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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

YAJAIRA ARIAS, CHAIRPERSON

KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT MANAGER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	February 20, 2025
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	<u>The Bedford's Community Room</u> 211 East 203rd Street, Bronx, NY 10458
Members In Attendance:	✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Yajaira Arias ✓ Jean Hill ✓ Betty Arce _ Michelle Avila ✓ Edgar Ramos _ Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky ✓ Bernard Wright ✓ Leurys Acosta ✓ Andrew Laiosa
Minutes done by:	Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky

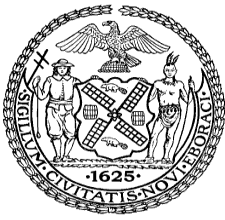
Minutes:

- I. Guidelines and Code of Conduct were read
- I. Introductions/Attendance - Quorum met
- II. Review of previous minutes - minutes were approved
- III. Follow-up of the prior month -
 - A. Chair Yajaira Arias spoke about the ad hoc bylaws meeting in March
- IV. District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera Updates
 - A. The District Manager is on vacation, so the Chair read her updates.
 - B. The Community Board Applications are open. The deadline to apply is March 9, 2025. <https://form.jotform.com/250137007893153>
 - C. The Bronx CB7 and New York Yankees Youth Leadership Award applications are open. Please help spread the word in the district. <https://bit.ly/4gM3ZuD> The Deadline to apply is March 24, 2025, at 5 PM.
 - D. Bronx CB7 received a SideWalk Cafe notice for Mirador Restaurant at 44 W KINGSBRIDGE RD, BRONX, NY, 10468. The deadline for CB7 to provide comments is 3/30/2025. The notice has been referred to Traffic and Transportation. [Requirements | Dining Out NYC](#)

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E. DASNY State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Lead Agency Request for the InterAgency Council of Developmental Disabilities, Inc. (IAC) Rising Ground, Inc., Property Acquisitions and Renovation Project, Borough of the Bronx, Bronx County, New York (Other Independent Institutions Program). The environmental review request pertains to Rising Ground, Inc.'s acquisition and renovation, furnishing, and/or equipping of the following properties ("the Proposed Project"):

1. 2597 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, NY10468.

F. The Office is open from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday.

V. Chair Yajaira Arias' Remarks

A. There is little to report except what she said about DM updates.

VI. New Business

VII. Motion(s):

A. Budget, Personnel & Ethics (<https://bit.ly/4b4r4rc>): Send a letter to the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) requesting to prioritize accessibility improvements at the end of the D subway line at 205th Street and 4 Subway Line at Woodlawn in the proposed 2025-2029 Capital Plan.

B. The committee took up and seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Environment and Sanitation – Betty Arce

1. The next meeting is in March, and they will speak on the same issues regarding containerization as before.
2. Betty wants to see if she can become more involved in environmental issues that impact the community and the world.

B. Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta

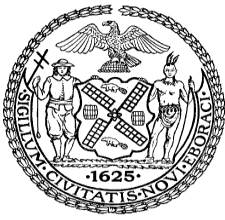
1. Nothing to report on, except they are meeting next Wednesday, February 26.

C. Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos

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1. No quorum was met, but DDC came to present on the installation of Distribution Water Mains, Project ID#QED1063AC.

D. Housing, Land Use & Economic Development – Yajaira Arias

1. There was no board business, but the committee had a webinar to discuss the Fordham Landing South development.
2. Developers will keep us updated on any updates.

E. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer

1. The meeting was canceled. They will meet in March.

F. Public Safety & Quality of Life – Vacant

G. Health & Human Services – Michelle Avila

1. The next meeting is in March.

H. Veterans Affairs – Bernard Wright

1. The Veteran Advocacy Project came to do a presentation on updates regarding the VA hospitals in Manhattan and Brooklyn.
2. The committee also discussed the Jeffrey Hunter Award and the Vetpreneur Franchise Academy: Information Session.

I. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Jean Hill

1. Discussed the Board Members' Attendance Violation Letter Responses.

IX. Next meeting date: March 20, 2025

X. Discussion on next agenda - TBA

XI. Adjournment - The motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting is adjourned.