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## **Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee Meeting Summary November 12, 2024**

**Board Members Present:** Mitchell Halpern, Twywana Bush, Ahmat Jallo, Alizia McMyers, Andrea McLeod, Kevin Kiernan, Kristine Garcia, Derrick Holman

### **I. Introduction**

- A. Committee Description:** The Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee represents the community's interests with regard to the use of land, zoning, landmark, building, etc. and acts as a liaison between community members and Department of City Planning, Department of Buildings & the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

### **II. Speakers**

- A. Joe O'Donnell, MTA C&D and Sergei Burbank, The Calladium - Metro North Penn Station Access Update**

See Penn Access Station presentation attached which includes Project Overview, Project Progress, Upcoming Work, and Community Engagement Sections.

In CB9 the primary entrance to the station will be on E. Tremont Ave in front of the Parkchester Apartments and will have elevator access, there will be an additional/secondary entrance on Unionport Rd.

None of the new stations will include retail, however, we can expect ticket vending machines, vending grab and go options, wayfinding at street level and inside, public spaces, and elevators at each station.

Some bridge repairs are necessary in order to complete this project, in CB9 the Bronx River Bridge will be under construction, however, service impacts will be avoided wherever possible.

Metro North Service won't begin until all 4 stations are complete, current projected date of project is 2027, however, delays are expected.

### **III. New Business**

- A. L&Z Chair Articles Summary**

'Micro-apartments' could relieve office vacancies and the housing crisis:

<https://theweek.com/business/economy/adult-dorms-save-city-downtowns-micro-apartments-housing-crisis>

NYC's pricey shelter system is beset with self-dealing and nepotism, investigation finds:

<https://gothamist.com/news/nycs-pricey-shelter-system-is-beset-with-self-dealing-and-nepotism-investigation-finds>

Capping Cross Bronx Expressway would bring more parks to polluted borough, report finds:

<https://gothamist.com/news/capping-cross-bronx-expressway-would-bring-more-parks-to-polluted-borough-report-finds>

City Council to Hold Public Hearings on Mayor's City of Yes for Housing Plan:

<https://citylimits.org/2024/10/08/city-council-to-hold-public-hearings-on-mayors-city-of-yes-for-housing-plan/>  
In One Day, Four NYCHA Developments Convert to PACT Private Management  
<https://citylimits.org/2024/10/04/in-one-day-four-nycha-developments-convert-to-pact-private-management/>

- B. Permits Filed for 1126 Ward Avenue**

Notice shared with committee.

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