



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	11/18/2021
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Members In Attendance:	✓ Erick Ascensio ✓ Myrna Calderon ✓ Andrew Laiosa ✓ Edgar Ramos ✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Yajaira Arias
Minutes done by:	Yajaira Arias

Chairs welcoming remarks

Moment of Silence in honor of Carmen Miranda and Jeffrey Hunter

Attendance taken
Quorum met

Reading of Committee Guidelines/Executive Order

Correction: Add Michelle Avila and Victor Saldana to main page for attendance for the 10/21/21 Executive Meeting

- Corrections for last month's Executive Meeting:
1. Rehabilitate the Bocci Courts at Williamsbridge Oval
 2. Rehabilitate Fordham Landing Park
 3. Install railings around University Woods Park
 4. Landing

Motion to accept minutes with corrections presented by Chad Royer
Motion second by Michelle Avila

Chairman Emmanuel Martinez's Report:



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Attended Borough Board Meeting - presentation with Link NYC 5G roll out. Our community will be one of the areas which they are going to provide 5G Wi-Fi. Once the report comes from Marisol of Link NYC - it will be shared with the board

These past 2 years have been difficult for a lot of board members. The loss of Carmen and Jeffrey is difficult on all of us. They were more like family to us. Therefore, it's Important to stay in contact with one another.

Motion to go into Executive Session presented by Michelle Avila
Motion second by Betty Arce

Motion to go back to Public Session presented by Edgar Ramos
Motion second by Betty Arce

District Manager' Ischia Bravo's Report:

Audit and Capital and Expense - any help from any board members welcomed – (both are tedious projects).
Karla started Monday 11/15/21 - email set up but working on other credentials from the BP's office.
Hoping to start the new year with new staff and set up community starters in accessibility, transparency and records keeping
Happy Thanksgiving everyone

Committee Reports:

Budget Personnel Ethics - Andrew Laiosa
Committee on A Monday every month exact date to be determined

Environment & S sanitation - Betty Arce
Sanitation and DEP - resuming collecting concern trash 7 days a week
Alternate side pickup remains the same (once a week and sometimes twice a week)
Water quality issues - seasonal issue caused by organic compounds - if people feel that the water feels or taste different, please contact 311
Not meeting in December

Health - Michelle Avila
Joint committee meeting with Public Safety
Presentation Live On NY - organ donations
Big need specifically - Iliana from Live on NY will send information which will be shared with the board.
Letter sent to Montefiore last month. Montefiore has responded have agreed to set up a committee
Representatives will be attending the next meeting with more information.

Housing - Erick Ascensio



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Update from on Gio 3095 Webster Avenue for the new building
Homeless shelter - hosting public hearing on this matter
Fine Fare Supermarket taking over on Grand Concourse and Fordham Road
A motion will be presented at the next meeting - Motion to accept the supermarket taking over the space of the old Apple Bank on Grand Concourse and Fordham Road - suggestion was to remove the shopping cart from the front of the building.

Motion:

Housing: to accept Fine Fare Supermarket taking over Apple Bank on Grand Concourse - only concern was to remove the shopping carts out front.
Letter of support to landmarks commission for Fine Fare on the Grand Concourse minus the shopping cart in front of the building

Discussion:

Offloading of good would be at night - discussions on going to move bus stop
Montefiore Urgent Care hours (evening)
Length of unloading in the area

Motion second by Edgar Ramos

Vote taken: Motion passes - 1 abstention, 1 No

Park - Barbara Stronczer

Homeless issues at Mosholu and Poe Parks
Williamsbridge Oval Recreation is the only one open in our area
Poe Park Rec Center still closed due to the past hurricane
Tree lighting will be Tuesday, December 7 - Board members come up on the stage when they arrive

Public Safety - Victor Saldana

Joint with Health
Open to public with issues related in the last 30 days
Tentative working for a public hearing with Project Hope
New process for reporting drug use in our community
52nd Precinct

Traffic & Transportation - Edgar Ramos

Changes at DOT - Keith Kalb Interim DOT Commissioner for now
MTA - A lot of things in process - will keep up posted
DOT oversees the countdown clocks at bus stops



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Veterans - Chad

Fordham Village in getting Jericho Project to be more responsive contact has been made - Waiting for Elected officials to respond
Shawn Kington of the VA - go over the volunteer portion of the VA hospital
No meeting will be held in December

Education - Chad Royer covered

Committee did not meet quorum

By Law- Myrna Calderon

No report.

Expense Priorities and Request for 2023:

Erik Ascensio will go over Expense Priorities - gone over by the committees

Removals and/or changes

- #01 - Reach out to Michelle Avila in Health for more specific
- #03 - To be combined with #01
- #04 - Specifics to be added
- #06 - Operational Budget Expense
- #09 - Add second priority for DOB (contact HPD to obtain clarification as to which agency)
- #12 - Provide more public education and infrastructure
- #22 - to be combined #15
- #25 - Update stats from 2017 to make it current
- #26 - To be removed
- #28 - To be removed

Michelle Avila - addition(s):

1. Funding for pest control
2. Mental Health and Substance Abuse-expanding Street outreach for homeless services
3. Services to low-income New Yorkers (HRA Vouches, Housing literacy, Financial literacy, etc.) More funding to non for profits

Betty Arce - Addition:

Request: Inspect fire hydrant at a specific location and repair or replace as needed.

Explanation: Funding to retrofit hydrants with tamper-proof operating nuts so that only authorized personnel can open as needed. Currently hydrants can be opened at will by anyone with the appropriate tool, allowing for



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thousands of gallons of water to be wasted. Illegally opened fire hydrants release more than 1,000 gallons of water per minute and can reduce water pressure in neighborhoods making it difficult to fight fires. The water loss is staggering, particularly when you consider that hydrants typically remain open for much longer. Water pressure in nearby buildings is also affected, causing problems for hospitals, local businesses, and residents.

Responsible Agency: Department of Environment Protection and New York Fire Department

Chad Royer - Addition:

Request: provide funding to expand and enhance Veteran-based program UCHC with accessibility to medical/health care appointments and services

Explanation: Union Community Health Center (UNION) provides primary and preventive health care services to veterans. The Mission Act of 2020 was passed to provide Veterans with greater choices and priority access to healthcare. Since COVID has increased needs and limited veteran's ability to travel, many providers use telemedicine as a means of contact. UCHC seeks funding to provide equipment like WIFI tablets, provide staffing to train Veterans on how to use equipment, and provide the means for Mobile Medical Units to do trainings, transport equipment to Veterans, and provide a base for Veteran enrollment.

Responsible agency: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
(Add address within our district/letter of support)

Next Meeting Date: TBD

Everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Motion to Close: Chad Royer

Motion Second: Edgar Ramos

Meeting ended at 9:12p.m.