



**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

**Bronx Library Center ♦ 310 East Kingsbridge Road
Tuesday, November 26, 2019 @ 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 general meeting location: Sister Annunciata Bethell Senior Center – December 17th, 2019 | 243 East 204th 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 3 MINUTES** for their statement, unless additional time to speak is approved by the board.

AGENDA

- I) **Special presentation by the MTA regarding the Bus Network Redesign**
- II) Elected Officials & Liaisons / Public Session / City Agency Representatives
- III) 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
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 - 1) **Economic Development & Long-Term Planning: Cole Hawkins(Page C)**
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 - 12) **By-Laws (Ad-Hoc): Kevin Davis(Page N)**
- IV) New Business
- V) Adjournment



Bill de Blasio
Mayor

Police Department City of New York



James P. O'Neill
Police Commissioner

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CompStat

52nd Precinct

Report Covering the Week
11/11/2019 Through 11/17/2019

Crime Complaints

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date*			2 Year	9 Year	26 Year
	2019	2018	% Chg	2019	2018	% Chg	2019	2018	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg
Murder	0	0	*** *	0	1	-100.0	7	6	16.7	250.0	-12.5	-82.5
Rape	0	0	*** *	2	2	0.0	30	27	11.1	20.0	15.4	-45.5
Robbery	5	6	-16.7	35	30	16.7	326	300	8.7	8.7	-27.1	-78.3
Fel. Assault	12	7	71.4	48	38	26.3	514	489	5.1	12.7	28.5	-10.5
Burglary	3	6	-50.0	14	17	-17.6	159	180	-11.7	7.4	-56.1	-92.3
Gr. Larceny	19	11	72.7	54	60	-10.0	639	599	6.7	13.1	29.9	-20.4
G.L.A.	0	2	-100.0	8	3	166.7	67	101	-33.7	-23.9	-57.6	-94.9
TOTAL	39	32	21.88	161	151	6.62	1,742	1,702	2.35	9.97	-7.98	-72.65
Transit	4	1	300.0	8	6	33.3	77	48	60.4	40.0	220.8	*** *
Housing	0	0	*** *	0	0	*** *	5	1	400.0	0.0	-37.5	*** *
Petit Larceny	40	33	21.2	166	146	13.7	1,647	1,637	0.6	8.0	45.6	*** *
Misd. Assault	16	18	-11.1	76	79	-3.8	922	922	0.0	7.2	15.2	*** *
UCR Rape*	1	0	*** *	6	2	200.0	60	55	9.1	42.9	*** *	*** *
Other Sex Crimes	0	3	-100.0	5	11	-54.5	77	94	-18.1	4.1	*** *	*** *
Shooting Vic.	0	1	-100.0	2	2	0.0	16	17	-5.9	-20.0	-54.3	-80.7
Shooting Inc.	0	1	-100.0	2	2	0.0	16	16	0.0	6.7	-40.7	-79.2

Historical Perspective

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

	1990	1993	1998	2001	2018	%Chg '18 vs '01	%Chg '18 vs '98	%Chg '18 vs '93	%Chg '18 vs '90	
Murder	38	43	20	23	7	-69.6	-65.0	-83.7	-81.6	Murder
Rape	51	60	60	53	30	-43.4	-50.0	-50.0	-41.2	Rape
Robbery	1,883	1,727	871	603	334	-44.6	-61.7	-80.7	-82.3	Robbery
Fel. Assault	848	627	541	524	553	5.5	2.2	-11.8	-34.8	Fel. Assault
Burglary	2,623	2,344	1,102	766	208	-72.8	-81.1	-91.1	-92.1	Burglary
Gr. Larceny	1,157	922	582	528	679	28.6	16.7	-26.4	-41.3	Gr. Larceny
G.L.A.	2,467	1,464	626	555	106	-80.9	-83.1	-92.8	-95.7	G.L.A.
TOTAL	9,067	7,187	3,802	3,052	1,917	-37.2	-49.6	-73.3	-78.9	TOTAL

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.



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MOTION(S)

EXECUTIVE MEETING:

I) MOTION(S)

a) Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

- 1) The Parks' Committee recommends a letter of support be sent to Commissioner Rosa regarding the proposal to create an urban garden at 2502 Davison Ave. The motion was presented by Better Arce and seconded by Gwendolyn Steed. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) The committee recommends a letter be sent to Parks' Commission Rosa highlighting the great work of the gardener at the Oval, as well as, the work performed by the gardening crew responsible for the Mosholu Monument's plantings. The motion was presented by Better Arce and seconded by Kevin Davis. The motion passed unanimously

b) Traffic & Transportation

- 1) CB7 appreciates MTA's efforts to streamline bus service in our community. However, we have concerns with regard to the changes to bus routes Bx34, BxM3, and BxM4. We respectively request that the Proposal (Final) Service changes to these lines be re-examined. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Letter to NYCDOT to conduct a feasibility study to install parking in the tunnel running along East 204th Street and retain travel in East to West directions. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Health & Human Services Committee

- 1) For CB7 to write a letter of support for City Council to pass Legislation 1662 to ensure private, clean, safe and accessible environment for employees who require lactation accommodation.
- 2) For CB7 to write a letter of support for City Council to pass Resolution 1043 (Condemning the Trump Administration's Plan To Cut Food Stamps For 3 Million People).

Bronx CB 7
MOTION SUMMARY

November 26, 2019

Title: Letter of concern regarding Care for the Homeless

Committee(s): Housing, Land Use & Zoning

Recommended Action: Draft and send a letter to elected officials and city and state agencies regarding Care for the Homeless' proposed medical clinic at Bronx Works' 3600 Jerome Avenue shelter, recommending that: 1) the medical clinic should only serve shelter clients residing at this facility; and, 2) oversight agencies should thoroughly examine data to identify needs and refrain from licensing facilities in communities where adequate services already exist.

Background: Care for the Homeless proposes to open a medical clinic at Bronx Works' 200-bed shelter at 3600 Jerome Avenue. The shelter currently serves a population of men with mental illness. Care for the Homeless has applied for an Article 28 license to operate the clinic from the State Department of Health. Based on the Care for the Homeless' other clinics, this clinic may service shelter residents and non-residents.

Rationale for Recommendation: The committee is concerned about the concentration of service providers at this location, which is adjacent to a school, as well as that this facility would duplicate services already available. The Committee is also concerned that service providers are not forthcoming with data documenting the actual need for services in this community as opposed to the City in general. Likewise, the committee recommends that licensing authorities thoroughly examine the need for these services and whether existing service providers have the capacity to adequately provide these services. Finally, the committee is concerned that Care for the Homeless' clinic would eventually serve a large number of patients who are not shelter residents.

Timing: None.

Prior Action: None.

Future Actions: None at this time.

Committee Vote: 5 -0 in favor

Executive Committee Vote: 8-0 in favor

Lead Board Member(s): Alex Karman

Bronx CB 7
MOTION SUMMARY

Date

Title:

Committee(s):

Recommended Action:

Background:

Rationale for Recommendation:

Timing:

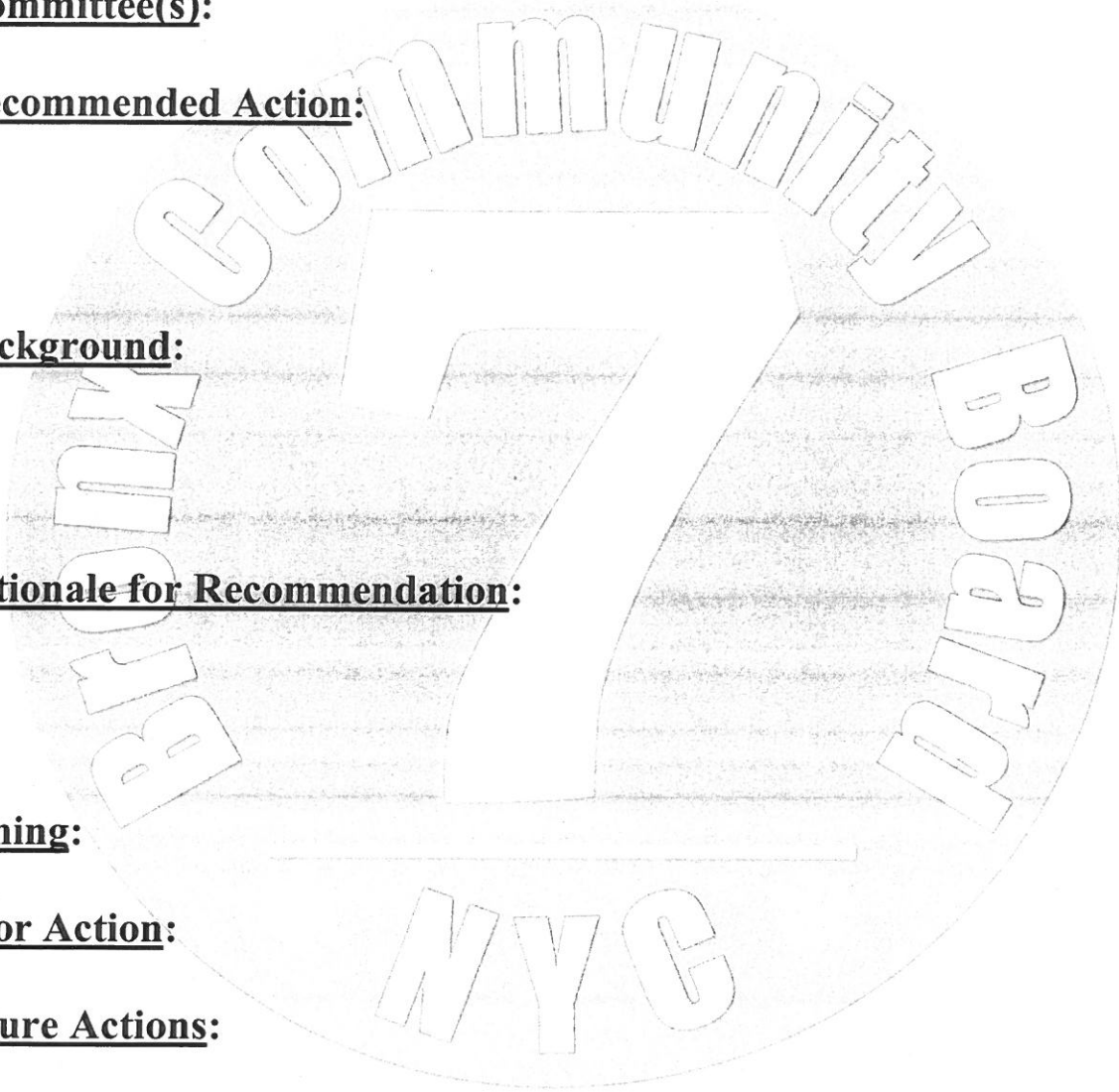
Prior Action:

Future Actions:

Committee Vote:

Executive Committee Vote:

Lead Board Member(s):





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District Managers November 2019 Report

- Updates:
- NYPD-
 - At Clinton High School on November 20, 2019 a male 16 years of age was stabbed, requiring seven stitches not life threatening. Extra officers have been dispatched around Clinton High school. Officers from both 50 and 52nd pct. will be visible. There will also be additional school safety agents within the school grounds and transit officers near the train.
 - Gang siting's at both Devoe and St. James Park. The PD is working with BRAG at this time.
 - Increase in DV cases and Robberies.
 - Sector Adam. 433 versus 448. -15 or -3.3% Sector Boy 567 versus 496 +71 or +14.3% Sector Charlie 313 versus 321 or -8 or -2.5% Sector David 444 versus 448 or -4 or -.9%.
 - CAU-
 - Katrina Asante is the new Borough Director for the Mayors Community Affairs Unit.
 - DEP-
 - Catch Basin- Clean up at 192nd Street and Davidson Avenue
 - DDC-
 - Pedestrian Ramp on Mosholu Parkway North to 213th Street
 - Bainbridge Avenue and Jerome Avenue
 - East Gun Hill Road and Woodlawn
 - HRA-
 - In August 2019, the federal government announced a new rule related to when certain immigrants might be considered a "public charge" under immigration law. It could prevent some immigrants from getting legal permanent residence status (also known as a green card) or a visa if they use certain public benefits or the federal government believes they are likely to depend on public benefits in the future. A court has blocked the rule from going into effect for now. On Friday, October 11th, a federal judge granted a nationwide preliminary injunction in a lawsuit brought by New York City, the New York State Attorney General's Office, and the States of Connecticut and Vermont. **This means the public charge rule is blocked from going into effect for now.**



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The court will continue to consider whether the “public charge” rule should be allowed to go into effect in the future, but that process will likely take months. ActionNYC is for every immigrant New Yorker. It offers free, safe immigration legal help in a network of trusted community organizations and schools. **You must make an appointment to receive services. To make an appointment, call 1-800-354-0365 between 9AM-6PM, Monday - Friday or call 311 and say "ActionNYC"***
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/immigrants/help/legal-services/actionnyc.page>

- Fair Fares: sign up instructions and criteria
 - <https://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/fair-fares-nyc-eligibility.page>
 - <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/home/downloads/pdf/resources/2018/Fair-Fares-Application-English.pdf>
- Update: COLA program Snap increase-1.6% COLA in 2020 would be the smallest annual **hike** in the last three years, following a 2.8% **increase** in 2019 and a 2.0% **hike** in 2018. Still, it is significantly larger than 0.3% COLA posted in 2017
- Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. has issued a new report outlining a set of recommendations aimed at reforming the New York State Lottery to minimize its adverse effects on low-income communities.
<https://on.nyc.gov/330OJF5>
- Reminder: CB 7 Housing Town Hall December 4th, 2019 from 6:30pm-830pm

Bronx Community Board 7
 invites you to a
Housing Town Hall Meeting
 Wednesday • December 4th • 2019
 6pm-8:30pm
 SerViam Garden Hall
 2849 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10438

NY recently passed stronger Housing Rent Laws that protect you as tenant, and we want to make sure you know about it.
 **Don't find out how these laws protect you!
 **Learn how to organize or tenant **How to file complaints with Government Agencies
 **How to hold Landlords accountable **Get testimony Housing related evidence
 and much more.....
 Light refreshments will be served

Invited Donalitt:
 West Bronx Housing and Neighborhood Res. Center
 Mt. Council
 Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition
 Neighborhood Initiative Development Corporation
 NYU Dept. of Housing & Community Renewal
 NYC Housing & Preservation Department

Housing Case work will be done by
 NAICA and Bronx Works

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 Inwood-242nd Street
 Or Fortcham Road Station

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chair:	Emmanuel Martinez
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, October 22 nd , 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	North Central Bronx Hospital 3424 Kossuth Avenue
Minutes Done By:	Nora Feury

Minutes:

- I. A Public Hearing was held at NCBH to review and approve the CB’s priorities and requests. A discussion was held and testimony from residents who requested additional items to be added to the priorities. After a review of the Budget Priorities and Requests the CB voted to approve the document with the added changes
- II. Elected Officials/Public Session
 - a) Eric Dinowitz reminded people about Early Elections. Voting will take place from Oct. 26 – Nov. 3rd. The nearest polling place is Monroe College on Jerome Avenue. Eric noted the 5 proposals to be voted on. The one on Land Use was particularly important. Read the proposals before voting. Absentee ballots are available if needed.
 - b) Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz reminded people about the upcoming census and the importance of filling out the forms because it ties into federal funding.
 - 1. The Assemblyman shared the recent passing of important bills in Albany.
 - 2. He also noted that flu shots will be available on Wed. Nov. 30th from 10-2 pm at Amalgamated Houses.
 - c) Councilman Andy Cohen reported that curbside pickup of electronic items by the NYC Sanitation is available to the public by calling 311 for an appointment.
 - 1. The Council is working on Healthy Food Choices for all.
 - 2. Commercial Waste pickup is in the planning stage to reduce the amounts to be picked up.



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3. The Councilman thanked all who participated in the Kossuth Park Event.
 4. He also reminded people of the importance of the census.
- d) Greg Faulkner from Councilman Fernando Cabrera's office reported on his concern over health issues.
1. The Councilman is also planning a job fair on employment with the Census. Tickets to the Zoo are available. Call his office.
- e) Israel Gonzalez from the BP's Office invited all to do a Tour of the Bronx. Invitation on line.
1. Halloween celebration on 10/31/19 from 4:30-8 at the 47th Pct.
- f) Erica Diaz from the D.A.'s office announced that court will be held on Saturday 10/26/19 from 9 – 4 pm at 941 Rev. James A. Polite Ave. The purpose is to settle summonses for quality of life offences including alcohol consumption in public, disorderly conduct, trespassing, noise violation, subway offences and public urination. Defense Attorneys will be available to help clear records. Reminder that October is Domestic Violence Month.
- g) Ron Jordan from Councilman Richie Torres office reminding about Participatory Budgeting in NYC. One million dollars is allotted for eligible projects.
1. Thursday 10/24/19 is Domestic Violence Day. Wear purple.
 2. Census positions are posted on the Web Site. For heat problems call 311.
- h) William Francis and Socrates Cabo announced the opening of the Noella Hatt Democratic Club which is open to all.
1. A meeting to be held at the Kittay House at 6:30 pm on 11/18/19. All are welcome.
 2. Encourage all to vote and review the 5 proposals before voting.
 3. There is also a voting drive in process.
 4. The Census is very important and should not be ignored.
- i) Sirio Guerino expressed his concerns about the pool at DeWitt Clinton which is out of order.



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1. He also cited the use of motor bikes and electric skate boards on the sidewalk to the detriment of passersby especially the elderly and the very young. He questions laws regarding the issue.
2. Sirio noted the illegal parking of vehicles at curb cut crossings. Want action to correct this anomaly.
- j) Michael Rodriguez from BRAG described his program and the support system in place for young people who seek a safe haven.
 1. Halloween Event to be held on 10/31/19 from 4-6 pm at 1 East Fordham Road, 2nd floor.
- k) Gloria Bent from NCBH welcomed all to attend a Diabetes Event at NCBH on Nov. 14 from 11-2 pm.
- l) Elise Instuita described her youth program and the activities offered. Positions are available. Call 212 -362-4020 ext. 805
- m) Nancy Benigna from WEPA described her prevention program of working with youth.
- n) Frank Rojas described his program, the Perseverance Project, where he teaches and inspires young people who are in pain or suffering. The goal of the program is to connect with youngsters to uplift and guide them to a better life.
- o) Kevin Davis reminded all on early voting and to review the proposal on rank place voting.
- p) Darcell Clark, the D.A. of Bronx County made her regular visit to CB 7 to update the day to day activities of the DA's office particularly Domestic Violence in the Bronx. She noted prominent cases in CB 7 and the results. Ms. Clark asked that potential violence in the home be reported before it becomes a case for the DA.
 1. Ms. Clark mentioned the " Second Chance " program which resolves outstanding summons warrants, old convictions and marijuana possession convictions.



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2. The Court will come to the community on Sat. 10/26/19 from 9 am - 4 pm at 941 Rev James A. Polite Ave. Representatives will be present to help clear records.

q) Cristina Contreras from NCBH welcomed all to the meeting place on the 17th floor.

r) Mariel DeLaCruz reported a DIWALI Event sponsored by NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer in Queens.

1. Mr. Stringer is working on the issue of unreasonable surcharges on wire transfers to incarcerated prisoners.

2. Domestic Violence issues are also a concern with possible solutions being discussed.

s) Maximo Javier representing Congressman Adriano Espaillat reported on the 2 million dollar bill to assist small businesses.

1. The Congressman is sponsoring free flu shots on 10/30/19 at Amalgamated Houses from 10 am- 2 pm and on 11/9/19 at Serviam Gardens from 11-1 pm.

2. A Town Hall on Impeachment is being planned. No date yet.

3. Office is at 3107 Kingsbridge Ave. tel. 646-740-3632.

u) Hidekee Salazar reported that Assemblyman Victor Pichardo will sponsor a Job Fair on Thurs. 11/14/19 from 4 pm – 6 pm at St Nicholas of Tolentine Church.

1. He will also sponsor a Mammography Unit in front of Creston Baptist Church on Thurs., 10/31/19 from 10 am-2pm.

III. Public Session closed, Opening of Board Meeting at 7:40 pm

a) Attendance taken ...quorum present

b) The Agenda and the Minutes were approved with corrections.

c) Motion(s):

1. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee:

- The Parks' Committee is in favor of granting a letter of support to the Woodlawn Cemetery Conservancy for the two grants for which they will be applying.

The grantor is the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation.



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The grant will enable the Conservancy to manage and maintain their numerous trees. Motion approved.

2. Traffic & Transportation Committee

- A letter to request a safety for Bainbridge Avenue project
- Letter to request a Safety Study for a Stop sign and a defined crosswalk Eastbound on Mosholu Parkway South- and the intersection of 204th. Due to the entrance of the park, and it being a Safe to School route. Motions approved

3. Budget and Personnel & Ethics Committee

- Motion to approve the Capital Budget. Motion approved.
- Motion to approve the Expense Budget. Motion approved.

4. Executive Committee:

- To approve the CB Committee Chairs. Motion approved.

IV. Chairperson's update

- a) Emmanuel gave feedback on the Saturday community visits. He thanked all who participated and felt it was a successful venture.
- b) He noted Early Voting and the necessity of voting.
- c) Attendance at Committee meetings is vital in order to continue the work of the Board.
- d) The Boro Board discussed broken pavements due to tree roots. NYC is responsible for removing trees and repairing pavements. Call NYC for removal.

V. District Manager's update

- a) Ischia Bravo reported on the various meetings she had attended. (See District Manager's report.)

VI. Executive Committee

- a) The District 9 report on trade unions was discussed.

VII. Committee Reports

- a) Economic Development & Long Term Planning

1. No meeting was held. Next meeting on 10/23/19



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b) Veterans Affairs

1. Meeting to be held on 10/23/19
2. Veterans issues to be addressed. Plans in place for annual breakfast to be held in April. More information forthcoming.

c) Budget. Personnel & Ethics

1. The attendance records were reviewed.
2. Discussion of the additional \$42,000 ongoing.

d) Environment & Sanitation

1. Sanitation issues continue to be a problem for residents.
2. Next meeting on Nov. 6th

e) Education, Youth & Libraries

1. On 10/31/19 there will be a Halloween Extravaganza from 11-6 pm.
2. The pool at DeWitt Clinton continues to be an issue to be addressed.
3. The Committee continues to recruit young members.

f) Traffic & Transportation

1. Next meeting on Nov. 7th
2. Ongoing discussion of the 240 page proposal on ADA accessibility.

g) Housing, Land Use & Zoning

1. Next meeting on Nov. 12th

h) Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

1. Next meeting on Nov. 13th
2. Tree Lighting on Dec. 12th

i) Public Safety & Quality of Life

1. Next meeting on Nov. 14th with a 52 Pct. Presentation
2. Focus on Alzheimers issues

j) Health & Human Services



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1. Hepatitis C issues continue to be discussed
2. Update on Legionnaires Disease at Tracey Towers
3. Promotion of the NYC Healthcare Act a goal

k) Public Relations

1. The Committee continues to address creating 4 newsletters a year. The content is being discussed.
2. Next meeting on Nov. 5th

l) By Laws (Ad-Hoc)

1. Next meeting on 10/28/19

VIII. New Business

- a) The members of the CB discussed purchasing tee shirts with a CB emblem to wear at CB Events. After much discussion about colors, sizes and style, it was decided that most of the members were interested in purchasing the shirts as a group. Further information is forthcoming.

IX. Meeting adjourned



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Thursday, November 21st, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204th Street
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmanuel Martinez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Davis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Laiosa <input type="checkbox"/> Gloribel Vega <input type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input type="checkbox"/> Carmen Miranda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Karman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dilletta Pina <input type="checkbox"/> Chad Royer <input type="checkbox"/> Cole Hawkins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Hill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Relf
Minutes Done By:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

- I. Executive Committee Chair Remarks**
- II. Old Business**
- III. New Business**

a) Presentation from Washington Greys Military Cadets

- 1. The comandante of the Washington Grey Military Cadets offered an overview of the organization. The Greys have been based at the Kingsbridge Armory since their inception in 1952. The Greys were founded as a military band and later re-organized as a Corps of Cadets and most recently as a high adventure group. In 2017, the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA) asked the Greys to stop drilling at the Kingsbridge Armory Annex Building because of environmental issues in the Annex. Without the Annex, the Greys use PS 86 and Fort Independence Community Center.**



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2. **Recently, DMNA offered the Greys a lease to use the Annex again. However, the Greys previously used the Annex for free. The rent offered by DMNA is prohibitively expensive. According to the comandante, Military Law §183 provides that a municipality can ask DMNA not to charge rent to certain qualifying organizations to use an armory building. Therefore, the Greys asked for a letter from CB7 to DMNA supporting the Greys' use of the Kingsbridge Armory Annex Building rent free.**
 - **Motion: CB 7 will send a letter of support to DMNA to permit the Washington Greys Military Cadets to use the Kingsbridge Armory at no charge for rent and security per Military Law §183. Approved unanimously with one abstention (K. Davis).**

IV. District Manager's update

- a) **Ms. Bravo discussed a stabbing outside DeWitt Clinton High School on November 20. Officer Reveron will be at the Nov. 26 General Board Meeting to answer questions about the incident.**
 1. **She explained that CB7 staff was testing a new Department of City Planning portal called ZAP, which tracks ULURP and other land use actions. The link will be shared in the future.**
 2. **She explained that the MTA's Bronx Bus Redesign would have multiple impacts in the community. The most notable impacts are a reduction in Express Bus service and re-routing of the Bx34 bus away from Valentine Ave & Bainbridge Ave, which would impact seniors living at Serviam Gardens.**
 3. **Finally, she raised the issue of Fokkus Restaurant on West Fordham Road & Loring Avenue using a pedestrian ramp to access its parking lot. She planned to raise the issue with the appropriate City agencies.**



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V. Chairperson's update

- a) Mr. Martinez explained that after a lengthy period of delay, there was a recent flurry of activity regarding the Kingsbridge Armory-redevelopment. He stated that the Kingsbridge Armory Community Advisory Committee (CAC) planned to meet again on Dec. 4 and that the developers had solicited construction bids. Finally, Mr. Martinez proposed to create an ad hoc Census Committee in support of the 2020 Census, noting the importance of an accurate count to the community's representation and allocation of grant aid.

VI. Committee Reports & Motions

a) Budget/Personnel & Ethics

1. Mr. Laiosa stated that the committee plans to meet on November 25 and December 9.

b) Education, Youth & Libraries

1. There was no report. Ms. Stronczer offered a recent news article, which highlighted low state achievement test scores at MS 80 in contrast to the Department of Education's high ratings for the school.

c) Environment & Sanitation

1. Ms. Hartman-Kutnowsky stated that the new DSNY community affairs officer attend the last committee meeting, which included a lively discussion about recycling. She also mentioned a request for trash cans on 205th Street, the availability of brown bags for leaf collection, and the availability of the organics recycling program. She expressed the committee's dismay that DSNY no dumping signage is no longer available.

d) Health & Human Services

1. There was no report.

e) Housing/Land Use & Zoning



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1. Mr. Karman explained that George Neshak, Executive Director, Care for the Homeless (CH) presented at the November committee meeting. CH is in the process of opening a medical clinic at Bronx Works' 3600 Jerome Avenue shelter for men with mental illness. Ms. Bravo explained that Bronx Works never mentioned the medical clinic when it first presented the shelter to the Board. She emphasized the community's concern about the concentration of similar facilities, the proximity of a dance school to the shelter, and the potential for the shelter and clinic to attract a population from outside the neighborhood.

- Motion: CB 7 will send a letter to elected officials as well as city and state agencies recommending that Care of the Homeless' proposed medical facility at Bronx Works' 3600 Jerome Avenue mens shelter should: 1) only service shelter clients residing at this facility; and,) oversight agencies should thoroughly examine data to identify needs and limit licensing facilities in community where adequate service providers already exists. The motion passed unanimously.

f) Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

1. Ms. Stronczer stated that the committee discussed a request by a group to create a community garden on Davison Avenue near Monroe College as well as the committee's appreciation for the work of the Parks Department's gardeners at Williamsbridge Oval and Mosholu Parkway. She stated the annual tree lighting would be December 12 on Mosholu Parkway & Bainbridge Avenue.

- Motion: The Parks' Committee recommends a letter of support be sent to Commissioner Rosa regarding the proposal to create an urban garden at 2502 Davison Ave.



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The motion was presented by Better Arce and seconded by Gwendolyn Steed. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Motion:** The committee recommends a letter be sent to Parks' Commission Rosa highlighting the great work of the gardener at the Oval, as well as, the work performed by the gardening crew responsible for the Mosholu Monument's plantings. The motion was presented by Better Arce and seconded by Kevin Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

g) Public Safety & Quality of Life

1. Ms. Pina stated that the committee received a report from NYPD that transit crimes were up over the past 28 days. She mentioned that ebike crimes were also up and that NYPD apprehended the person who recently assaulted an elderly man on 183rd Street. She mentioned that the committee received a presentation from medicalert promoting their products for persons with Alzheimer and dementia.
2. She stated that the Public Safety Resource fair would take place on Saturday, May 23, at the Williamsbridge Oval.

h) Public Relations

1. Ms. Relf stated that Mr. Hugo Gonzalez created name tents for members to use at committee meetings. Through Mr. Gonzalez's efforts, members could buy a printed book from Wikipedia (\$27) detailing the history of CB7. Ms. Relf stated that a community survey would be launched soon.

i) Traffic & Transportation

1. Mr. Ramos discussed the MTA Bronx Bus Redesign and a recent lively public meeting about the plan, organized by AM Dinowitz, that had over 400 attendees. He stated that the plan would result in a reduction of bus service for CB 7.



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- **Motion: CB7 appreciates MTA's efforts to streamline bus service in our community. However, we have concerns with regard to the changes to bus routes Bx34, BxM3, and BxM4. We respectively request that the Proposal (Final) Service changes to these lines be re-examined. The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Motion: Letter to NYCDOT to conduct a feasibility study to install parking in the tunnel running along East 204th Street and retain travel in East to West directions. The motion passed unanimously.**

j) Veterans Affairs

- 1. The committee did not meet this month.**

k) By-Laws

- 1. Mr. Davis explained that the committee discussed the overall committee structure and drafted revised descriptions for each committee. The committee was also discussed the number and role of elected officers. The committee will next meet on January**

VII. Next month's meeting date: Thursday, November 21st

VIII. Discussion on next month's agenda

IX. Adjournment – The meeting ended at 8:45 PM.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LONG TERM PLANNING

Chair:	Cole Hawkins
Meeting Date:	Thursday, November 12 - Joint Meeting with Housing Committee



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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair	Jean Hill
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, October 23, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th Street
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Hill <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Alvarado <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeffery Hunter <input type="checkbox"/> Adaline Walker Santiago <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helene Redd
Minutes don't by:	Jean Hill

Agenda:

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
- IV. New Business
 - a) Services not being received by Veterans:
 - 1. Housing- no preference is given for veterans they must enter the lottery
 - 2. To get access to housing they currently have to go into a shelter
 - 3. Veterans can apply to HUD VASH after staying 2-3 weeks at a shelter
 - 4. Also going to a Veterans facility you can apply for a voucher
 - b) Medical- verification of services must be connected to active duty
 - 1. Other medical conditions may not be covered
 - 2. Injuries that did not occur while in service become out of pocket expenses
 - c) Veterans Parade on November 2 from 12-5 at Crotona and 175th Street
 - 1. Start a Veterans parade in our area using memorial as a backdrop



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d) Plans for Veterans Brunch to be held in April of 2020 to include information booths

- 1. How to apply for housing**
- 2. Current Fraud and Scams to watch out for**
- 3. Basic computer knowledge**

- V. Next meeting date: Wednesday, November 27th (Subject to change)**
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda**
- VII. Adjournment**



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BUDGET, PERSONNEL & ETHICS COMMITTEE

Chair	Andrew Laiosa
Meeting Date:	Thursday, November 25 th , 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th Street
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Laiosa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Davis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmanuel Martinez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input type="checkbox"/> Gloribel Vega

Minutes:

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
- IV. New Business – No Report
- V. Next meeting date: TBD
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda
- VII. Adjournment



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ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE

Chair	Betty Arce
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, November 5 th , 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th Street
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input type="checkbox"/> Cyrille Njikeng <input type="checkbox"/> SM Shah Mahmood <input type="checkbox"/> Gwen Thomas-Steed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosalie Leslie
Minutes Done By:	Betty Arce

Minutes:

- I. Introductions - New members and community residents
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month
- IV. New Business
 - a) Members reviewed and discussed the draft form for Board Motions
 - 1. Committee members requested that there be a mechanism for follow up on motions, either a report, to be used as a tracking device or regular updates allow the Board to get status updates on the motions
 - b) Committee chair provided an update on Croton Facility Monitoring Committee Meeting held on Oct. 7, 2019
 - c) Invited guest: Stephen Caruso, Citywide Community Affairs Officer.
Mr. Caruso addressed the following concerns:
 - 1. Enforcement – complaints about the seeming lack of enforcement on commercial and residential streets throughout the district. Mr. Caruso informed that there are 8,000 sanitation employees to serve 8 million NYC residents and the efforts of DSNY are to first educate rather than enforce.



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60 Sanitation police officers with arrest powers and a contingent of enforcement agents are deployed daily throughout the five boroughs, educating property owners as well as issuing summonses for dirty sidewalks & other infractions of the Sanitation codes. Some members asked that the DSNY implement an enforcement blitz – going out on a given week and issuing summonses to send the message about the importance of maintaining clean streets.

- A discussion ensued on what CB 7, in conjunction with DSNY, can do to educate property owners about their responsibility to keep sidewalks and gutters clean. The committee is considering a campaign, perhaps in conjunction with community groups and organization, as well as other community boards to highlight the impress upon community residents the importance of keeping our neighborhoods clean.
2. Update on maintenance along Parkside Place – efforts by community residents resulted in a major clean up of Parkside Place but it was evident that DSNY will not be able to conduct even periodic maintenance of this area.
 3. Recycling – a lively and informative discussion on what is recyclable and what is not. Flyers are available in the CB office.
 - Request for trash cans along Webster Avenue from 205 St to Mosholu Parkway will be forwarded to Mr. Caruso for consideration. Board members are asked to provide other areas that can use trash cans. Please send information to Betty Arce at wihake@optonline.net
 4. Brown bags for leaf collection are currently available in the CB office. DSNY will collect leaves on November 30th.



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5. Discussion on the nexus between trash and rats. The proper way to store trash is to dispose of food wastes in brown bins for organics. Information on enrolling in the Organics Recycling program is available in the CB office and at <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/contact/organics-collection-application>
6. We were told that the DSNY no longer supplies signage such as “No dumping” & “No Littering”. There are also no “No Dumping or No Littering” stickers to place over the old signs that have faded. Mr. Caruso informed the committee that signage of this nature has been found not to be effective in changing behavior. The committee will consider other options.
7. We discussed strategies to educate the community and all agreed outreach to the young was a good approach. DSNY does visit schools. We were surprised to learn that the Comic Books for the Elementary School age children that were so popular with CB are no longer available. Only the coloring books for the younger children are still being printed.
8. Kingsbridge Underpass – The debate continues on jurisdiction of the underpass in regards to maintenance. Cyrill Njikeng, who has been spearheading the clean up on the weekends, has requested help with disposing of the trash bags.
9. Update on the Commercial Waste Zones bill: The New York City Council has passed the bill (Intro 1574) that would create at least 20 different zones and designate a select number of private waste haulers to provide services in each.

V. Next meeting date

- a) December 10, 2019 (Joint meeting with Housing committee)



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VI. Discussion on next month's agenda

- a) **Presentation on Local Law 92 of the Climate Mobilization Act: the requirement to install either solar panels or a green roof on all new buildings**

VII. Adjournment



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EDUCATION, YOUTH & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Chair	Carmen Miranda
Event Date:	Thursday, November 7th, 2019
Event Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204th Street
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	✓ Carmen Miranda ✓ Tasha Andrews ✓ Olga Baez ✓ Akilah Young ✓ Nora Feury ___ Yeny Medina
Minutes Done By:	Carmen Miranda

Minutes:

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month’s minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
- IV. New Business – No Report**
 - a) Finalize details of the Drawing Contest**
- V. Next meeting date: TBD**
- VI. Discussion on next month’s agenda**
- VII. Adjournment**



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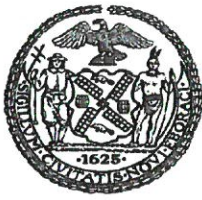
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TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Chair	Edgar Ramos
Meeting Date:	Monday, October 7th, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204th Street
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yajaira Arias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erick Ascensio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Davis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Laiosa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowell Green <input type="checkbox"/> Helene Wilson
Minutes done by:	Edgar Ramos

Minutes:

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month’s minutes**
 - a) Brief discussion of previous minutes correction (acknowledged at the General Board Meeting)**
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)**
 - a) There was nothing identified to be discussed**
- IV. New Business**
 - a) A letter was presented to Chair Edgar Ramos from Fordham Hill Owners Corporation Board with their concerns over the BXM3 bus changes. (Copy for the records and copy for District Manager given to ER) Chair ER informed members and residents that all elected officials in our community have been notified of these changes and concerns.**
 - b) Bronx Bus Plans for BX34, BXM3 and BMX4**
 - 1. BX34 permanent new route**
 - c) BXM3 – change in times, elimination of bus stop and ending Sunday service.**
 - d) BXM4 – (same as changes as BXM4)**
 - 1. After discussions and discord to the bus changes, a motion was presented to submit a letter to MTA as follows:**



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2. Motion: CB7 appreciates MTA's efforts to streamline bus service in our community. However, we have concerns with regard to the changes to bus routes BX34, BXM3 and BXM4, we respectfully request that the Proposed (Final) Service changes to these lines be re-examined. Motion passed with 5 in favor and 1 opposition.

d) Committee moved on to a new concern – suggestion of alternative street parking under the 204 Street Tunnel (Villa to Valentine – 1 lane and Valentine to Villa – 2 lanes)

1. After a brief discussion, a motion was presented as follows:

- **Motion: Letter to MTA to conduct a feasibility study to install parking in tunnel running along East 204th Street along and retain travel in East to West direction. Motion passed with 5 in favor and 1 opposition (Kevin).**

V. Next meeting date – Thursday, December 5th, at 6:30 pm

VI. Discussion on next month's agenda

- a) Proposed trying to have Citi Bike to present at our Committee Meeting in preparation to them being released in the Bronx.**

VII. Adjournment



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HOUSING, LAND USE & ZONING COMMITTEE

Chair	Alex Karman
Meeting Date:	Thursday, November 12 th , 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th Street
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Karman <input 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
Minutes Done By:	Alex Karman

Minutes:

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month’s minutes
- III. Presentation from George Nashak, Director – Care for the Homeless
 - a) CFH Health Center located at 3600 Jerome Avenue
 1. Mr. Neshak presented an overview of the facility that Care for the Homeless planned to open at Bronx Works’ Jerome Men’s Shelter at 3600 Jerome Avenue. He explained that Bronx Works asked Care for the Homeless to provide federally approved medical care services at the shelter. The facility would operate under a sub-contract between the City and Bronx Works. Once the facility obtains Article 28 approval from the State Department of Health, it will become a full-service health center. Mr. Neshak noted that Care for the Homeless operates a similar medical facility at Susan’s Place, 1921 Jerome Avenue.
 2. The Committee expressed safety concerns about the site and noted that Department of Homeless Services (DHS) began providing police services on October 1.



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Mr. Neshak noted the 30-year relationship between Care for the Homeless and Bronx Works. Mr. Neshak stated that the facility would only see patients by appointment. Mr. Neshak explained that Care for the Homeless obtained a letter of support for their application from Montefiore, which noted the congestion in its emergency room. Mr. Neshak stated that the facility was not a substance abuse service provider and no drugs would be dispensed at this facility. In response to questioning from Assembly Member Dinowitz, Mr. Neshak stated the health providers at 3600 Jerome Avenue would probably refer patients to its facility at 1921 Jerome Avenue for Suboxone. He stated further that there was a 50-50 split between clinic residents and non-residents at the 1921 Jerome Avenue facility.

3. The District Manager expressed community concern about the concentration of drug treatment services in the vicinity of the planned facility. Mr. Neshak responded that he believed on site services for homeless residents offer a lower barrier to use those services than do off-site services. In response to a question about why this site was chosen, Mr. Neshak stated that his organization was attracted by the presence of the shelter and support from Montefiore. Mr. Neshak stated that his organization reviewed the Community Health Assessment and stated that there was overwhelming demand for clinics in the area but could not cite any sources. He stated that the facility would be staffed by two physicians (less than full-time), two-to-three nurses and interns, and support staff. The committee expressed its concerns that patients would be referred to this facility from outside community district 7. Mr. Neshak stated that the state licensure



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enables the facility to accept Medicaid funding and that a federal government grant covers an additional portion of the facility's operating budget.

4. The committee chairperson made a motion to draft a letter to elected officials and City agencies that: 1) Care for the Homeless' facility at 3600 Jerome Avenue only service the clients residing at the shelter; and, 2) city and state agencies thoroughly examine data to identify needs by community and to limit licensing facilities when there is not a need.

IV. Old Business

a) Stagg / Five Star issues

1. The committee discussed the matter of Stagg and Five Stars. The governor recently directed an investigation of Stagg and Five Star buildings after tenants raised concerns about conditions in the buildings. Ms. James stated that the Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition (NWBCCC) was working to organize tenants in the buildings and substantiate their complaints. She stated that the investigation was being led by DHCR with HPD. It was alleged that building management was harassing paying tenants to leave as well as that the buildings had air quality problems and low construction standards.

b) Developer interaction with CB7

1. This item was tabled until the next committee meeting

V. New Business

a) Consolidation with Economic Development committee

1. The Chairperson raised the idea of consolidating this committee and the Economic Development & Long Term Planning committee.



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The Chairperson noted it was challenging for the Economic Development committee to schedule a meeting. By consolidating the committees, the Chairperson hopes there will be greater attention to housing and economic development issues. Ms. Stronczer offered to collect signatures towards the consolidation.

- VI. Next meeting date: Tuesday, December 10th**
- VII. Discussion on next month's agenda**
 - a) Joint meeting with Environment & Sanitation committee**
 - 1. Topic: Climate Mobilization Act**
- VIII. Adjournment**



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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, November 13th, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204th Street
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leurys Acosta <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input type="checkbox"/> Tasha Andrews <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Davis <input type="checkbox"/> Morganne Maselio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed
Minutes Done By:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of previous minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
- IV. New Business
 - a) The meeting opened with a follow-up report on Devoe Park. Greg Faulkner representing Councilman Cabrera announced that funding had been insufficient for the dog run but recently was found. Work should start next spring. The basketball courts at Devoe need a complete rehabilitation. A private donor is interested in funding the project. The site is one of three parks competing for funding from this donor.
 - b) Community Garden at 2502 Davidson Avenue: Gabriela Martinez and Jose Rosado discussed the plans for the vacant area behind Monroe College. They plan to work with community residents and Green Thumb to establish a community garden. In addition to growing vegetables and flowers they hope to use the space for art and cultural events. Gabriela formed a group called Nascent and Jose works with the Literary Social Network. They are currently working on the by-laws for the gardening group. Since Monroe College has been maintaining the site, they are willing to help this group with some of the needed utilities.



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The group is requesting a letter of support be sent to Commissioner Iris Rodriquez Rosa.

1. **Motion:** The Parks' Committee recommends a letter of support be sent to Commissioner Rosa regarding the proposal to create an urban garden at 2502 Davidson Ave. The motion was presented by Betty Arce and seconded by Gwendolyn Steed.
 2. **Fall & Winter Garbage Schedule:** Since Joe Magneri, the district manager was not in attendance, the committee was unable to obtain this information
- c) **Priorities for Salting/Sanding/Snow Removal:**
1. North/ south routes across the Parkway especially at Van Cortlandt East, Bainbridge, and Webster Avenues where schools are located.
 2. The area around Frisch Field for access to the Metro North Station
 3. Jerome Avenue & Mosholu Parkway for access to the #4 train
 4. Steps and ramps at Williamsbridge Oval
- It was also requested that the salt spreading be done more evenly. In the past small areas received large amounts of salt while larger areas were neglected.
- d) **Triangle on Bedford Park Blvd. and Southern Blvd.:** Requests have been made to the Parks' Dept. regarding the over-grown shrubs located on this triangular green street.
- e) **Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony:** Plans are moving ahead for this event, which is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th at 6:00PM. The Friends of Mosholu Parkway will be working with Community Board #7 regarding refreshments and entertainment. The Board's staff has been working on obtaining permits, hiring the company to install the holiday lights, and obtaining goodies for the youngsters.
- f) **World War I Monument on Mosholu/ Entrance to Williamsbridge Oval:** Both the monument and the entrance to the Oval have been beautifully decorated with fall plantings.



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1. Motion: The committee recommends a letter be sent to Parks' Commissioner Rosa highlighting the great work of the gardener at the Oval, as well as, the work performed by the gardening crew responsible for the Mosholu Monument's plantings. The motion was presented by Betty Arce and seconded by Kevin Davis.

g) Sarah Bishow, the Recreation Director at Williamsbridge Oval announced the upcoming events at her center. They include:

- 1. Fitness Classes for adults**
- 2. Shakespeare in the Park –Thurs. Nov. 14th at 7:00PM**
- 3. Thanksgiving Turkey Activities-Sun. Nov. 17th 11:00AM**
- 4. Meet the Urban Park Rangers – Wed. Nov 20th 4:00PM**
- 5. Healthy Eating with Mr. B – Fri. Nov. 22nd at 5:30 PM**

h) A complaint was made by a community resident regarding a vendor located at 3175 Bainbridge Avenue who has tied an awning to a tree. It was suggested to have someone speak with the vendor regarding this issue.

V. Next meeting date: In place of a formal meeting the committee is asked to attend the tree lighting on December 12th

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

Chair	Dilletta Pina
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, November 14 th , 2019
Meeting Time:	7:00 PM
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th Street
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dilletta Pina <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Avila <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowell Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cyrille Njikeng
Minutes Done By:	Dilletta Pina

Agenda:

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month’s minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month
 - a) Officer Pacella gave an update on 275 E Gun Hill Road
 - 1. The NYPD is working to clean up that building of the drug dealers that are intimidating the residents, no specific details can be made public as this is an ongoing investigation. Also, on the shelter at Jerome and Bainbridge Avenues there are now security officers assigned there to minimize the problem of the combative and aggressive homeless panhandlers.
- IV. New Business
 - a) Elizabeth Bravo Santiago, Director of MedicAlert NYC Wanderer’s Safety Program, gave us a presentation on the program.
 - 1. This is a program to help patients with Alzheimer, their caregivers, and family members.
 - 2. There is a 24/hour helpline for caregivers and a host of services such as education and training, legal and financial assistance, social work services, etc.



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3. Programs for caregivers are free of charge.
4. The program provides a free bracelet to Alzheimer patients with their information so that they can be easily identified and returned to their family in case they wander away from their home.
5. The staff works closely with other City Agencies like the NYPD and the FDNY whose members are educated to look for the bracelets on the patients to assist them in a timely manner. The program covers all five boroughs and will assist people in boroughs outside of NYC with guidance and referrals. For more information call 646-744-2900 or go to the website:
www.caringkindnyc.org

b) Officer Pacella reported on the Transit Division crime statistics and robberies are up in the last 28 day period.

1. On the #4 train stations at Mosholu, Kingsbridge, and Woodlawn specifically the robberies have been happening regularly. Mostly “lush crime” meaning people that fall asleep on the trains (whether because they are tired or intoxicated). Sometimes they may be robbed at another station, but the crime is reported when they wake up at a station that happens to be in the 52nd Precinct area and this has a negative effect on the precinct’s statistics. A 17 year old was apprehended for some of these “lush crimes.” Overall in the 52nd Precinct in the last 28 day period robberies are up.
2. The one crime that has gone up is the e-bikes robberies. The precinct has made it a point of approaching the Chinese businesses to assure them that the officers are working on



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reducing the e-bikes robberies. The precinct made the rounds with a Chinese officer and the business owners felt confident speaking in their own language to the officer, which builds trust between the business owners and the NYPD. The Precinct officers made two apprehensions in the e-bike robberies.

3. They also made arrests were they got two more illegal guns off the streets.

4. The perpetrator that attacked the elderly man at 183rd Street without provocation was also apprehended.

c) The Chair asked Officer Pacella to remind the Transit Division Officer to check on the 205th Street D train station at Perry Avenue because the old man with the salt and pepper hair in a ponytail is still there with his swiping scheme and he has no shame. He is very confidently conducting his criminal activity.

d) The Chair confirmed the date for the Public Safety Resource Fair as Saturday, May 23, 2019 at Williamsbridge Oval Park. The Chair also informed everyone that for December there will be no committee meeting, we will instead be attending the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

e) Committee Member Cyrille Njikeng informed everyone that due to his personal beliefs, he may not be attending the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

V. Next month's meeting date

a) Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 12th, 2019 at 6 PM

VI. Suggestions for next month's agenda – N/A

VII. Adjournment



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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair	Chad Y. Royer
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, November 12th, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204th Street
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Royer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gloria Bent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cristina Contreras <input type="checkbox"/> Alfred Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Helene Wilson <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Gonzalez
Minutes done by:	Chad Y. Royer

Agenda:

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of previous minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month (if applicable)**
- IV. New Business**
 - a) Updates From NYC Care Health Plan-Stephanie-Rae Wattley**
 - 1. New York Health Act is currently being promoted in a way to get support of elected officials to pass into law**
 - 2. Goal of NYC Care Health Plan is to educate as many people as possible and collect as many stories as possible from those who navigate the system for enrollment, and this is based on how we can get everyone health care in a dignified way.**
 - 3. NYC Care is designed to serve those without access to healthcare, those who make a little more money than those who qualify for Medicaid, those who are undocumented, small business owners and independent contractor.**
 - 4. Currently rolled out in Bronx with 7000 enrollments to date, with future expansion to Brooklyn in January**
 - 5. Northwest Bronx Clergy Coalition at 103 East 196th Street serves as a direct enrollment site on Fridays from 10 am to 12 pm.**



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6. Anyone can call 1-646-NYC-CARE and reach a financial counsellor within 2 days and possibly be scheduled with a primary physician in about a week.

b) Legislation 1662 Regarding Workplace Lactation Rooms-Christine Lebron-Reyes

- 1. Under Affordable Care Act, provisions were made for employees who require lactation accommodation**
- 2. If bill is passed, there will be regulation of cleanliness and maintenance of designated spaces with quarterly inspections from the Department of Health (employers will be held accountable)**
- 3. 25% of infants in USA were exclusively breastfed through 6 months, with transition of mothers going back to work being a major reason**
- 4. Referencing amended section 7 of Fair Labor Standards Act, employers are required to provide break times for women who express milk and a functional space that is not a restroom**
- 5. Currently, nothing in Federal law mandates securing of and cleanly maintenance standards of designated lactation space.**
- 6. 25% of women in Bronx have stated willingness to breastfeed, while other boroughs average near 38%**
 - Motion: For CB7 to write a letter of support for City Council to pass Legislation 1662 to ensure private, clean, safe and accessible environment for employees who require lactation accommodation. Motioned by Gloria Bent, seconded by Cristina Contreras. 3 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstentions. Motion passes.**

c) Proposal of NYC's Council Resolution 1043 Regarding Reduction of SNAP-Julio J Martinez



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1. A proposed set of changes to the "public charge" rule is being pushed by the Trump Administration. In this case, NYC Department of Social Services has data that shows a large rate of SNAP disenrollment among families with at least one non-citizen household member.
2. NYC Council introduced Resolution 1043 named "Condemning The Trump Administration's Plan To Cut Food Stamps For 3 Million People"
3. There is a possible connection with public charge rule and individuals not wanting to take part in the census due to fear, which can in turn, affect the economy and increase in poverty rates among non-citizens and children.
 - Motion for CB7 to write a letter of support for City Council to pass Resolution 1043 (Condemning the Trump Administration's Plan To Cut Food Stamps For 3 Million People). Motioned by Cristina Contreras, seconded by Gloria Bent. 3 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstentions. Motion passes.
4. Key points are supporting immigrants in our communities and preventing losses of economic funding

d) Outreach

1. Disabilities Event is earmarked for February 25, 2020 at Lehman College.
2. A Forum on Mental Health is tentatively earmarked for May.
3. Brochures of the NYC Care Plan has been circulated in many parts of our district. They are available in English and Spanish.

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

VI. Discussion on next month's agenda

VII. Adjournment



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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair:	Denise Relf
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, November 6th, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Sharp
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204th Street
Members (Check Those In Attendance):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Relf <input type="checkbox"/> Cole Hawkins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hugo Gonzalez <input type="checkbox"/> Jhenelle Robinson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Akilah Young
Minutes done by:	Denise Relf

Agenda:

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
- IV. New Business
 - a) Community Outreach Talk
 1. Emmanuel shared that the outreach takes place in the community, where board members approach people and give them information on the board, invite them to meetings, and listen to their concerns
 2. Emmanuel shared that he would also like to partner with this committee to create a survey that would be used to collect information from the residents in the community. The general flow of the survey would be approximately 10 questions and the committee suggested that the survey be a compilation of questions from the various committees so multiple aspects of the board is covered. The committee members had questions regarding the content and any approvals needed prior to sharing the questions with the public, to which Emmanuel agreed to inquire.
 3. Emmanuel also shared that he would like the board to have more of a social media presence and presented the ideas of broadcasting live on Facebook and Instagram.



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Other ideas were shared around posting using Instagram stories to share content on things that transpired in meetings or upcoming events. Questions arose as to any legal issues that may be involved with the use of social media, and Emmanuel agreed to inquire.

b) CB7 Workshop Talk with Ischia

1. Ischia joined via phone and shared that she would like to partner with this committee to host free community workshops. Board members would donate their time and talents to sharing information with the community. The information would be shared as suggestive thoughts and not concrete expert knowledge, and as a means of community members helping other community members. Members suggested expanding the workshops to local businesses as well to host events off-site and to get other entities to host workshops for community residents. Co-sponsoring events was also brought up as an idea. The committee agreed to draft an email that would be sent out to the board to see what skills/talents they would like to share.

c) Newsletter Outline

1. The committee came up with the outline for the new letter, set time frames for the collection of information, as well as questions to be asked of each committee to ensure consistency throughout the newsletter.

d) Other business

1. Lowell attended this month's meeting to present a proposal on hiring 2 staffers at \$15 ph to take pictures and provide historical content of important sites within the CB 7 encatchment area. She added that she is willing to assist in the process in anyway needed. We did not have enough members present to take a vote during this time.