



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



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BARBARA STRONCZER, ACTING CHAIRPERSON

ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer, Acting Chairperson
Meeting Date:	November 15, 2022
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/9OtqUWgwdG0
Minutes done by:	Yajaira Arias

Minutes:

Interim Chair of CB7 Barbara Stronczer - Welcoming Remarks

Reading of Guidelines & Code of Conduct

Public Hearing

Elected Officials:

Public Advocate’s Office – Socrates Solano

Welcoming remarks

Introduced Bill that would allow small business to digitize paperwork and collection of currency

Passing of 18th person at Rikers Island – Public Advocate held several rallies in hopes of banning solitary confinements

Recent Elections – Everything went well

Public Advocate wants to record a special message for the holidays.

District Attorney Office - Carlos Torres

Welcoming remarks

No Report

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52nd Precinct - P.O. Echevarria

Welcoming remarks

No Crime Changes compared to last year

52nd Precinct Council Meeting

Sheriff and TA

Holiday Float 12/7/22

Holiday Toy Drive

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

Senator Gustavo Rivera – Rachel Ferrari

Welcoming remarks

Uptick in RSV affecting children

Assisting with landlord tenant issues (repair/arrears)

Office is open and available

Senator Jamal Bailey – Karina

Welcoming Remarks

Turkey Giveaways

Senator Biaggi – Tyler

Welcoming remarks

Annual Food and Health Empowerment Fair for the November Harvest season this Saturday, 11/19 at the Huntington Free library – There will be turkey distribution, fresh produce, and community resources. Supplies are first come first serve.

Senator Biaggi

Welcoming remarks

Thank you to DM Ischia Bravo for her work in our district.

Reminder of Annual Food and Health Empowerment Fair for the November Harvest

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Covid test available

Continue to provide constituent services

Assemblymember Yudelka Tapia - Daniel Flores

Welcoming remarks

Turkey Giveaways - please come by the office to receive voucher

Councilmember Oswald Feliz – George Cooke

Welcoming remarks

Parts of The Solution (POTS) – Health bucks

MS 313 Food Box (cost \$13.00) starting

Turkey Giveaways - please come by the office to receive voucher

Press Conference/Public Hearing as to E-bike batteries

718-842-8100

Councilmember Oswald Feliz

Welcoming Remarks

Thank you to Ischia Bravo for all her work at CB7.

Update as to the last meeting – Introduced Fire Safety Bill to restrict the sale of Ebike batteries. The council held a meeting on 11/14/22 with FDNY providing testimony as to the dangers of these ebike batteries.

Councilmember Pierina Sanchez - Adrian Cacho

Welcoming remarks

Thank you to all who attended Kingsbridge Workshop

Turkey Giveaway at St. James Park (first come first serve)

Councilmember Eric Dinowitz - Jenna Klaus

Welcoming remarks

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Coyote Info Session – more info to follow

Tracey Towers – Turkey Giveaways

Assemblyman Dinowitz introduced a bill that will require 311 System to conduct consumer satisfaction survey and results will be made public (similar to a report card)

Bronx Library Center - Pam Cora

Welcoming remarks

Social Workers Intern to assist residents (no appointment needed)

After School/Tutors are available

Piano Concert on 12/20/22 at the Library Auditorium

NYC ID – still being provided (via appointment)

Spiderman Card (limited edition) available when obtaining a new card or renewal
pamelacora@nypl.org 718-579-4239

Sirio Guerrino:

Collection of Leaves in other districts (6 other districts opting out) why are the other districts opting out?

Thank you to Ischia Bravo for all of her work with the board.

We will definitely be missed. She will be hard to replace.

Helene Redd – Reminder of Flag Event at Victory Memorial at Mosholu Parkway and Marion Avenue – Saturday 11/19/22.

Closing of Public Session

Meeting called into order by interim Chair Barbara Stronczer

Motion to accept Minutes presented by Chad Royer

Motion Second by Eric Ascencio

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District Manager Ischia Bravo's Report:

This is my last General Board and vacation will be possibly from 12/1 to 12/28/22
Resignation takes place 12/30/22 - A detailed email will be sent – stay tuned

Karla and Jade are available to assist the board

Voting Procedures – email was sent to members with a voting ballot. Voting results will be available upon request.

Staff will schedule zoom and share screen with the results

Final Budget Update to be provided in December.

Interim Chair Remarks:

This will be my last meeting as Interim Chair - Thank you to all members for the hard work done throughout the year.

Reminder that the candidates running hold positions and nominations will be taken at next month's general board meeting.

Candidates for Chair: Yajaira Arias and Chad Royer – each gave a small speech as to their candidacy and vision.

Q&A:

Helene Redd to YA – what is your vision for the board?

YA my vision is to work together and continue with transparency.

Erick Ascencio to CR – what are your thoughts on hybrid meeting option?

CR- open to hybrid option

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YA – agreed open to hybrid option

Samatha Souvatis – If you were to be elected what would be the first thing you want to put in place?

YA – hold a conversation with the membership to obtain their pro's and con's on the board and work to fix the cons and elevate the pro's.

CR – reach out to membership and obtain a gage as to what

Tayna Pena – other than a hybrid model in what ways can you engage the community?

CR – table visibility/corners/resident halls to reach those that don't know about Voter registration drive in the neighborhood.

YA – similar to Chad – walk around the district to engage the neighborhood more than one time during the year.

Alfred Grant – do you believe that there should be a time limit to be on the board?

CR – I am against limits as it can affect the membership if there is an exodus at the same time. The learning curve can become an issue and start from scratch.

Correction by DM: If more than 50% becomes unoccupied then remaining members will be given an extended term (up to 10 years)

YA – in terms of committees – yes, I believe that there should be term limits. There should be an opportunity for other members to lead.

Voting Session Closed.

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Attendance Taken:

Quorum met

Motions:

Motion to Accept Minutes presented by Andrew Laiosa

Motion second by Barbara Stronczer

Vote taken - Motion Passes

Budget, Personnel & Ethics:

Motion to approve Capital and Expense Budget presented by Andrew Laiosa

Motion second by Betty Arce and Michelle Avila

Vote taken – Motion Passes

Comment: Betty Arce – Thank you to all the members who participated. Special thank you to Erick and Yajaira and Andrew for working on the Capital and Expense.

Voting Results: Yajaira Arias is elected as Chair of Bronx of Community Board No. 7.

Committee Reports:

Budget: Meeting held earlier today - Capital and Expense.

Education: Meeting taking place on tomorrow 11/16/22.

Environment: No meeting held in November.

Health: November meeting is canceled.

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Housing – Presentation from EDC as to Kingsbridge Armory and workshops schedules.

Parks: The district now has a Parks traveling crew (7 individuals) for clean-up and maintenance.

Planning for holiday tree lighting 12/8/22 – in person rain or shine.

Public Safety: No meeting held in November.

Traffic: Presentation from DOT as to car share ride program
Hope to have a new CO of TD 11 at the next month's meeting.

Veterans: Meeting taking place on tomorrow 11/16/22
Reminder Memorial at Victory Memorial Flagging Event Saturday 11/19/22.

ByLaws: No meeting held in November.

Congratulatory remarks to Yajaira Arias from
Councilmember Oswald Feliz, Councilmember Pierina Sanchez and DM Ischia Bravo.

Interim Chair - Thank you to the staff for all their hard work – especially the voting process which is not easy. Reminder that the tree lighting will be on 12/8/22. Hope to see all of you there.

Motion to close meeting presented by Helene Wilson
Motion second by all members