

Gun Hill NYCHA Family Day

Date: 08/16/2025

Location: 731 Magenta Street

What Happened

NYC Planning tabled at the Gun Hill NYCHA Family Day. The team displayed a model of the White Plains Road corridor and invited community members to share what they love and what they hope for the future of the corridor

Event Summary

Community members at the Gun Hill NYCHA event expressed pride in their strong sense of community and the availability of good public services and nonprofit efforts for neighborhood upkeep [1], [2]. At the same time, they identified safety and sanitation as key areas for improvement, citing concerns about violence, loitering, drug activity, and trash accumulation, along with a need for enhanced security measures like active cameras [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], [9]. Residents also see opportunities to expand community resources by increasing open spaces, providing quality affordable and senior housing, and boosting economic prospects through job creation and training programs, as well as youth-focused activities [10], [11], [12], [13]. Enhancing local amenities, such as pharmacies and major retail stores, would further support residents' daily needs and contribute to neighborhood vitality [5], [14].

Citations

- [1]: Likes: better sense of community here (compared to other places I've lived)
- [2]: Likes: public services are good
- [3]: Too much violence
- [4]: A lot of loitering at NYCHA Gun Hill, could have more pharmacies, 2/5 train stations have a lot of homeless people, unpleasant
- [5]: A lot of litter
- [6]: Need to improve sanitation
- [7]: Active cameras at NYCHA , more security
- [8]: Less drugs, less rats/garbage/unwelcomed people (committing crimes), get rid of bad energy
- [9]: Need more open space-too congested
- [10]: Opportunities for affordable and senior housing
- [11]: More jobs, any kind. Job training programs
- [12]: Programming for youth, demos on how to evacuate a building property during a fire
- [13]: Traffic, want to see big name brand stores/ target (need to leave far for one) and youth input