

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



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## HOUSING, LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Erick Ascencio</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>March 8, 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/roCbPtdThvU">https://youtu.be/roCbPtdThvU</a>
<b>Members In Attendance:</b>	<b>✓ Erick Ascencio   ✓ Myrna Calderon   ✓ Sandra Erickson</b> <b>✓ Edgar Ramos   ✓ Barbara Stronczer   ✓ Mahbubur Jewel</b>
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Erick Ascencio</b>

**Note:** (please click on active links for more information)

**I)** Meeting was started at 6:35 pm by reading the Meeting Guidelines as established by the Governor’s executive order and review of Agenda.

**II) Introductions and Attendance:** All Committee members were present and quorum was met.

**III) Previous Minutes** from February 2022 were reviewed and approved.

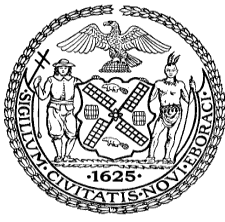
**IV) Follow-up from Previous Months**

a. Stabilization Beds Shelter: [2287 University Avenue](#)

- The board acknowledged the letter of concern from Fordham Hill Cooperative that was sent to DHS and elected officials. A separate meeting will be held between the concern parties, which will include CB7’s District Manager.

b. Open Restaurant Amendment

- The committee was updated about the passing at the City Council of the zoning text amendment in a vote of 46 -6 and 1 abstention with the modification that DOT adopt regulations for the Sidewalk/Open Restaurant Program and this legislation is passed before the text amendment can be fully effective.
- The public and committee members pointed out some roadside cafes structures in the community that have been abandoned.



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#### V) Agency Updates

a. DCP Updates: The Equitable Data website which will compile data for neighborhoods and the city. These data reports will be included as part of ULURP submissions and reviews starting June 1st, 2022.

#### VI) New Business

a. Deborah presented a petition geared to Hon. Leticia James, NYS Attorney General about the closing of fire department companies and ladders in the Bronx through the decades. She believes her study has a direct effect on the current fires that have happened recently in the Bronx. Her petition can be access by

b. Darry Santana from the Bronx Chamber of Commerce (BCC) provided an update on his recent canvassing of the businesses in the neighborhood along Jerome Avenue and Bedford Park Blvd. The BCC offers businesses help with loan applications, and marketing strategies.

c. Mega Contracting Group came to the board to solicit a variance for a DOB Saturday work permit for the building being built at 2520 Jerome Avenue; the site of Saint James Episcopal Church.

- The contractor stated that this permit will shorten the construction schedule by two months.

- Saint James Terrace is expected to be completed by June 2023.

- The foundation and first floor slab has been completed.

- Work in the building's superstructure will begin.

- All permits, including with the MTA are in order.

- The committee discussed and voted unanimously to allow the variance permit from 9AM to 5PM on Saturdays.

- In attendance for this presentation from Mega:

1. Eric Sinn

2. Charles

#### VII) Next Meeting Date:

a. Tuesday, April 11th, 2022, at 6:30pm via zoom

#### VIII) Discussion on Next Agenda: None

#### IX) Adjournment

THIS MEETING'S MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, CONTACT US AT:

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