

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



HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MARTINEZ, CHAIRPERSON ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

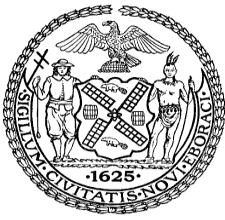
Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	January 20, 2022
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Members In Attendance:	✓ Erick Ascensio ✓ Myrna Calderon ✓ Andrew Laiosa ✓ Edgar Ramos ✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Chad Roger ✓ Yahaira Arias ✓ Betty Arce ✓ Michelle Avila ✓ Victor Saldana ✓ Education Chair ✓ Emanuel Martinez
Minutes done by:	Yajaira Arias

Minutes:

- I. Meeting Guidelines**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Review of previous minutes**
- IV. Follow-up from previous month**
- V. New Business:**

A. Motion (s) : To formally adopt the following CODE OF CONDUCT for ALL meetings.

1. Bronx Community Board 7 has the right to remove and or ask a member of the public to leave a meeting or block participation of anyone who engages in inappropriate conduct, including but not limited to obscene or offensive images or language, personal attacks, threats, or any other behavior that reasonably impedes the orderly administration of the meeting. The above clause includes the use of the chat function via teleconference. Repeated offenses will be reviewed by the board’s executive committee or Budget, Personnel and Ethics committee for a ban (the



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amount of time to be objectively determined by the above committee(s) of the participant in the event of repeated disruptive behavior. *If in person outbursts or attacks continue, this will be considered disturbing the peace and the authorities shall be summoned.*

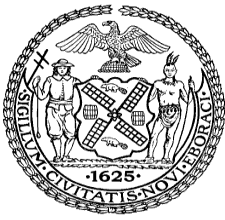
VI. DM Updates

A. Update on neighboring community fire at 388 East 181st Street:

1. For more information and resources, visit <https://on.nyc.gov/bronxfire> or call 311 (212-639-9675 for Video Relay Service, or TTY: 212-504-4115).
2. The Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City announced the launch of the [Bronx Fire Relief Fund](#) to support those affected by the recent apartment building fire in the Bronx. Those impacted by the fire on January 9th face a variety of associated costs. The Bronx Fire Relief Fund will provide them with financial relief as they recover and rebuild. 100% of donations will go directly towards supporting families impacted.

B. COVID Testing sites in the Bronx:

1. [Click to find a testing site near you](#), or text "COVID TEST" to 855-48.
2. You can get a free at-home COVID-19 test mailed to your home. Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. [Click here to order](#).
3. At-home testing for COVID-19 is now available to all immunocompromised New Yorkers and those ages 65 and older. To schedule an in-home appointment, call (929) 298-9400 between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM (7 days a week).
4. All New Yorkers should get tested now, whether or not you have symptoms or are at increased risk. Your COVID-19 diagnostic test may be conducted using a nasal swab, oral swab, or saliva sample.



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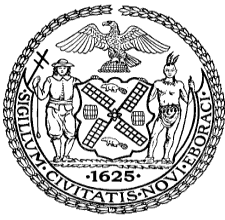
C. Winter Weather guidance

1. [PlowNYC](#) is to allow the public to: (1) track the progress of DSNY spreader/plow vehicles; and (2) confirm the snow designation of City streets.

D. The most up-to-date guidance on the Evictions Moratorium: the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and Illegal Lockouts can be found on the [Mayor's Office to Protect Tenants \(MOPT\) COVID-19 FAQ](#).

E. Community Updates:

1. January 19, 2022 at 6:45pm Officers responded to a call at E.198 street and Bainbridge avenue and discovered a 11month female shot once in the face. The Victim was removed to St Barnabas hospital and then transported to Cornell Hospital for further treatment. The 11 month old is in critical but stable condition. The 52pct Detective squad is currently investigating this shooting.
2. **We are getting a Stabilization Bed Facility at 2287 University Avenue**
 - a) Capacity/population: 59 Single Adults
 - b) Nonprofit service provider: Acacia
 - c) This location has been previously utilized to provide shelter to adult families without minor children.
 - d) Stabilization bed facilities provide specialized services in transitional housing settings and serve as an important step towards helping individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness accept services and transition off the streets. These locations are equipped with on-site resources, including health and mental health services, and compassionate staff who work closely with these New Yorkers to build the trust and relationships needed to help them stabilize their lives. These facilities are a vital tool for outreach teams when engaging unsheltered New Yorkers, providing a low-barrier housing



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option to a population that may not be ready for or may not be best served by more traditional transitional housing settings.

3. Kingsbridge Underpass

- a) Update: MTA has denied the closure of the other side where the entrance to the train is located. We will continue to push for the temporary closure in order to provide the local residents a better quality of life while still providing health services to those individuals who may have been using the underpass to sell or use illegal substances.

F. **JOB FAIR:** CAMBA with our partnership will be hosting a job fair on Wednesday, January 26th at 9:30 AM at 266 East 203rd Street across the street from the project’s development

<https://camba.org/careers/current-openings/>

G. **Bronx Community Board Applications:**

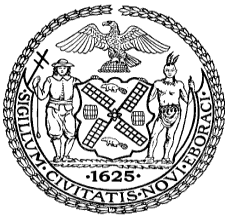
<https://bronxboropres.nyc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022-New-CB-Membership-Application.pdf>

H. **Mentions are:**

- 1. **New CAU Commissioner**
- 2. **New BP, New Electeds (scheduling members in Feb-June)**
- 3. **Discuss possible Chair training Jan 26 or Jan 27:**
 - a) **City Charter**
 - b) **Meeting etiquette**
 - c) **Agendas: content**
 - d) **Minutes**
 - e) **Timelines**
 - f) **Quorum**
 - g) **Meeting Decorum for members and the general public**

VII. Committee Reports:

A. Environment and Sanitation – Betty Arce



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1. There are staff shortages due to COVID. Garbage collection and other sanitation issues are delayed during this time. Christmas tree picks up have begun.

B. Education, Youth & Libraries – Jhenelle Robinson (if applicable)

C. Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos

1. Awaiting DOT update on financing.

D. Housing, Land Use & Economic Development – Erick Ascensio

1. Brought housing concerns to HPD.

E. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer

1. Received recommendations for tree lighting. Received BID requests from the Parks Department in regards to tree sales.

F. Public Safety & Quality of Life – Victor Saldana

1. Fire hydrant violations have been brought to the attention of the NYPD. Fire safety information was provided by the FDNY.

G. Health & Human Services – Michelle Avila

1. Reserve Health Inc. are looking to collaborate with community organizations to retrieve data on the public's opinion on COVID vaccinations and testing. There is a decline in COVID19 cases in The Bronx.

H. Veterans Affairs – Chad Y. Royer

1. Received an update from members of Fordham Village.

I. Ad Hoc Bylaws – Myrna Calderon

1. Reviewed and changed grammar issues to the bylaws.

J. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Andrew Laiosa

1. Tentative date for the next meeting will be February 2nd, 2022. The committee will begin to work on the attendance issue.

VIII. Next Meeting: [February 17, 2022](#)

IX. Discussion on next agenda

X. Adjournment