives funding from Early Head Start and the Robin Hood Foundation with the latter focusing on NICU families.
- The program offers educational sessions, maternal wellness support, and socialization groups for both pregnant women and children.
- The program includes health requirements such as vaccinations and regular well-child visits, The program has a health and mental health advisory board with community members and family members.

4. Representatives of NYC Smoke – Free program of Public Health Solution introduced the organization, and the services provided.

- Mr. Guillermo Flores spoke about the program focusing on tobacco prevention and control
- The program aims to reduce tobacco-related illness and death through scientifically based interventions.
- Mr. Flores spoke about the importance of smoke-free housing policies and tobacco-free outdoor policies.
- The program works with landlords, tenants, and organizations to create voluntary policies that protect people from secondhand smoke.
- Mr. Flores highlights the high rates of childhood asthma in Hunts Point and the impact of secondhand smoke.
- The program aims to shift consciousness and create safe spaces free from tobacco. It was mentioned the challenges of changing behaviors and the importance of education and awareness.

5. Announcements

- Precinct 41 Council Meeting – It is on Thursday at 6:30pm
- Tomorrow, January 8th there is a blood drive at Bank Note
- **Next Health Committee Meeting:**
The Health and Human Services Committee next regular meetings in February 4, 2025. Details will be shared in advance.

6. Adjournment - A motion was made and second to end the meeting

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F. Executive Committee
Robert Crespo, Chair

IV Old Business (7 Minutes)

V. New Business (7 Minutes)

VI. Announcements (7 Minutes)

VII. Roll Call – (2 Minutes)

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