

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

JEAN HILL, CHAIRPERSON

ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

New York Botanical Garden ♦ 2950 Southern Blvd Ross Lecture Hall

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

Your attendance and participation at community board and committee meeting is vital to a productive operation of the community board in order to achieve excellence in service to our community. The full board meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at various locations within the district.

<u>PUBLIC SESSION</u>: A sign-in sheet will be available for those wishing to speak. There will be no further comments from the gallery after the closing of the Public Session. Participants are allowed a <u>MAXIMUM OF 3 MINUTES</u> for their statement, unless additional time to speak is approved by the board.

AGENDA

- I) Elected Officials & Liaisons / Public Session / City Agency Representatives
- II) Closing of Public Session / Opening of Board Meeting
 - A) Attendance
 - B) Elections
 - C) Approval of Agenda & Minutes
 - D) Motion(s)
 - E) Chairperson's Report
 - F) Executive Committee Report
 - G) District Manager's Report
 - H) Committee Reports:

1)	Economic Development & Long Term Planning – William Francis(Page C)
2)	Veterans Affairs – Emmanuel Martinez(Page D)
3)	Budget/Personnel & Ethics - Andrew Laiosa(Page E)
4)	Environment & Sanitation – Betty Arce(Page F)
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8)	Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer(Page J)
9)	Public Safety & Quality of Life – Dilletta Pina(Page K)
10)	Health & Human Services - Chad Y. Rover(Page L)

11) Public Relations – Lowell Green(Page M)

- III) New Business
- IV) Adjournment



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MOTION(S)

EXECUTIVE MEETING:

I) MOTION(S)

A) <u>Traffic & Transportation</u>:

- 1) For a Letter to fully support the concept of the Pilot Program of Electric Charging Stations. Locations to be determined. Proposed by Andrew Laiosa, Seconded by Lowell Green. Voted and agreed upon.
- 2) For a letter of support to the Safe Routes to School Project for PS 307. Proposed by Yajaira Arias, Seconded by Andrew Laiosa.
- 3) To provide a letter of support for the approval of the Southern Blvd Traffic Calming and Protected Bike Lanes Safety Project, presented by NYC Department of Transportation.



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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chair	Jean Hill	
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, May 28, 2019	
Meeting Time:	6:30pm	
Meeting Location:	Kittay House 2550 Webb Avenue Bronx, NY 10468	
Minutes Done By:	Nora Feury, Secretary	

Minutes:

I. Introductions

- a. Jean Hill opened the meeting at 6:40 pm by citing the ground rules that speakers for the Public Session should sign up before 7 pm and would have 2 minutes speaking time. If a speaker needs further time they may speak to a Committee Chair about their concern.
- b. Jean thanked Kittay House for their generosity in offering to host the CB meeting. She introduced Carol Levine the Assistant Director of the facility who welcomed all and spoke about the facility and the services available.

II. Elected Officials/Public Session

- a. Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz spoke about legislation in Albany. He cited concerns around the district that he was interested in improving ie: bus service, elevators at subway stops and improving rent legislation laws.
- b. Justin Sanchez, from the BP's office gave a report on Bronx Week activities.
- c. P.O. Ecchevarria, from the 52 Pct. reviewed the Stats with a 20% decrease in all categories.
 - 1. He advised all to continue to be vigilant about their surroundings and to say something if you see something.
 - 2. He addressed a question about the time for park closings which is at dusk (9 pm).
- d. Miles Burnett, from Councilman Andy Cohen's office reported on the work of the Councilman in bringing resources to the community.
 - 1. He cited Frisch Field and Sam's Carpet for further consideration for a 52 Pct. Annex.
 - 2. He is also concerned about ads for E Cigarettes around schools.
 - 3. On Saturday, June 8th the Councilman and Assemblywoman Nathalia Fernandez will sponsor free mammogram screenings at 10 am at Mosholu Library by appointment.
 - 4. On Sunday, June 9th the Councilman will give away free helmets from 12 pm 3:30 pm at Mt. St. Vincent at 6301 Riverdale Ave.
- e. Hidekee Salazar, from Assemblyman Victor Pichardo's office reported on the many services available to the community from housing to immigration and everything in between.
 - 1. There is also information on the many Summer programs open to residents without cost.



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- f. Maris Gelman, from State Senator Alessandra Biaggi's office, reported on the Senator's work in Albany regarding housing reform and rent laws. On Friday, June 7th the Senator will sponsor a Housing Resource fair from 4 7:30 pm at PS 83 at 950 Rhinelander Avenue. All are welcome.
- g. Assemblywoman Nathalia Fernandez reported on her work in Albany and the legislation recently passed. In her district, she is involved in community activities ie: cleanups, distribution of shopping bags and a Mammogram Event at Mosholu Library on June 8th. Plans are being made for a Bronx Day in Albany sometime in March.
- h. Sirio Guerino reported on the cleanup at Parkside Place. On June 3rd there will be an outdoor event. The vote for the placement of a 4th High School in DeWitt Clinton will take place at Taft High School. There is much opposition over this issue and people are urged to attend the vote and cite their objections. Sirio is urging the community to sign petitions that are out in the community to support the placement of a 52 Pct. Annex in Sam's Carpet Store.
- Aldo Perez thanked all for their support in his recent illness. He commented on all the activities
 of Bronx Week which included the entire community. He urged all to continue this inclusion of
 all members of this diverse community.
- j. Melissa Russo, a community resident wished to report a recent attack on her dog by another dog in the park. The owner of the other dog ran out of the park before she could be addressed.
- k. Ingrid Sotelo, from NYC Census 2020 informed the public of the importance of participating in the census to ensure a fair and accurate population count through the 2020 census survey. She focused on what's at stake and how the public can help in registering a correct count. She noted that the BP's office has formed an outreach committee to ensure that every person is counted. For further information on the committee call (718) 590-2653.
- Dilletta Pina noted the next Public Safety meeting was on June 13th. She spoke of the BP's Celebration of CB's in May. She thanked the BP and Tom Lucania for their kindness.
- m. Kevin Davis cited the issues of lack of parking and obesity in the community. He suggested that more exercise is in order and therefore supports the expansion of Jump Bikes.
- n. Pilar Maschi, from the Partnerships for Parks is inviting all to a Community Visioning Forum on Monday, June 10th from 6 8:30 pm at University Heights Presbyterian Church on the corner of 181st Street and University Avenue. Dinner will be served. Aqueduct Walk will be on the Agenda.
- o. Gloria Bent, from NCBH described the services offered by the Hospital. She noted that space was available at the hospital for community events.
- p. Daniel Rannelle is advocating transportation alternatives and supports the Jump Bikes as healthy active transportation. He urges the CB to support the motion.
- q. Kenneth Wyrtch, a longtime resident, will be celebrating his 70th birthday on Saturday, June 8th between 3pm and 10:30 pm at La Casa de Frida Restaurant.



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He invited all and distributed a menu with reasonable prices for those who will attend.

- r. George Diaz thanked Sirio for his objection to the placement of another high school in DeWitt Clinton.
 - 1. He went on to discuss the Mayor's handling of NYCHA Housing risking some residents the risk of losing their apartments.
 - 2. He also cited a State housing bill on taxing housing which supported Real Estate interests rather than tenants.

III. Public Session ends/ Board Meeting opened at 7:55 pm

- a. Attendance taken; Quorum present
- b. The Agenda and the minutes were approved with changes.
- c. Motion(s):
 - 1. The motion on the approval of Jump Bikes was voted on and approved with 3 "No" votes from Bill Francis, Chad Royer and Helene Redd.
 - 2. The motion on the letter to DOT about their Safety Project was removed for further discussion at the June 6th meeting.
 - 3. A motion from the floor was made to have the CB send a letter to the Mayor to make the \$ 42,500 that was awarded to CB's from the City Council become a permanent line item.

The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Nominating Committee Report

- a. Sandra Erickson reviewed the nominating process. The following members were nominated:
 - 1. Treasurer: Edgar Ramos
 - 2. Secretary: Nora Feury, Gloribel Vega
 - 3. 3rd Vice Chair: Andrew Laiosa
 - 4. 2nd Vice Chair: Lowel Green, Kevin Davis
 - 5. 1st Vice Chair: Bill Francis, Cole Hawkins, Barbara Stronczer, Erick Ascencio
 - 6. Chairperson: Jean Hill, Emmanuel Martinez
- b. Election will be held on June 25th.
- c. As per the by-laws, the Nominating Committee of Community Board 7 did oversee the 2019 nominations for the 6 positions on 5/28/19. The nominations were as follows:
 - 1. Board Chair
 - Jean Hill nominated by Helene Redd & Gloria Bent
 - Emmanual Martinez nominated by Yeny Medina
 - 2. 1st Vice Chair
 - Eric Ascencio nominated by Gloribel Vega
 - William Francis nominated by Chad Royer
 - Cole Hawkins nominated by Adaline Walker-Santiago



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- Barbara Stronczer nominated by Nora Fuery
- 3. 2nd Vice Chair
 - Kevin Davis nominated by Gloribel Vega
 - Lowell Green nominated by William Francis
- 4. 3rd Vice Chair
 - Andrew Laiosa nominated by Edgar Ramos
- 5. Treasurer
 - Edgar Ramos nominated by William Francis
- 6. Secretary
 - Nora Fuery nominated by Barbara Stronczer
 - Gloribel Vega nominated by Kevin Davis

V. Chairperson's Report

a. Jean noted the honor she received by BP Ruben Diaz at the Community Boards celebration. She reminded all about the June 8th Bus Ride. Please E Mail Jean your RSVP.

VI. Executive Committee Report

- a. On May 19th the Bronx Parade will be held on Mosholu Pkwy. It is important that we have representation from the Board members. We will meet at 12 noon on Mosholu Pkwy and Hull Ave. We need volunteers to man the CB 7 table.
- b. The Bus Tour is on June 8th.

VII. District Manager's Report

- a. District Service Cabinet-
 - 1. NYPD
 - Increase in robberies in Sector B and C (e-bikes)
 - Beware of Phone scams asking for personal information
 - 2. FDNY
 - 2779 Webster Avenue has a large amount of tires blocking the nearby business. The tire shop has been fined and asked to clear the pathway
 - 3. DEP

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- City DEP proposing over 2% water rate increase. New Yorkers could see a
 water rate increase next year. The city Department of Environmental Protection
 is proposing a 2.36 percent increase to fund critical drinking water and
 wastewater projects. A typical customer would see a monthly increase of
 between \$1.35 and \$2.17.
- Backflow prevention devices prevent contaminated water or chemicals from flowing back into the public drinking water supply system. Certain types of businesses are legally mandated to install and operate approved backflow preventers. Corner https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/forms and permits/backflow faq.shtml-



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- 4. <u>DOT</u>- Parking sign change request/feasibility East 194th Street and Decatur to change from NO PARKING ANYTIME to NO PARKING TUESDAY & FRIDAY
- 5. <u>DOHMH</u>- Measles outbreak mainly in Brooklyn. https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/measles.page
- 6. OEM- would like to conduct presentations to large groups of people in the summer.
- 7. NYS Senator Alessandra Biaggi-
 - Will be providing constituent services for those residing within her senate district at Bronx Community Board 7 every second Tuesday of the month from 11am-4pm.
- 8. NYS Assemblywoman Nathalia Fernandez- Bronx Day in Albany June 12.
- 9. <u>NYC Council Member Cohen</u>- "Every Spot Counts" if you see an area where there is over signage notify his office.
- b. NYC Council Charter Commission—The 2019 Commission—made up of members appointed by the Mayor, the Speaker of the City Council, all five Borough Presidents, the Public Advocate, and the Comptroller—has a broad mandate to conduct a top-to-bottom review and will bring its recommendations to the public in November 2019. http://www.charter2019.nyc/
- c. Community updates: The owner of 307 east 204th Street (used to be chase bank) would like to potentially bring a GYM as a tenant and the area is not zoned for it. I will be connecting him to NYC Planning for any inquiries about the process. The follow up would be to come to the land use committee for input.

VIII. Committee Reports - See the minutes for complete information.

- a. Economic Development
 - 1. Reported on the meeting with the Foccus restaurant. The Waterfront Project will be discussed at the next meeting.
- b. Veterans Affairs
 - 1. Emmanuel thanked all the members who participated in the Veterans Brunch. He also updated the members on the Flagging Event at Woodlawn.
- c. Budget & Personnel & Ethics
 - 1. Andrew Laiosa explained the Attendance procedure.
- d. Environment & Sanitation
 - 1. Betty Arce noted the Clean-Up along Webster Ave. from Gun Hill Road to Mosholu Parkway. Organic Recycling continues to be an issue, The next meeting will feature a discussion on Fordham Landing.
- e. Education, Youth & Libraries
 - There will be an Education Resource Fair sponsored by the CB 7 Education Committee on Saturday, June 1st from 11 am -1pm at the Bronx Library Center on Kingsbridge Road.
 - 2. Myrna thanked the members who volunteered at the "Make A Wish" Event.
 - 3. Myrna cited the importance of Libraries in the community. She urges all to support our libraries and take advantage of all the events and other services provided by them.



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- f. Traffic & Transportation
 - 1. Representatives from DOT will be present at the next committee meeting on June 6th.
- g. Housing & Land Use & Zoning
 - John Snider reported on the CAMBA Project apartments and amenities. CAMBA is
 offering information on how to navigate NYC Connect Program. There are still
 concerns about the narrow street, overcrowding in schools and overall parking. The
 next meeting is on June 14th.
- h. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs
 - 1. The issue on new trees continues to be a concern.
 - 2. The Committee will address the many complaints of illegal activities in the parks by inviting a representative from the PEP Squad and the NYPD to attend the next Committee meeting.
 - 3. Barbara also reported that the Skate Park at the Williamsburg Oval will have to be redone taking about 4 to 5 months.
- i. Public Safety & Quality
 - 1. Dilletta Pina will be attending the Education Fair on June 1st. All information on the Committee is found in the minutes.
- j. Health & Human Services
 - 1. Conversation will continue about the report on the Emergency Room Experience at Montefiore Hospital.
 - 2. The Committee is advocating for training of police personnel in handling persons with a mental illness. An event on services for people of all ages is being planned for the Fall.
- k. Public Relations
 - 1. Lowell Green thanked all for responding to requests for news and pictures.
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, June 19, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204th St. Bronx, NY 10458
Members:	✓ Betty Arce ✓ Myrna Calderon ✓ Edgar Ramos ✓ John Snider
	✓ Dilletta Pina ✓ Chad Royer ✓ Bill Francis ✓ Andrew Laiosa
	✓ Lowell Green ✓ Nora Feury ✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Jean Hill
	<u>✓</u> Emmanuel Martinez
Minutes Done By:	Nora Feury, Secretary

Minutes:

I. Executive Committee Chair Remarks

a. Barbara Stronczer opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. She noted that this would be our last official meeting until September. She thanked the members for their support and commitment all year.

II. New Business

a. There was a presentation by Harry Bavaro and Dolores Ortiz from the Catholic Guardian Services regarding a planned residential program to be located at 110 West 183rd Street. The CGS has obtained funding from the U.S. Department of Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement, to operate a residence for children and young adults ages 12-17 who have recently entered the United States as undocumented immigrants as part of the Unaccompanied Alien Children program. The residence will have a certified capacity residence with a capacity for 24 children. The proposed program was described at length with questions and answers from the members. The CB will be kept informed about the proposed opening

III. Chairperson's Report

- a. Jean Hill reported on the controversy around repairs at the Jerome Reservoir. The eastern section is in CB 7 and the rest is in CB 8. The discussion centers around the water in the basin or the lack of water. The Community wants water and wants access to the Reservoir itself. The repairs will also affect the closing of the part of Lehman College parking lot which faces the Reservoir. The Reservoir Committee will be addressing these issues and hopefully will be able to come to an amicable agreement.
- b. Jean reminded all of the availability of the ER at NCBH, which is not overcrowded and has excellent health care.
- c. She noted that those who use Urgent Care should be aware of charges for services not covered by your provider.



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IV. District Manager's Report

- a. Redevelopment of the Fordham Landing section in our district:
 - 1. The property is located between the Harlem River and the Major Deegan Expressway, immediately adjacent to the University Heights Bridge. It was purchased by Developer Gary Segal and Brad Zackson. https://newyorkyimby.com/2019/05/final-negotiations-begin-for-3-5-billion-redevelopment-at-fordham-landing-in-the-bronx.html
- b. NYS Passed The comprehensive tenant protection legislation:
 - 1. https://nyassembly.gov/Press/files/20190611a.php
 - 2. This link will explain what the laws versus what it will be now: https://therealdeal.com/2019/06/18/analysis-heres-what-the-new-rent-law-will-do-to-the-average-stabilized-apartment/
- c. NYC Department of Homeless Services Summer Planning:
 - 1. Code Red: NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM) administers a Citywide Heat Emergency Plan that is activated during periods of extreme heat and humidity, as defined by the National Weather Service. During a Code Red, shelter is available system-wide to accommodate anyone who is reasonably believed to be homeless. Accommodations are also available for walk-ins. Homeless individuals experiencing heat-related discomfort are able to access the designated cooling area at any shelter.
 - 2. This link will list all the services available for individuals who are homeless: Bronx Fact Sheet- https://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/9ef4e05d-f42c-4c87-92a1-b74a4d310cf6.pdf
 - 3. This link will guide you on be helpful to New Yorkers and where to callhttps://www1.nyc.gov/site/dhs/outreach/street-outreach.page
- d. Preparing for first Community Resource Fair on Saturday, June 29th, 2018 from 12pm-3pm (rain or shine)- https://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/04bb9a36-dbfd-474c-91be-43345cc8a143.png
- e. We have been advised of a new Clinic in the same facility of the Shelter on 3600 Jerome Avenue. The clinic (Care for Homeless non-profit) will provide clinical services by providing suboxone to the shelter clients and other clients referred by providers. https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dhs/shelter/providers/cfh.page
- f. NYS Senator Alessandra Biaggi- Will be providing constituent services for those residing within her senate district at Bronx Community Board 7 every second Thursday of the month from 11am-4pm.
- g. NYC Council Charter Commission- The 2019 Commission made up of members appointed by the Mayor, the Speaker of the City Council, all five Borough Presidents, the Public Advocate, and the Comptroller has a broad mandate to conduct a top-to-bottom review and will bring its recommendations to the public in November 2019. http://www.charter2019.nyc/

V. Committee Reports & Motions

a. Budget, Personnel & Ethics



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- 1. Andrew Laiosa reported that all monies were accounted for. Thanks to all. The next meeting is on Monday, June 24th.
- b. Economic Development & Long Term Plannning
 - 1. No Report
- c. Education, Youth & Libraries
 - 1. Myrna reported on the huge success of the recent Education Fair at the Library. She thanked all the members who attended and supported the event. She was pleased to report at the number of signatures obtained at the event to continue library funding.
- d. Environment & Sanitation
 - 1. Betty Arce reported on the presentation by the Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency. The purpose of the Agency is to prepare communities to be resilient and ready to withstand and recover quickly from flooding and climate events. They described the work done since Hurricane Sandy and proposed zoning for coastal flood resiliency. In CB7 there are 9 buildings in the 1% and 0.2% floodplain. Looking forward the proposed zoning recommendations for future building in NYC will be greatly affected. The motion for a Letter of Support concerning the Brownfield Cleanup of the former University Heights Yard at West 192nd Street was discussed and after further discussion was tabled to be reviewed later.
- e. Health & Human Services
 - 1. The Committee is pursuing services for people with disabilities. To that end plans are being made to hold a Forum in the Fall addressing these concerns.
 - 2. The recent health assessment at Montefiore will be reviewed with further discussion to add comments.
 - 3. There was a concern expressed about the need for training police officers who may interact with persons who have mental illness. The Committee will be meeting with the PD to discuss issues pertaining to this subject.
- f. Housing, Land Use & Zoning
 - 1. John Snider reported on the Bedford Manor project. The recent Housing Legislation will be reviewed with further discussion in the fall. The committee will continue to keep the community informed on new housing laws and issues and especially tenants' rights.
- g. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs
 - 1. The PEP Squad described their duties in the parks and noted their responsibilities in conjunction with those of the PD. They described their plans for enforcement and the schedule for PEP Squad Officers during the Summer months. They listened to the members long list of issues and were willing to address them at once.
- h. Public Safety & Quality of Life
 - 1. Dilletta Pina reported on the presentation about Robo-Call scams.



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Advice on how to handle such calls were given along with a caution not to give anyone personal information over the phone.

- 2. Vladimir Rodriguez from the Friendly Visiting Program described his program where volunteers visit homebound seniors once a week. The volunteers receive a background check to ensure that the seniors are safe.
- 3. There is an upcoming Resource Fair on Saturday, June 29th at Poe Park. All are invited and encouraged to attend and bring a friend.
- 4. The 52nd Pct. is having an Open House on Friday, June 21st. Come and visit and tell your friends.
- 5. On June 21st Montefiore CAB is sponsoring a Yoga Night at Frisch Field at 6:30 pm.

i. Public Relations

- 1. The Newsletter is ready for the printers. Members are asked to review their section for last minute editing.
- j. Traffic & Transportation

1. Motion(s):

- To provide a Letter to fully support the concept of the Pilot Program of Electric Charging Stations. Locations to be determined. Proposed by Andrew Laiosa, Seconded by Lowell Green. Voted and agreed upon.
- To provide a letter of support to the Safe Routes to School Project for PS 307.
 Proposed by Yajaira Arias, Seconded by Andrew Laiosa.
- To provide a letter of support for the approval of the Southern Blvd Traffic Calming and Protected Bike Lanes Safety Project, presented by DOT.
- 2. The proposed route changing of the # 34 Bus was brought up because the present route is heavily used by residents. It was suggested that a public hearing be held with the MTA at Serviam Gardens as soon as possible.

k. Veterans Affairs

- 1. Emmanuel Martinez reported on the participation of the Committee in the flagging of graves on Memorial Day at Woodlawn Cemetery. This will be an annual activity for all those who wish to join them next year.
- 2. The Committee will continue to address the issues that affect most veterans ie: jobs, housing, health and other support services.
- 3. Emmanuel expressed his concern about the behavior of a community resident at his Committee meeting. The resident was disruptive and disrespectful continually interrupting the meeting. Members offered suggestions on how to handle the situation.. The issue will be addressed at the Personnel Committee on Monday.

VII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 8:25pm



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ECONMIC DEVELOPMENT & LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair	William Francis
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, June 26, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204th Street Bronx, NY 10458

Agenda:

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month
- IV. New Business
- V. Next meeting date: Wednesday, September 25th, 2019
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda
- VII. Adjournment





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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair	Emmanuel Martinez
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 26, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204th St. Bronx, NY 10458

Agenda:

I. Introductions

II. Review of last month's minutes

III. Follow-up from previous month

IV. New Business

V. Next meeting date: Thursday, September 26, 2019

VI. Discussion on next month's agenda

VII. Adjournment

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BUDGET, PERSONNEL & ETHICS COMMITTEE

Chair	Andrew Laiosa
Meeting Date:	Monday, June 24, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th St. Bronx, NY 10458
Members (Check Those In	✓ Andrew Laiosa ✓ Nora Feury ✓ Lowell Green Jean Hill
Attendance)	Edgar Ramos _✓ Barbara Stronczer

Agenda:

- Introductions I.
- Review of last month's minutes II.
- Follow-up from previous month III.
- IV. **New Business**
 - a. Attendance records were reviewed and letters will be mailed to the board members who are in violation of the CB7 bylaws regarding attendance requirements.
 - b. There are at least 13 vacancies on the board. Board members are appointed in April and begin serving in September. At this time we do not know how many new board members were appointed.
 - c. Every effort will be made to produce a yearly meeting schedule for the committee. Baring scheduling conflicts, the plan is to have the committee meet on the third Monday of every month that the board regularly meets. The committee expects to meet on Monday, September 16th.
 - d. Announcement: The Fiscal 2020 Adopted Budget includes a \$2.51 million increase for the City's 59 Community Boards. This initiative provides an additional \$42,500 to each Community Board's budget to be used for Other than Personal Services (OTPS) purposes. Fiscal 2020 Council Initiatives Agency Initiative Amount Community Boards Community Boards Enhancement \$2,507,500, TOTAL \$2,507,500
 - e. The committee went into Executive Session to discuss two ethical matters that require further attention. We discussed the possibility of producing a "Code of Conduct", using ideas from other community boards that are already using Codes of Conduct.
 - f. We will begin the year to examine ways to spend our budget for the fiscal 2020. We urge all committees to start the process immediately. The committee, along with the full board, will consider the expense of the past annual community bus tours, to modify the event, or to eliminate it completely from the budget the next fiscal year.
 - g. Preliminary discussions were started to investigate the possibility of an annual CB7 retreat to develop team building and getting to know each other better.
- Next meeting date: TBD V.
- Discussion on next month's agenda VI.
- VII. Adjournment



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ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE

Chair	Betty Arce
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, June 4, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th Street Bronx, NY 10458
Members (Check	✓ Betty Arce ✓ Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky SM Shah Mahmood
Those In Attendance)	✓ Gloribel Vega ✓ Alex Karman ✓ Gwendolyn Thomas Steed
Minutes Done By:	Betty Arce

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month
- IV. New Business
 - a. Presentation by Christine Camilleri (DCP, Resiliency, Bronx) "Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency"
 - Update on the Department of City Planning's work to promote the resiliency of the City's building stock located within the floodplain through an upcoming Citywide zoning text amendment called "Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency".
 - Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency would provide building owners flexibility to design or otherwise retrofit their buildings to reduce damage from flooding, be resilient in the long-term, save on flood insurance costs, and expedite future-storm recovery.
 - 2. Goals of the program:
 - Encourage resiliency throughout the city's current and future floodplain
 - Support long-term resilient design of all building types by offering flexibility in the zoning framework
 - Allow for adaptation over time through partial resiliency strategies
 - Facilitate future-storm recovery by removing regulatory obstacles
 - 3. Flood Risk in CB 7-9 buildings are in the 1% and 0.2% floodplain primarily commercial & manufacturing structures in the former Fordham Landing area
 - 4. The full preliminary recommendations are available online: https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/plans-studies/flood-resiliency-update/zoning-for-flood-resiliency.pdf
 - 5. Additional resources:



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- NYC Flood Hazard Mapper <u>www.nyc.gov/floodhazardmapper</u>
- Info briefs on Flood Resilience Zoning, Flood Risk, Flood Resilient Construction, and Flood Insurance www.nyc.gov/resilientneighborhoods
- V. Discussion on next month's agenda
- VI. Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 3, 2019
- VII. Adjournment Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm



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EDUCATION, YOUTH & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Chair	Myrna Calderon
Event Date:	Saturday, June 1st, 2019
Event Time:	11am-1pm
Event Location:	Bronx Library Center 310 East Kingsbridge Road Bronx, NY 10458
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	✓ Myrna Calderon ✓ Emmanuel Martinez Yeny Medina ✓ Denise Relf

- I. Introductions
- Review of last month's minutes II.
- Follow-up from previous month III.
- **New Business** IV.
- a. Education Resource Fair at the Bronx Library Center vt meeting date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 cussion on next month's actions.
- Next meeting date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 V.
- Discussion on next month's agenda VI.
- Adjournment VII.





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TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Chair	Edgar Ramos
Meeting Date:	Thursday, June 6, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204th Street Bronx, NY 10458
Members (Check Those	✓ Edgar Ramos ✓ Yajaira Arias ✓ Lowell Green ✓ Andrew Laiosa
In Attendance)	Sasha Mejia
Minutes Done By:	Edgar Ramos

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous meeting
- IV. New Business
 - a. Presentation by Felicia Tinnah of DOT on Electric Vehicle Charging Stations totaling 120 stations throughout 5 Boroughs leaving about 5 stations within CB7. NYCDOTprojects.info would be the location of the presentation. Plans to put station near Large Parks and anchor locations such as Fordham Hill, Montefiore, Kingsbridge Armory, or Botanical Gardens.
 - 1. **Motion** for a Letter to fully support the concept of the Pilot Program of Electric Charging Stations. Locations to be determined Proposed by Andrew Laiosa Seconded by Lowell Green. Voted and agreed upon.
 - b. Preliminary Presentation by DOT, Department of Design and Construction for Safe Routes to School Project for PS 307. Part of Vision Zero Project, covers both CB7 and CB8. Proposing Safety Improvements. Capital Project needing a letter of support.
 - 1. **Motion** for a letter of support to the Safe Routes to School Project for PS 307 Proposed by Yajaira Arias, Seconded by Andrew Laiosa.
 - c. Discussion of a few pending DOT improvements, such as Clinton High School Cross Walk improvement, to be starting soon. Also paving for Bedford Park underpass at the Grand Concourse. We also discussed the Southern Boulevard Safety Improvement. Considering CB6 and Stakeholders that it effects.
- V. Next meeting date: Thursday, September 5th, 2019
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda
- VII. Adjournment



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HOUSING, LAND USE & ZONING COMMITTEE

Chair	John Snider
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, June 11, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th St. Bronx, NY 10458
Members (Check Those	✓ John Snider Erick Ascensio ✓ Sandra Erickson ✓ Edgar Ramos
In Attendance)	Helene Redd ✓ Barbara Stronczer
Minutes Done By:	John Snider

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month
- IV. New Business
 - a. First order of business was a presentation by NYC Department of City Planning (DCP) on the proposed development of Fordham Landing/Waterfront and the ULURP process. There are many obstacles before the property can be developed, however, the developers are willing to commit 3 Billion Dollars to develop the area with housing, retail stores, and schools. Sean from DCP stated the property is years away before any type of development can and will take place.
 - b. Our second order of business was a follow-up presentation from the Bedford Manor Tenant Association on the status of their ongoing concerns regarding repairs in their building and their relationship with the landlord. In the interest of fairness, representatives from STAGG was invited to attend the meeting but choose not to do so. It became near to all, that the Tenant Association was in need of technical assistance from an organization that has depth knowledge and expertise in these matters. The Northwest Bronx Clergy Association has agreed will work with them and come back to the committee in the fall with their plan of action.
 - c. Finally, BronxWorks' Jerome Avenue Shelter Program Director briefed the committee on a partnership they have with CARES FOR THE HOMELESS, an organization that currently provide medical as well as mental health services to the clients of the shelter. CARES FOR THE HOMELESS are in the process of negotiating with the building landlord to rent and adjoining space to open an Out-Patient Drug Program for members of the community. This announcement caught the committee and community board as a whole by surprise, in addition, if the proposed leasing of the space goes through how will it intact on the quality of life in the area? CARES FOR THE HOMELESS will be invited to committee meeting in the Fall.



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V. Discussion on next month's agenda

VI. Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 10, 2019

VII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm



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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, June 12th, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th St. Bronx, NY 10458
Members (Check Those	✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Betty Arce ✓ Nora Feury ✓ Chad Royer
In Attendance)	✓ Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed
Minutes Done By:	Barbara Stronczer

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month
- IV. New Business
 - a. Staffing: Joe Magneri, the Parks' Manager announced an increase of 3 more
 - b. CSA's. Seasonal workers will be cutting grass on Mosholu Parkway. 2 seasonals have been assigned to the Oval. PEP officers have been assigned to Devoe Park on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. St. James and the Oval also have a PEP officer assigned to their Recreation Centers.
 - c. Williamsbridge Oval Skate Park: The cement on the skate park has cracked and must be removed and replaced by the contractor. The work should take approximately 4 to 5 months.
 - d. Oliver Place Lot: A not for profit, the Bridge Arts Group, is interested in using the lot for a community garden. The lot has been the source of illegal dumping and drug use for many years. CB#7 will try to arrange a meeting with the group and DOT to reach this goal.
 - e. Southeast Corner of Van Cortlandt Park: The construction at this site is for the building of a new golf house. Lynn Pyle, a former member of the Croton Filtration Advisory Council has asked to see the plans for this structure. Some trees in the area will be removed for this construction. The Parks' Committee will reach out to Stephanie Thayer, the Deputy Administrator of Van Cortlandt Park to request a meeting to discuss this issue.
 - f. Enforcement of Rules in District Parks: Two members of the PEP Squad in addition to Crystal Revron, the Community Affairs Officer from the 52nd Precinct, discussed plans for the enforcement of illegal activities and quality of life issues. PEP has been reduced from 54 officers to 34 in the Bronx. Several residents from the north side of Mosholu Parkway attended the meeting to complain about illegal dumping, loud music, drug use, and barbecuing along the Parkway. PEP will try to visit the area during the summer. P.O. Reveron discussed the problem of escalating encounters when one attempts to halt the barbecues. It was suggested to call 311 when problems arise. After much discussion, the officers promised to do whatever is possible with their limited staff.
 - g. Garbage Receptacles: The lack of a sufficient number of garbage receptacles in the parks was discussed. Joe Magneri, the manager promised to have additional receptacles in place in two weeks.



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- h. Jennifer Gomez, representing Grow NYC-Youth Market, encouraged everyone to visit the Green Market located at Gun Hill Road and DeKalb Ave.

 The market is open on Thursday's from 10:00AM-5:00PM.
- i. Activities in the Parks' for June were highlighted. They include:
 - 1. The Opera at the Oval: June 15th 4:00PM
 - 2. Movies at the Oval: June 18th 8:00PM
 - 3. FOMP Garden Festival: June 22nd at PS 8 Playground- 12:00PM
 - 4. Community Resource Fair at Poe Park: June 29th -12:00PM
- j. The following issues were brought to Joe Magneri's attention:
 - 1. Trimming of the shrubs at Tracey Tower's triangle
 - 2. Rat abatement on the north side of the Webster House
 - 3. Illegal dumping along Mosholu Parkway North from Webster to Hull Avenues.
 - 4. Locking of Devoe Park every evening
 - 5. Infield clay for Frisch Field and the unlocking of the field for community access
- V. Discussion on next month's agenda
- VI. Next meeting date: Wednesday, September 11, 2019
- VII. Adjournment The meeting ended at 7:45 PM.



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PUBLIC SAFETY& QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Dilletta Pina
Event Date:	Thursday, June 13, 2019
Meeting Time:	7:00 PM
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th St. Bronx, NY 10458
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	✓ Dilletta Pina ✓ Yajaira Arias Stanley Richards Helene Redd ✓ Adaline Walker Santiago Tiffany Wheatland-Disu
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Narrative Done By:	Dilletta Pina

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month
- IV. New Business
 - a. Crime Prevention Officer, Frank Pacella, gave a very informative presentation about Robo-Calls Scams. Advising the participants to inform their neighbors, family members, and friends to be careful not to give personal information over the phone when they get an intimidating call asking to provide financial information. He also advised that no one should be sending money to anyone requesting that you buy a gift card and then send the gift card to them. Also, we must remember that no government agency call on the phone for information, they write to us. Do not fall for the Social Security scam that says that your social security is suspended and they need to verify information on the phone. These scams are all going on presently and they affect mostly the senior citizens and people with disabilities, but they can affect anyone.
 - b. Vladimir Rodriguez, Coordinator of the Friendly Visiting Program of Neighborhood Shopp, gave a presentation about the program. The Friendly Visiting Program is one where the volunteers visit a homebound senior at least once a week for one hour. This visit gives the senior a much needed socialization session where the senior can talk about whatever the senior wants and the visits are instrumental for the mental health of the senior. The volunteers get a background check, conducted by the NYC Department for the Aging, to insure the seniors are safe. Volunteering for this program is a six month commitment to visit one senior for that time. Of course, this time can be extended depending on the relationship of the volunteer and the senior.
 - c. One of the participants spoke of an ice cream truck that parks at 2848 Bainbridge Avenue and idles and keeps the music going while stopped and this noise bothers the seniors at that location. Officer Pacella suggested to call 311 and get a reference number so the precinct can follow up.
 - d. The Committee Chair informed everyone about the upcoming CB7 Community Resource Fair on Saturday, June 29 at Poe Park.



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Fliers were provided by the staff and a poster was given to Officer Pacella to place in the precinct for all officers to be aware.

- e. Officer Pacella informed us about the 52nd Precinct Open House on Friday, June 21st and asked that we come and that we spread the word to the community residents.
- f. The Chair also stated that Montefiore CAB is sponsoring a Yoga Night at Frisch Field on Friday, June 21st starting at 6:30 P.M. So, we can attend the open house at the precinct and then go to the yoga event right down the street from the precinct.
- g. Future Events:
 - 1. CB7 Community Resource Fair on Saturday, June 29 at Poe Park
 - 2. 52nd Precinct Open House on Friday, June 21st
 - 3. Montefiore CAB Yoga Night at Frisch Field on Friday, June 21st
- V. Next meeting date: Thursday, September 12, 2019
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda
 - a. Recess until September
- VII. Adjournment



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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair	Chad Y. Royer
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, June 20, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th St. Bronx, NY 10458
Minutes Done By:	Chad Y. Royer
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	 ✓ Chad Y. Royer ✓ Gloria Bent ✓ Kevin Davis ✓ Alfred Grant Cristina Contreras Helene (Jake) Wilson ✓ Carmen Miranda
Minutes Done By:	Chad Y. Royer

Minutes:

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month
 - a. Follow Up From Carlos Tejeda of Montefiore
 - 1. Community Health Specialist Carlos Tejeda was unavailable to provide an update with the results of the study
 - 2. The deadline for submissions was extended to May 31, 2019

IV. New Business

- a. The Health Committee members discussed an event for the Fall of 2019 regarding The Needs For Individuals With Disabilities. Target dates are October 8 and October 15, and Lehman will host the event
- b. Gloria Bent Is working on a Mental Health forum at North Central Bronx Hospital for the next term. Target dates are not available. The committee is very receptive of the idea.
- c. North Central Bronx Hospital is hosting a Health Fair on Wednesday, August 21. They are looking for people for participation and tabling. All are invited to attend.
- d. NY Health Act
 - 1. Roberta Todd was unable to attend the meeting, but was able to present information to be shared with the committee
 - 2. The goal of the New York Health Acts (A.5348, S.3577) is to provide comprehensive healthcare for all New Yorkers and address the disparities in the health care provided to people of color in New York State.
 - 3. A forum was held at St. James Episcopal Church this past Sunday June 23, sponsored by NWBCCC and CB7.
 - 4. Some of the issues mentioned were high healthcare costs, medical bankruptcies, expenses that strangling our economy, and the need for healthcare to be ensured as a human right for all residents



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- 5. Residents are encouraged to reach out to legislators to support this bill. A sample that was presented to the committee is the following: "I heard about the NYS Health Act at a forum at St. James Forum and would like you to support this bill so that it passes in the next legislative session because..." Any reason can be added to the sample as a request for the bill to pass, like I am without health care, I have a pre-existing condition that most insurance companies do not cover, I cannot afford COBRA, I fear that hospital bill will grow out of control if I or my family members get hospitalized, or I am under-employed.
- e. Request For Legislation/Support of New Standards For Training of Restaurants Around Food Safety
 - 1. Frank Cutrone, Community School Director and Health Safety Commission of UFT presented to the committee a concern regarding health in restaurants
 - 2. Allergies is a main concern where many restaurants simply do not have mandates for staff to be trained to attend to someone who has an episode like choking or losing consciousness
 - 3. Over 170 foods have been reported to cause a reaction
 - 4. Many restaurants have First Aid and AED banners, but not many people know how to administer care.
 - 5. Goal is to have restaurants have new mandates and procedures in place to educate staff with the knowledge and ability to assist a person when an emergency occurs. Cutrone is currently soliciting for signatures of support and support letters so that new laws can be put in place.
 - 6. **Motion:** To support the UFT's effort to include as a requirement for restaurant's license to have CPR, AED, First Aid, epipen and malaoxon and opioid training. Motioned by Kevin Davis, seconded by Gloria Bent. Motion passed.
- V. Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 17, 2019
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda
- VII. Adjournment



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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair	Lowell Green
Meeting Date:	No Meeting Held

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month
- IV. New Business
 - a) The Committee finished the newsletter. Board members are needed to help out at the CB7 2019 Community Resource Fair on Saturday June 29th. Let the District Manager know if you can help out.
- V. Next meeting date: TBD
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda
- VII. Adjournment