



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



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YAJAIRA ARIAS, CHAIRPERSON

KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chair:	Yajaira Arias
Meeting Date:	March 26, 2024
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Monroe College's King Hall Mintz Auditorium 2501 Jerome Ave, Bronx, NY 10468
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/1VVmkElPipM
Minutes done by:	Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky

Minutes:

- I. Meeting Guidelines & Code of Conduct were read**
- II. Public Hearing facilitated by District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera**
 - A. Congressman Ritchie Torres- Not Present
 - B. Mayor's office- Alina Dowe:**
 1. Bail Reform - repeated offender
 2. Neighborhood Support Team Local Law 102. Link to application.
 3. Nominate a pillar in the community
 - C. NYC Public Advocate's Office- Not Present
 - D. NYC Comptroller's office- Not Present
 - E. Bronx Borough President's office- Kenny Agosto:**
 1. Allocated \$10 Million to support businesses through Small Business Services (SBS)
 2. Taking the landlord to court.
 3. March 27, 2024, 5:30 pm, Irish Heritage Month Celebration, Rambling House-4292 Katonah Avenue.

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4. March 28th, 1pm to 6pm. In collaboration with My Brother's Keeper, Stop the Violence event at Eagle Academy School for YOUNG MEN-4143 Third Avenue.
5. April 1, 2024, 11am, Transgender Day of Visibility Flag Raising at Bronx Borough Hall-851 Grand Concourse.
6. April 3, 2024. 4pm to 7pm- My Brother's Keeper Health & Wellness Fair at 500 East Fordham Road.
7. April 18, 2024, 5:30 pm, State of The Borough 2024 at Cardinal Hayes High School-650 Grand Concourse:
<https://bit.ly/2024SOTB>
8. 2nd Annual Prom Dress & Suit Drive, accepting donations until May 9, 2024, drop off location: Bronx Borough Hall (Room 206) - 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.
9. Nominate someone in the healthcare industry by Friday

F. Bronx District Attorney's office-Trevon Blondet:

1. Prom dress suit drive from April 18th to May 4th
2. April 27th 10 am to 2 pm - Child Safety Fair - Bilingual School- 1919 Prospect Avenue.
3. Court Tours are still available if you are interested please contact Trevon or the District Manager.

G. 52nd Precinct-Commanding Officer Chase Maneri:

1. His goal as new CO: Up not registered scooter/moped enforcement
2. Pct has confiscated 460 mopeds/scooters/atvs/
3. Rims/Tires are being stolen on Mosholu, Gun hill Road- recommends everyone who owns a car to invest on tire log nuts to prevent being targeted.

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4. Response times to priority jobs have improved; non-priority remain the same

H. NY State Senator Gustavo Rivera's Office- Sari Mendoza:

1. Medicaid for seniors
2. Sign up for the weekly newsletter: <https://conta.cc/3Iq2Ee2>
3. Immigration Resource Fair - Sirio , Officer Capo and Jerry attended.
4. Immigration and Housing Clinic every month
5. April 15th to April 17th from 10 am to 5pm- In collaboration with CM Sanchez- residents can get an IDNYC. Residents are encouraged to make an appointment by calling Senator Rivera's office at 718.933.2934.

I. NY State Senator Robert Jackson's Office:

1. 3/30 2pm to 3pm Bronx Mamas Matter event to bring awareness to maternal health disparities in black & brown communities.
Location: 85 West Burnside Avenue, Bronx, NY 10453

J. Assembly member George Alvarez's Office- Natasha Phillips

1. 3/30 Easter Egg event at St. James Park
2. Door knocking for re-election
3. Senior Free Taxes

K. Assemblymember Jeffrey Dinowitz's Office- Not Present

L. Assembly Member John Zaccaro Jr.'s Office- Ana Sacerdote:

1. April 1, 2024 3pm to 6pm -Easter Egg Hunt in collaboration with the 52nd precinct. Across the street from the 52nd precinct.
2. Park Clean Ups April 22nd
3. Tax Preparation -
4. Shredding events to be announced

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5. Housing Lawyer in the office

M. Assembly Member Yudelka Tapia's Office- Franklin Matos:

1. 3/28 at Monroe College Women's Celebration
2. 4/12 small business breakfast - information will be on website
3. E-bikes bills - rebates to individuals to change their e-batteries.

N. Council Member Oswald Feliz's Office- George Cooke:

1. Saturday, March 30, 2024, 11 am to 3pm. Women's Fellowship Brunch at the Bronx Zoo.
2. Taxes in the office
3. Immigration Lawyer Tuesdays 10-4

O. Council Member Pierina Sanchez's Office-Adrian Cacho:

1. 03/30 12 pm egg hunt at st. james park
2. 4/9- 4/14 pb voting
3. Mon to Thu 10-4 pm

P. Council Member Eric Dinowitz's Office-Frederice Lachman:

1. Immigration Attorney Citizenship
2. Drive? Accepting diapers and formulas.
3. June 8, VCP Summer Fishing Event
4. CB7 Jenna Frisch Field - Procurement Phase for Harris Field
5. 4/2 City of yes Virtual Session- Proposal on City Wide Rezoning.
6. WBO 10 M capital \$ Partnership w/Speaker's Office
7. ACE Clean Ups on Mosholu Parkway
8. Education Hearing - 12 hour hearings - what DOE is losing Translation services for families, school lunch, social workers.
9. Not personally in support of parking only for residents' intro bill as it would make it difficult for anyone to visit friends, go to the doctor, and move throughout NYC.

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10. Can host a Budget Process workshop again during the summer
11. Can find all legislation at Legistar NYC

Q. Laura Alvarez- Bronx Artist:

1. Raising funds to re-do the mural on 207th and Bainbridge Avenue.
2. Insert Link:

R. Lonesha Sessoms- Astor Services:

1. Services provided at Gun Hill Road Location.
www.astorservices.org 5 years old and above, evident based models that address trauma. Services are free.

S. AJ Ramos- Community Resident:

1. Urges the board to vote yes on motion A
2. budget requests need a statement.

T. Eric Urquiza - West Bronx Housing:

1. section 8 , Heat / repairs 311 (HPD) closed the complaints for many reasons. 50 people. Scams with multiservice centers.

U. Kayce Williams - Community Resident

1. Voice public safety and quality of life concerns: people using substances and being under the influence. Cannot call the police for fear of retaliation. The new buildings that are coming up are not affordable to the community, rent is up to \$3,200/month.

V. Jane Addison- Amoyaw- Mosholu Public Library

1. Location: 285 East 205th Street, Bronx, NY 10467; 718.882.8239
2. April 11th and 15th, 5 pm to 6pm, Adult online Open Book Discussion. Register online at www.nypl.org/events
3. Programming for Seniors

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III. District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera closes public hearing and gives her updates

- A. Thank Betty Arce, Robin Rollan, Helene Hartman-Kutnosky, Hugo Gonzalez, Edgar Ramos and Community members for participating in our e-waste event on March 17th!
- B. Thank Robin Rollan for attending our tax prep workshop in collaboration with DCWP on March 25th. The session was very informative and you can find a recording of it on YouTube.
- C. The board is accepting applications for the NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award until April 7, 2024 at 12 pm, noon, Open to youth ages 14 to 18 years old who live in the district.
- D. We will be tabling at the Annual Spring Egg Hunt at Williamsbridge Oval on Saturday, March 30th from 11 am to 2 pm. And also at the 52nd precinct Egg Hunt event on April 1st from 3pm to 6pm in front of the 52 precinct.
- E. The Department of City Planning continues to host info sessions in relation to City of Yes for Housing Opportunity. Please make an effort to join in the conversation early, so you can be as informed as possible when that presentation comes to the community board. Visit the webpage: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/city-of-yes/zcity-of-yes-housing-opportunity.page>.
 1. Event schedule:
 - a) March 27: Focused on "missing middle" housing types. **Register here.**
 - b) April 17: Focused on the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity proposal. **Register here.**
- F. Public Surplus: www.publicsurplus.com
- G. Office is open for in person constituent services, Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm; and virtually on Fridays from 9 am to 5 pm. Location: 229-a

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IV. Chairperson Yajaira Arias Remarks

V. Attendance (Roll Call) by Secretary Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky:
Quorum met

VI. Review of Previous Months' Minutes: were approved with edits.

VII. Motions A: Housing, Land Use & Economic Development

<https://bit.ly/3IGqrXs>: Send a letter to the Land Preservation Commission in support of the renovation of the four clocks on the tower. Secondly, support the proposed lighting signage and font style for the signage on the building façade and tower.

A. Motion by Sandra Erickson; seconded by

VIII. Committee Reports.

A. Environment and Sanitation – Betty Arce

1. Find Meeting Minutes

B. Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosa

C. Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos

D. Housing, Land Use & Economic Development – Sandra Erickson

E. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer

F. Public Safety & Quality of Life – Samantha Souvatzis

G. Health & Human Services – Michelle Avila

H. Veterans Affairs – Chad Y. Royer

I. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Jean Hill

IX. Meeting is adjourned: Motion by ; seconded by

X. Next Meeting Date: April 23, 2024 at 6:30 PM at Scott Towers-3400 Paul Avenue, Bronx, ny 10468

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