



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



VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT

BARBARA STRONCZER, ACTING CHAIRPERSON

ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

## GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer, Acting Chairperson</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>October 25, 2022</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Via Zoom Video/Teleconference</b>
<b>Meeting Recording:</b>	<a href="https://youtu.be/hOu_vRpF74k">https://youtu.be/hOu_vRpF74k</a>
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Yajaira Arias</b>

**Minutes:**

Interim Chair of CB7 Barbara Stronczer - Welcoming Remarks

Reading of Guidelines & Code of Conduct

**Public Hearing**

**Elected Officials:**

**Assembly Member Natalia Fernandez**

Welcoming remarks

Thank you and well wishes to Ischia Bravo in her new position as Bronx County Clerk.

Reminder of voting in November 8th

Food Pantry Give away on 11/4/22 from 2 p.m. until supplies last - outside of Ridgewood Bank

Job Fair recently held – if any constituent needs further information as to the jobs, please contact the office - fernandezn@nyassembly.gov or call us at (718) 409-0109.

**Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz**

Thank you and well wishes to Ischia Bravo in her new position as Bronx County Clerk

Reminder of voting in November 8th and to please read and review the proposal on the ballot:

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Proposal 1: Environmental Bond Act of 2022

Proposal 2: Statement of Values for City Government

Proposal 3: Racial Equity Plans and Office

Proposal 4: True Cost of Living

## **Councilmember Eric Dinowitz**

Welcoming remarks

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On 10/24/22 Held Public Safety Town Hall with Deputy Mayor Phillip Bank

At the townhall several topics were of concern: from Public Safety to catalytic converter theft to cameras going up to truck parking.

Co-sponsored legislation regarding Universal childcare package:

- one creates an online website a portal for all the all the childcare in the in the city
- creates a childcare Advisory board that you know does assessments and studies on childcare in the city another would provide a grant for a pilot program for childcare providers

For events and community meetings – please sign up for their newsletter or follow on all social media platforms.

<https://council.nyc.gov/eric-dinowitz/legislative-updates/> [Dinowitz@council.nyc.gov](mailto:Dinowitz@council.nyc.gov)

## **52nd Precinct - P.O. Echevarria**

Welcoming remarks

Crime stats report

Precinct Council Meeting 10/27/22 at Fordham Hill Oval – Kensington Building at 7 pm.

Trunk or Treat Halloween Event on 10/31/22

Status of Catalytic Converters for our community

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/nypd/stats/crime-statistics/borough-and-precinct-crime-stats.page>

## **Councilmember Pierina Sanchez**

Welcoming remarks

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Acknowledgment of 46th and 52 Precinct Officers and the wonderful work they do in our community

Briefly discussed the Participatory Budgeting

Briefly discussed Kingsbridge Armory Workshops

## **Councilmember Feliz**

Congratulations to Ischia. Thankful for your continuing her professional endeavors in The Bronx. Looks forward to continuing to be an ally to Karla, Jade, Yajaira & board members.

Updates:

Fire Safety Legislation- space heaters, uncertified e-bike batteries

Creating a task force with Fordham BID to address safety concerns on Fordham Road

Secured 2 M in funding for a new playground and cameras at P.S. 54 2M

Additional work at Poe Park-reconstruct playground and add sprinklers

Office is open in person 10am to 4pm; Fridays office is open remotely

## **Comptroller's Office – Matthew**

Welcoming remarks

Provided updates on General Obligation Bonds

HPD and NYCHA audits and oversight

## **Public Advocate's Office – Socrates**

Welcoming remarks

Provided updates on calling for the ending of solitary confinement at NYC Jails

Discussions with Montefiore as to the closing of their private practices

Walk for Peace to end Gun Violence

## **Bronx Borough President's Office – Alicia**

Welcoming remarks

Updates: BP newsletter was sent out

Mayor's extension of executive order (another 30 days)

Reminder to submit EEO forms

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**District Attorney Office – Robin**

Welcoming remarks

No new updates

**Senator Gustavo Rivera – Sadi**

Welcoming remarks

Assisting with landlord tenant issues (repair/arrears)

Office is open and available

**Senator Biaggi – Tyler**

Welcoming remarks

Food and Health empowerment fair will be held in November

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors - Henry Morgan & Robert McCool**

Welcoming remarks

Brooklyn based 503c organization - discussed HUD foreclosure prevention

**Sirio Guerino**: Clinton HS Pool – hold elective officials accountable

**Myrna Calderon** – President of Fordham Hill Corporation: Fordham Hill celebrated its 40 years – thank you to all in attendance

**Janely Perez** - Interested in learning about resources for recently arrived migrants. Health & Human Services will follow up with email.

**Mosholu Library – Jane Addison**

Welcoming remarks

Services for migrants being provided at the library

**AJ Ramos**: Vote Yes on the cb7 sponsored events at the Bronx Victory Memorial but don't forget to add July 4th and all of pride month; Lost of Liberty Trees and Bylaws Committee Meeting observation.

**Closing of Public Session**

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Meeting called into order by interim Chair Barbara Stronczer

Motion presented by Myrna Calderon to go into Executive Session – Discuss Personnel Matters

Helene Wilson second motion to go into executive session

Motion to return to General Meeting presented by Yajaira Arias

Motion second by Betty Arce

**District Manager Ischia Bravo's Report:** Capital & Expense; highlighted the importance of being involved.

Thank you to Erick Ascensio and Yajaira Arias for facilitating this process.

Announces she will resign as Bronx CB 7 District Manager to start a new position as Bronx County Clerk in January 2023.

It has been a privilege to be a board member, and then District Manager.

Karla Cabrera Carrera – Received \$2,000 grant NYC Civic Commissions

Yajaira urges Committee Chairs to send updates on Capital & Expense Budget updates.

**Chairperson's Remarks:**

Takes a moment to congratulate Third Vice Chair, Andrew Laiosa for his many years of service to the community board as well as The Bronx County.

Secretary Yajaira Arias takes attendance

Quorum Met

Review of September 2022's General Board Minutes

Motion to accept minutes by Betty Arce

Motion seconded by Chad Royer/Myrna Calderon

Motion to accept the minutes passes

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Motions:

**Veterans Affairs:** Bronx Community Board 7 to host annual flagging events at Bronx Victory Memorial located at Mosholu Parkway between Marion Avenue and Hull Avenue in May (Memorial Day) and in November (Veterans Day).

Motion to accept the motion by Helene Wilson

Motion seconded

Questions:

Lowell Green requests to have location added to motion.

Response: Location gets added to the motion statement.

Andrew Laiosa asks to elaborate on what a flagging event is.

Response: A flagging event is the act of placing/replacing U.S. flags at a location to honor the service of Veterans.

Myrna Calderon asks if the event is in lieu of what happens at Woodlawn Cemetery?

Response: Both can be accommodated if time permits.

Betty Arce asks if we are encouraging people to place a lot of flags at locations?

Response: Wants to extend the invitation to all communities.

Betty recommends that flagging be limited as to not overpower the monument.

Betty Arce asks if we need a permit.

Response: yes, a permit is needed.

Yajaira Arias: A good way to start a new tradition.

Edgar: Suggests Cadet organizations provide military music.

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Yajaira: Clinton has a ROTC Program.

**Motion Update:** Veterans Committee recommends Bronx Community Board 7 to host annual flagging events of US flags at Bronx Victory Memorial located at Mosholu Parkway between Marion Avenue and Hull Avenue in May (Memorial Day) and in November (Veterans Day).

Motion passes

## **Nominations for Chairperson of Bronx Community Board 7**

According to bylaws, you must be a member of the board, and in good standing for a year before you can be nominated for the position.

Nominees must email board staff and Acting Chairperson by noon the following day to officially accept nomination.

Lowell Greene nominates Chad Royer; seconded by Nora Feury  
Jean Hill nominates Yajaira Arias; seconded by Myrna Calderon

At their General Board Meeting nominees will have 2 minutes to speak

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Budget:**

Committee will convene on 10/27/2022 to focus on the FY24 Capital & Expense Budget Requests and Attendance

### **Education:**

Did not meet in October, no quorum met  
Next meeting: November 16, 2022

### **Environment:**

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DSNY Updates: fall leaves collection: 11/27/222, 12/11/2022;  
10/22/2022 Safe Disposal Event

DEP Updates

Not meeting in November

For more information – please see minutes

**Health:**

DOHMH update: MPV

For more information – please see minutes

**Housing:**

CAMBA Update: buildings on 202nd and 203rd will be completed in 2023

In November, Kingsbridge Armory Presentation by EDC

For more information – please see minutes

**Parks:**

Discussions of Budget & Capital Expense

Maintenance Issues in the district's parks

Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 6pm Tree Lighting Ceremony

For more information – please see minutes

**Public Safety & Quality of Life:**

52nd Precinct Trunk or Treating Event

School Safety Officers

For more information – please see minutes

**Traffic & Transportation:**

Next meeting November 7, 2022

For more information – please see minutes

**Veterans:**

VA updates: on PACT ACT; food pantry, addition of 20 beds for spinal injury patients.

For more information – please see minutes

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## **ByLaws:**

Meeting was facilitated by Yajaira Arias

Article 8, 9, & 10

Set a meeting with the full board to explain edits to bylaws, give an opportunity to comment.

Voting will take place at November's meeting

Yajaira highlights FY24 Capital & Expense Budget Requests

Betty Arce announces updated EEO form

Jean Hill: Is there a deadline?

Response:

Lowell: Can I send a physical copy?

Response: yes, you can mail it in.

Michelle Avila, requests that Executive Order extensions be send out ahead of time

DM: Executive Order updates come from the Mayor

Alfred Grant, office number voicemail is full.

DM: The staff has cell phone numbers where you can reach out to them directly

Helene Hartman, advocates for a hybrid model

DM: The board's budget needs an increase to hire new staff to support a hybrid model

Jean Hill, can we offer computer literacy classes to the community?

Response: CM Sanchez' office can refer folks to computer literacy classes

Motion to close meeting presented by Chad Royer

Motion second by all members

Meeting adjourned

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