



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



HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

YAJAIRA ARIAS, CHAIRPERSON  
MANAGER

VACANT, DISTRICT

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>March 23, 2023</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Via Zoom Video/Teleconference</b>
<b>Meeting Recording:</b>	<a href="https://youtu.be/wTLnuwurNqY">https://youtu.be/wTLnuwurNqY</a>
<b>Members In Attendance:</b>	<p>✓ <u>Erick Ascensio</u> ✓ <u>Myrna Calderon</u> ✓ <u>Andrew Laiosa</u></p> <p>✓ <u>Edgar Ramos</u> ✓ <u>Barbara Stronczer</u> ✓ <u>Chad Royer</u></p> <p>✓ <u>Yahaira Arias</u> ✓ <u>Betty Arce</u> ✓ <u>Michelle Avila</u></p> <p>✓ <u>Victor Saldana</u> ✓ <u>Leurys Acosta</u> ✓ <u>Ruth D. Caraballo</u></p>
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Ruth D. Caraballo</b>

**Minutes:**

I. Meeting Guidelines were read by Yahira Arias

II. Introductions/Attendance quorum was met

III. Review of Previous Minutes

minutes were tabled to be reviewed at the next executive meeting. Betty seconded the motion vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. District Manager’s Update by Karla Cabrera Carrera: <https://bit.ly/412hQWf>

BX CB7 community statement of need has been published by the Dept. of City Planning.

Accepting applications for the NY Yankee Scholarship 4/17 @ noon deadline.

Kingsbridge Armory drillhole tour 3/26 11-2 pm

V. Chairperson’s Update Yajaira Arias

Attended BPs cabinet monthly meeting reporting out the district.

Attended the NY Civil engagement training Land Use & equity.

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Reminder to review the April calendar for committee meetings, holidays etc.

**VI. Motion(s)**

**A. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs:** The committee requests a letter be sent to the NYC Parks' Commissioner stating our support for the installation of a PEP Station at Van Cortlandt Park. Copies of the letter should also be sent to our elected officials.

Motion made by Betty Arce

Chad Seconded the motion

Vote was taken motion carries

Questions Andrew - Are PEP officers @ Oval are assigned to the building or all parks in the area?

**B. Health and Human Services:** Bronx Community Board 7 to provide a letter of support to the NYC Department of Aging in support of Neighborhood SHOPP's NY Connects program in the Bronx.

Motion was made by Michelle Avila

Eric and Chad seconded the motion

Vote was taken motion carries

Motion carries

**VII. New Business**

**A. Capital & Expense Budget Requests Agency Responses**

Each committee should review at the upcoming meeting to review requests and report back to discuss how to move forward.

Eric asked if we are planning on discussing responses with elected officials? Yes, it is pertinent that committees review and prepare responses to committee meetings.

**B. Dept. of Transportation-Letter of Support for Grant Application**

Item will be moved to committee next week, the request came in after the monthly meeting.

**VIII. Committee Reports**

**A. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Andrew Laiosa**



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Met 1/19 two motions were passed by committee regarding board member attendance that were moved to the Executive where they were not passed.

**B. Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta**

NY Yankee Scholarship is accepting applications

March was a lively meeting. The Library budget is being cut, the closing of St. Brendan's school and will continue this discussion with elected officials and community residents.

**C. Environment & Sanitation – Betty Arce**

Met March 7th presentation by Environmental Protection Water Bill Amnesty Program. Changes to water distribution to come in the future. April 4th next meeting.

**D. Health & Human Services – Michelle Avila**

Met this past Tuesday and had a presentation by NYC Department of Aging in support of Neighborhood SHOPP's NY Connects program in the Bronx who is requesting a letter of support. NY Academy of Medicine Senior Survey in collaboration with the Bronx BPs office. The NYC Comptroller's office is also facilitating a survey for older adults. The committee will support the sharing of the digital and paper copies of the surveys within the community.

Discussion of Autism Awareness within CB7 4/18 is our next meeting. Add NYC Pools listing of items released, would like to continue discussions as this has been an issue in our CB for some time. Yahira and Karla have recently discussed with an elected official and encouraged them to add to their project list. More details to follow.

**E. Housing, Land Use & Economic Development – Erick Ascensio Hosted by Sandra Erickson, Vice Chair**

The EDC discussed the kingsbridge armory Public Workshop #3 results, more to report at the general board meeting.

**F. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs**

– report at the general board meeting



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#### **G. Public Safety & Quality of Life – Victor Saldaña**

Met March 9th report from 52 precinct, annotating changes and ongoing safety issue regarding lithium batteries.

Presentation from FDNY. Next meeting is the second Thursday of the month.

#### **H. Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos**

Next meeting is April 6th. DOT will be preparing a proposal and requesting a letter of support.

#### **I. Veterans Affairs – Chad Y. Royer**

VA made a presentation on PACT act. Presentation from Volunteers of Legal service helping veterans. 5/20 Memorial Day flagging event. Veterans resource fair coming soon.

#### **J. Ad Hoc Bylaws – Myrna Calderon**

Met last night and completed changes to the language regarding attendance. Board members will receive two versions reviewed prior to the presentation so that we can present at next executive and general board meetings.

#### **K. Ad Hoc DM Screening Committee-Michelle Avila**

Over 40 applications received and narrowed down for first round interviews 3/11 will identify dates for second round and will have a public meeting to move along with final candidates.

IX. Follow-up from Previous Meeting

X. Next Meeting Date: April 20, 2023

XI. Discussion on Next Month's Agenda

XII. Adjournment

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