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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Tuesday November 20, 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"/> John Snider <input type="checkbox"/> (Ex) Dilletta Pina <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Royer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Hill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmanuel Martinez
Minutes Done By:	Nora Feury, Secretary

Minutes:

I. Executive Committee Chair Remarks

- a) Barbara Stronczer reminded the members to raise their hands to be recognized. There will be some changes in the December calendar: the Executive Committee will meet on December 13th and the General Board Meeting will be on December 18th at Tracey Towers.

II. Old Business

- a) In order to tighten up attendance at Board and Committee meetings, a motion for an amendment to the By Laws was proposed:
 1. **Motion:** Any board member with at least six months of service, and meeting attendance requirements, shall be allowed to take a six consecutive month, leave of absence, from the community board. The request must be made in writing to the board Chairperson, Board District Manager, and the Committee Chairperson of the Budget, Personnel, and Ethics Committee. The effective date of the six month consecutive leave will be retroactive to the date of the board meeting attended. Only one request will be granted per 2 year appointment cycle.
 - The motion was approved unanimously. The amendment will be presented at the General Board meeting for approval.

III. District Manager’s Report

- a) **Outreach:** We will take a more active role in informing the community when new development is proposed. Outreach will include but not be



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limited to canvassing neighboring buildings and posting in lobbies. We need to increase are community participation and input.

1. On November 13th, 2018 CAMBA presented to the Housing Committee a development they wish to put in our district. We created a flyer and distributed to the neighboring business and buildings. The intent was to ensure community input for any projects. Graciously we had many residents attend our meeting and express their opinion. Please use this link to review the proposed project: <https://tinyurl.com/cambabronx>

b) November DSC:

1. NYPD- Mail Box fishing is affecting our neighborhoods. We are encouraging residents to use the post office instead of the outside mailboxes.
2. FDNY – Would like to host Fire Safety events in our District. Please send me developments and or associations willing to host.
3. DOT- Increase in meter fees take effect in our area December 3rd, 2018. Depending on where and when you park at a parking meter in New York City, the cost and regulations vary. Hourly parking rates for passenger parking range from \$1.25 to \$7.50, and from \$5.00 to \$8.00 for commercial parking. Always remember to check the pay station and signage for specific rates and times. Effective with this rate change, the city will be divided into 6 unique rate zones. The details and location of these zones can be found on DOT's [Parking Rate Map](#).
<https://nycdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d12f03e992d741f89bd3b28d1c106dec>

4. Bronx Borough President- New Board Member application:
<http://bronxboropres.nyc.gov/community-boards/>

- c) NYC Council Charter Commission- The 2019 Commission — made up of members appointed by the Mayor, the Speaker of the City Council, all five Borough Presidents, the Public Advocate, and the Comptroller — has a broad mandate to conduct a top-to-bottom review and will bring its recommendations to the public in November 2019.
<http://www.charter2019.nyc/>

- d) The Children's Aid is working with the Bronx Borough President on a program called the Empire State Reduction Initiative. Bronx Community Board 7 in the Bedford Park section has at least 35% of families living in poverty. The task force leading this initiative is using a community-led



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approach to identifying the major issues and developing a plan that can be implemented to achieve long-term impact. Put another way, the task force has sought feedback from the community about what is happening—and what they want to see happen—to counter poverty. There are seven key areas that the task force, broken up into work groups, will study, prioritize, and build a plan to address: Employment and earnings, Staying healthy, Stable housing, Education and skills, Family stability, Public safety and criminal justice, Support systems and resources. The task force will continue to collect vital information and input from community residents, particularly those living in poverty, to develop a long-term plan that puts more children, youth, and families in a position to realize their fullest potential. <https://www.childrensaidnyc.org/programs/empire-state-poverty-reduction-initiative>

- e) Bronx Community Board 7 and Assembly Member Nathalia Fernandez have been proactive by partnering to help the families affected by the 4 alarm fire on Hull Avenue and 205th Street. The fire affected 7 families-35 people. We will be accepting donations until Friday, November 30th, 2018 at our office.

IV. Committee Reports & Motions

- a) Budget, Personnel & Ethics
1. There were two motions from the Budget Committee
 - **Motion(s):** To spend \$3,000 for the annual CB 7 bus tour of Community District 7, including food and beverages. The motion was approved unanimously. There were suggestions for a Fall tour and for someone to check out the tour route to enable safe passage for bus.
 - To spend \$2,000 for the layout, printing, and translation into the Spanish language for the annual CB 7 newsletter. The motion was approved with the word ENGLISH to be added.
 2. The Committee will meet at 6 pm on November 27th before the General Board meeting to discuss further expenditures i.e.: Electronic Translation System. The Committee will also be informed of the “do’s” and “don’ts” on allowable expenditures.
- b) Economic Development & Long Term Planning
1. There was an ongoing discussion with 3 Committees on the



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homeless and other issues facing the Fordham, Kingsbridge and Gun Hill BIDS.

- Budget, Personnel & Ethics: At this point the members returned to the Budget Committee who added an expenditure of hiring a Consultant for around \$ 15,000 to survey the CB and to create a data base of the institutions and recent and proposed developments.

c) Education, Youth & Libraries

1. There was a presentation on an overview of Day Care Centers and the requirements to conduct one. Pamphlets regarding the rules and regulations were provided. Preparations are being made for the Yankee Scholarship Awards.

d) Environment & Sanitation

1. A joint meeting was held with Public Safety due to attendance. The Committee noted that a Bronx Animal Shelter was approved for Bartow Avenue in the COOP City section. The community is still experiencing issues with the collection of organic materials.

e) Health & Human Services

1. The Committee met this evening. Minutes to be submitted.

f) Housing, Land Use & Zoning

1. There was a presentation from CAMBA about the development of 2 lots on East 202 and East 203 Street. The meeting was well attended by the community who raised many questions including overcrowding in the schools, more congestion causing increased asthma and the inability of the Fire Dept. to reach the upper floors of a building of that height. The following motion was made:

- **Motion:** A letter be sent to HPD, and our elected officials stating that the project slated for 257-71 East 202nd Street and 258-78 East 203rd Street, as presented, is not supported by Community Board #7. Concerns include the density of these buildings on such a narrow street, lack of any parking, and the effect a project of this size would have on City services for the neighborhood. The motion was approved



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unanimously.

- o At this time, Andy Laiosa made a motion to amend the By Laws regarding members requesting a 6 months leave of absence. No one seconded the motion so it was dropped.

g) Parks & Recreation

1. The Committee met with an Urban Gardening group who were looking for support for their project which would involve the community at large and to further encourage young people on healthy eating habits.

- **Motion:** A letter be sent to Councilman Espinal, stating that Community Board #7 is in favor of the passage of Intro 1058. The motion was approved with one abstention from Andrew Laiosa.

h) Public Safety & Quality of Life

1. The Committee reviewed the crime stats.

k) Public Relations

1. In order to increase the public's knowledge about the role of the CB in the community, the members suggested that the CB be more visible. A segment on Bronx Net was suggested. Denise also suggested going around the neighborhood on Saturdays with flyers about meetings and issues to be addressed. The bottom line is for the CB to become more visible.

l) Traffic & Transportation

1. The Jump Right system was discussed. Next meeting at Tree Lighting.

m) Veterans Affairs

1. The Committee discussed a Veterans Event and made the following motion:
 - **Motion:** To spend up to \$1,000 on the Veterans Brunch. The motion was approved unanimously; The Board voted to spend \$1500, not \$1000.



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V. New Business

- a) Lowell submitted a list of possible meeting places for Board meetings.
- b) The Board is seeking places with ADA availability.
- c) For the information of the Board members, one of its members is submitting a complaint to 311 about the lack of a secondary egress from the CB office. The issue of 4 Committees dealing with the same problems should be reviewed.
- d) Absences also are a problem to be discussed.

VI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 8:15pm