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HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON
BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

JOETTA BROWN
CHAIRPERSON

ETTA F. RITTER
DISTRICT MANAGER

GLORIA S. ALSTON
CHAIRPERSON EMERITUS

BOARD MINUTES

Date: 04/08/25
Place: 1332 Fulton Avenue
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Members Present

Atta Acheampong
Kolaco Acqui
Ibrahim Ahmed
Xiomara Arriola
Joetta Brown
Robert Brown
Dawn Carter
Edgardo Ceden
Gilberto Constantine
Randy Dillard
Francis D'Souza
Maurice Gray
Michelle Holmes
Linda Johnson
Abraham Jones
April Jones
Diane Jones
Una Lawrence
Tracie Lucas-Lord
Aubrey Mike
Jacquelyn Moore-Hill
Kathy Morris
Anddy Perdomo
Laredo Regular
Keziah Sullivan-Norman
Jasmine Uribe

Councilmember Oswald Feliz

Ali Saab

Congressman Ritchie Torres Office

Joanna Rivas

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Joetta Brown, Chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Deacon Edgardo Ceden led us in prayer.

Staff Present

Etta F. Ritter
Courtland W. Hankins, III

Members Excused

Joyce Diggs
Wanda Ellis
Beverly Emers
Michele Gantt
Victor Latimer
Paul Navarro
Amanda Reed
D'Andra Van-Heusen Thomas

Members Absent

Margo Grant
Linda Kemp
Jeannie Ruiz
Beautiful Winston

Councilmember Althea Stevens' Office

Lisne Bautista

Senator Luis Sepulveda

Christian Cardus

Bronx DA's Darcel Clarke Office

Senovia Simpson

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PUBLIC HEARING

Sherline Altidor, Director of Outreach and Recruitment, Bronx Services, Commonpoint Bronx HUB

Topic: Discuss the programs offered by Commonpoint's Bronx HUB.

Ms. Joetta Brown, Chairperson, Bronx Community Board Three, introduced Ms. Sherline Altidor to those in attendance.

Ms. Altidor shared the following information regarding the services and resources Commonpoint offers to the district:

Workforce Training & Career Development

Free Vocational Training: CDL, Construction, IT, & Healthcare Industries

Free Workforce Training for ages 17-40 years old

Free High School Equivalency

Immigrant & Literacy Services

Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced ESOL classes

Health & Wellness

Free dance for adults and older adults

Swimming for adults (in newly renovated pool)

Afterschool Programming & Summer Camp

Music Industry Program - with full music studio

Tech Industry Program

The Commonpoint Bronx Center
1665 Hoe Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460
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At this point, Ms. Altidor concluded her presentation, entertained questions, and answered them satisfactorily.

PUBLIC SESSION

Announcements

Ms. Joslyn Schafer, Assistant Borough Planner, NYC Department of City Planning (DCP), announced that the DCP has been collaborating with Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom High School to engage students in developing skills in facilitation, meaningful dialogue, and a deeper understanding of the history and impact of the Cross Bronx Expressway. The students and DCP staff have been preparing to interview community members to document and preserve these valuable stories. Ms. Schafer invited the Community Board 3 members to participate in this effort as interviewees for this important project and share their unique perspectives and lived experiences.

Ms. Jacquelyne Moore-Hill spoke about the Bronx River Alliance's Flotilla initiative. The Annual *Amazing Bronx River Flotilla* is a 4-mile paddle down the Bronx River to raise funds for the Alliance's Paddling Program and the River.

Mr. Scott Daly, Senior Director, New York Junior Tennis League, introduced Mr. Stephen O'Keefe as the new general manager at the Carey Leeds Center for Tennis & Learning.

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Community Concerns:

Mr. Wali Abdur Noir spoke on the importance of emergency preparedness awareness in the district.

Mr. Francis Dsouza mentioned that the Starlite Park entrance on 173rd Street needs to be opened. Children and older adults have to walk extra blocks to reach the entrance on 172nd Street.

Mr. Maurice Gray stated that city agencies and authorities need to enhance efforts to ensure landlords maintain their properties to manage the rat population problem.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

Councilman Rafael Salamanca's Report

Ms. Shanna Knotts, Chief of Staff, shared the following written report:

Legislation

On March 11th, CM Salamanca, in his position as Chair of the Committee on Land Use, held a budget oversight hearing to review the FY26 agency operating budget costs for the Department of City Planning and the New York City Landmarks Preservation Committee. As part of the hearing, CM Salamanca led a thorough line of questioning to discern whether City Planning has the appropriate staffing to carry out the City's ambitious housing targets, is properly engaging with communities as we collaboratively approve projects, and has the necessary funding to accomplish these initiatives.

The deadline to submit ceremonial co-naming submissions for the June 2025 New York City Council Co-Naming package is Friday, May 9th. As part of the vetting process, the New York City Council requires a letter of support from local community boards and a 'statement of support' from the family of the prospective honoree.

In-District Recap

On Saturday, March 22nd, CM Salamanca held a hugely successful event. In partnership with the Bronx Community Foundation, he distributed over 350 brand new Dell laptops to the NYPD Bronx Explorers, which was funded through the NYC Council's Digital Inclusion Program.

On Tuesday, April 1st, Council Member Rafael Salamanca, Jr. hosted a check presentation at the Hunts Point Rec Center for the allocation of \$7,470,000.00. This funding will cover the Center's indoor track upgrades, the renovation of Caraballo Playground, as well as upgrades to the basketball court and re-paving.

Office Operations

Our office remains open and in full operation to offer a variety of constituent services. Those looking for assistance can give us a call, submit an email or visit us in person at the district office.

We also have an immigration attorney available to provide constituents with free consultation and application assistance. However, this service is offered by appointment only. For more information or to set up an appointment please contact our office directly.

CM Salamanca has partnered with DSNY for the E-Cycle NYC program. This is a free service where you can discard electronics that you no longer need, want or utilize. They can be dropped off to our district office weekly from Wednesday – Friday between the hours of 10am – 3pm. A variety of electronics will be accepted, that don't include household items such as vacuums, microwaves, batteries, light bulbs or ballasts. Please refer to the flyer with full details. This opportunity will remain available to community members and residents for the next few months.

Upcoming Events

On Saturday, April 19th, CM Salamanca will host his annual Community Board & Precinct Council Appreciation BBQ at The Bronx Zoo's Dancing Crane Pavilion 2300 Southern Blvd. from 12pm – 3pm. RSVP's are also required to attend, and can be submitted utilizing the following link: <https://forms.gle/RvN6pxB1Sgt5W1497> *Flyer is attached*

How to connect with Team Salamanca

We strongly encourage interested parties to follow us on one of our social media platforms. This is to help individuals stay informed and up to date about legislation, upcoming events and other pivotal information.

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- Facebook: Facebook.com/CMSalamanca
 - X (Twitter): @CMSalamancaJr
 - Instagram: @cmsalamancajr_d17

Assemblymember Chantel Jackson's Report

Ms. Crystal Diaz, Director of Constituent Services, shared the following report:

THE OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER CHANTEL JACKSON, LMSW THE OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER CHANTEL JACKSON, LMSW	
<h1>April ONE-PAGER</h1>	
EVENTS Mobile Office Hours @ Melrose Library April 16 th , 2025 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Mind, Body & Health Day Event Drew playground April 25, 2025 9am-2pm For more information, please email diazc@nyassembly.gov	RESOURCES/INITIATIVES We are looking for Spanish-speaking volunteers to help our team. If you or anyone you know is interested, please email diazc@nyassembly.gov and district79@nyassembly.gov
STAFF INFORMATION Sabriena Campbell Chief of Staff campbellhunters@nyassembly.gov Crystal Diaz Constituent Services Director diazc@nyassembly.gov 347-234-5597 Natasha Edwards Legislative Director edwardsn@nyassembly.gov	
CONSTITUENT LEGISLATIVE IDEAS Part of being an effective legislator is creating legislation that improves the quality of life for my constituents. If you have a legislative idea, please complete the survey.	CONSTITUENT FUNDING IDEAS I would like to know your ideas on how capital funding can be used for large-scale projects that improve, maintain, or develop our community's infrastructure, equipment, or facilities.
	

<h1>April ONE-PAGER</h1> STAY IN CONTACT WITH US	
Scan the QR code below to access AM Jackson's Linktree.	
	Our link tree will give you access to our: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media platforms • Volunteer sign-up • Newsletter subscription form • AM Jackson's Assembly Webpage • & various informative/helpful links
COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS Chair, Subcommittee on Micro Business Cities Education Housing Mental Health Small Business Banks FOR MORE INFORMATION Please scan the QR code below to be taken to AM Jackson's Assembly Webpage	OFFICE INFORMATION Assembly Member Chantel Jackson 780 Concourse Village West Ground FL Professional Bronx NY 10451 718-538-3829 Office Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Constituent matters: District79@nyassembly.gov Scheduling requests: schedulingbx79@gmail.com
	

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Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark's Report

Ms. Senovia Simpson, Community Engagement Coordinator, Bronx DA's Office, provided the following written report:

Upcoming Events

PROM DRESS AND SUIT DRIVE

We are thrilled to announce a special collaboration with Bronx Fashion Week: the Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark is hosting a Prom Dress and Suit Drive, extending until April 18th. We invite you to join us in this initiative by donating gently worn formal dresses, suits, shoes, accessories, and handbags.

To contribute, simply drop off your donations at the designated bin located in the welcoming lobby of 198 E 161st Street from 9 am to 5 pm.

For any inquiries or further details, please don't hesitate to contact our dedicated Community Engagement team at CEU@bronxda.nyc.gov. Your support and generosity make a significant difference, and we sincerely appreciate your participation in this endeavor. Thank you!



CHILD SAFETY FAIR

The Child Safety Fair aims to engage and provide valuable education to our community about children's safety and wellness. Many returning and new agencies will provide interactive learning activities for all children in attendance. There will also be food, entertainment, and music. Everyone is invited to join us on this fun-packed day!

Date: Saturday, April 19, 2025

Time: 11 am - 3 pm

Location: P.S. 106 Parkchester 1514 Olmstead Ave, Bronx, NY 10462



To keep up with our office

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Councilmember Althea Stevens' Report

Lisne Bautista, Scheduler, Councilmember Althea Stevens' Office, provided the following written report:

Legislative Updates

N/A

Community Updates:

Participatory Budgeting Vote Week was 3/29/25 - 4/07/25. Thank you to our CB3 Community Stakeholders who were voting sites this year!

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, April 13th is District 16 Bronx Zoo Community Day! If you live in D16 and are interested in a free ticket, please contact our office.

Friday, April 25th, 9:00am-2:00pm is D16's Mind, Body, & Health Day in collaboration with Assembly Member Chantel Jackson

District 16 In-Office Services

Service Agency	Frequency
CUNY Citizenship Now	Every Monday
NAICA	By referral
Department of Buildings	By referral
Choice (Medicaid assistance)	By referral
CUNY Law	First Wednesday of every month
SNAP	Request referral from our office

Join our District 16 Advisory Boards

Board:	Youth	Health & Wellness	Tenant Block & Neighborhood	Seniors	Multicultural
Date:	March 12	March 20	March 17	March 27	April 3
Time:	4:30pm	5:30pm	6:00pm	2:00pm	5:30pm
Location	District Office 1377 Jerome Avenue	District Office 1377 Jerome Avenue	District Office 1377 Jerome Avenue	Concourse Village 777 Concourse Village E	District Office 1377 Jerome Avenue

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Constituent Service Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays (9am -5pm)	Tuesdays & Thursdays (9am -5pm)	Fridays (9am - 5pm)
<i>*No Walk-Ins*</i> Appointment Only!	Walk-Ins & Follow Up Appointments	<i>*Fridays are administration days, no walk-ins or appointments will be accepted. *</i>

How to make an appointment:

- Email: District16@council.nyc.gov or Call: (718) 588-7500
- Make sure to include:
 - Full name
 - Address
 - Contact information
 - Description of case

Senator Luis Sepulveda's Report

Teraya Spencer, Community Liaison, shared time-sensitive information.

Congressman Ritchie Torres' Report

Ms. Joanna Rivas, Constituent Services Liaison, shared the following written report:

Community project funding, appropriations, etc., can be directed to ny15appropriations@mail.house.gov. Application guidance and deadlines will be posted on our official website , www.ritchietorres.house.gov , by April 10th.

Our office is open to Constituent Services, and we can assist with any federal issues you may have. Amongst them being Social Security, Immigration, Passports, and issues with the IRS. If you have any issues, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact our office at 718-503-9610 to schedule an appointment.

Councilman Oswald Feliz' Report

Mr. Ali Saab, a staff member, shared time-sensitive information.

Bronx Borough President's Office

The office of Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson sent the following written report:

COMMUNITY BOARDS APPLICATIONS

We are currently conducting interviews for both reapplicants and new applicants. If you have not scheduled a community board interview yet, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT VANESSA L. GIBSON HOSTS TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY TO HONOR OUR TRANS LEADERS IN GOVERNMENT

On Friday, March 28th, 2025, Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson joined her Bronx LGBTQIA+ Task Force partners, Destination Tomorrow and the NYC Commission on Human Rights to host a Trans Day of Visibility Event, honoring the courage and contributions of transgender leaders in civics and government.

The panel discussion amplified the voices and experiences of trans people, particularly those working at the intersection of civic engagement, activism, and government. In recent months, transgender communities have become the target of harmful policies and rhetoric from the White House. Executive orders have threatened defunding gender-affirming care for trans youth, removing trans identities from federal websites and national monuments, and reforming gender definitions to include only two unchangeable sexes: female and male. In response, this Trans Day of

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Visibility serves as both a celebration of trans leadership and a call to action to protect the rights of transgender individuals nationwide and in our borough.

At the event, LGBTQIA+ professionals in government participated in a panel discussion sharing their experiences and insights on navigating their LGBTQIA+ identity within the context of public service.

"On this Trans Day of Visibility, we honor the courage, resilience, and invaluable contributions of transgender individuals, especially those leading the charge in civics and government. In the face of harmful rhetoric and policies targeting the trans community, we stand united in our commitment to protect the rights and dignity of all individuals. The Bronx remains a place of inclusivity and support, where every person—regardless of gender identity—deserves the right to live authentically and without fear. Today, we celebrate trans leadership and reaffirm our unwavering dedication to advocating for a safer, more equitable future for the transgender community in our borough and beyond," said Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson.

"In a land where original traditions and culture recognize the value of TGNC (Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming) members, it is devastating to see the measures being taken to erase our importance," said Sage Rivera of Destination Tomorrow. "I am so happy to be a part of an event that is uplifting the voices of individuals of the TGNC community working in various offices of leadership here in New York, showing that our home is proud to set the standard of standing by and for the most vulnerable among us."

"On Transgender Day of Visibility, we celebrate the resilience, courage, and strength of transgender and non-binary New Yorkers," said Chair and Commissioner of the NYC Commission on Human Rights, Annabel Palma. "Despite attempts to erase the transgender community, the New York City Commission on Human Rights is committed to protecting the rights of everyone in New York City, including long-established protections for gender identity and sexual orientation. Know that I stand firmly in the fight for equality – discrimination has no place in our city."

For the second year in a row, the trans flag was raised at Bronx Borough Hall in commemoration of Trans Day of Visibility.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT GIBSON HOSTS AFRICAN IMMIGRANT RESOURCE FAIR THROUGH NEW FUTURE FORWARD BRONX INITIATIVE

On April 1, 2025, Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson joined the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) and Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work Care Café, to host an African Immigrant Resource Fair connecting our African immigrant to employment, health insurance, mental health support, and immigration legal aid. The resource fair was one of five employment fairs organized as part of the Borough President's new Future Forward Bronx initiative, a series of job fairs at Bronx Borough Hall designed to connect job seekers—particularly those historically excluded from the traditional job market—with meaningful employment opportunities and long-term career pathways.

Yesterday's event brought together over 30 partners at Bronx Borough Hall to equip our African community members with the knowledge and connections needed to enhance their lives and those of their families. Five African community leaders were honored for their impactful work, including efforts in violence prevention and youth sports programs, immigrant rights education, and the promotion of culturally competent service delivery that upholds the rich traditions and values of African communities.

In addition, attendees enjoyed musical performances by Wuza Wuza Dance Group, a Know Your Rights presentation by Legal Aid Society, and a West African meal courtesy of Adom African Cuisine.

"On April 1st, we held our African Immigrant Resource Fair, a vital event connecting our African immigrant community to critical resources like employment, health insurance, mental health support, and immigration legal aid. This fair is a part of my Future Forward Bronx initiative, which is designed to open doors to meaningful employment and career pathways for those who have historically been excluded from the job market. I am proud to have seen over 30 partners come together at Bronx Borough Hall to empower our African community members with the tools and knowledge they need to thrive in our borough," said Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson.

Our next Future Forward Employment Fair will take place on Tuesday, May 6th at Borough Hall.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT GIBSON & GARIFUNA COALITION USA HOST GARIFUNA HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

On April 3rd, 2025, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson will join the Garifuna Coalition USA, Incorporated, to host the 15th Annual Garifuna Heritage Month celebration in the Rotunda of The Bronx County Building located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451.

In observance of the 228th Anniversary of the Forcible Transfer of the Garifuna People by The British from their Ancestral Homeland of St. Vincent "Yurumein," (presently known as St. Vincent and the Grenadines) to Central America in 1787, from March 11th to April 12th, Garifuna Heritage Month is recognized.

In 2014, then New York City Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson was the first to issue a Proclamation in recognition of Garifuna-Heritage Month in the New York City Council.

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Honorees are Emmanuel Baltazar, Senior at Fordham University, George Nunez, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Bronx Tech Hub; Nancy Martinez, Senior Operations Manager for the Center for Justice Innovation; and the Organizacion de Damas Limonen en New York.

"I am honored to join the Garifuna Coalition USA to celebrate the 15th Annual Garifuna Heritage Month here in our borough. This month not only commemorates the resilience and rich culture of the Garifuna people but also honors the 228th anniversary of the forcible transfer of the Garifunas from their ancestral homeland of St. Vincent to Central America. The Garifuna Community has made significant contributions to the cultural fabric of the Bronx, and we are proud to recognize and celebrate the heritage, history, and continued strength. I invite all Bronxites to join us in this meaningful observance and reflect on the enduring legacy of the Garifuna people." said Bronx Borough President Vanessa L Gibson.

"Garifuna Heritage Month is a time for us to come together and celebrate the rich history and traditions of the Garifuna community. This celebration at Bronx Borough Hall is a powerful reminder of the strength and unity that defines our borough," said José Francisco Ávila, Chairman of the Board of Garifuna Coalition USA, Inc.

Sponsors of the event are the New York City Tourism Foundation; Garifuna Coalition USA; Montefiore Einstein; Cruise Planners; SBH Health Systems; FEDU; the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs; and Ponce Bank.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT GIBSON ANNOUNCES THE DEPARTURE OF DEPUTY BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT JANET PEGUERO

"It is with an emotional heart that I share the news of Deputy Borough President Janet Peguero stepping down from her position in our administration to focus on her family as a new mom. Although this transition may seem sudden, it has been influenced by her deep love and commitment to her daughter.

Janet has made an incredible impact on our office and the Bronx over the past three years. As Deputy Borough President, she redefined the role, overseeing key units such as Health and Human Services, Borough Operations, Policy, and Community Services. She fostered vital partnerships, supported economic development, and advocated tirelessly for our immigrant communities, ensuring they were heard, represented, and supported. Janet's efforts played a pivotal role in securing millions in federal funding for M/WBEs and empowerment zones, fostering greater community input and civic engagement from historically underserved populations, and advancing workforce development through the Hunts Point Forward Plan. In addition to championing critical public policy, her advocacy for improving maternal healthcare and her leadership in implementing parental paid leave policies demonstrate her deep commitment to supporting mothers and families in our borough. As the first Dominican American woman to serve as Deputy Borough President, Janet's leadership was grounded in equity and compassion for all who call the Bronx home.

As Janet transitions into motherhood, we express our deep gratitude for her extraordinary contributions. Her legacy of dedication to equity, compassion, and excellence will continue to inspire our work in the Bronx. We wish her and her family all the best in this exciting new chapter, and I am forever grateful to call her my friend and my sister. Thank you, Madame Deputy, for your commitment and service to our team and to our Borough."

BOROUGH PRESIDENT GIBSON'S STATEMENT ON NIGHTCLUB ROOF COLLAPSE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

"We are saddened by the tragic news coming out of the Dominican Republic, where a roof collapse at a nightclub in Santo Domingo has claimed the lives of over 27 individuals while leaving dozens of others injured. Our prayers are with the families and loved ones affected by this devastating event. This tragedy hits close to home, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to both the Dominican Republic and the community here in New York City, where many have connections to those impacted. In this time of grief, we stand in solidarity with all those mourning the loss of life and offer our support as they navigate this incredibly difficult moment."

District Manager's Report

Ms. Etta Ritter, District Manager of Bronx Community Board Three, provided a summary of important issues affecting Bronx Community District Three from March 12 to April 8, 2025, as follows:

NYPD Citizens Police Academy

The NYPD Citizens Police Academy is held once or twice a year and is offered as a 10-week program, with classes held once a week in the evening, usually from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Exact start and end dates can vary depending on the 42nd Police Precinct.

- Spring Session: Usually begins in March or April and ends in May or June
- Fall Session: Typically starts in September and ends in November or December

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To get the specific dates for the next session, contact your local NYPD Community Affairs Officers:

- P.O Dili Jefferson via email dili.jefferson@nypd.org
- P.O. Sherrell Davis via email at sherrell.davis@nypd.org

They handle enrollment and announcements for upcoming sessions.

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation Updates

Crotona Park

The State of Good Repair contracts for Crotona Park will include the reconstruction of pathways along the south, north, and west sides of the park. The project scope also includes the installation of traditional World's Fair-style benches and the addition of sewer drains to improve drainage and overall park infrastructure.

- The Bathgate playground renovation will include a bathroom as well as new windows and doors.
- Ballfield #1 is closed.
- The installation of cameras is anticipated on the north side of Crotona Park.

Youth Village Park

A community input meeting was held on March 26, 2025, regarding Youth Village Park. The meeting aimed to engage local residents and stakeholders in a meaningful dialogue about the future of the park's reconstruction. It provided an opportunity to gather feedback on how the park is currently used and to identify desired improvements or features that would best serve the community, particularly youth and families.

The stakeholders who attended reached a consensus to designate the park for ages 0-12. They requested that the play equipment include climbing features, a sprinkler system, porous flooring, and colorful elements. By centering community voices in the planning and design process, the goal is to ensure the renovated park reflects the needs and priorities of residents in this neighborhood. The meeting also provided transparency regarding the project's scope, timeline, and funding, while encouraging ongoing community involvement through surveys and neighborhood outreach.

NYC Department of Housing, Preservation and Development

1440-1441 Stebbins Avenue

The development team is a joint venture between the non-profit developer The Doe Fund, the developer Xenolith Partners, a company owned by a majority of women, and Ametrine Group, with the design by architects Purpose by Design.

The team's proposed project, called The Stemma, will feature approximately 149 units in a multi-family rental building. Residents will enjoy access to a landscaped backyard, as well as a rooftop with seating, plants, and a fitness center. In addition, the Stemma will feature a recreation center on the first floor and basement, with recreational and fitness facilities, including a basketball court and swimming pools.

This project would not have been possible without community members, who contributed valuable insights during HPD's community visioning process.

826 East 169th Street

Permits have been filed for a four-story mixed-use building at 826 East 169th Street in Longwood, The Bronx. Located between Union Avenue and Prospect Avenue, the lot is near the Freeman Street subway station, served by the 2 and 5 trains. Shaya Seidenfeld of MZS Realty is listed as the owner behind the applications.

The proposed 50-foot-tall development will yield 13,010 square feet, with 11,905 square feet designated for residential space and 1,105 square feet for community facility space. The building will have 18 residences, most likely rentals, based on the average unit scope of 661 square feet. The concrete-based structure will also feature a penthouse, but it will not include accessory parking.

Lester Katz, R.A. is listed as the architect of record. Demolition permits have not been filed yet. An estimated completion date has not been announced.

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919 Freeman Street

Permits have been filed for a six-story mixed-use building at 919 Freeman Street in Crotona Park East, The Bronx. Located between Southern Boulevard and Intervale Avenue, the lot is near the Freeman Street subway station, served by the 2 and 5 trains. Westorchar Management is listed as the owner behind the applications.

The proposed 79-foot-tall development will yield 12,389 square feet, with 10,440 square feet designated for residential space, 1,730 square feet for commercial space, and 218 square feet for community facility space. The building will have 15 residences, most likely rentals, based on the average unit scope of 696 square feet.

Boaz M. Golani Architect is listed as the architect of record. Demolition permits are unlikely to be required, as the lot is currently vacant. An estimated completion date has not been announced.

Chairperson's Report

Ms. Joetta Brown addressed those in attendance as follows:

- Thanked board members for the prayers and concerns during her family's time of distress.
- Mentioned the improvement of the health ratings in the Bronx according to announcements made at the recent Borough Board meeting.
- Stated that the housing stock in the district that date back over 50 years are in dire need of renovation.
- Noted the flood monitoring process - City College's technology monitors water flow, the NYC sewer is designed for only 1.75 inches per rain per hour.
- Requested for Committee chairs to advise on the committee attendance numbers from January 2025 at the next General Board meeting.
- Advised that committee member attendance will continue to be monitored.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MEMBERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

The following members requested to be excused:

Joyce Diggs
Wanda Ellis
Beverly Emers
Michele Gantt
Victor Latimer
Paul Navarro
Amanda Reed
D'Andra Van-Heusen Thomas

MOTION

It was motioned by Kathy Morris and seconded by Abraham Jones to excuse the following members:

Joyce Diggs
Wanda Ellis
Beverly Emers
Michele Gantt
Victor Latimer
Paul Navarro
Amanda Reed
D'Andra Van-Heusen Thomas

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Kolaco Acqui
1st Vice-Chairperson

Kathy Morris
2nd Vice-Chairperson

Keziah Sullivan-Norman
Secretary

D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas
Treasurer

Robert Brown
Sgt.-at-Arms/Parliamentarian

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was motioned by Aubrey Mike and seconded by April Jones to approve the minutes dated March 11, 2025, with any necessary corrections.

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health & Human Services/Aging Committee

Ms. Anddy Perdomo, Chairperson of the Bronx Community Board Three Health and Human Services Committee, presented a summary for a Letter of Support for The Fortune Society's Application to the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS). This application seeks to expand access to licensed mental health and substance use treatment services for Bronx residents, with a particular focus on justice-impacted individuals who are receiving services at 502 East 163rd Street. This request is directed to the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS). The Supervised Release Program offers essential services to individuals who are mandated to participate, and the proposed expansion seeks to enhance the support services available to them at this site, within Community District Three, as well as other Bronx-based Fortune participants. All individuals served will be connected to Fortune's Bronx programs and/or housing, described in greater detail below.

The Fortune Society has proposed to establish a behavioral health satellite location at their existing 502 East 163rd Street location, adjacent to their existing Supervised Release Program at 3230 Third Avenue, within Community District Three, which is licensed by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS).

On Friday, March 14th, members of Bronx Community Board Three conducted a site tour of 502 East 163rd Street, the proposed Bronx satellite location for Fortune's behavioral health and treatment services expansion. Attendees included Anddy Perdomo, along with fellow members Beverly Emers, Ibrahim Ahmed, Robert Brown, and District Manager Etta Ritter. The tour provided insight into the thoughtful planning and commitment that The Fortune Society is bringing to this initiative.

MOTION

It was motioned by Abraham Jones and seconded by Edgardo Ceden0 to approve a letter of support for establishing a Fortune Society OASAS Satellite Clinic at 502 East 163rd Street.

YES	ABSTAIN	NO
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MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Linda Johnson, a board member, had to recuse herself due to her affiliation with the Fortune Society.

Dr. Ronald F. Day, Senior Vice President of The Fortune Society, expressed his gratitude to Bronx Community Board Three for its support and approval. Dr. Day shared a brief but powerful account of his personal journey—growing up in Bronx Community District Three, being arrested and serving 15 years in prison, and ultimately earning his Ph.D. He emphasized his commitment to transforming the narrative for individuals who have been incarcerated and highlighted his ongoing work to support successful reentry and second chances.

BIRTHDAYS

At this time, individuals born in the month of April were invited to stand and be acknowledged. **Mr. Gilberto Constantinez and Ms. Etta Ritter were celebrated for their recent birthdays.**

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

At this time, there were no matters of sickness or distress to report.

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BENEDICTION

Mr. Abraham Jones led us in prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.