

The City of New York Bronx Community Board Three

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VACANT DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL BOARD MEETING
(Please remember to bring all enclosures with you)

DATE:

March 2, 2022

TO:

Members of Bronx Community Board Three

FROM:

Rev. Frederick Crawford

Acting Chair

SUBJECT:

General Board Meeting

Bronx Community Board Three will be hosting its **General Board Meeting** via WebEx on **Tuesday, March 8, 2022,** at 6:00 p.m. Please see meeting link attached.

AGENDA

- 1. Call To Order
- 2. Invocation
- 3. <u>PUBLIC HEARING SESSION -</u> If you wish to testify send an email to <u>eritter@cb.nyc.gov</u>, no later than 4:00pm on 3/8/2022

Stabilization Beds Program To Be Located At 963 Prospect Avenue within Community District Three

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

Are you in support of this site being used as a Stabilization Beds Program?

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

- 4. Report of Elected Officials WRITTEN REPORTS SUBMITTED WILL BE FORWARDED TO THOSE ON THE CB#3 LIST SERVE 3 MINUTES
- Community Concerns/*Announcements/*Introduction of Program Services
 *Please forward all fliers regarding Announcements/Program Services to eritter@cb.nyc.gov
- 6. Roll Call
- Approval of Members Requesting to be Excused

- 8. Approval of Minutes of the Prior Meeting
- 9. Amendments to the Agenda
- 10. Borough President's Report BP'S WRITTEN REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO THOSE ON THE CB#3 LIST SERVE
- 12. Chairperson's Report
- 13. Acting Assistant District Manager's Report
- 14. Committee Reports
 - **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee members recommends the following actions:

1. Rev. Dr. Bruce C. Rivera submitted his resignation as chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. In accordance with Bronx Community Board Three's By-Laws, Article V, Sec. 3 (Officers), upon the death, resignation or removal of any officer, the vacancy created shall be filled by the board through a Special Election to take place no later than the second meeting following the creation of the vacancy. The Executive Committee came to a consensus to recommend approval to waive the requirement for a Special Election to fill the vacancy of the position of chairperson no later than April 2022, since the process for the General Election of officers commences in April 2022, for the General Election to be held in June 2022.

!!VOTE REQUIRED!!

2. In accordance with Article VI Sec. 4, the Executive Committee recommends approval of the creation of a <u>SPECIAL AD-HOC SEARCH COMMITTEE</u> for the purpose of hiring a District Manager. Said committee will be charged with the responsibility for developing a search process and timeline for this purpose. This Special Ad-Hoc Search Committee shall consist of a chairperson and other members of the board appointed by the chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three. Upon completion of the search process and hiring of the District Manager, this Special Ad-Hoc Search Committee will be terminated by resolution of the board.

!!VOTE REQUIRED!!

3. The Executive Committee came to a consensus to recommend approval of Ms. Gloria Alston as Chairperson Emeritus of Bronx Community Board Three. Ms. Alston has served as a member of Bronx Community Board Three for over 30 years and served as the Chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three for over 20 years. This honorary title is befitting due to her long-standing service.

!!VOTE REQUIRED!!

- New Business
- 16. Sickness & Distress
- 17. Benediction
- 18. Adjournment

PUBLIC HEARING - 3/8/2022

THIS IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY - THIS IS NOT A VOTING ITEM

Stabilization Beds: 963 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, NY • Capacity/population: 54 Single Adults • Nonprofit service provider: Acacia

This location has been previously utilized to provide shelter to adult families without minor children. Its conversion now to a stabilization bed facility will ensure we meet the urgent needs of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

In 2016, the City launched HOME-STAT, the most comprehensive homeless outreach program in the nation, as part of our commitment to addressing unsheltered homelessness in New York City. As part of this citywide initiative, experienced outreach teams and not-for-profit service provider partners canvass the five boroughs 24/7/365 to identify and engage individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, encourage them to accept services, and ultimately help them transition off the streets. Since the launch of HOME-STAT, through these efforts and unprecedented new investments, outreach teams have helped more than 4,200 unsheltered New Yorkers come off the streets and subways citywide into transitional and permanent housing.

At the same time, we have also directed significant investments to expanding the number of specialized beds and facilities tailored to support New Yorkers experiencing unsheltered homelessness, such as Safe Havens and stabilization beds. Since the start of this Administration, we have more than quintupled the number of specialized beds dedicated to serving New Yorkers who have lived unsheltered, from 600 in 2013 to well over 3,000 today, with 1,300 of those beds opened since January 2020, which are already helping our neighbors in need get back on their feet. Throughout the pandemic, these efforts to support and serve New Yorkers experiencing unsheltered homelessness have continued undeterred.

As part of our efforts over the past year-plus at DSS-DHS to continue expanding the number of specialized beds and facilities designed to support New Yorkers experiencing unsheltered homelessness, we are opening additional stabilization beds across the City to serve and support unsheltered individuals as they get back on their feet, including those who accept shelter services through our intensified overnight outreach efforts on MTA transit.

To that end, to further build on our progress connecting vulnerable New Yorkers experiencing unsheltered homelessness to permanent/transitional housing and other critical social services, DSS-DHS is partnering with not-for-profit service provider Acacia to open and operate a stabilization bed facility at 963 Prospect Avenue. We believe this site will be an incredibly valuable resource that will help outreach teams encourage unsheltered individuals to come in off the streets and subways.

Stabilization bed facilities provide specialized services in transitional housing settings and serve as an important step towards helping individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness accept services and transition off the streets. These locations are equipped with on-site resources, including health and mental health services, and compassionate staff who work closely with these New Yorkers to build the trust and relationships needed to help them stabilize their lives. These facilities are a vital tool for outreach teams when engaging unsheltered New Yorkers, providing a low-barrier housing option to a population that may not be ready for or may not be best served by more traditional transitional housing settings.

Helping our unsheltered neighbors get back on their feet is hard work in the best of times, and over the past year-plus of this crisis, our invaluable outreach teams have gone above and beyond to engage unsheltered New Yorkers, provide them with information on the range of resources available, and encourage them to accept services. Working in close coordination with HOME-STAT outreach teams, Acacia will continue to provide essential social services to help our vulnerable neighbors and fellow New Yorkers come off the streets and subways and regain their footing with dignity. We are confident that these New Yorkers will continue to be warmly welcomed – and through collaborative support and compassion, we will make this the best experience it can be for all.

Acacia will reach out to you shortly to answer any outstanding questions or concerns. We look forward to further discussing this site with you and your constituents. Thank you for your leadership and support.				



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Public Hearing Registration Information 963 PROSPECT AVENUE-54 SINGLE ADULT BEDS STABILIZATION BEDS PROGRAM

First Name		
Last Name		
EMAIL ADDRESS		
SELECT ONE OPPOSE/INFAVOR		

SUBMIT



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VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Bronx Community Board Three will hear persons opposed and against this matter during the PUBLIC HEARING, via WebEx

NYC DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES & ACACIA

STABLIZATION BEDS PROGRAM TO BE LOCATED AT 963 PROSPECT

AVENUE - A 54 SINGLE ADULT- STABILIZATION BEDS PROGRAM

Comments to register in writing or on-line by emailing eritter@cb.nyc.gov, no later than 4:00PM on 3/8/2022 state if you

OPPOSE or are IN FAVOR

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 TIME: 6:00PM CISCO WEBEX TELECONFERENCE PLATFORM

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