

**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: | February 17, 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: | Betty Arce |

Minutes:

I. Meeting Guidelines were read

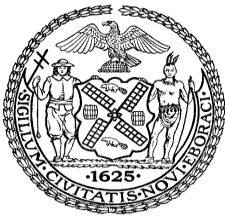
II. Attendance taken

III. Review of Previous Minutes

- Approved with corrections (Chad Royer’s last name corrected).

IV. District Manager’s Update

- LINK kiosks – locations & sitings. Additional kiosks to be installed along the southern part of Webster Avenue. Questions and comments to be forwarded to DM at ibravo@nyc.cb.gov
 - Invite DOITT to the next executive committee to address concerns of board members and community.
- FEPS voucher income thresholds have been increased to be able to meet increases in rents
- Zoom links for committees will remain consistent with the exception of Budget & By-Laws
- Live streaming on FaceBook will begin on March 2022
- DM emphasized the importance of submitting minutes on time in order to be able to distribute packets for General Board Meeting



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

- Every committee should take action on many items that come before the board - either as a motion, or letter to record the board's position on a particular project/matter.
 - Board discussed the merits and process for bringing motions and/or commentary (in the form of letters) that documents the board's concerns, whether pro or con
- 311 complaints should be forwarded to the office in order for the staff to have the data to track and support subsequent actions with the appropriate agency
- Yankee Scholarship requirements and deadline
- New developments and commitment to hire locally. Details in DM report
- The CB7 office will reopen soon for staff. Board meetings however will continue to be on zoom. Open meetings law has been extended until March 16th.

VII. Chairperson's Update

- Chair intends to form an ad-hoc committee on the Kingsbridge Armory that would reach out to stakeholders and share their thoughts & ideas with Councilperson Sanchez
- DM believes it is premature as it will be up to Borough President and City councilwoman Sanchez to determine the direction of what can be developed at the site.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Andrew Laiosa

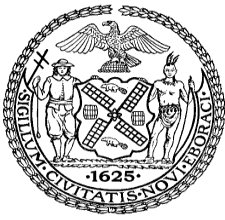
- Meeting 2/23 at 5:30pm

B. Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta

- Committee will review applications for the Yankee Scholarship
- Presentation by Literacy Inc.
- Presentation from Bronx Library Center
- CEC 10 President provided updates
- Bronx Alumni Delta Sigma Theta Sorority discussed a scholarship open to Bronx seniors
- CCRB – educational program on police encounters

C. Environment & Sanitation – Betty Arce

- DSNY updates
- DEP - Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)
<https://otda.ny.gov/programs/water-assistance/>



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

D. Health & Human Services – Michelle Avila

- Update on NYC HHS presentation on a DOC clinic at North Central - 120 beds: <https://bit.ly/3gNiuBB>
- Committee will have a presentation by NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene on a new opiod substance being sold in delis and smoke shops at next committee meeting
- Montefiore will be updating on patient safety concerns flagged in letter from CB7

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

- Presentation on a bed shelter on University Avenue gathering thoughts from committee for a letter.
- Presentation by City Planning on good urban design, gathering information until March 4 that will be shared with city agencies and community board during the summer: <https://www.goodurbandesign.nyc>

F. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer

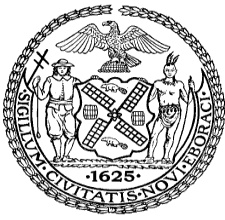
- Committee attempting to obtain answers from Forestry. Questions have been given to staff for follow up
- Williamsbridge Oval Rec Center has program for children during the recess

G. Public Safety & Quality of Life – Victor Saldaña

- Report by NYPD
 - Applications being accepted for Explorers and Blue Chip programs for children and young people
- Report from Bronx DA

H. Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos

- Transit District 11 report – less criminal activity
- DOT Presentation on safety project and Mosholu Parkway project
- MTA Bus route changes



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

I. Veterans Affairs – Chad Y. Royer

- Reps from Fordham Manor and Kingsbridge Terrace getting Vets t
- Speaker from VA – suicide awareness. A campaign to help veterans with suicide prevention
- Memorial zoom for late board member Jeffrey Hunter – Feb. 24 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm

J. Ad Hoc Bylaws – Myrna Calderon

- Meeting to be held Feb. 23, 2022

Next Meeting Date: [March 17, 2022](#)

Meeting adjourned