



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



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MANAGER

VACANT, DISTRICT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	January 19, 2023
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/aSrDbRdlq6Q
Members In Attendance:	<p>✓ Erick Ascensio ✓ Myrna Calderon ✓ Andrew Laiosa</p> <p>✓ Edgar Ramos ✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Chad Royer</p> <p>✓ Yahaira Arias ✓ Betty Arce _ Michelle Avila</p> <p>✓ Victor Saldana ✓ Leurys Acosta</p>
Minutes done by:	Betty Arce

Minutes:

- I. Meeting Guidelines and Code of Ethics were read
- II. Attendance taken – Quorum met
- III. Motion to accept minutes with corrections presented by Chad Royer, seconded by Edgar Ramos
 - A. Motion with corrections passes
- IV. District Manager’s Update (Deputy DM)
 - A. Staff is available remotely M-F 9-5; in person Tu & Thur 10-4
 - B. Provided cell phone # in lieu of office phone in need of repair
 1. Karla can be reached at (929) 496-0748 or by email at KCabreraCarrera@cb.nyc.gov
 - C. Intern is no longer with CB 7;
 - D. Graffiti on CB office gate to be cleaned up by Pierina Sanchez office
 1. Jerome BID addressing Graffiti issues along Jerome



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2. Other locations in need of graffiti removal can be forwarded to the office
- E. NYS Office of Cannabis Management is accepting comments on proposed regulations
 1. <https://cannabis.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/12/adult-use-cannabis-proposed-regulations.pdf>
 2. Also taking complaints about cannabis concerns - illicit cannabis establishments, operating without official registration
 3. <https://cannabis.ny.gov/report-an-incident>
 4. Office of Cannabis Management will be holding meetings with CBs to further discuss the matter
- F. Department of Youth and Community Development 2023 Youth Count— CB 7 will be participating in a survey – Office may need to be open to provide community access to complete surveys
- G. Next workshop on the Kingsbridge Armory will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 12pm-3pm @ PS 340X, 25 W. 195 St.
 1. Together for Kingsbridge | Kingsbridge Armory (kingsbridgetogether.com)
- V. Chairperson's Update
 - A. Boro-wide meeting – Topic of Cannabis was discussed
 - B. Kingsbridge armory initiative on Jan. 21 (see above)
 - C. Ciara Gannon New Director of Community Boards. Might attend the next general board meeting.
 - D. Executive Order on Public meetings has been extended to February 15
 - E. Board members will be notified of their committee assignments by the Chair
- VI. VI. Motion(s)
 - A. Parks, Education & Cultural Affairs: The committee requests a letter of support be sent to the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation stating Bronx Community Board 7's support for Amateur Astronomers Association's proposed New York City Public observatory installation at



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Jerome Park. The observatory will be open to local schools and the public for scheduled events and as a learning tool. The installation is expected to be completed in Spring 2023.

B. Discussion followed:

1. Letter should indicate a more specific date of installation
2. The observatory is a permanent fixture.
3. NYC Parks Dept. will maintain the surrounding grounds
4. The Amateur Astronomers Association will maintain the path and shrubbery. New trees will be planted as per Parks request that will be maintained by Parks.
5. Clarification that the public will have access to the observatory
6. The motion was seconded by Chad Royer and was unanimously approved, with changes
7. Committee member Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky asked about the proposed driving range at the Mosholu Golf Range. Specifically about hiring for the range and snack bar. CB7 was always slotted to have preference in the hiring process but we don't have details.
Recommend that this be pursued with the Parks Committee.

VII. New Business

- A. Proposed New Location for LinkNYC Kiosk without Ad Screen-3349
Webster Avenue, Bronx, New York 10467. No one was present to discuss. Questions regarding this installation can be forwarded to the Deputy DM at KCabreraCarrera@cb.nyc.gov

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Andrew Laiosa
 1. Letters regarding attendance were discussed. These will be forwarded to the Exec Committee at its next meeting
- B. Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta
 1. Committee is considering a change in meeting date
- C. Environment & Sanitation – Betty Arce
 1. See Meeting minutes



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D. Health & Human Services – Michelle Avila

1. No report available

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

1. Committee did not meet

F. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer

1. See committee minutes

G. Public Safety & Quality of Life – Victor Saldaña

1. See Committee minutes

H. Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos

1. See committee minutes

I. Veterans Affairs – Chad Y. Royer

1. See committee minutes

J. Ad Hoc Bylaws – Myrna Calderon

1. Committee did not meet

K. Ad Hoc DM Screening Committee-Michelle Avila

1. No report available

IX. Next Meeting Date: February 16, 2023

X. Discussion on Next Month's Agenda TBD

XI. Adjournment