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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, April 24, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
Members:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input type="checkbox"/> Myrna Calderon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Snider <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. She welcomed all and asked that the members raise their hands in order to be recognized.

II. Chairperson’s Report

- a. Jean Hill noted that the CB would be having elections in June. She reviewed the guidelines for nominations and the election procedure. Nominations will be made at the May Board meeting and Elections will be held at the June meeting.

IV. District Manager’s Report

- a. April Agency Reminders:
 1. DOB- This interactive map provides current building activity for the past 12 months including permits, complaints, inspections, violations and accidents. Select a category from the main menu to view specific types of activity across the city. Or click on a building footprint to get aggregated building profile statistics. DOB data presented in this application is updated weekly. <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/html/dob-building-profiles.html>
 2. DOHMH- Many of our local restaurants are being fined. The issue seems to be a language barrier between the Inspector and business owner. We have requested that all restaurant owners who feel their language needs were not accommodated please reach out to me. This link will help you understand how and what happens during the inspections for a letter grade. <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/rii/blue-book.pdf>



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3. NYS Senator Alessandra Biaggi- Will be providing constituent services for those residing within her senate district at Bronx Community Board 7 every second Tuesday of the month from 11am-4pm.
4. NYS Assemblywoman Nathalia Fernandez- is an office RE-Opening/Open House: May 11th, 2019 from 11am to 1pm (718-409-0109)
- b. 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/>
- c. Montefiore- Is conducting a Community Health Assessment. It's a brief survey and the results will be used to create a report and shape the focus of our community health efforts. They are requesting responses be submitted by April 30th
 1. English: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BX_CHS_2019
 2. Spanish: https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/BX_Salud2019
- d. Bronx Borough President Rube Diaz Jr: Invites you to attend official 2020 Census Kick-off on May 1st, 2019 at 10:45am at the The Bronx County Building 851 Grand Concourse, Veterans Memorial Hall. RSVP at TMCDERMOTT@BronxBP.nyc.gov or call 718-590-6001.
- e. Community updates:
 1. I have been working alongside the Davidson Community Association to ensure they are getting the services to address many of their concerns. Among many; the one issue is the illegal prostitution on Davidson and 192nd street. Through my efforts I have been able to facilitate a conversation with the District Attorney's office, 52nd PCT and the Community. We want ensure our Homeowners do not leave the neighborhood due to these conditions while also working with organizations to get the sex workers the services they need.
- f. Demolition Updates:
 1. 2732 Creston Avenue: Job 220691464 – Full Demolition of a 2 story house
 2. 2736 Creston Avenue: Job 220691455 – Full Demolition of a 2 story house
 3. 2738 Creston Avenue: Job 220691446 – Full Demolition of a 2 story house
 - Each demolition application was processed on 3/15/2019.



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- 2738 Creston Avenue: Job 220673153 (Filed 12/3/2018) – Construct new apartment building. The Application received a disapproval on 3/26/2019. We do not retain any information on the plans at this time as the plans are disapproved.
- 4. Among many community meetings; I attended the Bedford Manor Tenant Association meeting.
 - The residents now have a “live in Super” to provide janitorial services and do minor repairs. A follow up meeting is scheduled for April 30th, 2019.
- 5. Kingsbridge Heights Community Center: (not in our CB) But service most of our constituency. I would like to schedule a tour of the facility.

V. Committee Reports & Motions

a. Budget, Personnel & Ethics

1. Andrew Laiosa passed around a recent news article about the misuse of CB letterhead at another CB.
2. The Committee reviewed the policies for the use of CB 7 letterhead to avoid any issues.
3. The Attendance at meetings were reviewed with minor corrections made.
4. There was a detailed discussion regarding the budget process with an update on the current expenditures. A copy of the proposed expenditures with their approximate costs were reviewed. It is expected that the total annual budget expenditures will be met.

b. Economic Development & Long Term Planning – No report

c. Education, youth & libraries

1. There was a report on the meeting at DeWitt Clinton which was very well attended concerning placing a school on the premises. The Committee will continue the dialogue of building a school with ADA accessibility.
2. An Education Forum with the NY Public Library is in the planning stage.
3. There was a report on the presentation on Human Trafficking. The presenters will train parents and children to recognize the dangers on how to avoid and report any situations. The Committee will be working with the group and the legislators to bring this subject to the public’s attention.

d. Environment & Sanitation



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1. The Committee reported on the presentation on the environment and reviewed the Dirty Buildings Law.
 2. As a set of guidelines, WEDG provides a diverse and extensive suite of design options for a wide variety of waterfront projects. As a credit-based rating system, WEDG establishes a process and threshold for certification to review a project's performance relative to resilience, access, and ecology in the following six categories:
 - Category 0: Site Assessment & Planning
 - Category 1: Responsible Siting & Coastal Risk Reduction
 - Category 2: Community Access & Connections
 - Category 3: Edge Resilience
 - Category 4: Natural Resources
 - Category 5: Innovation
 3. The committee voted on a motion to adopt a resolution in support of the Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines Standard for NYC.
 - **Motion:** To support the Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines Standard for New York City.
- e. Health & Human Services
1. Chad Royer thanked all for participating in the Forum at Lehman. Plans for the Fall will focus on older people with disabilities.
 2. Health assessments with Montefiore Hospital is being planned. At the next meeting a Columbia student will report on research emergency visits at Montefiore Hospital.
- f. Housing, Land Use & Zoning
1. John Snider reported on the Botanical Gardens presentation.
 2. The Committee also discussed Preferential Rent concerns. They are planning a forum regarding rent regulations and tenant's rights. A discussion ensued regarding landlords and tenants with possible legal violation of the rent laws.
- h. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs
1. Barbara reported on the concerns of Youth Programs and the issues they encounter with park permits. One problem is the granting of permits to



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groups from outside the Borough leaving neighborhood groups without a place to play.

2. A motion was made to send a letter to Commissioner Rosa to look into the situation:

- **Motion:** A letter be sent to Parks Commissioner Rosa requesting she look into the status of permits issued at Frisch Field and work out an arrangement to give Oval Community Youth Program , a local team, additional permit time.

3. There was an update on the cleanup at Aqueduct Walk. More volunteers are needed.

i. Public Safety & Quality of Life

1. Yajaira Aria was appointed as Vice Chair.
2. Dilletta Pina reported on the Resource Fair which was a huge success.
3. A reminder that the 52 pct meeting is on April 25.
4. Next committee meeting on May 9th.

j. Public Relations

1. Lowell Green thanked all for their cooperation in sending articles and pictures for the newsletter.

k. Traffic & Transportation – No report

l. Veterans Affairs

1. The Outreach Coordinator for Congressman Adrian Espailot spoke on Veterans issues and housing.
2. The Committee is pursuing information on placing flags on Veterans graves in the local cemetery. Several Board members volunteered to assist.
3. The Veterans Brunch is scheduled for Friday, May 17th at Lehman from 10 – 12. Volunteers welcome.

VI. New Business

- a. Bus Tour on June 8th. Send any proposed stops to Jean Hill.
- b. Bronx Week Parade on May 19th.
- c. Volunteers need to man the CB 7 table.

VII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 8:25pm