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COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



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KARLA CABRERA CARRERA,

DISTRICT MANAGER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Barbara Stronczner
Meeting Date:	May 18, 2023
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/lbCcev6_i8A
Members In Attendance:	<p>✓ <u>Erick Ascensio</u> ✓ <u>Myrna Calderon</u> ✓ <u>Andrew Laiosa</u></p> <p>✓ <u>Edgar Ramos</u> ✓ <u>Barbara Stronczner</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>
Minutes done by:	Ruth D. Caraballo

Minutes:

- I. Meeting Guidelines by Barbara Stronczner
- II. Introductions/Attendance by Barbara Stronczner we have quorum
- III. Review of previous minutes
 - A. Betty Arce states there is an inconsistency notation of last name not listed. Ruth interjects to state that she will circle back and make changes to reflect both first and last name. Chad makes a motion to approve motion with corrections (first and last names to be annotated of board members throughout). Yajaira Arias Seconds the motion. All other members vote in agreement.
- IV. District Managers Update - Karla Cabrera Carrera



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- A. **5 youth who will be recognized before the Yankee Game on Friday as recipients of the Yankee Scholarship. Thank you to all who helped spread the word.**
- B. **Primary Elections June 27th**
- C. **Early Voting June 17th -25th**
- D. **Absentee Ballots deadline June 12th**
- E. **2 Community Coordinators www.nyc.gov/jobs**
- F. **Kingsbridge Armory Input Meeting Wednesday May 24th 5-7 pm @ Walton High School Campus Gym**
- G. **All New Yorkers 11 years and older can vote on community projects that best addresses the needs of the community 5/10-6/25 @ [NYC Civic Engagement Commission \(CEC\)](#)**
- H. **Bronx Week Parade will be this Sunday May 21 @ 170th Street and the Grand Concourse. I hope to see you there.**
 1. **Qs / Comments**
 2. **Betty Arce asked if there is a specific meeting location for CB board members Yajaira Arias answered that she will designate a location and ensure the board is emailed and texted those details.**
 3. **Andrew Laiosa asked for confirmation that the two positions to be filled were that of community coordinator annotating the difference of the historical allotted salaries were that of associate and coordinator. He is concerned with the fiscal implications of that on the salary lines in the budgets. Kara Carrerra Cabrera stated that she has been assured that she is still within the budget lines for salaries with this change. She also went on to explain her experience in that role and how the work is split; she felt it would be best for the team to proceed on an equal level. Betty Arce asked if there is a big difference between the two salary lines. Karla Carrerra Cabrera replied yes she**

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was making 68,000 in that position and the associate was making 45,000.

V. Chairperson's Report Yahira Arias

- A. The Annual Victory Memorial Flagging event was wonderful. Thank you to everyone who came out.
- B. The NYC Arts mural project was a great experience. She attended with Karla Cabrera Carrera. Encourages all to check it out. June 9th will be the unveiling of the Mural.
- C. Email notifications were sent to all board members regarding the Civic Commission Trainings will be ongoing recommended to attend at least one or two.
- D. Yajaira Ariasmakes a motion to amend the agenda to include the Ad Hoc Bylaw Committees presentation. . Motion carries with no abstentions,
- E. Another Correction to Agenda the AdHoc Screening Committee will be the Nominating Committee to be chaired by Helene Redd.

VI. Motion(s)

- A. [Ad Hoc Bylaws](#) The Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee recommends the adoption of Bronx CB7's proposed 2023 amended bylaws. Myrna Calderon made the presentation and motion to accept the revised bylaws and present them for a vote before the full board in the next meeting. The motion is made by Barbara Stronzer and seconded by Betty Arce. Myrna Calderon opens the floor for discussion. Vote is taken motion carries with one no. Myrna Calderon thanks the executive board for their support.

VII. VII. New Business

- A. Fordham Landing South Development by Dynamic Star presentation.
 - 1. Traffic & Landscape Update: <https://bit.ly/3Mx3VTw>
 - 2. Qs / Comments
 - a) Chad Royer 1. Questions about a plan to mitigate dust / dirt that is affected by the wind. Presenters showed additional access points for bicycles and pedestrians and they are also planning on

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updating the helix which should show improvements. They will look into further ways to address this concern. 2. Will this presentation address the traffic light pattern? Presenters stated they are working with city and state DOT and will have a draft that they will make a specific presentation to the Traffic & Transit Committee.

- b) Andrew Laiosa asked for clarification on a specific site that does not have a traffic light and how pedestrians are expected to cross. Presenters responded that left turns will not be permitted and there will be a traffic light for pedestrians. who will be primarily in charge of maintenance points out specific areas on the map that are of concern.
- c) Hugo Gonzalez asks if the upper and lower levels will be able to accommodate school & greyhound buses. Presenters responded that yes buses, emergency vehicles and box trucks will be permitted to use that site.
- d) Barbara Stronzer asks if there will be any public parking for people to use that site who do not live in the neighboring buildings. Presenters respond yes there will be some parking.
- e) Victor Saldana asks what traffic will look like, especially with respect to the highway. Presenters' response access points will not be blocked; they will be maintained and they are looking at enhancements.
- f) Myrna Calderon is concerned with traffic. Two additional concerns are that developers take into account that this is a flood zone and the noise level that the water affects, and what is the plan to address that. Presenters respond by annotating how high they are above water level in collaboration with FEMA to prepare for that.
- g) Chad Royer expresses one of his concerns regarding trash and debris in that area to avoid trash being tossed into the water.

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Presenters respond that they will be responsible for the maintenance and adequate trash removal.

- h) Andrew Laiosa expresses that there is a growing kayaking community and is curious to know if there are any plans to have access to the water for the people of the Bronx. Presenters state that they are working with the Waterfront Alliance and have plans to extend the waterfront and create a waterfront community,**
- i) Victor Saldana asks if there are plans for commercial real estate, as we are aware that the area is a food desert and the community deserves quality options like Trader Joes. Presenters respond that they are working with others to plan a robust commercial community in the next phase.**
- j) AJ Ramos quoted the Norwood News article, and asked if this project is the same that was mentioned in the article. Also if you have had these conversations with the new board Chair and District Manager since they have been replaced. Presenters responded that yes they have had a visit to the site, and the new chair invited them to come speak with the executive board. Yajaira Arias chimed in to speak to the visit to the site about her experience. Presenters are excited about the possibility of working with the local community to contribute to the space.**
- k) Myrna Calderon thanked Yajaira Arias for getting the developers to reconnect with the community on this project. She also reiterated her concern with the impact on the noise level.**
- l) Barbara Stronzer thanks the presenters for their time and stated that we look forward to further updates as this project progresses.**

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Andrew Laiosa Committee met 4/27 and discussed the internal budget.**

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- B. Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta Committee met earlier in the month and selected Yankee Scholarship winners next meeting June 2023.
 - C. Environment & Sanitation – Betty Arce No meeting this month next meeting June 2023.
 - D. Health & Human Services – Michelle Avila No meeting this month next meeting second Tuesday of June 2023.
 - E. Housing, Land Use & Economic Development – Erick Ascencio Presentation by City Planning, next meeting June 20 , 2023
 - F. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer We had a presentation regarding Tibbett Brook. See minutes for more details major concern is staffing for the summer season. Next meeting in June we are hoping to have a final answer and presentation from the PEP squad.
 - G. Public Safety Quality of Life Victor Saldana met earlier this month with a report from NYPD See minutes for more details next meeting second Thursday in June.
 - H. Traffic & Transportation Edgar Ramos No Report
 - I. Veterans Committee Chad Royer This month they had a presentation on organ donation see minutes for more detail. Upcoming events Woodlawn Flagging event 5/24 @ 10 am. Veterans Resource Fair Saturday June 3rd @ 11 am.
 - J. Nominating Committee - Yahaira Arias reported that she was informed that the committee met and selected Helene Red as the chairperson.
- IX. Next meeting date June 15, 2023
- A. Discussion on next agenda Office of Cannabis management making a presentation, executive session regarding the procedure for the liquor license. Yajaira Arias added that nominations will also be presented at the next meeting in addition to the bylaws.
- X. Adjournment Motion to close the meeting was made by Chad Royer seconded by Betty Arce.

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