



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



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT    EMMANUEL MARTINEZ, CHAIRPERSON    ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

# GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**Woodlawn Cemetery and Conservancy ♦ 3800 Jerome Ave  
Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 6:30 PM**

Your attendance and participation at community board and committee meetings is vital to a productive operation of the community board in order to achieve excellence in service to our community. The full board meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise Indicated), at various locations within the district.

- Next month’s meeting location: Our Lady of Refuge Church – 290 East 196<sup>th</sup> Street | 6:30 PM.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** A sign-in sheet will be available (**until 6:45pm**), for those wishing to speak. There will be no further comments from the gallery after the closing of the Public Session. Participants are allowed a **MAXIMUM OF 1 MINUTE** for their statement, unless additional time to speak is approved by the board.

## **AGENDA**

- I) Elected Officials & Liaisons / Public Session / City Agency Representatives
- II) Closing of Public Session / Opening of Board Meeting
  - A) Attendance
  - B) Approval of Agenda & Minutes
  - C) Motion(s)
  - D) District Manager’s Report
  - E) Chairperson’s Report
  - F) Executive Committee Report
  - G) Committee Reports:
    - 1) **Veterans Affairs: Jean Hill .....(Page C)**
    - 2) **Budget/Personnel & Ethics: Andrew Laiosa.....(Page D)**
    - 3) **Environment & Sanitation: Betty Arce .....(Page E)**
    - 4) **Education & Youth: Carmen Miranda.....(Page F)**
    - 5) **Traffic & Transportation: Edgar Ramos .....(Page G)**
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    - 7) **Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs: Barbara Stronczer .....(Page I)**
    - 8) **Public Safety & Quality of Life: Dilletta Pina .....(Page J)**
    - 9) **Health & Human Services: Chad Y. Royer .....(Page K)**
    - 10) **Public Relations: Denise Relf .....(Page L)**
    - 11) **By-Laws (Ad-Hoc): Kevin Davis .....(Page M)**
- III) New Business
- IV) Adjournment



Bill de Blasio  
Mayor

# Police Department City of New York



Dermot F. Shea  
Police Commissioner

Volume 27 Number 3

## CompStat

52nd Precinct

Report Covering the Week  
1/13/2020 Through 1/19/2020

### Crime Complaints

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date*			2 Year	10 Year	27 Year
	2020	2019	% Chg	2020	2019	% Chg	2020	2019	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg
Murder	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	***.*	***.*	-100.0
Rape	0	0	***.*	3	1	200.0	2	0	***.*	-50.0	100.0	100.0
Robbery	5	5	0.0	32	22	45.5	26	12	116.7	188.9	13.0	-74.3
Fel. Assault	6	10	-40.0	32	35	-8.6	24	21	14.3	14.3	20.0	-31.4
Burglary	2	4	-50.0	15	14	7.1	6	10	-40.0	-25.0	-80.6	-94.8
Gr. Larceny	17	7	142.9	61	42	45.2	35	27	29.6	29.6	40.0	-35.2
G.L.A.	3	0	***.*	10	2	400.0	7	2	250.0	75.0	-30.0	-91.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26.92</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>31.90</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>38.89</b>	<b>36.99</b>	<b>-9.09</b>	<b>-74.55</b>
Transit	3	0	***.*	8	1	700.0	6	1	500.0	200.0	500.0	***.*
Housing	0	0	***.*	0	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	***.*	***.*	***.*
Petit Larceny	37	32	15.6	153	116	31.9	101	80	26.2	24.7	44.3	***.*
Misd. Assault	19	14	35.7	72	66	9.1	48	50	-4.0	23.1	84.6	***.*
UCR Rape*	0	1	-100.0	5	3	66.7	4	1	300.0	-33.3	***.*	***.*
Other Sex Crimes	1	4	-75.0	6	10	-40.0	4	5	-20.0	100.0	***.*	***.*
Shooting Vic.	1	0	***.*	1	0	***.*	1	0	***.*	-50.0	***.*	-75.0
Shooting Inc.	1	0	***.*	1	0	***.*	1	0	***.*	0.0	***.*	-66.7

### Historical Perspective

(Historical perspective is a complete calendar year of data.)

	1990	1993	1998	2001	2019	%Chg '19 vs '01	%Chg '19 vs '98	%Chg '19 vs '93	%Chg '19 vs '90	
Murder	38	43	20	23	8	-65.2	-60.0	-81.4	-78.9	Murder
Rape	51	60	60	53	34	-35.8	-43.3	-43.3	-33.3	Rape
Robbery	1,883	1,727	871	603	363	-39.8	-58.3	-79.0	-80.7	Robbery
Fel. Assault	848	627	541	524	564	7.6	4.3	-10.0	-33.5	Fel. Assault
Burglary	2,623	2,344	1,102	766	184	-76.0	-83.3	-92.2	-93.0	Burglary
Gr. Larceny	1,157	922	582	528	726	37.5	24.7	-21.3	-37.3	Gr. Larceny
G.L.A.	2,467	1,464	626	555	78	-85.9	-87.5	-94.7	-96.8	G.L.A.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,067</b>	<b>7,187</b>	<b>3,802</b>	<b>3,052</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>-35.9</b>	<b>-48.5</b>	<b>-72.8</b>	<b>-78.4</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Figures are preliminary and subject to further analysis and revision.

As of January 2013, complaints occurring within the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction have been disaggregated from the borough and precinct crime totals and are displayed separately on the Department of Correction CompStat page.

Unless otherwise noted, Crime statistics reflect New York State Penal Law ("NYSPL") definitions and differ from the crime categories used by the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program. All Crime statistics are translated to Uniform Crime Reporting categories for submission to the UCR Program.

\* Uniform Crime Reporting ("UCR") Rape consists of all crimes defined in the FBI UCR definition of rape.

**Bronx CB 7**  
**MOTION SUMMARY**

**January 14, 2020**

**Title:** Letter of support for tenants of 3425 Gates Place | Motion #: Housing-1

**Committee(s):** Housing, Land Use, & Economic Development

**Recommended Action:** Draft and send a letter to the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR):

- 1) Urging DHCR to reduce or eliminate the Major Capital Improvement (MCI) charges assessed to tenants of 3425 Gates Place, which dispute was apparently exacerbated by a language barrier and lack of notice, or alternatively, to seek a negotiated solution between the landlord and tenants; and,
- 2) Urging DHCR to require that all leases and other important documents be offered in languages other than English.

**Background:** Tenants of 3425 Gates Place object to the imposition of \$81.33/room/month MCI charge. The tenants allege the landlord provided insufficient or misleading notice about the MCI and that the landlord's representatives have harassed tenants. They further allege that the MCI work was unnecessary and that the renovations have actually contributed to the deterioration of their apartments. In response to this dispute, 25 of 52 tenants are withholding payment of their MCI charges or rent. The tenants are working with Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition and their elected officials to challenge the MCI charges, seek redress from the landlord, and bring attention to this matter.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The committee is empathic to the tenants concerns about their living conditions and the process by which their landlord imposed the MCI charges. While the time has passed in which the tenants could legally challenge the MCI charges, the committee nonetheless urges DHCR to find a solution to this dispute. The committee also urges DHCR to require that leases and other important documents be provided in languages other than English. The committee believes this may be a global solution to the inadequate or insufficient notice issue that gave rise to the dispute at 3425 Gates Place.

**Timing:** None.

**Prior Action:** None.

**Future Actions:** None at this time.

**Committee Vote:** 4 -0 in favor (2 abstentions)

**Executive Committee Vote:**

**Lead Board Member(s):** Alex Karman

**Bronx CB 7**  
**MOTION SUMMARY**

**Date January 15, 2020**

**Title: Follow-up on a Capital Project | Motion #: Parks-1**

**Committee(s): Parks'/Recreation /Cultural Affairs**

**Recommended Action: A letter be sent to Parks' Commissioner Rodriquez requesting the status of the replacement of the heating system at the Mosholu Parkway Comfort Station, which is now referred to as the Webster House. The letter will mention the many delays to this project.**

**Background: The project was supposed to start in 2013 and was due to be completed in 2016. To date nothing has been done.**

**Rationale for Recommendation: The project was paired with the replacement of the heating system at the Bensonhurst Senior Recreation Center. We want to make sure the funds do not get transferred to this other project due to cost over-runs.**

**Timing: Procurement was supposed to be completed in November 2019. It has now been delayed again.**

**Prior Action: The committee has checked on the progress of this project with the Parks' District Manager and also checks the Capital Project Tracker on the Parks' website.**

**Future Actions: Discuss future actions with the Parks' Committee e.g. article in press, Channel 12 or an additional letter to the NYC Parks' Commissioner.**

**Committee Vote: The entire committee was in favor of this motion.**

**Executive Committee Vote: Approved on 1/16/20**

**Lead Board Member(s): Barbara Stronczer**





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**January 2020 District Manager's Report**

- a) The updated NYS Rent Laws can be found: <https://hcr.ny.gov/rent-laws-updates>
- b) **DHS**- The Journey Home an action plan to End Long-Term Street Homelessness. DHS/HRA objective is to have 1000 new transitional Safe Haven beds and 1000 new low-barrier permanent housing units, they are asking for help from every community to identify locations.
- 1) <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dhs/downloads/pdf/the-journey-home-2019-print-web.pdf>
  - 2) Family Shelter Siting: 311 East 194<sup>th</sup> Street (this will be discussed further at the housing committee soon)
    - Non-profit: Highland
    - 90 Units of which 45 will be for permanent housing.
- c) **HRA**-The New York State DMV is now accepting applications for driver's licenses from all New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status! Now any New Yorker, 16 and above, can apply for a standard, not for federal purpose, non-commercial driver's license or learner permit, regardless of immigration status. All applicants must provide 6 points worth of documents that prove identity, and also prove date of birth and residency. IDNYC can be used as 1 point of proof of identity and also counts as proof of residency. If you have never been issued a Social Security Number, you must sign an affidavit stating that and bring it with you when you apply.  
More information about how to apply is available at the [NYS DMV website. https://www1.nyc.gov/site/immigrants/help/city-services/drivers-licenses-for-all.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/immigrants/help/city-services/drivers-licenses-for-all.page)
- d) **DSNY**-On March 1, 2020, New York State's law banning single-use plastic carryout bags takes effect. In New York City, businesses will also be required to collect a 5-cent fee on paper carryout bags from customers. The ban and fee are efforts to reduce the use of wasteful single-use bags and their negative



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**impact on the environment. If you pay using SNAP or WIC, you will not be charged any paper bag fees. Stores must provide SNAP and WIC users with free carryout bags. No other customers are exempt from this fee.**

**You can avoid paying the fee by bringing your own reusable bags to stores. Stores are required to sell reusable bags for customers.**

*1) I will be working on supermarket parentships to provide bags. The Environment and Sanitation Committee will be working on this as well. Please review calendar for their next meeting.*

**e) Community Updates:**

**1) 2856 Webster Avenue & 410 Bedford Park Boulevard**

- Environmental Quality Review (available in the office)
- Douglaston will be the developer
- 2-Developments; one with Project Based Section 8 Vouchers, HPD Senior Affordable Rental Assistance (SARA), HCR Senior 420-C Fresh Zoning and Tax Incentive. Two: HPD and HDC Mix & Match Program Article XI Tax Incentive, ICAP.
- Total Units: 449 12 Floors
- Fresh Applicant: A development would be permitted an additional square foot of residential floor area in a mixed building for every square foot provided for a FRESH food store, up to a maximum of 20,000 square feet. The CPC may, by authorization, allow an increase in the maximum building height, up to 15 feet, to accommodate the additional floor area.
- This development will be further discussed at a later housing meeting as they will be seeking a letter of support.

**f) *Bronx Bus Redesign Update:* A letter of concern and objection was sent to the MTA along with all the petitions submitted by residents opposing the changes. I have worked closely with NYS Senators Gustavo Rivera's office to plan a Town Hall inviting the MTA to address the Bronx Bus Redesign Concerns in our district on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.**



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# GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

<b>Chair:</b>	Emmanuel Martinez
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, December 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30 p.m.
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Sister Annunciata Bethell Senior Center   243 East 204 <sup>th</sup> Street
<b>Minutes Done By:</b>	Yajaira Arias

**Minutes:**

- I) Introductions
- II) Public Session
  - a) Well wishes for the holidays; provided updates as to the current legislative session also informed public of office hours and closures for the holidays.
  - b) Bronx Borough Presidents Office – Isharel Gonzales
    - 1) Reminders of sexual harassment training – if not done as of today. Please contact BP office for an appointment.
    - 2) Reappointment applications are due by 2/7/20
    - 3) Community Board Applications are on BP website
    - 4) City Planning Training 1/27/20 must RSVP by 1/20/20
  - c) Speakers/Presenters: Samantha Rogers – Census Bureau (key points from her presentation)
    - 1) NYC is the most unrepresented when it comes to the Census
    - 2) The Bronx is the borough with highest number of unrepresented count – this hurts our communities with our representation we lose our on Federal and State funding for much needed programs and schools.
    - 3) For the first time Census can be completed online
    - 4) Short form of 10 questions
    - 5) Citizen question will not be on Census
    - 6) Race/Ethnic question will be on the Census
    - 7) SSN will not be asked for
    - 8) Census Mailing time frames:



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- If you don't response another mailing will be sent 2 week after initial mailing this will happen for a total of 6 weeks
  - Thereafter Census agents will be coming to doors – if you don't answer agent can obtain your household information from your neighbors
- 9) Personal information will not be released to the public
- 10) Census will be 13 primary languages (media and print) (a hotline will be set up if your language is not one of the 13)
- 11) Jobs: Census is hiring (across the city and state)
- Training will be necessary [usajob.gov](http://usajob.gov) or [nyc.gov/censusjobs](http://nyc.gov/censusjobs)
  - Training will start in January 2020
  - Background check will be necessary
  - Rolling basis for call backs
- d) Speakers/Presenters: Mike Rodriguez – Bragg
- 1) Holiday wishes given to all
  - 2) Brief description of their services and community affiliation:
  - 3) Targeting youth 16-24 years old
  - 4) Mind set changes (youth)
  - 5) Diverting from Gun violence
  - 6) Employment/schools
  - 7) Mentorships
  - 8) Stip ends (MetroCards – walk home if needed)
  - 9) BRAGG is holding a toy drive 12/26/19 on Fordham Road and Jerome Avenue (Right above T-Mobile)
- e) Speakers/Presenters: Dilletta Pina
- f) Briefly discussed the importance of First Aid Training & Fire Safety. Dilletta completed NYC Emergency Management's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, which included first aid training, fire safety & subway safety.



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The graduates are assigned to teams that are community district equivalents. The next training in the Bronx begins in February.

**g) Speakers/Presenters: Sirio Guerrino**

- 1) Briefly discussed some complaints with regard to marijuana smokers
- 2) Motorbikes and scooters unlawfully being a nuisance in our community.

**g) Speakers/Presenters: George**

- 1) Reiterated the MTA bus redesign issues and how it affects our community.
- 2) Encouraged everyone to post their views/complaints on MTA Website. "Put pressure on leadership".

**h) Speakers/Presenters: MGM Casino Representative (Liaison for Bronx and Yonkers)**

- 1) MGM bought Empire Casino
- 2) MGM/Empire Casino is hiring per zip code
  - They are looking for prospective employees from the Bronx and Yonkers Area
  - Hiring over 21 age range
  - Paid Training
  - Union
- 3) MGM/Empire Casino stats are \$300 Million annually is given to NYS
- 4) MGM/Empire does not have control of how the \$300 Million is distributed by NYS

**i) Speakers/Presenters: Adaline Walker-Santiago**

- 1) Briefly discussed the opening of a Bronx Charter School in our community.
- 2) The model used was previously presented to the Board.
- 3) Model = 100% graduation rate
- 4) Idea is to bring this model to the BOE





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- 5) Job opportunities
- 6) Parent and child have an integral role in the education
- j) Approval of Previous Agenda and Minutes: Minutes Pass with the correction and additions listed below:
  - 1) Correction: noted December 2019 District Managers Report (no specific page #) Third bullet point should read as follows: We are the repository for brown field clean up at 2732, 2736, 2738 Creston Avenue. An 8 story building is expected to be proposed and an application for tax credits may be submitted...
  - 2) Additions: noted December 2019 District Managers Report: Discussion of MTA – Redesign to Bus Routes - Town Hall Meeting tentatively in the works for 1/17/20 in conjunction with Senator Gustavo Rivera
  - 3) Additions and Discussion: noted December 2019 District Managers Report On how “new developers” should meet or want to meet with CB7 when plans/proposal of new buildings being erected in our community.
  - 4) Correction: noted for page B-1 of Executive Committee Report Section V (a) - should read as follows: Community Advisory Council – Kingsbridge Armory – Three bids were sent to...
  - 5) Correction: noted Page B2 of Executive Committee Report Section VII (a) it should read as follows: Motion CB7 to send a letter to elected officials and DOT opposing the proposed increase in the alternative parking side fines, it will disproportionate communities in the Bronx.

**III) Motion(s):**

- a) Motion to increase the salary of district manager by 10% (retroactive) effective July 22, 2019. After discussion as to the determination of % Board voted and Motion Passed.



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- b) Motion to CB7 to send a letter to elected officials and DOT opposing proposed increased in the alternative parking side fines, it will disproportionate the communities in the Bronx.**

**After discussion of increase amount and location Board voted and the motion Passed with the following noted:**

- 1) 1 opposition by Alex Karman**
- 2) 1 abstention by Lowell Green**

**IV) District Manager's Report**

- a) Ischia Bravo briefly discussed her report.**
- b) Everyone to follow the printed copy and correction noted. See Corrections above.**

**V) Chairperson's Report**

- a) Emmanuel Martinez briefly discussed his report.**
- b) Everyone to follow the printed copy.**

**VI) Executive Report**

- a) briefly discussed her report.**
- b) Everyone to follow the printed copy and correction noted. See Corrections above.**

**VII) New Business**

- a) Thank you to all who participated and attended the annual tree lighting and a special thanks to Sirio Guerrino for helping out DJ and sound system**

**VIII) Meeting adjourned**

- a) Motion made to close out meeting. Motion passed and meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.**



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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Bronx Community Board 7   229-A East 204<sup>th</sup> Street</b>
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Barbara Stronczer</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Emmanuel Martinez</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Kevin Davis</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Edgar Ramos</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Andrew Laiosa</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Gloribel Vega</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Betty Arce</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Carmen Miranda</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Alex Karman</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dilletta Pina</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Chad Royer</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cole Hawkins</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Jean Hill</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Denise Relf</b>
<b>Minutes Done By:</b>	<b>No Report</b>

**Minutes:**

- I) Executive Committee Chair Remarks
- II) Old Business
- III) New Business
- IV) District Manager’s update
- V) Chairperson’s update
- VI) Committee Reports
  - a) Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Andrew Laiosa
  - b) Education, Youth & Libraries – Carmen Miranda
  - c) Environment & Sanitation – Betty Arce
  - d) Health and Human Services – Chad Royer
  - e) Housing, Land Use & Economic Development – Alex Karman
  - f) Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer
  - g) Public Safety and Quality of Life – Dilletta Pina
  - h) Traffic and Transportation – Edgar Ramos
  - i) Veterans Affairs – Jean Hill
  - j) Public Relations – Denise Relf



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## **h) By Laws – Kevin Davis**

- VII) Motions**
- VIII) Discussion on next month's agenda**
- IX) Adjournment**



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**VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

<b>Chair:</b>	Jean Hill
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30 p.m.
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, January 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Bronx Community Board 7   229-A East 204 <sup>th</sup> St.
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance):</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Hill <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Alvarado <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeffery Hunter  <input type="checkbox"/> Helene Redd <input type="checkbox"/> Adaline Walker Santiago
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	No Report





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**BUDGET, PERSONNEL & ETHICS COMMITTEE**

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Andrew Laiosa</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>No Meeting Held</b>
<b>Next Month's Meeting Date:</b>	<b>TBD</b>



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**ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE**

<b>Chair</b>	Betty Arce
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, January 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Bronx Community Board 7   229-A East 204 <sup>th</sup> Street
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cyrille Njikeng <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gwen Thomas-Steed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosalie Leslie
<b>Minutes Done By:</b>	Betty Arce

**Minutes:**

- I. Introductions - New members and community residents
- II. Review of last month’s minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month
  - a) Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency
    - 1) Members were given an update on the Dept. of City Planning’s upcoming citywide zoning text amendment which aims to promote the resiliency of the City’s building stock by strengthening and making permanent existing zoning rules in the floodplain, which in the case of CB 7 pertains to the Fordham Landing area.
    - 2) Over the next few months, CB 7 will review the preliminary recommendations (available at [www.nyc.gov/zcfr](http://www.nyc.gov/zcfr) and engage with DCP and other stakeholders to discuss the recommendations in advance of the formal review process.
  - b) Continued discussion on sanitation concerns in the district – Issues will be shared with DSNY for follow up and remedial action
    - 1) From Barbara Stronczer: “At BMCA’s meeting on Thursday night, the lack of street cleaning along Webster Ave from Mosholu North to East 201st. Street was noted. I see the sweeper pass by but the cleaner cannot get near the curb with all the parked cars. They are not being ticketed. Mosholu South to East 201st Street is a mess with litter and decaying leaves.



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**Webster along the Parkway is as bad. In the past, I have reached out to former commanding officers at the 52nd and they have arranged time with Sanitation to have the police move their cars for a limited time in order to clean the street. I do not think it is police cars parked from Mosholu South to East 201st Street. It is just a lack of enforcement.”**

- **Webster from 205th down to Mosholu Parkway North – trash build-up on daily basis. Need for trash can at corner of East 205th & Webster**
- **Parkside Place – needs ongoing maintenance**
- **Kingsbridge Underpass**
- **E. 204th Street – from Webster to Bainbridge & 206th St. – enforcement of clean sidewalks and curbs for commercial and residential properties**
- **CVS on Bainbridge Avenue- persistent accumulation of storage bins left outside the store attracting trash.**

**c) Briefing on Jerome Reservoir - Deb Travis, Jerome Park Friends, Member of CB 8**

**1) Provided a fact sheet on the history of the Jerome Park Reservoir – North Basin and summarized the issues regarding one of the two active construction projects - JRAQ-REH: The Aqueduct & Reservoir (Project: 15PR05283.**

- **A Modified Negative Declaration was submitted by DEP because of a change in the scope of work**
- **Of particular concern is the proposal is the manner in which repairs will be done and decision to drain the North Basin**
- **Elected officials have sent a letter to DEP requesting that the Modified Negative Declaration be rescinded because there are clear adverse impacts.**
- **Affected community boards are asked to join in a campaign to tell our elected officials how we are impacted by not having water in the reservoir**



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- <https://www.thisisthebronx.info/locals-launch-fillthereservoir-campaign-in-protest-of-dep-plan/>

IV. New Business

a) Events/activities in the next 90 days:

1) Reusable bag give-away – End of February

- Beginning March 1, 2020, New York State law will prohibit businesses in New York State from distributing plastic carryout bags to customers, with limited exceptions. In addition, businesses in New York City will be required to charge a five-cent fee for each paper carryout bag. This fee will not apply to any customers using SNAP or WIC.

The Department of Sanitation is notifying New York City residents about the upcoming Plastic Bag Ban and Paper Bag Fee by handing out hundreds of thousands of free reusable bags and flyers across the city.

Bags and flyers are being sent to community board offices to share with constituents to that end, the committee will co-host a bag give-away with the CB7 office.

2) Anti-litter campaign

- Clean UR Block – neighborhood effort to clean selected blocks (1-2 blocks) beginning in March. Clean-ups will be conducted twice monthly through June. (weather permitting)
  - The purpose is to encourage and motivate community residents to take personal responsibility for keeping their sidewalks and streets clean
- Cyril Njikeng will spear head the effort and begin with two clean-ups:
  - 3/14 – Decatur Ave. from 195 - Fordham



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- 3/28 - Decatur Ave. from 194-196
- Committee members will nominate other streets at the next committee meeting in February and encourage other board members to participate.
- Recruit civic & community groups to assist (i.e., Mission Continues, ASEZ World Mission Society)
- Materials and resources needed
  - T-shirts
  - Flyers/posters
  - Mailings by elected officials
  - Tools and equipment to be supplied by DSNY

**3) Forum- “Let’s Talk Trash” – TBD**

- Roundtable discussion with sanitation, elected officials, civic and community groups on best practices for litter prevention, raise awareness on the importance of clean streets, develop an education plan and shape long-term behavioral change

**V. Next meeting date: Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**VI. Discussion on next month’s agenda**

**a) DEP – discussion on DEP’s services**

**VII. Adjournment**





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**EDUCATION, YOUTH & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Carmen Miranda</b>
<b>Event Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>
<b>Event Time:</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Bronx Community Board 7   229-A East 204<sup>th</sup> Street</b>
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance):</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carmen Miranda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tasha Andrews <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Olga Baez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nora Feury <input type="checkbox"/> Yeny Medina <input type="checkbox"/> Sasha Mejia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Akilah Young
<b>Minutes Done By:</b>	<b>Carmen Miranda</b>

**Minutes:**

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month’s minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
- IV. New Business**
  - a) Proposed Drawing Contest:**
    - 1) Unfortunately we were told that we cannot offer a monetary prize to anyone. The committee is working on getting other ways to offer prizes and will bring those ideas to the table next meeting. If the community has any ideas we are open to hearing them.**
  - b) New York Yankees Community Council Youth Leadership Award**
    - 1) All submissions are due no later than January 31, 2020. (See official flyer)**
  - c) The Bronx Buccaneers have started their football boot camp at The Williamsbridge Oval.**
    - 1) The football boot camp will take place every Saturday until March from 11:00am -1:00 pm and is open for children ages 8-14.**
  - d) The Green Thumb Youth Leadership Council is recruiting youth ages 12-21 years to apply and join them as volunteers in New York City Community Gardens. Complete the application here: [bit.ly/YLCYouth20](http://bit.ly/YLCYouth20)**



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- e) **A proposal introduced by a constituent that the Community Board 7 Education youth and Libraries Committee look into a building or location to be used as an Educational Youth Center Sam's Carpet on Webster Avenue, or CVS on Gun Hill Road next to Fine Fare supermarket so that it provide free education and recreational activities for our youth. The committee discussed that while it is a wonderful idea those places have already been ruled out but will look into other Avenues to try to get our Youth off other the streets.**
- f) **We Engage in Prevention Awareness (WEPA) gave a presentation of their presentation. The WEPA coalition works with young people from ages 14-21 to develop public service announcements geared to them. They are conducting focus groups and wanted to see if CB7 would help them conduct a focus group. We asked them to give us more information about their coalition so that we can discuss further**

- V. **Next meeting date: Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
- VI. **Discussion on next month's agenda**
- VII. **Adjournment**



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**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION / PUBLIC SAFETY &  
QUALITY OF LIFE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING**

<b>Chair:</b>	Edgar Ramos & Dilletta Pina
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Thursday, January 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30 pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Bronx Community Board 7   229-A East 204 <sup>th</sup> Street
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance)</b>	<p><u>Traffic &amp; Transportation</u></p> <p>✓ Edgar Ramos    ✓ Yajaira Arias    ✓ Erick Ascensio</p> <p>✓ Kevin Davis    ✓ Andrew Laiosa    ✓ Lowell Green</p> <p><u>Public Safety &amp; Quality of Life</u></p> <p>✓ Dilletta Pina    __ Michelle Avila    ✓ Lowell Green</p> <p>✓ Cyrille Njikeng    __ Monjour Choudhury</p>
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	Edgar Ramos & Dilletta Pina

**Minutes:**

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
  - a) Approval of last month's meeting minutes for both Traffic & Transportation and Public Safety & Quality of Life minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
  - a) Traffic & Transportation: There was nothing identified to be discussed
  - b) Public Safety & Quality of Life: Officer Pacella gave an update on the D train station at 205<sup>th</sup> and Perry Avenue on the illegal MetroCard swiping scam. He told us he informed the Transit Division and they are working on this issue
- IV. New Business
  - a) Traffic & Transportation:
    - 1) Information about Community Board Issues provided by Ischia Bravo
    - Questions about Movie Shoot parking changes info from Lowell Green



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- 2) **Traffic Issues on Gunhill Avenue due to Water Main Replacement Project.**
  - 3) **Presentation by Revel a Brooklyn-based company providing shared electric mopeds. They presently provide service in Brooklyn and Queens, are hoping to move this service to The Bronx**
  - 4) **Hasson Linton, Liaison for the Teens for Food Justice Program presented about Fresh Food Program at Clinton High School and their plans to expand.**
  - 5) **Presentation from Officer Frank Pacella, 52nd Precinct Crime Prevention Officer**
- b) Public Safety & Quality of Life:**
- 1) **Hasson Linton, Liaison for the Teens for Food Justice gave a presentation on this program. The program is located at Dewitt Clinton High School and students grow healthy produce that is then sold to the public. They accept payment in the form of SNAP/EBT, cash, and all major credit/debit cards. Each box sold has enough seasonal fruits and vegetables for two people for an entire week and the cost is only \$14. Every Thursday from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. you can pick up your box of healthy produce. We need to support the teenagers in this program that have chosen to invest their time do something positive to help the community. For information or questions send an email to: [foodbox@teensforfoodjustice.org](mailto:foodbox@teensforfoodjustice.org)**
  - 2) **Officer Pacella reported that there has been an increase on delivered packages theft since November of 2019. Mostly because the delivery people leave the packages at the outside door and are not requiring a signature. The officer also advised us to be careful where we deposit our mail, because the “phishing” scam is still going on strong.**
  - 3) **The Chair informed the committee members about the possibility of having a town hall about the Bail Reform Law in February instead of having a committee meeting. All committee members agree that this is**



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a good idea. The CB7 District Manager was asked to have the CB7 Staff do the follow up to secure a venue (possibly Our Lady of Refuge Auditorium), to invite representatives from the Bronx DA's office to do a presentation on the Bail Reform Law and what it entails, and to invite the local press. The residents of the community will have an opportunity to submit their questions in writing to be answered by the Bronx DA's representatives.

**V. Next meeting date(s):**

**a) Traffic & Transportation: Thursday, February 6th, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.**

**b) Public Safety & QOL: Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.**

**VI. Discussion on next month's agenda**

**VII. Adjournment**





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**HOUSING, LAND USE & ZONING COMMITTEE**

<b>Chair</b>	Alex Karman
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, January 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Bronx Community Board 7   229-A East 204 <sup>th</sup> Street
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Karman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erick Ascensio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myrna Calderon <input type="checkbox"/> Edgar Cisneros <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandra Erickson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer
<b>Minutes Done By:</b>	Alex Karman

**Minutes:**

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month’s minutes
- III. New Business
  - a) Project Renewal Update: Bedford Green House, 2865 Creston Avenue
    - 1) Mr. Paul Woody stated that the construction of Bedford Green House has topped out and that the building was mostly enclosed. However, the project’s general contractor recently filed for bankruptcy. A new general contractor is in place but the project will likely be delayed as a result. Likewise, phase two of the project is also delayed.
    - 2) Mr. Woody stated that the facilities on the roof of the building are secure and are not at risk of coming loose from the roof. He explained that a greenhouse and aquaponics facility on the roof would supply produce for building residents. He stated Project Renewal received more than 40,000 applications for apartments in the building and that CB 7 had assisted prospective tenants prepare their applications. He stated that that the City closely monitors the lottery process to ensure that the building meets its targets for area residents. He stated that 40% of units are set aside for residents earning up to 60% of AMI while the remainder of the units are set aside for supportive housing.



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**He explained that Project Renewal was now hiring staff to operate the building.**

**b) Discussion with Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition (NWBCCC)**

- 1) Three tenants and a NWBCCC representative spoke about issues with Major Capital Improvements (MCI) charges at 3425 Gates Place. The tenants recounted how in early 2019, their landlord began a construction project to modify kitchens and bathrooms in the building. As a result of the construction, the tenants lived without light, heat, kitchens or bathrooms during January 2019. Some tenants could not understand why their landlord was doing construction as their kitchens and bathrooms were newly renovated or otherwise adequate. Since construction finished, tenants noted that the renovations were falling apart and there are plumbing problems. Tenants objected to the lack of notice about the construction; when the landlord did provide notice, it did so in English while the majority of tenants speak Spanish. The tenants strenuously objected to the MCI charge of \$81.33/room (\$243.99/month for a one-bedroom unit and \$325.32 for a two-bedroom unit). To protest the MCI charge, about 25 of 62 tenants are withholding their MCI charges or rent payments.**
- 2) The tenants objected to either insufficient or misleading notice about the construction and resulting MCI charges. The tenants stated that some units received notices about tax abatement but not about the MCI construction. Many tenants reported harassment by the landlord's representatives, who would repeatedly knock on their door and pressure the tenants to sign documents they did not understand. As a result, the landlord has brought eviction proceedings against several of the tenants. The tenants asked the Committee to support them at their upcoming February 5 housing court appearance. Through their elected officials (Senator Bailey, Assembly Member**



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Fernandez, and Council Member Cohen), the tenants had requested a meeting with their landlord, the Morgan Group, to discuss these issues and seek a resolution. NWBCCC asked the committee

- 3) After discussing the matter, the Committee unanimously approved a motion to send a letter: 1) urging DHCR to reduce or eliminate the MCI charges assessed to tenants of 3425 Gates Place, which dispute was apparently exacerbated by a language barrier and lack of communication, or alternatively, to seek a negotiated solution between the parties; and 2) urging DHCR to require that all leases and other important documents be offered in languages other than English (Sandra Erickson and Erick Ascensio abstained).

**IV. Old Business**

**a) Developer Interaction with CB 7**

- 1) The committee tabled this item until the next meeting.

**V. Next meeting date: Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**VI. Discussion on next month's agenda**

- a) Mr. Karman stated that New York Botanical Garden would soon update the committee on its plans for the lot at Bedford Park Boulevard and Webster Ave now occupied by the Cherry Valley supermarket.

**VII. Adjournment**



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**PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Bronx Community Board 7   229-A East 204<sup>th</sup> Street</b>
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input type="checkbox"/> Leurys Acosta <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tasha Andrews <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Davis <input type="checkbox"/> Morganne Maselio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed
<b>Minutes Done By:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>

**Minutes:**

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of previous minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
  - a) The committee thanked the Friends of Mosholu Parkland and their leader, Elizabeth Quaranta, for their help with the annual tree lighting. Sirio Guerino was also thanked for his help with the sound system. The staff at CB#7 also helped make the event possible.  
 Suggestions for next year include:
    - 1) Acquiring a better sound system. Mt. St. Ursula has offered their system for next year.
    - 2) Move the switch for the lights to a higher area of the tree to prevent vandalism.
    - 3) Since donations for the event were low this year, it was suggested to establish local vendors in order to use funds, which the board has in its budget.
- IV. New Business
  - a) Board Newsletter: Suggestions for the newsletter include:





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- 1) **The proposed transformation of the vacant lot on Oliver Place and Decatur Ave into a community garden. Through the help of Gwendolyn Steed, a board and committee member, and Councilman Torres's office Bridge Arts is awaiting permission from DOT's legal department to obtain a lease for this site.**
- 2) **New signage has been secured for all our parks. Rules and operating times have been posted in several languages.**
- 3) **Through the work of our committee, the Buccaneers were granted additional permit time for practice and games at Williamsbridge Oval. The Oval Community Youth Program was also granted additional playing time at Frisch Field as a result of the committees' efforts with the Parks' Dept.**
- b) **A request for the removal of the steel rusted rods around the trees along Mosholu Parkway North from Webster to Bainbridge Avenues was made. The rods are no longer needed and pose a danger to those using the Park. The committee will follow-up with the board staff regarding information on this request.**
- c) **New Boiler for the Webster House: It has been more than several years since the committee was told that a new boiler would be installed at the Webster House. Currently heat is not available for the workers who use the house to work along the entire length of Mosholu Parkway.**
- d) **Motion:**
  - 1) **The committee recommends a letter be sent to Commissioner Rodriquez requesting information on the status on this capital project. The motion was presented by Betty Arce and seconded by Tasha Andrews. The motion passed unanimously.**
- e) **Garbage Truck for District 7: The district is in need of a new garbage truck. Greg Faulkner, from Councilman Cabrera's office reported that the councilman might be interested in funding some of the cost of the truck if the other councilpersons using the truck would also fund some of the cost. If purchased, the truck would be used only in our board area.**
- f) **Friends of Aqueduct & Devoe Parks: Pilar Maschi will be invited to our next meeting to report on the status of the groups she is forming.**



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**Leaders from each group will also be invited with the hope that they will start to attend our committee meetings.**

- g) A request was made to also invite the gardener, from the Oval, Andrea Gaston, to our next meeting.**
- h) A representative from NYC Parks' will also be present to describe the bidding process for mobile food carts.**
- i) A complaint regarding cracks in the surface of the skate park at Williamsbridge Oval was made.**
- j) Sarah Bishow, the Director of the Recreation Program at Williamsbridge Oval, reported on the department's endeavor to get the bocce courts better utilized. The youth and toddler programs at the Oval were also described.**
- k) Tasha Andrews announced the Buccaneers Boot Camp which takes place at the Oval on Saturdays from 11:00AM-1:00PM.**

**V. Next meeting date: Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**VI. Discussion on next month's agenda**

**VII. Adjournment – The meeting ended at 7:40 PM**





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**PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE**

<b>Chair:</b>	Dilletta Pina
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Thursday, January 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30 pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Bronx Community Board 7   229-A East 204 <sup>th</sup> Street
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dilletta Pina <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Avila <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowell Green  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cyrille Njikeng <input type="checkbox"/> Monjour Choudhury
<b>Minutes Done By:</b>	Dilletta Pina

**Minutes: Joint Meeting with Traffic & Transportation Committee - See Page G-1**



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# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Chad Y. Royer</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Bronx Community Board 7   229-A East 204<sup>th</sup> Street</b>
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance):</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Royer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gloria Bent <input type="checkbox"/> Cristina Contreras <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alfred Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Helene Wilson <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Gonzalez
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Chad Y. Royer</b>

**Minutes:**

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of previous minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month (if applicable)
- IV. New Business
  - a) Outreach
    - 1) On February 18, 2020, CB7 and Lehman College will host a Disabilities Awareness Forum at Lehman College Faculty Dining Room in the Speech and Music Building. Content will also highlight the 30th Anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act. All are welcome to attend.
    - 2) On May 19, 2020, CB7 and North Central Hospital will host a Mental Health and Nutrition Forum at North Central Hospital. Content will also highlight some of the challenges involving mental health and healthy food options in our community.
  - b) Presentation on Immigration: Know Your Rights and ICE - Jacqueline Andujar of New York Immigration Coalition
    - 1) Know Your Rights
      - NYIC covers what is someone supposed to do if stopped at home, school, work or anywhere. and what you can advise your neighbors, friends, and family members. NYIC is an



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**organization that works with over 200 agencies throughout New York State who help individuals and families with individuals who are undocumented (ie legal help, emergencies, being detained**

- **DACA (Dream Act) addresses children who come to the US with families with the intention of staying. On June 2020, a final decision will be made about DACA. People can still apply for DACA in order to stay in US. Governor Cuomo passed New York State version of DACA where those under DACA can become eligible for financial aid through CUNY/SUNY and access legal services through the Dream Fund.**
- **Green Light Driver's License allows people to apply for license regardless of immigration status. If denied, person can retain a lawyer for assistance and report incident to NYIC. Common fear is safety of applicant information, but individuals cannot unilaterally pull up information for the purpose of finding undocumented individuals. There is no citizen questions on the application.**
- **NYIC is working on a "hate crime community toolkit."**
- **Common question is why should undocumented person participate in the census. All should participate because failure to filling out the forms can have a negative affect on community. Census can be completed online, so that people do not feel intimidated from having to open the door to encounter ICE agents who commonly target people at home).**
- **Public Charge rule is used on certain applicants. Anyone applying for a green card or a visa would be a public charge if receiving SSI benefits. Anyone seeking asylum or is a victim of domestic violation will not be affected by public charge rule.**



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- Medicaid, SNAP, Section 8 was in danger of being part of the public charge rule, but lawsuits prevented this.
- Individuals can call New Americans Hotline at 800-566-7636 if they have questions or need legal advice. Multiple languages are available, and callers can be anonymous.

## 2) Immigration and Customs Enforcement

- Who is at risk of being picked up: those who are removable under immigration law, those without lawful status, and those with lawful immigration status with criminal background. Agents are not allowed to pick up people at schools, hospitals, places of worship, courthouse or any sanctuary places. Agents cannot enter or walk into private areas or areas with privacy signage.
- If you witnessed a raid, document and record where and when it took place, how agents presented themselves, what was said, what intimidation tactics were used, and was consent given to enter or search.
- Individuals can call Immigrant Defense Project (IDP) at 212-725-6422.
- ICE can try to coerce individuals to get permission to enter home by saying they are looking for a suspect, need help with a criminal investigation, need to talk to you about a criminal issue, or need to search your car because there was a robbery.

## 3) What You Can Do?

- When you encounter an agent, you can ask for an ID and a warrant, but the warrant must be issued by a judge and cannot have misspellings on name and address. You can refuse entry into your home and search of your car, belongings or self. You can refuse to provide information on your immigration status or criminal history.



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**You can talk to a lawyer and ask to call your emergency contact and/or your consulate.**

- **During an ICE arrest on the street, you can ask if you are free to go and refuse permission to search, but DO NOT give foreign documents or false documents. This is a felony that gives the agent a reason to detain you.**
- **During an ICE arrest at work, ICE can enter the workplace with permission from the employer or a valid warrant. It is advised that you do not run, but you should make a plan with co-workers and make sure everyone knows the plan and their rights. It is a good practice to have at least one workplace representative on-site who can deal with issues pertaining to ICE.**
- **Making a plan is important. In order to be prepared, it is advised that you find a lawyer who can help, memorize phone numbers and alien numbers, safeguard important documents, have a family safety and child care plan, save money for emergencies, get help from the consulate and talk to a family law lawyer**
- **The child care plan is important because parents who get detained often get separated from their children and children end up in foster care**

**V. Next meeting date: Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

**VI. Discussion on next month's agenda**

- a) On February 18, 2020, there will be a Disabilities Awareness Forum at Lehman College at 6:30 pm. The following meeting will be on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6:30pm.**

**VII. Adjournment**





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# PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Denise Relf</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Sharp</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Bronx Community Board 7   229-A East 204<sup>th</sup> Street</b>
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance):</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Relf <input type="checkbox"/> Cole Hawkins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hugo Gonzalez  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jhenelle Robinson <input type="checkbox"/> Akilah Young
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Denise Relf</b>

**Minutes:**

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
- IV. Old Business
  - a) None of the committee members were in receipt of any of the committee members responses to the survey questions, so there was nothing to review.
  - b) The committee reviewed the old newsletter from 2019.
- V. New Business
  - a) The committee had a new community member join this session, so the committee members took turns bringing the new attendee up to speed on what had been done to prepare for the newsletter thus far. The community member was then invited to actively participate, to which she did and provided helpful thoughts, which is incorporated in the overall thoughts discussed below.
  - b) The committee used the review of the old newsletter, and made suggestions as to what they would modify for the 1st quarter's double sided 1-pager the committee hopes to put out in late March (early April).





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**A copy of the suggested modifications was saved by the committee chair, along with notes on said modifications.**

- c) The committee spoke briefly about ideas for the double sided 2-pager to be put out at the start of the summer as well. Those suggestions were also collected by the committee chair.**
- d) The chair announced that she will be out of town, and checked in to see who could cover, it was learned that the co-chair could not cover as well. It was agreed that the summary from each committee would be shared with all committee members and the community member who joined this session, each person would be responsible for reviewing the material, and suggesting edits for uniformity. The edits will be reviewed during March's meeting, and be placed into the newsletter draft.**

- VI. Next meeting date: Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
- VII. Discussion on next month's agenda**
- VIII. Adjournment**



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## BY-LAWS COMMITTEE (AD-HOC)

<b>Chair:</b>	Kevin Davis
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Monday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30 pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Bronx Community Board 7   229-A East 204 <sup>th</sup> Street
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Davis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmanuel Martinez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yajaira Arias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carmen Miranda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Karman

**Minutes:**

- I. **Introductions**
- II. **Review of previous minutes**
- III. **Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)**
- IV. **New Business**
  - a) **Topics discussed:**
    - 1) **General consensus good to keep executive board members**
    - 2) **Discussion of combining committees (Public Safety and Sanitation)**
    - 3) **Check and Balances**
    - 4) **Discussion of Elimination of Treasurer Position**
    - 5) **Discussion of Eliminations of 2nd and 3rd Vice Chair position**
    - 6) **Discussion including a Parliamentarian and Sargent of Arms**
    - 7) **Officers**
    - 8) **Term Limits**
  - b) **Changes to Article V – Section 1:**
    - 1) **Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, 2nd Vice Chair**
    - 2) **Elimination of Treasurer Position**
    - 3) **Elimination of 3rd Vice Chair position**
    - 4) **Addition of Sargent of Arms**
  - c) **Changes to Article VI (A):**
    - 1) **A committee shall of not less than 3 or more than 11 Board Members appointed by the Board Chairperson from among those volunteering. (Increase level of interest)**



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**d) Time Frame:**

- 1) 30 Day Turn for Comments from Board Members (March)
- 2) Presentation to Executive Board as a courtesy - Kevin Davis to do presentation - (April)
- 3) Vote to be held in May

**e) Cycles:**

- 1) Committee Chair July 2020
- 2) Officer Election June 2021

- V. Next meeting date: Wednesday, February 19, 2020
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda
  - a) Review and revision of past and current By-Laws
- VII. Adjournment – Meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.