

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



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HOUSING/LAND USE & ZONING COMMITTEE

Chair	John Snider
Meeting Date:	October 9, 2018
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
Members (Check	John Snider Erick Ascensio Sandra Erickson
Those In Attendance)	Edgar Ramos Helene Redd Snider Barbara Stronczer
Minutes Done By:	John Snider

Minutes:

I. Review of last month's minutes

II. Introductions

- a) The meeting was promptly called to order by the committee chairperson, John Snider. Introductions and attendance was taken and it was concluded the meeting had a quorum.
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)

IV. New Business

- a) Community Board member Barbara Stronczer brought to the attention of the committee list of building concerns from residents of 2987 Webster Ave/Bedford Park Manor Apartment buildings.
 - 1. The list included five items of concerns the residents feel are of vital concern to them. The concerns arranged from the building not being well maintained both inside and out; the elevator malfunctioning, to the lack of security, pest control and the lack of screening for tenants who have recently moved in.
 - 2. An array of suggestions were offered to address the situation from contacting the Department of Building to contacting the landlord (STAGG) to address their tenants concerns. Follow up take place at the November's meeting.
- b) A presentation was given by John Betts, Program Director of the Jerome Avenue Men shelter.
 - 1. The shelter is a 200 bed shelter for men who are severely mentally ill. Mr. Betts brief the committee on the type of service offered at the shelter and what borough the vast majority of men came from which is



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Brooklyn. A number of concerns were raised including but not confined to the following:

- A report of thefts from a nearby Convenient Store.
- Men hanging out in the Park.
- Police are frequently called and at least one arrest has been made
- There are social workers as well as a psychiatrist at the shelter.
- The Program Director promised to attend community board meetings on a regular basis.
- c) Finally, a brief discussion was held about the CAMBA organization who is in the planning stage of building a supportive housing unit in CB7. CAMBA will present at the November's Housing and Land Use & Zoning Committee.
- V. Next month's meeting date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018
- **VI. Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.