

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



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VACANT, DISTRICT MANAGER

## HOUSING, LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

<b>Chair:</b>	Erick Ascencio
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	February 14, 2023
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30 pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
<b>Meeting Recording:</b>	<a href="https://youtu.be/jEQZ4n3kX5s">https://youtu.be/jEQZ4n3kX5s</a>
<b>Members In Attendance:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erick Ascencio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myrna Calderon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandra Erickson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mahbubur Jewel <input type="checkbox"/> Helene Redd
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	Erick Ascencio

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

- I. The meeting started at 6:35 PM by reading the Meeting Guidelines.
- II. Attendance was taken by the chairperson.
- III. The committee reviewed the previous minutes from December 6th, 2022 and approved them as presented.
- IV. Review of previous minutes
- V. Follow-up from previous month

**A. DWCP about commercial issues**

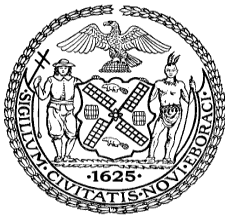
1. CB7 staff communicated the concerns from the community about several businesses that have over extended their products to the sidewalk and beyond. DWCP will visit a few of the businesses provided by the staff and that hold licenses with the agency, but stated that regulating and enforcing the occupation of the sidewalk with commercial products fall under the jurisdiction of the NYPD and DSNY.
2. Concern citizens are encouraged to call in complaints via 311.
3. CB7 staff will continue to communicate our concerns and will request a representative from the agency attend one of our committee meetings.

**B. CHV 202nd & 203rd Street:**

229-A EAST 204TH STREET ♦ BRONX, NY 10458 ♦ PHONE: (718) 933-5650

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION, CONTACT US AT:

E-MAIL: [KCABRERACARRERA@CB.NYC.GOV](mailto:KCABRERACARRERA@CB.NYC.GOV) ♦ WEBSITE: [WWW.NYC.GOV/BRONXCB7](http://WWW.NYC.GOV/BRONXCB7)



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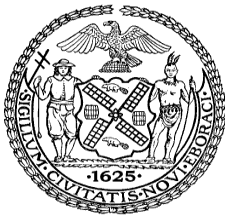
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1. Two new buildings with a total of 323 units, 60% supportive units and 40 % affordable units ranging from 30% AMI to 80% AMI.
2. The HPD Connect website for the project, renamed The Bronx Grove, is now accepting applications. The deadline is April 11.
  - a) Link: <https://housingconnect.nyc.gov/PublicWeb/details/3487>
  - b) [Fact sheet in English](#)
  - c) [Fact sheet in Bengali](#)
  - d) [Fact sheet in Spanish](#)
3. HPD will be hosting two sessions in conjunction with CB7 to help applicants maneuver the HPD Connect website:
  - a) [English: February 25th](#)
  - b) [Spanish: March 1st](#)
4. CAMBA will be providing information and statistics of job fairs and local hires done during the construction of the project as requested by the committee.
5. Building fact sheet
6. For other jobs available in the buildings please go to [www.camba.org/careers](http://www.camba.org/careers)

#### **C. Fordham Landing: 320 West Fordham Road**

1. A Brownfield Cleanup Program application has been file with NYS DEC. The public is invited to comment on Brownfield Application for site 320 West Fordham Road Site (Bronx) by March 3, 2023. Submit comments to the Project Manager David Gao,
  - a) Via email: [david.gao@dec.ny.gov](mailto:david.gao@dec.ny.gov)
  - b) Via phone: (518)-402-9690
  - c) Via mail: David Gao-625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-7016
2. DCP Representative Carlos Delgado stated that the agency is working with the applicant team and in the process of reviewing drawings.
3. The Committee requested a copy of the Phase I EAS for the site and further update from DCP on the ongoing process at the next meeting.



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**VI. New Business**

**A. Kingsbridge Armory**

1. EDC presented the findings from the community workshop held on January 21st, 2023 where they gathered ideas about possible future uses of the armory building. Among those ideas include:
  - a) community rooms, kitchen and event space of various uses,
  - b) movie studios, theaters and performing art/concert venues,
  - c) food hall, grocery and farmers market,
  - d) museums, art galleries and classrooms,
  - e) Co-working and large convention hall spaces.
2. The Community Working Group (CWG) and EDC will continue to meet throughout the next few weeks with elected officials and key community organizations and merchant associations.
3. The tentative date for the next community workshop is March 18.
4. Those interesting in chatting one on one with EDC can schedule virtual office hours at <https://edc.nyc/sign-virtual-office-hour>
5. More information can be found at <https://kingsbridgetogether.com>

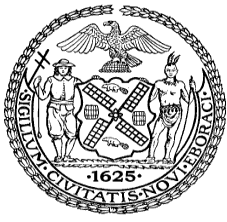
**B. HPD Updates:** No updates

**C. DCP Updates:**

1. Cesar Delgado introduced himself as the new liaison to CB7.
2. Committee requested input as to how DCP is taking action about Mayor Adam's plan to convert office space to housing throughout the city.
3. Committee requested additional information about the studies and ongoing process at Fordham Landing South – 320 West Fordham Road.

**D. CCHR Updates:** No updates

**E. Former Sam's Carpet:** Community residents explained that the Norwood news has reported that as per YIMBY permits for an 11 story building has been filed.



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The Committee Chairperson explained that a preliminary meeting was held with the sponsor of the building, but they withdrew themselves from the project and the presentation was tabled for now. During the meeting we expressed the desire of this site to be an annex of the NYPD 52nd Precinct.

**F. ERAP:** The program ended on January 20th at 9PM. Those who apply will continue to have an open application for one year.

**VII. Next meeting date:** March 14, 2023

**VIII. Discussion on next agenda**

A. Fordham Landing

B. Kingsbridge Armory

C. DWCP about commercial issues

D. Former Sam's Carpet site.

E. Illegal Cannabis stores in the district and information session.

**IX. Adjournment:** The meeting was closed at 8:00PM