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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	October 17, 2018
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myrna Calderon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input type="checkbox"/> (Ex) John Snider <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dilletta Pina <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Royer <input type="checkbox"/> (Ex) Bill Francis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Laiosa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowell Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nora Feury <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input type="checkbox"/> (Ex) Jean Hill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmanuel Martinez
Minutes Done By:	Nora Feury, Secretary

Minutes:

I. Executive Committee Chair Remarks

- a) Barbara Stronczer opened the meeting at 6:30 pm by introducing David Cruz from the Norwood News. Barbara noted the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the local newspaper to be held at Lehman College on Nov. 1st and encouraged all to attend in support of the activity.
- b) Barbara continued the by spelling out the protocol for the meeting.
 - 1. One of the issues to be addressed was the attendance problem and a suggestion on how to solve it. It seems that absences were not clearly indicated in the By -Laws. A solution was to amend the paragraph on attendance rather than bring back the By-Laws Committee to decide on a solution. Since an amendment to the By-Laws is allowable and after much discussion on the topic, it was decided to have the Board Chairperson bring the subject to the full Board for further processing.
 - 2. The issue of arriving late and leaving early was set aside for further debate.

II. District Manager’s Report

- a) Updated link on Bronx Borough Consultations FY 2020
 - 1. DSNY- <http://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/13135732-f3a3-483e-8991-e196bb854b03.pdf>
 - 2. DEP- <http://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/8778ca11-6713-4de8-8bd3-0bce226f4935.pdf>
 - 3. FDNY- <http://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/c1677573-05cc-4234-9fc2-bd1aa9085bd2.pdf>



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4. DOE- <http://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/d50a4636-e080-48ad-950e-4c20931e1c17.pdf>
 5. DPR- <http://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/186a1759-982a-4959-b1f9-8497bcdb368b.pdf>
- b) Update: Lehman College New Building –The new building will be located in what is currently the Davis Hall parking lot at Gate 2.
1. The site of the new building is on the campus side (east side) of Goulden Ave. located between 2850 Goulden Ave. (Davis Hall) and 2790 Goulden Ave (Carman Hall) and is the current site of the Bookstore building 2830 Goulden Ave.
 2. The Bookstore will be moved to a newly renovated facility in the Old Gym Building this winter, allowing us to demolish the temporary building and construct the new Nursing Education, Research and Practice Center that will house our growing and expanding Nursing Department.
 3. The new building is 51,000 gross square feet, three stories above grade and two below (basement and cellar) and includes teaching labs for nursing skills and physical assessment, a simulation suite, simulating hospital room training and an ADL lab for home health care workers training, general classrooms, computer labs and faculty offices.
- c) October District Service Cabinet Meeting:
1. NYPD – Gun Buy Back Event October 13th
 2. FDNY – Stats
 - <http://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/5eaf79c0-d663-4ad9-8d5e-a2107cd4b0ff.pdf>
 3. DHS – Announced the launch of DHS Financial Independence Now (DHS FIN).
 4. DHS FIN: is a customized training program that will equip shelter staff with the tools they need to assist adults, young adults and families experiencing homelessness citywide with economic counseling, financial literacy, and effective budgeting.
 5. DSNY –Snow Readiness & Winter Preparation Plans- Prepping by having salt spreaders throughout the district.
 - Garbage Issue Throughout Knox Place (taken care of)
 - Trash Concern (Alleyway) Old Fordham Library – 2556 Bainbridge Avenue (taken care of).



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6. DPR – Hazardous/Poor Tree Condition – 3073 Hull Avenue (taken care of).
 7. DOT – General Information
 - Project: HBCR03B – Grand Concourse Over East 204th Street Bridge (Rehabilitation)
 8. HPD – Updates | Stats | General Information
 9. Con Edison – Smart Meters coming to the Bronx soon
 - <https://www.coned.com/en/our-energy-future/technology-innovation/smart-meters/features-benefits>
 10. NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer update:
 - Comptroller Stringer’s Suggestions on the Charter Revision <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/reports/a-new-charter-to-confront-new-challenges/overview/>
 - Immigrant Rights Manuals English https://comptroller.nyc.gov/wp-content/uploads/documents/Immigrant-Manual-2018-English_fv.pdf
 - Immigrant Right Manuals Spanish https://comptroller.nyc.gov/wp-content/uploads/documents/Immigrant-Manual-2018-Spanish_fv.pdf
 - Immigrant Right Manuals Bengali <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/wp-content/uploads/documents/Immigrant-Manual-2018-Bengali.pdf>
 - LGTBQ Rights Manuals <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/services/for-the-public/lgbtq-guide/overview/>
- d) Update: Fordham Plaza
1. The Fordham BID has expressed concern about a neighboring property in CB 7. Fordham Plaza is having issues with: homeless, drug Addicts, illegal dumping, encampments, issues with the public restrooms and rat infestations. DOT will continue to work with other city agencies and contractors to help address these issues.
 2. The Plaza currently has a café and 2 kiosks that will be fixed for rentals. The RFP for the Café will come out in 2020 and the Kiosk



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the spring of 2019. You can rent the plaza for an event; please see the SAPO website on how to rent it.

- e) Technology updates: Instagram – BXC7
- f) Outreach: We will take a more active role in informing the community when new development is proposed. Outreach will include but not be limited to canvassing neighboring buildings and posting in lobbies. We need to increase are community participation and input.

III. Committee Reports & Motions:

- a) Economic Development & LTP – William Francis
 - 1. Please defer to minutes. (*Page C*)
- b) Education & Youth – Myrna Calderon
 - 1. There was a presentation by Gary Smalls from Lehman College on their program for young men named Urban Male Leadership.
 - 2. The Committee will continue to address gang violence and will join with the Public Safety Committee for further support.
 - 3. Emmanuel Martinez was named Vice Chair of the Committee.
- c) Environment & Sanitation – Betty Arce
 - 1. The Committee discussed community complaints around garbage removal and the lack of enforcement. Recycling continues to be a topic with not much improvement. It was noted that the Bronx lags in recycling. The Committee will join with the Public Safety Committee on occasion when their issues intertwine. Next meeting on Election Day.
- d) Health & Human Services – Chad Y. Royer
 - 1. The Committee discussed services for people with disabilities and early intervention regarding children.
 - 2. Access -a- ride and E Hail services were shared as a means of travelling for those who need to get about.
 - 3. Legionnaires Disease will be discussed at next meeting.
 - 4. Kevin Davis was named Vice Chair of the Committee.
- e) Housing , Land Use & Zoning – John Snider
 - 1. Please defer to minutes. (*Page F*)
- f) Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer
 - 1. Councilman Andy Cohen and Parks Commissioner Iris Baez were



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present at the Parks Committee meeting where proposed funding for the rehab of Frisch Field was discussed. Councilman Cohen will provide \$5 million for the project if Parks will approve for the amount offered. The plans are for a Multi-Purpose field to include more than one sport.

g) Public Safety & Quality of Life – Dilletta Pina

1. The Committee reviewed the crimes in the community with robbery a great concern. They are requesting a breakdown of incidents by sector which the precinct was willing to deliver.
2. Graffiti continues to be a nuisance and murals are suggested as a solution.
3. A mural on East 207th Street was sponsored by Councilman Andy Cohen and is a “must see ”.
4. The next meeting will have a presentation by Safe Horizons.

h) Public Relations – Lowell Green

1. Lowell Green noted the latest sponsored CB 7 Events.
2. More handouts for future programs.
3. Flyers for the Holiday Tree lighting in December will be distributed.

i) Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos

1. DOT was present at the meeting and was prepared to answer all the questions previously submitted by Edgar Ramos. Graffiti was discussed and DOT has a department that handles murals.
2. The bus shelter problem was shared. A new vendor is being sought. For new bus shelters one should submit the request to the Committee.
3. Line painting on- going with many requests from the community. Also snow removal at bus shelters continues to be a nuisance for travelers. DOT should address before the winter.
4. It was noted that some ads in bus shelters are totally inappropriate and should be viewed prior to approving a vendor. For complaints of bus shelters look for the # of the shelter.



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5. **Motion:**

- Traffic and Transportation Committee approves Change Study to make Marion Avenue from the southbound lanes of Mosholu Parkway to the Service road of Mosholu Parkway a one way street. Parking should be preserved on both sides of street. DOT will install appropriate signage as needed on Moshulu Parkway. Motion was passed unanimously.

j) Veterans Affairs – Emmanuel Martinez

1. The Committee will address Mental Health, Housing and Homelessness issues. Plans for a Veterans Breakfast will be an agenda item.

k) Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Andrew Laiosa

1. A motion to go into Executive Session was made and approved. All non-members left the room. The following Motions were presented from the Committee:

2. **Motion(s):**

- Authorize the Board to spend up to \$5,000 for the Bronx CB7 Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Upgrade the job title of current employee Michael J. Rosario from the current job title of Community Assistant from a yearly salary of approximately 33,000 to the new job of Community Associate at the incumbent. New yearly salary of \$40,000, effective July 1, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.
- Increase the current \$73,000 yearly salary of the current District Manager, to a new yearly salary of \$80,000, effective July 1, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.
- Send attendance letters to the board members who have not complied with the attendance requirements as defined in the CB7 by laws. The list names is information and under review. Motion passed unanimously. Alphabetical list of names: Ralph Beck, Gloria Dapaah, Ritchie Ramos, Stanley Richards, Ruth Santana, and Monique Weston.

IV. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned 8:10pm