



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



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

EMMANUEL MARTINEZ, CHAIRPERSON

ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 17th, 2020
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmanuel Martinez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Davis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Laiosa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yajaira Arias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Avila <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jhenelle Robinson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Karman <input type="checkbox"/> Denise Relf <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Royer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cyrille Njikeng
Minutes done by:	Yajaira Arias

Minutes:

- I) Introductions
- II) Review of previous minutes
- III) Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
- IV) New Business
 - a) Presentation by Elizabeth Quaranta re: proposal for mural to be erected at the wall of Mosholu Parkland
 - 1) Discussion: There is a petition is in place to have mural
 - 2) Mural program by the city are on hold due to the City wide budget cuts.
 - 3) This is a community project
 - 4) AARP has fully funded the project – project needs to be started by December 31, 2020 with possible extension to January 2020.
 - 5) Motion
 - In support to MTA regarding proposed mural on their wall along Mosholu Parkway #4 train station. Emmanuel Martinez and Edgar Ramos – second the motion
 - Vote – Unanimous yes – motion passes



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6) Review of proposed 5G infrastructure design: Motion to send a letter of support for the installations of 5G with the following concerns:

- **Local Hiring for installation**
- **Health Concerns**
 - **Edgar Ramos – Seconds the motion**
 - **Vote: 10 in favor; 2 abstentions**

b) CB7 Capital and Expense Review

c) Committee Updates:

1) Environment and Sanitation:

- **Committee met on 9/1/20**
- **DSNY Citywide Community Affairs Officer - Sanitation conditions in CB7 – the need for enforcement: budget cuts have severely impacted services and conditions in the district, garbage pickup reduced by 63%, trash has piled up at public waste baskets, underpasses throughout CB 7 are underserved and need ongoing maintenance.; community clean up and enforcement needed. Community residents expressed concern and had complaints about sanitation conditions in their neighborhoods. DM will address some of their issues with DSNY.**

2) Education Youth and Libraries:

- **Committee met on 9/2/20**
- **Committee discussed the present NYC Public school situation**
- **Motion to write letter of support of SCE letter calling for a delay of school and continue with remote until sooner of the following events - January 2021 semester or when all safety recommendation are met.**
 - **Motion did not meet quorum at committee meeting.**



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- Motion brought to the executive for Vote
 - Betty Arce – Second the motions
 - Vote: 10 in favor; 1 abstention – Andrew Laiosa
 - Updates member and resident about the library grab and go service.
 - City’s providing information as to teaching positions – Updates to Follow
- 3) Traffic and Transportation:
- Committee met on 9/3/2020
 - Motion to provide a letter of support for DOT to perform a Traffic Study on Cedar Avenue from Fordham Road South to West 179th Street.
 - Chad Royer – seconds the motion
 - Vote – Unanimous yes – motion passes
 - Capital and Expense Budget Discussion: Erik Ascensio created an incredible digestion of the capital and budget for which will be distributed for review.
- 4) Housing, Land Use & Economic Development Report:
- Committee met on 9/15/2020
 - Motion to recommend modification to the application for a certification of appropriateness by St. James Church to Landmark Department.
 - 22 story building /City and State funds to construct
 - Church is a historic landmark
 - Discussion of various proposals
 - Edgar Ramos & Emmanuel Martinez – seconds the motion
 - Vote 6 in Favor, 4 No’s, 1 abstention- Chad Royer
- 5) Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs:
- Committee met on 9/9/20
 - Park this summer had a lot of activity



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- **Budget to add a full size and mini packer to collect garbage**
 - **Lighting for Devoe Park**
 - **Funding for the Lehman Performance Center and NY Botanical Gardens**
 - **We now have friends for Devoe, Aqueduct, Williamsbridge Oval, and Mosholu Parklands.**
 - **Motion- Letter of support to Commission of Parks Iris Rodriguez requesting the reinstatement of the senior exercise program at Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center with suggestion it be held outdoors (weather permitting and meeting NYS/NYC Covid Regulations).**
 - **Edgar Ramos – Second this motion**
 - **Vote – Unanimous yes – motion passes**
- 6) Public Safety and Quality of Life:**
- **Committee met on 9/10/20**
 - **Liason from Mayor’s Domestic and Balance**
 - **Presentation hints on how to handle this matter during Covid**
 - **Main committee member’s complaint(s) were of noise - cars playing loud music (Decatur and 197th St. and 198th St.). As committee they will see how they can address this issue. Possibility of having discussions with the local precinct as to how to combat the noise levels.**
- 7) Health and Human Services:**
- **Committee met on 9/8/20**
 - **Presentation from e Erica Peralta-Downing of NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene.**
 - **Brief update about the campaign being done around Covid-19**



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- **Presentation from Jackie Bray from Health + Hospitals Contact Tracing unit**
 - Discussed Contact Tracing and the importance of how this data will provide better information
 - **Public members discussed how DOE has not been transparent with regard to safety protocols for NYC Public Schools.**
 - Mask, social distancing, proper ventilations; screening and hand washing; PPE's; child mask
 - **Contact tracing program – encouraging public to get tested**
 - **Capital and Expense Budget Discussion:**
 - Reviewed CB7 Health
 - Discussed Hep C prevention including
 - Program to de-stigmatize mental health and tele-health services in this time of crisis people
- 8) Veteran's Affairs:**
- Meeting is scheduled for 9/29/20
 - Initiative to provide services to our Veteran's.
 - Brief discussion of budget Veteran's Brunch.
- 9) Budget and Personnel:**
- Committee met on 9/17/20
 - City Budget Cuts across the board (to all city agencies)
 - Expecting clarifications
 - Reduction of salaries (which are not possible with what we were told before)
 - Possibility of hiring intern (like last year)
 - Prioritizing is important for the Capital and Expense Budget
- 10) ByLaws:**
- Bylaws to be presented to the board at the next meeting.



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d) District Manager's Recommendation:

1) Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, September 22, 2020; if you can volunteer your time to do a walk through around CB7; please reach out.

- **Keep in my the 10% surcharge which restaurants can charge – City Council passed today -awaiting for Mayor for signature.**
- **Affordable Housing Developments (Government Subsidies) and how we can use our voice**
- **Accountability that developers adhere to our needs.**
- **Infrastructure issues in our community.**

V) Old Business

VI) Next meeting date – Tuesday, October 13, 2020

VII) Discussion on next agenda

VIII) Adjournment