



The City of New York Bronx Community Board Three

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BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

REV. DR. BRUCE C. RIVERA
CHAIR

VACANT
DISTRICT MANAGER

BOARD MINUTES

Date: 10/12/2021
Place: Remote Teleconference
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Members Present

Kolaco Acqui
Gloria Alston
Xiomara Arriola
Joetta Brown
Dawn Carter
Leonardo Coello
Gilberto Constantinez
Vladimir Cruz
Joshua Diaz
Randy Dillard
Wanda Ellis
Marilyn Johnson
Kathy Johnson-Morris
Abraham Jones
Rita Jones
Linda Kemp
Victor Latimer, Jr.
Una Lawrence
Aubrey Mike
Gina L. Newton
Paul Navarro
Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.
Laila Patino
Anddy Perdomo
Amanda Reed
Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera
Alexis Salgado
Olympia Jay Striplin
Keziah Sullivan
Sarah Torres
Patrick Willis

Staff Present

Etta F. Ritter

Members Excused

Rev. Frederick Crawford
Maurice Gray
Tracie Lucas Lord
D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas

Members Absent

Nelson Delerme
Pablo Mendoza
Aazam Otero
Wilson Ramirez

CM Vanessa Gibson's Office

CM Vanessa Gibson

SS Luis Sepulveda's Office

Richard Ewings
SS Luis Sepulveda

AM Chantel Jackson

Milisa Stein
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CM Rafael Salamanca's Office

Shanna Knotts

SS Gustavo Rivera's Office

Tiara Davis

Call To Order

Rev. Dr. Bruce C. Rivera, chair of Bronx Community Board Three, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Bruce C. Rivera led us in prayer.

At this time, Rev. Dr. Bruce C. Rivera welcomed and introduced Mr. Leonardo Coello, Ms. Amanda Reed & Mr. Alexis Salgado the newly appointed Community Board Three board members to those in attendance.

CISCO WebEx Meeting Etiquette

Dr. Rivera requested that the CISCO WebEx meeting etiquette be adhered to as follows:

- Each speaker shall be limited to 2 minutes.
- Each representative from an elected official's office shall be limited to 2 minutes.
- Each elected official shall be limited to 3 minutes.
- Attendees were instructed to email fliers, announcements or notification of program services to the attention of Etta Ritter at eritter@cb.nyc.gov.
- Cross talk is not allowed during the meeting.
- The chat box is used for general questions, with respect to the items on the agenda.
- Do not use the chat box to convey your personal opinions.
- Rita Jones, Sgt.-at-arms/Parliamentarian, will intercede in instances where there is a departure from the meeting decorum, and if necessary, a stop clock will be used to manage the flow of the meeting.

Community Concerns/Exchange of Information/Announcements

At this time, Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera requested that those who would like to make an announcement, address a concern or introduce themselves to please put their information in the chat box or raise their hand to be acknowledged as follows:

- Ms. Mirando Goodwin-Rabb, Assistant Director of Engagement at the NYS Independent Redistricting Commission, is responsible for redrawing Congressional and State legislative districts every ten years, after the Census is completed. The Commission is in the midst of redistricting cycle and they are seeking community engagement. The Commission will begin to hold public hearings to solicit input from communities throughout the State, and will then propose a redistricting plan to be adopted by the legislature. The Commission has posted draft plans on their website and they are encouraging NYC residents to provide feedback, to ensure every community is represented fairly. (Information was forwarded via email)
- Ms. Hillary Bosch, Community Outreach Coordinator, from the Curbside Composting programs and Partnerships units at the NYC Department of Sanitation, stated that Curbside Composting is available to the residents of Community District Three. DOS is proposing to turn your food scraps and yard waste into compost and clean energy. Ms. Bosch noted that it is a free service and interested residents were instructed to call 311 to sign up to receive educational materials to help you understand the program. DOS will contact the building owners where applicable. DOS will also provide a brown bin to dispose of the food scraps. (Information was forwarded via email)
- Mr. Omar Freilla, representative from the Alice Fields Community Center located at 1283 Westchester Avenue, stated that the Black Feminist Project is hosting a series of events in October and November and all residents are invited to attend. (Information was forwarded via email)
- Ms. Jacqueline Moore-Hill requested a Homeownership listing within Community District Three and was instructed to contact Bronx Community Board Three.
- Mr. Winston Collymore, homeowner and community residents stated that there is a severe traffic congestion issues along E. 174th Street, Boston Road, Southern Boulevard and going easterly across the E. 174th Street Bridge to Bronx River Avenue. Dr.

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Rivera noted that Bronx Community Board Three was aware of said traffic concerns and correspondence was sent to the appropriate agencies for follow-up.

- Ms. Marlene Garcia, representative from Northside Center, stated that they are available to provide free mental health and COVID-19 support services to adults and children. Ms. Garcia inserted her information in the chat box.

Roll Call

Ms. Keziah Sullivan, secretary of Bronx Community Board Three, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Members Requesting to be Excused

Rev. Frederick Crawford
Maurice Gray
Tracie Lucas Lord
D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas

Motion

It was motioned and seconded to excuse the following member(s):

Rev. Frederick Crawford
Maurice Gray
Tracie Lucas Lord
D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas

All In Favor

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Dr. Rivera stated that the September General Board meeting was canceled therefore the board will forgo approval of minutes.

Amendments to the Agenda

At this time, there were no amendments to the agenda.

Presentation

A. Stacie Strong, District Director, CM Vanessa Gibson's Office

Dr. Rivera, chair introduced Ms. Stacie Strong, district director at CM Vanessa Gibson's office, to those in attendance. Ms. Stacie Strong came before the General Board membership to inform the community at-large of CM Vanessa Gibson's street co-naming nominees that will be considered by the NYC Council for approval:

- ❖ Consideration will be made to co-name East 166th Street and Jackson Avenue between Boston Road & Tinton Avenue to "Eric Shoulders Lane"
- ❖ Consideration will be made to co-name East 163rd Street between Washington & Brook Avenues to "Elder Curtis E. Hamilton Way"
- ❖ Consideration will be made to co-name East 169th Street between Fulton Avenue & Franklin Avenue to "Winifred A. R. Bama Way"
- ❖ Consideration will be made to co-name Lyman Place between Freeman Street and East 169th Street to "Hetty Fox Lane"
- ❖ Consideration will be made to co-name Bristow Street between Jennings Street and Rev. J.A. Polite Avenue to "Mother Cordelia Gilford Way"
- ❖ Consideration will be made to co-name East 168th Street between Franklin and Fulton Avenues to "Andy the Barber Foxx Way"

Ms. Strong gave a brief bio on each street co-naming nominee which reflected on their contributions and community activism that impacted Bronx Community District Three throughout the years. Dr. Rivera thanked CM Vanessa Gibson for her untiring service as CM of the 16th District.

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Elected Officials' Reports

AM Chantel Jackson's Report – 79th Assembly District

Ms. Milisa Stein, special assistant to AM Chantel Jackson's office, introduced herself to the community at-large. AM Chantel Jackson, did not provide a written report, at this time. Please contact the Assemblymember's office to request information on initiatives, resources and events via email at schedulingbx79@gmail.com.

District Attorney Darcel Clark's Report

Mr. Robert Barnes, representative from DA Darcel Clark, Bronx County District Attorney's Office, did not provide a written report; however, time-sensitive information was exchanged. Please contact the DA's office to request information on initiatives and resources at 646-319-6525.

CM Rafael Salamanca's Report- 17th Council District

Ms. Shanna Knotts, deputy chief of staff from CM Rafael Salamanca's office, provide a written report for the period covering September 14th through October 12, 2021:

District 17 Highlights:

- As industries are returning to in-person services, we are continuing to push for expanded availability of COVID-19 testing and vaccinations in the district. Throughout the month of October, our office will once again be serving as COVID-19 testing site on Thursdays. Instead of the nose-swab method of testing, we will be partnering with HHC to offer a new saliva-based testing model. These new tests will have shorter result turnarounds times, be less invasive, and are just as accurate as the nose swabs. Furthermore, we are working with the administration to add additional mobile vaccination sites through the district. We will post said information on our social media pages as those week's sites are announced.
- With school's returning to in-person classroom settings, we remain focused on ensuring our school's and children have the tools needed to succeed. In the FY22 budget, we allocated millions of dollars in school funding to ensure that auditoriums and stem labs are renovated, and that schools have enough chromebooks for students given how much curriculum over the last 18 months was carried out using devices/tablets. We will also continue our back-to-school distributions to make sure our children in the South Bronx have the supplies needed to be successful this school year.

Legislative Highlights:

We are pushing for the passing of several pieces of legislation that are on our priority list prior to the end of the current Council session in December.

- On Sept. 30th, our bill, Intro. 2373, which would require the Dept. of Health to waive the \$40 fee for applicants requesting to amend a death certificate to list the cause of death as COVID-19, will be heard in the Committee on Health. We introduced this bill as we heard from constituents whose loved ones had passed away from COVID-19, yet had their cause of death listed as 'natural causes.' In order to correct those death certificates, family members were being forced to pay \$40 to amend the error. CM Salamanca believes it is wrong that the Dept. of Health is collecting money from New Yorkers who have suffered the loss of a loved one due to a mistake made at hospitals/medical facilities.
- Following the destruction caused by Hurricane Ida, we will be introducing a bill that would call on the administration to create the position of Borough Commissioners within each borough's DEP offices. Like DOT, Parks and DOB who have borough commissioners who oversee borough specific, day-to-day operations, we feel it is important to have those same positions in DEP to focus on localized issues relating to storm drains back-ups, storm water runoff, flooding, etc.

Please contact the Councilmember's office via email at Salmanca@council.nyc.gov or Sknotts@council.nyc.gov, and by phone at (917) 837-6226. Please follow CM Salamanca via social media platforms on **Facebook or Instagram at CMSalamanca or on twitter at Salmancajr80**.

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CM Vanessa Gibson's Report – 16th Council District

CM Vanessa Gibson's Office, did not provide a written report, at this time. Time sensitive information was exchanged. Please contact the Councilmember's office at 718-588-7500, to request information on initiatives and resources provided or send an email to District16Bronx@council.nyc.gov.

SS Luis Sepulveda's Report – 32nd Senate District

SS Luis Sepulveda's Office, did not provide a written report, at this time. Information was exchanged but not limited to the Annual Turkey Drive. Please contact the State Senator's office to request information on initiatives and resources at 718-991-3161 or email his office at team@senatorsepulveda.com Mr. Richard Ewings is a new staff member at SS Luis Sepulveda's Office.

SS Gustavo Rivera Report – 33rd Senate District

Ms. Tiara Davis, representative from SS Gustavo Rivera's office did not provide a written report. Please contact the State Senator's office to request information on initiatives and resources at 718-933-2034, or send an email to lachrist@nysenate.gov.

Bronx Borough President's Report

Mr. Tom Lucania, Director of Community Boards and Legislative Affairs at the Bronx Borough President's Office, provided a written report which was forwarded to those on Bronx Community Board Three's listserv. Mr. Tom Lucania stated that a New Member Orientation session is scheduled for Monday, October 18th from 6pm-9pm, via WebEx. All new board members are encouraged to attend.

Chairperson's Report

Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera stated that Bronx Community Board Three will be hosting its Public Hearing on the FY'2023 Capital and Expense Budget, in line with the Community District Needs Statement. The FY'2023 Capital & Expense Budget will consist of up to 40 capital budget requests and 25 expense budget requests which will be submitted as part of the budget submission process.

Dr. Rivera introduced Ms. Kathy Johnson-Morris, board member who has recently been hired as the NYPD Community Ambassador for the Bronx. Ms. Johnson-Morris stated that she works at the 48th Police Precinct, Bronx Patrol Borough on the 2nd fl. Ms. Johnson-Morris stated that she enjoys her role as a Community Ambassador to help bridge the gap between the community and the police.

Committee Reports

Housing, Land-Use & Economic Development Committee

Committee members in attendance came to a consensus to recommend approval of the Open Restaurants Text amendment at the next regularly scheduled General Board meeting on Tuesday, October 12th at 6:00pm. Said approval will remove the geographic restrictions on where sidewalk cafes can be located within NYC and allow for the creation of a new Permanent Open Restaurants Text Amendment under the NYC Department of Transportation's jurisdiction.

Ms. Kolaco Acqui, chairperson of the Housing, Land-Use & Economic Development Committee, stated that representatives from the NYC Department of City Planning and the NYC Department of Transportation, came before the joint committee in September requesting a letter of support to remove all prohibitions that relate to where sidewalk cafes can be located in the Open Restaurants Text Amendment which would allow for the creation of a Permanent Open Restaurants Text Amendment.

The proposed amendment to NYC's Zoning Resolution complements proposed legislative changes that would cut the red tape for restaurant owners. Applications for the sidewalk café program and a new roadway café program would be consolidated under one agency, the Department of Transportation (DOT). At this time, questions and concerns were entertained and answered satisfactorily.

Motion

It was motioned by Kolaco Acqui and seconded by Gina Newton to remove the geographic restrictions on where sidewalk cafes can be located in the Open Restaurants Text Amendment and the creation of a Permanent Open Restaurants Text Amendment under the NYC Department of Transportation.

YES

NO

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ALL IN FAVOR**MOTION CARRIED****New Business**

Ms. Beverly Emers, a community resident stated that she will be traveling to Washington D.C. as part of a National Art Exhibit to discuss "Gun Violence" that is ravaging our communities.

Benediction

Rev. Abraham Jones led us in prayer.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

If you wish to view the meeting in its entirety go to copy and paste into your browser:
<https://youtu.be/m5ajC9I6pZw>

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Article III, Section 4(c) of the New York State Constitution, the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission (the “Commission”) will hold a series of fourteen public hearings across the state to receive feedback on its draft redistricting plan for state legislative and congressional election districts.

The Constitution requires the Commission to hold twelve hearings in the cities of Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, Rochester, and White Plains, as well as the counties of Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond, Nassau, and Suffolk. Two additional hearings have been scheduled in the North Country and Southern Tier regions to receive additional public feedback.

Further information regarding these hearings will be available on the Commission’s website, www.NYIRC.gov, in the coming days and weeks. Recordings of the hearings will be made available to the public following each hearing’s completion.

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LOCATION

Buffalo
Wednesday, October 20
4:00pm

Buffalo State College (SUNY)
Burchfield Penney Art Center
1300 Elmwood Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14222

Rochester
Thursday, October 21
4:00pm

Rochester EOC (SUNY UCAWD)
Multi-Purpose Room
161 Chestnut Street
Rochester, New York 14604

Southern Tier
Monday, October 25
4:00pm

Binghamton University (SUNY)
Innovative Technologies Complex
85 Murray Hill Road
Vestal, New York 13850

Syracuse
Tuesday, October 26
4:00pm

Syracuse University College of Law
Melanie Gray Ceremonial Courtroom
Dineen Hall, 950 Irving Avenue
Syracuse, New York 13210



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North Country
Wednesday, October 27
4:00pm

SUNY Plattsburgh
E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium
Hawkins Hall, 101 Broad Street
Plattsburgh, New York 12901

Albany
Monday, November 1
4:00pm

University at Albany (SUNY)
Page Hall – Downtown Campus
135 Western Avenue
Albany, New York 12203

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White Plains
Monday, November 8
3:00pm

Haub School of Law at Pace University
Gerber Glass Moot Courtroom
78 North Broadway
White Plains, New York 10603

Bronx County
Tuesday, November 9
3:00pm

BronxWorks
Gymnasium
1130 Grand Concourse
Bronx, New York 10456

New York County
Wednesday, November 10
3:00pm

Hunter College (CUNY)
Cafeteria
695 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10065

Richmond County
Monday, November 15
3:00pm

Catholic Charities of Staten Island
CYO Center at Mount Loretto
6541 Hylan Boulevard
Staten Island, New York 10309

Kings County
Tuesday, November 16
3:00pm

Medgar Evers College (CUNY)
Founders Auditorium
1650 Bedford Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225

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Convirtamos sus restos de alimentos y desechos del jardín en compost y energía limpia. Al usar el contenedor marrón, mantiene al vecindario limpio y ayuda a combatir el cambio climático.

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Convirtamos sus restos de alimentos y desechos del jardín en compost y energía limpia.

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HINDI Curbside Composting के लिए on.nyc.gov/curbsidecomposting-hi पर अभी साइन अप करें या 311 पर कॉल करें।

ITALIAN Registratevi SUBITO al servizio di raccolta dei rifiuti organici compostabili a bordo strada su on.nyc.gov/curbsidecomposting-it o telefonando al numero **311**.

KOREAN 도로변 퇴비화 서비스에 지금 등록하십시오 on.nyc.gov/curbsidecomposting-ko를 방문하거나 **311**로 전화하여 등록할 수 있습니다.

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