



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



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EMMANUEL MARTINEZ, CHAIRPERSON

ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	April 21, 2022
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/jjoQYZr9ao4
Members In Attendance:	✓ Erick Ascensio ✓ Myrna Calderon ✓ Andrew Laiosa ✓ Edgar Ramos ✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Chad Roger ✓ Yahaira Arias ✓ Betty Arce ✓ Michelle Avila ✓ Victor Saldana ✓ Leurys Acosta ✓ Emanuel Martinez
Minutes done by:	Yajaira Arias

Minutes:

Chairs welcoming remarks by interim chair Barbara Stronczer

Meeting will be chair/hosted by second vice chair Chad Royer

Reading of Guidelines and Meeting Code of Ethics

Attendance taken - Quorum met

Motion to accept minutes – Barbara Stronczer

Motion second by Betty Arce

Motion Passes

District Manager Ischia Bravo’s Report: click on link: <https://bit.ly/3vEhNSI>

Special thank you for those members who attended the Easter Egg Hunt at Williamsbridge.

CB7 Meeting YouTube recordings will be posted as soon as possible.

Chairman’s Report:

Follow up with housekeeping items which can be done in executive session.

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PRESENTATIONS:

Human Services Committee's Chair, Michelle Avila hosted

Presentation of Verilife Medical Cannabis Dispensary now located at 27 West Fordham Road, Bronx, NY 10468

Verilife/Pharmacann Representatives:

Jonathan Greenspan – Managing Director at Mercury Affairs

Brandon Nemec – Government and regulatory Affairs Director at Pharmacann

Dr. Kevin Harbison – Pharmacist with Pharmacann – Manager of Clinical Services and clinical director for Maryland and Interim Director for NY

Franklin Ravelo – Manager of Verilife Dispensary at 27 West Fordham Road

Presenters provided an overview of the location together with floor plans and safety protocols.

Q&A:

Q: Will armed guards be needed?

A: Verilife is working with local NYPD to help de escalate any issue or situation

Q: Once cannabis becomes legal in NYS will the customers change or stay at a medical dispensary?

A: As of right now it depends on the changes of laws. Per the current laws customers will stay the same. Data has been looked at. The changes will be that recreational marijuana will be taxed differently from medicinal issues.

MA: suggestions of fact sheet regarding the recreational use of cannabis.

Q: How are patients referred and do they need a prescription?

A: A physician needs to obtain a prescription. A DR or PA can provide a script.

Cannabis is still considered a schedule 1 drug so the DR or PA must have the right to be able to prescribe.

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Q: Can purchase be made online?

A: Currently offer home delivery only.

Q: On site personally and open to community engagement and efforts

A: Yes, we are open for community engagement. Open to getting to know the community.

MA: Possibly coordinate a site visit at Verilife

Q: Will a recreational user be able to use your facility?

A: We are a medical facility; only clients with medical cards.

This location can be selected for recreational services. But we will not move forward without coming to CB7 first to inform of the changes. We want the involvement of the community.

Q: Why did the facility move from Hunt Point to Fordham?

A: Accessibility to our facility was an issue. We wanted to relocate to an area where public transportation would be easier for clients to

Q: Are you providing a living wage and training?

A: We pay more than the living median of the area. Employees are part of a union, and they are trained. We look for sales experience.

MA: We thank you for the presentation and we would like for your company to keep the lines of communications open with CB7 and our DM.

For more information - Verilife FAQ Bronx Relocation link below: <https://bit.ly/383vqCa>

Committee Reports:

Budget & Personnel – Andrew Laisoa

See Minutes Report

Attendance letters will be sent to the board members not in compliance.



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Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta

Committee did not meet because quorum was not met.

Communicating with members to commit to attend the next 2 meetings

Extension on NY Yankee Scholarship

Environment & Sanitation – Betty Arce

See Minutes Report

Motion presented: <https://bit.ly/3rRAnoN>

Restoration and expansion of Citywide Curbside Organic Collection

Letter to City Council supporting the restoration and expansion of the Curbside Organic collection program and ensuring that new buildings with 150 units and more in CB 7 participate in an organics collection program as mandated by the City.

Motion to be presented at the General Board Meeting - second by Chad Royer
(Motion to be revised for General Board Meeting)

Vote taken: Motion Passes

Health & Human Services – Michelle Avila

Committee did not meet – scheduling conflict

Housing, Land Use, & Economic Development – Erick Ascensio

See Minutes Report

Several presentations to take place at the next meeting

Parks – Barbara Stronczer

See Minutes Report

Received new tree list

Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos

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Veteran's – Chad Royer

See Minutes Report

Memorial Day – Flag placements

Public Safety - Victor Saldana

See Minutes Report

By Laws – Myrna Calderon

See Minutes Report

Motion to go to Executive Session

Motion second by Betty Arce/Yajaira Arias

All members agreed

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be [May 19, 2022](#).

Items for Next Meeting Agenda:

- Ad Hoc By Laws Updates
- Citi Bike Stations (locations and parking spots)

Motion to adjourn – Yajaira Arias

Motion second by Betty Arce

All members in favor

Meeting ended at 8:54 p.m.

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