



**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

**North Central Bronx Hospital ◊ 3424 Kossuth Avenue
Tuesday, October 22, 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.

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) 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) Economic Development & Long-Term Planning: Cole Hawkins(Page C)
 - 2) Veterans Affairs: Jean Hill(Page D)
 - 3) Budget/Personnel & Ethics: Andrew Laiosa.....(Page E)
 - 4) Environment & Sanitation: Betty Arce(Page F)
 - 5) Education & Youth: Carmen Miranda.....(Page G)
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 - 7) Housing, Land Use & Zoning: Alex Karman.....(Page I)
 - 8) Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs: Barbara Stronczer(Page J)
 - 9) Public Safety & Quality of Life: Dilletta Pina(Page K)
 - 10) Health & Human Services: Chad Y. Royer(Page L)
 - 11) Public Relations: Denise Relf(Page M)
 - 12) By-Laws (Ad-Hoc): Kevin Davis(Page N)
- III) New Business
- IV) 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
10/7/2019 Through 10/13/2019

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	0	*** *	6	5	20.0	200.0	-25.0	-80.0
Rape	1	1	0.0	1	2	-50.0	28	25	12.0	33.3	12.0	-45.1
Robbery	10	11	-9.1	29	40	-27.5	284	262	8.4	7.6	-28.3	-78.4
Fel. Assault	7	4	75.0	30	42	-28.6	455	444	2.5	9.9	24.3	-11.0
Burglary	6	2	200.0	14	15	-6.7	143	157	-8.9	19.2	-54.3	-92.2
Gr. Larceny	14	11	27.3	59	52	13.5	568	527	7.8	13.4	32.4	-21.1
G.L.A.	1	3	-66.7	6	10	-40.0	58	96	-39.6	-22.7	-59.4	-95.1
TOTAL	39	32	21.88	139	161	-13.66	1,542	1,516	1.72	10.38	-8.21	-72.66
Transit	5	0	*** *	12	6	100.0	67	42	59.5	39.6	235.0	*** *
Housing	0	0	*** *	0	0	*** *	5	1	400.0	25.0	-37.5	*** *
Petit Larceny	32	41	-22.0	139	145	-4.1	1,433	1,465	-2.2	5.9	43.9	*** *
Misd. Assault	14	13	7.7	70	73	-4.1	826	828	-0.2	11.2	16.0	*** *
UCR Rape*	1	1	0.0	5	2	150.0	53	53	0.0	60.6	*** *	*** *
Other Sex Crimes	3	2	50.0	6	10	-40.0	70	81	-13.6	12.9	*** *	*** *
Shooting Vic.	0	0	*** *	1	0	*** *	13	14	-7.1	-18.8	-60.6	-80.6
Shooting Inc.	0	0	*** *	1	0	*** *	13	13	0.0	0.0	-48.0	-78.7

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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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chair:	Emmanuel Martinez
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, September 24 th , 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Sister Annunciata Bethell Senior Center 243 East 204 th St.
Minutes Done By:	Gloribel Vega, Secretary

Minutes:

I. Introductions

a) Welcome remarks

1. Discussed house rules
2. Thanked Jean Hill for her service as previous Chair

III. Elected Officials/Public Session

a) 52d Precinct Community Council President (Brenda Caldwell-Paris)

1. Discussed next meeting.
2. Website: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/bureaus/patrol/precincts/52nd-precinct.page>

b) Jeffrey Dinowitz NYS Assembly District 81

1. Discussed legislation, homelessness, rent reform
2. Paper Shredder Event: 9/28/19 in front of Dewitt Clinton H.S.
3. Website: <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Jeffrey-Dinowitz>
4. District Office:
3107 Kingsbridge Avenue
Bronx, NY 10463
718-796-5345
5. Social Media: <https://twitter.com/jeffreydinowitz?lang=en>

c) Victor Pichardo NYS Assembly District 86

1. Discussed events
2. Peace march on 183rd partnered with BRAG
3. 2 bookbag giveaways 1k total bookbags distributed



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4. Various services are offered at the office. Please call for assistance.

5. Office Address:

**2175C Jerome Ave
Bronx, NY 10453
718-933-6909**

d) Fernando Cabrera NYC District 14

- 1. Discussed history Community Board budget**
- 2. Public charge rule and new regulation proposed to receive free legal service in NYC**
- 3. Introduced 8 bills**
- 4. Free tickets to the Bronx Zoo call his office**
- 5. <https://council.nyc.gov/district-14/>**
- 6. District Office:**

**2065 Morris Avenue
Bronx, NY 10453
347-590-2874 phone**

e) Gustavo Rivera NYS Senator District 33

- 1. Discussed bills passed: First 8 years only passed 6 bills. This year has passed 32 bills. Visit his office with legislative ideas.**
- 2. Co Chair Opioids, Addiction Taskforce**
- 3. Appointed: Armory xxxx**
- 4. 10/8/19- HEP C FORUM**
- 5. 10/19/19- 2ND ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FAIR**
- 6. Civics Course w/ Senator Rivera**
- 7. District Office:**

**2432 Grand Concourse, Suite 506
Bronx , NY 10458
Phone: 718-933-2034**



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f) 52nd Precinct Community Affairs

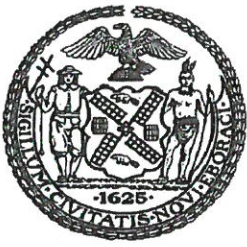
1. Crystal discussed the mission of community affairs.
2. Community Affairs: (718) 220-5824
3. Follow on twitter: <https://twitter.com/NYPD52Pct>
4. Discussed NCO programs. Introduced NCO C. Reach out to the office for any questions/concerns.

g) Nathalia Fernandez representative Odis Guerrero Assembly District 80

1. Discussed events, Shredding event, job fair, health fair 10/19
2. Call the office to speak with the assembly women Legislative ideas
3. Follow on social media <https://twitter.com/Fernandez4NY>
4. District Office:
2018 Williamsbridge Road
Bronx, NY 10461
718-409-0109
5. Website: <https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Nathalia-Fernandez/>

h) Andrew Cohen NYC Council District 11 representative Miles

1. Discussed event: Shredding event, flu shots, budget allocations, U.S. Citizenship Application.
2. Please visit the office for the various services offered.
3. Website: <https://council.nyc.gov/district-11/>
4. District Office
Kingsbridge Office:
277 West 231st Street
Bronx, NY 10463
(718) 549-7300 phone



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Norwood Office:

Tues 10-5, Thurs 1-5

3450 Dekalb Avenue

Bronx, NY 10463

- i) St. James Recreation Center-Angel Gerena, Deputy Center Manager**
 - 1. Discussed fitness events, spin classes**
 - 2. Open house at St. James recreation center-Nov 30-10/5**
- j) Adriano Espaillat Congress 13th Congressional District represented by**
 - 1. Discussed events, Asked CB7 to nominate 1 veteran by Nov. 1st for Veterans event.**
 - 2. Website: <https://espaillat.house.gov/>**
 - 3. New Office:**
 - 3107 Kingsbridge Avenue,**
 - Bronx, NY 10463**
 - Phone: 646-740-3632**
- k) Bronx Borough President Office represented by Israel Gonzalez**
 - 1. Reminder new community member orientation on 10/21**
 - 2. Sexual harassment call mayor's office or CB office in person**
 - 3. Discussed Opioid education and becoming a certified Opioid responder**
- l) Bronx District Attorney's Office represented by Erica Diaz**
 - 1. Discussed events, 10/5-5k walk gender based violence and 10/26 another chance program**
 - 2. Website: <https://www.bronxda.nyc.gov/html/home/home.shtml>**
- m) Jamaal Bailey NYS Senate 36th Senate District**
 - 1. DISTRICT OFFICE**
 - 959 East 233rd St.**
 - Bronx, NY 10466-3207**
 - Phone: 718-547-8854**



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2. Website: <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/jamaal-t-bailey>
 3. Discussed events held in September and upcoming events, Paper shredder even, Hurricane Dorian drive drop off locations.
 4. Call the office for any assistance.
- n) Jerome-Gun Hill Bid represented by Jennifer Tausig, Executive Director
1. Discussed upcoming events, 10/12-Festival
 2. Keepers house is a composting site
 3. Funding SBS-commercial assessment
 4. Presented the finding to Econ committee
 5. As of July 1st Co-Chair of Bid association
- o) Marcos Sierra
1. Discussed senior services and NY.gov Medicare savings program
 2. Senior committee will meet with health and human services
- p) Andrew Cohen discussed events
1. Shred day
 2. 150 apps citizen application
 3. Legislation: borough based jail
 4. Commercial Waste zoning plan to divide the City in different zones
 5. Good Food legislation create additional rules to where the City contracts food
 6. Discussed funding allocations
 - Pedestrian bridge in Van Cortlandt, field
 7. Tracey Towers- Traffic Dot restored 2nd lane
 8. DHS police at the shelter at Jerome
- q) John Sacro-Salamanca chief of staff
1. District leader for Nathalie
 2. Discussed importance of Participatory budgeting



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3. Census participation

r) Shana Mejia-the alliance

1. Alliance for positive change

s) Eric Dinowitz

1. Discussed Mosholu parkway 4 train station getting an elevator

Sirio Guerino-Cleaned graffiti this summer

t) Elizabeth Quarantha FOMP

1. Welcome garden project at Bain ridge and Bedford park north

2. October 7th at 7pm for monthly meeting

3. Fall festival event October 5th 11am-3pm

4. Back to school program 9/21-9/28

q) Betty Acre discussed her committee Report

r) Stephanie Spencer-Discussed issues with Men's Shelter

s) Alessandra Biaggi office

1. Website: <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/alessandra-biaggi>

2. 3190 Riverdale Ave., Suite 2

Bronx, NY 10463

Phone: 718-822-2049

Discussed events, Job fair 10/1/19

t) DM awarded intern a certificate for great work

u) Attendance taken Quorum

IV. District Manager's update

a) Discussed projects, Fordham Landing

b) Social media increase in traffic

c) Potholes—using Facebook messenger

d) Bainbridge ave project

e) Hep c event 10/8 at 6:30pm

f) Contractor offers 30hrs osha training free for CB7 residents

g) Discussed Building collapse with 1 fatality



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1. Reached out to DOB to see what the protocol are for construction currently going on

h) Distributed Binders

V. Chairperson's update

- a) Discussed attendance -3 consecutive absences will lead to conversation regarding commitment**
- b) Attended Kingsbridge armory meeting**
- c) Will attend Oct 7- filtration plant**
- d) Discussed surveying residents**
- e) Discussed Networking event for CB7 members**
- f) Thanked the board and partners**

VI. Executive Committee

- a) Setting up calendar for the year**
- b) Let the board know when your events are**
- c) Need to go to the budget personally meeting by November 1st.**
- d) Budget priorities Requests Due: end of October**

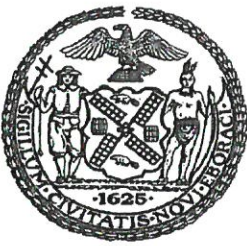
VII. Committee Reports

- a) Economic Development & Long-Term Planning-No rep**
- b) Veterans Affairs-Meeting tomorrow at CB7.**
- c) Budget/Personnel & Ethics- meeting 5pm 10/3 at CB7 office**
- d) Public hearing meeting at 6pm 10/22. Before General meeting.**
- e) Environment & Sanitation- Discussed setting up meeting with different partners and Adopt a block 7**
- f) Education & Youth-Discussed programming introduce 2 youth to the community board. Excited for being part of the committee**
- g) Traffic & Transportation**

1. Introduced Motion: Letter of supor for safe routes to schools for P.S. 340.

- Motion Passed, Helene Redd- Abstained**

2. Discussed list of MTA stations scheduled for elevators



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3. 5 bus lines Bainbridge construction in front of hospital

h) Housing, Land Use & Zoning: Next meeting is on 10/10

1. Will discuss men's shelter

i) Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

1. Introduced Motion: Letter to send to DOP for proposed urban garden.

- Motion Passed, unanimously

2. Discussed Summer issues like Garbage pickup. Next meeting is on 10/9

j) Public Safety & Quality of Life

1. Discussed upcoming events – issue with Bronx Parade schedule

2. Appoint Vice Chair-Michelle Avila

k) Health & Human Services- Discussed issues affecting community Hep .C, Opioids, Immigration

l) Discussed Tracey Towers Legionaries disease. Jean Hill attended the 2 mtgs with DOH.

m) Public Relations- Meeting is on Oct 1st

n) By -Laws- Discussed first meeting held. The meeting is open to everyone.

VIII. Meeting adjourned



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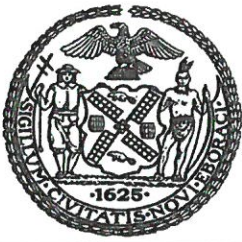
District Manager's October 2019 Report

- **NYC Council Charter Commission-** The 2019 Commission — made up of members appointed by the Mayor, the Speaker of the City Council, all five Borough Presidents, the Public Advocate, and the Comptroller — has a broad mandate to conduct a top-to-bottom review and will bring its recommendations to the public in November 2019. <http://www.charter2019.nyc/>
- **Bainbridge Avenue Project:** Bainbridge Avenue Water Main project, Bainbridge Avenue between East Gun Hill Road and Jerome Avenue will be made **one-way southbound** for **approximately eight (8) months**. According to NYC DDC, **construction is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 30, 2019 and end on May 29, 2020**. During this time, eastbound BX16 and northbound Bx34 and BxM4 buses will be re-routed at all times. Westbound Bx16 and southbound Bx34 and BxM4 buses will not be affected by the construction. **Please note:** Due to work scheduled to be performed at the intersection of East Gun Hill Road and Bainbridge Avenue, the **northbound Bx10 bus stop** will be temporarily eliminated. Bus customers can use nearby stops before and after the East Gun Hill Road stop. **ROUTE PATH Bx16 Eastbound (to Pelham) and Bx34/BxM4 Northbound (to Woodlawn)** Buses will operate regular route on Bainbridge Avenue, then left on Gun Hill Road to Jerome Avenue. Make a right on Jerome Avenue, continue on Jerome Avenue and return to regular route. **BUS STOPS Temporarily Discontinued**
 - Bainbridge Avenue, farside of East 212th Street
 - Bainbridge Avenue, nearside of Jerome Avenue
 - East Gun Hill Road, farside of Bainbridge Avenue (**Bx10 route**)

Temporarily Established

- Jerome Avenue, nearside of East 212th Street
- Jerome Avenue, nearside of Bainbridge Avenue

Attached for your convenience are maps of the temporary Bx10, Bx16, Bx34 and BxM4 route changes



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- Housing Town Hall- The Chairperson and I have organized a Housing Town Hall for the residents of CB 7. Town Hall Goals and Learning Objectives: The goal for this session is to provide our constituents with information and resources about the new rent laws made to protect them from any rental abuse this past session in Albany thanks to the advocacy of local groups. One of the resources we wish to provide on this day are referrals to local CBO's/Agencies who can follow up on individual cases. And of course, the basics of tenant organizing.
Invited Potential Speakers/Panelists: Met Council, NWCC, Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corp., NYC Dept. Buildings, NYC Dept. of Housing and Preservation, and New York State Homes & Community Renewal. The date will be December 3rd, 2019 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Serviam Hall 2849 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY. (flyer coming soon).

➤ **Update: Kingsbridge Underpass conditions**

- Currently, there are now encampments located at the Underpass. We do see an increase of people using drugs and leaving drug equipment in this area. The goal is to temporarily close the wider side of the underpass since is where the reoccurring issue is.

However, the concern is the this will create an issue at POE Park and the building directly across from the underpass on East Kingsbridge Road. Council Member Torres, DOT, DHS, Bronx works and DSNY are all working together to get a positive solution.

➤ **DHR The Office of Rent Administration (ORA) has updated the following document:** The following is a link to "Overview of the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of 2019":

https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/09/Overview%20Housing%20Stability%20%26%20Tenant%20Protection%202019_9_17_2019.pdf



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- Fact Sheet #1: Rent Stabilized and Rent Control:
https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/09/FACT%20SHEET%2001_0.pdf
- Fact Sheet #16 Collecting Overcharges in Rent Stabilized Apartments in New York City:
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/09/FACT%20SHEET%2016.pdf>
- Fact Sheet # #22 Maximum Base Rent Program (MBR) Questions and Answers for Owners:
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/09/FACT%20SHEET%2022%20%20FINAL%20%20SJ%20%20%208-30-19%20.pdf>
- Renewal Lease Form (RTP-8):
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/09/RTP-8.pdf>
- ETPA Renewal Lease Form (RTP-8 ETPA):
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/09/RTP-8%20ETPA.pdf>
- New York City LEASE Rider For Rent Stabilized Tenants:
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/09/RA-LR1.pdf>
- Emergency Tenant Protection Act (ETPA) STANDARD LEASE ADDENDA For Rent Stabilized Tenants:
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/09/RA-LR1%20ETPA.pdf>



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- Fact Sheet #26 “Guide to Rent Increases for Rent Stabilized Apartments”:
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/09/FACT%20SHEET%2026.pdf>
- Fact Sheet #40 “Preferential Rents”:
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/09/FACT%20SHEET%2040.pdf>
- “Thirty Fourth (34th) Annual Update of Section B of Supplement No. 1 to Operational Bulletin 84-4” for the air conditioning surcharge -
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/09/OpBulletin84-4%20v34%202019-09-23%20.pdf>
- Fact Sheet #8: Emergency Tenant Protection Act (ETPA) of 1974 Chapter 576 Laws of 1974 as Last Amended
- <https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/09/FACT%20SHEET%2008.pdf>
- Fact Sheet #10: Eviction from an Apartment Based on Owner Occupancy –
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/09/FACT%20SHEET%2010.pdf>
- Fact Sheet #33: Useful Life Schedule for Major Capital Improvements -
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/09/FACT%20SHEET%2033.pdf>



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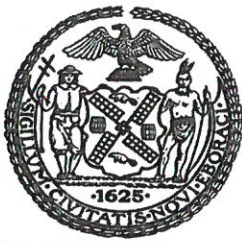


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- Fact Sheet # 41 Tax Abatements -
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/09/FACT%20SHEET%2041.pdf>
- Fact Sheet # 35 - Collectibility of Major Capital Improvement (MCI) and/or Individual Apartment Improvement (IAI) Rent Increases Where the Rent is Reduced Because of Diminution of Services -
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/10/FACT%20SHEET%2035.pdf>
- Instructions For RA-79 - "Owner's Application for A Rent Increase Based on Major Capital Improvements (MCI)" -
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/10/RA-79%20Instructions%20%20%289-19%29.pdf>
- Form RA-79 - Owner's Application for Rent Increase Based on Major Capital Improvements -
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/10/RA-79%20MCI%20APPLICATION%20%20%28%209-19%29%20%20.pdf>
- Fact Sheet #5 - “Vacancy Leases in Rent Stabilized Apartments” -
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/10/FACT%20SHEET%2005.pdf>
- Fact Sheet #18 - “Appealing a Rent Administrator’s Order: Petition for Administrative Review (PAR)”
- <https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/10/FACT%20SHEET%2018.pdf>



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- Fact Sheet #44 - “Fees” -
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/10/FACT%20SHEET%2044.pdf>
- 2018-2019 MBR Binder -
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/10/2018-19MaximumBaseRent%28MBR%29BinderUPDATED.pdf>
- Fact Sheet #9 - “Renting an Apartment - Security Deposits and Other Charges” -
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/10/fact-sheet-09.pdf>
- Operational Bulletin 2018-1 REVISED (October 16, 2019) – “The Effect of Defective Work on the Disposition of an Owner's Application for a Major Capital Improvement (MCI) Rent Increase” -
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/10/operational-bulletin-2018-1.pdf>
- Policy Statement 2019-1 (October 16, 2019) – “Application of the Treble Damages Penalty” -
<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/10/policy-statement-2019-1.pdf>

➤ **On October 4th Project renewal held a Job Fair to recruit CB 7 for their newly opened development at 2865 Creston Avenue. 19 Candidates from CB 7 attended the fair and applied to different positions available. Only 6 have moved on to the processing phase.**



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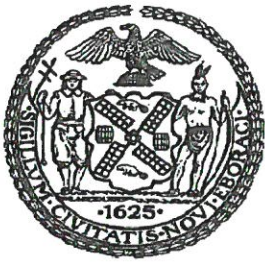
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Thursday, October 17 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"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmanuel Martinez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Davis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Laiosa <input type="checkbox"/> Gloribel Vega <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input type="checkbox"/> Carmen Miranda <input type="checkbox"/> Alex Karman <input type="checkbox"/> Diletta Pina <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Royer <input type="checkbox"/> Cole Hawkins <input type="checkbox"/> Jean Hill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Relf
Minutes Done By:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
- IV. New Business
 - a) The meeting opened with a presentation by Crystal Garcia, the Director of Community Affairs for District Council 9. She discussed training programs, which the union offers for individuals interested in joining a trade union. Board members asked what we could do to encourage Bronx developers to use union people on their projects.
 - b) District Manager's Report: Ischia Bravo reported on the various meetings she had attended. (See district manager's report.)
 - c) Chairperson's Report: Emmanuel Martinez discussed the Croton Filtration meeting, which he attended. The changes to the Van Cortlandt pedestrian bridge were also shared with the committee.



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- d) Since the meeting lacked a quorum, a vote on the proposed template for motions was postponed until next month. The motions presented by the Traffic and Transportation Committee and the Parks' Committee will be presented to the full board for a vote.
- e) Committee Reports: See the minutes from each committee. Highlights included the poster contest being planned by the Education Committee and the Public Relations Committees' plans to publish the newsletter more frequently. A request to invite someone from Part of the Solution, (POTS) to inform the board about their programs was also made.

- V. Next month's meeting date: Thursday, November 21st
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda
- VII. Adjournment



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LONG TERM PLANNING

Chair	Cole Hawkins
Meeting Date:	No Meeting Held

Agenda:

- I. **Introductions**
- II. **Review of last month’s minutes (If applicable)**
- III. **Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)**
- IV. **New Business**
- V. **Next meeting date: Wednesday, November 27th**
- VI. **Discussion on next month’s agenda**
- VII. **Adjournment**



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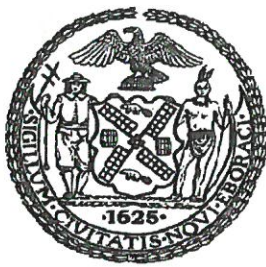
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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair	Jean Hill
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, September 25th, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204th Street
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	✓ Jean Hill ✓ Michael Alvarado ✓ Jeffery Hunter ✓ Adaline Walker Santiago ✓ Helene Redd

Agenda:

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month’s minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
- IV. New Business
 - a) Discussion on what services Veterans and their families need
 - b) Do Veterans receive the same benefits as public assistance
 - c) Veterans need to receive better recognition
 - d) Should Veterans income be counted as a formula for Housing
 - e) A suggestion was made to use the Memorial on Mosholu Parkway as a backdrop for activities
 - f) Can the Veterans be incorporated into the Bronx Week Parade
 - g) Veterans should get free Medical coverage at the VA and appointments should be shortened
 - h) Veterans now copay when getting certain services based on a percentage of how long they served.
 - i) A lot of Vets have to fight for coverage if is not considered a service related condition
 - j) Medicare and VA benefits don’t work together to provide benefits



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k) Adaline Walker Santiago suggested reaching out to the City Council and the Boro Presidents office of Veterans affairs for information on current resources available

l) Michael Alvarado will do additional research

V. Questions:

a) What do Veterans receive under the GI Bill

b) Depending on when you served and the length of service

c) Can a card be made with Committee meeting dates to be given out

d) Setup a Job Fair

e) Can a Veterans Family event be established

f) How can Veterans Housing and Home Loan Programs be streamlined

g) What Advocate program is available for Veterans without Family to look out for them

h) Take a Tour of the Kingsbridge VA Hospital

VI. Review of Capital and Expense Budget for 2020

VII. Next meeting date: Wednesday, October 23rd, at 6:30 pm

VIII. Discussion on next month's agenda

IX. Adjournment



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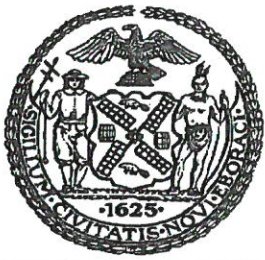
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BUDGET, PERSONNEL & ETHICS COMMITTEE

Chair	Andrew Laiosa
Meeting Date:	Thursday, October 3 rd , 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 type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input 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 (If applicable)
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
- IV. New Business
 - a) Attendance records provided by the CB7 staff was reviewed by the committee for compliance with the attendance requirements of the CB7 by laws. Two board members were found to have missed three or more consecutive meetings. (Cole Hawkins, Helene Wilson). Following the CB7 by laws, letters will be sent notifying the board members. (motion needed to send letters???)
 - b) The Fiscal Year 2020 Executive Budget Register was reviewed and changes were made.
 - 1. The committee discussed and reviewed the following proposals:
 - The Education, Youth, & Libraries Committee requested an appropriation in the amount of \$500 in support for an event proposed for October 31, 2019. Approved



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- The Veterans Affairs Committee requested an appropriation in the amount of \$2,000 in support for an event proposed for April 2019. Approved.
- The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee requested an appropriation in the amount of \$4,500 in support for the CB7 annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony proposed for December 2019. Approved
- Requests for an appropriation must be made by a Board Committee. A board member presented a detailed plan for a "Remembrance Project". This proposal will be presented to a Board Committee for review, and if approved, will be presented by the committee to the Budget, Personnel, and Ethics Committee for consideration.

2. Please note that all community boards in the City were granted a supplement of \$42,500 (in OTPS) for the second year in a row. Allowable uses of this additional funding were provided. Note that all purchases with a value of \$10,000 or more must be approved by a vote of the full community board. Note that the board's total PS and OTPS budget (excluding rent and power) is \$254,384.00 + the \$42,500 (OTPS supplement) = \$296,884.00 grand total.

- V. Next meeting date: TBD
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda
- VII. Adjournment



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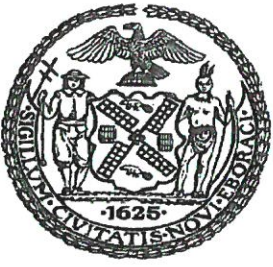
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ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE

Chair	Betty Arce
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, October 1 st , 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 checked="" 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) Review and identify budget needs pertinent to Sanitation & Environmental issues
 - b) Selection of Vice-Chair: Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky
 - c) Committee members and community residents requested follow-up with DSNY on the following for the next committee meeting:
 1. Enforcement – complaints about the lack of enforcement on commercial and residential streets, dirty sidewalks & a discussion on what CB 7, in conjunction with DSNY, can do to educate property owners about their responsibility to keep sidewalks and gutters clean
 2. Update on maintenance along Parkside Place
 3. Recycling – update and review of items for recycling.



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4. Request for trash cans along Webster Avenue from 205 St. to Mosholu Parkway
 5. Request for brown bags for leaf collection
 6. The nexus between trash and rats. The proper way to store trash.
 7. Requests for “No dumping” & “No Littering” signs to be posted at various locations
 8. Organic recycling – Tentative
- V. Next meeting date – Tuesday November 6th, 2019, at 6:30pm
- VI. Discussion on next month’s agenda
- a) Tentative – DSNY Representative to discuss all things trash
- VII. Adjournment



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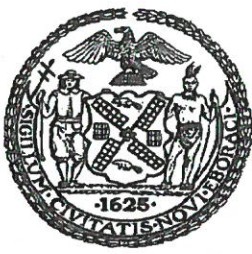
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EDUCATION, YOUTH & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Chair	Carmen Miranda
Event Date:	Wednesday, October 2nd, 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**
 - a) The board held discussion the following:**
 - 1. Presentation of Shaniqua Charles, Miss Abbie’s Kids**
 - 2. Dewitt Clinton High School**
 - 3. Drawing Contest**
 - 4. Future events**
 - b) Presentation of Shaniqua Charles, Miss Abbie’s Kids: Shaniqua-Charles came in to discuss present various programs that she runs through her organization, Miss Abbie’s Kids specifically, the 7th Annual Miss Abbie’s Halloween Extravaganza Health/Wellness Fair and Block Event which is taking place on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 11:00AM – 6:00PM at 2553 Decatur Avenue, between Fordham Road & East 193rd Street, Bronx, New York 10458. This event is meant to promote amongst other things, healthy eating and physical, emotional and economic health. In the last 6 years, Ms. Abbie’s Kids has reached approximately 12,000 youth.**



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Her various programs teach the youth anywhere from how to avoid chronic diseases to how to introduce bills on a city and state level of legislation. Her programs encourage the youth to aim higher. We discussed supporting the event by requesting \$500 from the budget committee for 15 tables and 30 chairs and printing.

- c) **Dewitt Clinton High School:** There are several concerns about Dewitt Clinton High School that was communicated at our meeting. There are 4 high schools in the building. The gym building is closed for repairs and the students can only have outside gym. The pool is empty so the kids cannot swim. The school needs two metal detectors at each entrance because it takes too much time for the kids to get inside of the school. We need to address these situations.
- d) **Drawing Contest:** We discussed the drawing contest by writing a plan of what we want to do. This will be discussed in detail during the next meeting.
- e) **Future Events:** We discussed having other events that engage the youth. It was suggested that we have a cooking contest possibly partner with Mosholu Montefiore Community Center with the use of their kitchen and with Clinton High School for the use of their vegetable garden. We will try to do something like that next year.

V. **Next meeting date:** Wednesday, November 6th, 2019

VI. **Discussion on next month's agenda:** We will be discussing School District 10 over crowding; lack of recreational programming/life skill training for seniors; plans for future schools in School District 10 or creating an additional school district

VII. **Adjournment**



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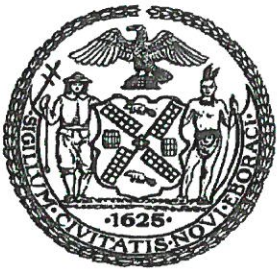
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TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Chair	Edgar Ramos
Meeting Date:	Monday, October 7 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"/> 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 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) Minutes were approved with changes; New Business #2 first bullet should read Jump Bike
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
 - a) There was nothing identified to be discussed
- IV. New Business
 - a) Tracey Tower Concerns on proposed Bus Stop Changes
 1. Unfortunately there were no residents from Tracey Towers to enlighten us on what issues they were having on the Bus Stop Changes.
 - b) NYC DDC Bainbridge Avenue Water main project
 1. Bx10 Stop Elimination Map 09162019
 2. Bx16 Bx34 BxM4 Detour Map 09182019
 - According to committee member Lowell Green the proposed changes are to yet to have started. It was posted it was to start on 9/30.



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New signs were posted for 10/7 start, but seems to be delayed.

c) 2020- 2024 Capitol Improvement Plan which includes:

- 1. Signal Improvements**
- 2. More ADA Accessibility (Train Stations with Elevators)**
- 3. Many other Improvements**
 - **The complete 240 page proposal**
 - **This topic was discussed and we were pleased to see Mosholu Parkway as one of the stops selected for ADA accessibility, we are working however to see how we can get the 205th Street D Train station as 1 of the 2 future stations to be identified since it is an end of line and having hospitals so close.**

d) Council Member Cohen's request for a Safety Study on the Intersection of Bainbridge Avenue and Jerome Avenue to NYC DOT

- 1. The topic was discussed and agreed unanimously that a Safety Study should be supported at that location.**
 - **Motion: We support the Councilmember's Request, but we ask any study should take into consideration the construction that is currently going on with the NYC DDC Bainbridge Avenue Water Main Project to properly view the impact.**

e) Community Conversation

- 1. Upon conversation of local crosswalks, we have suggested and voted unanimously on a motion.**
 - **Motion: Letter to request a Safety Study for a Stop sign and a defined crosswalk Eastbound on Mosholu Parkway South-**



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and the intersection of 204th. Due to the entrance of the park, and it being a Safe to School route.

V. Next meeting date – Thursday, November 7th, at 6:30 pm

VI. Discussion on next month's agenda

a) Proposed trying to have Citybike 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, October 10 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erick Ascensio <input 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Helene Wilson
Minutes Done By:	Alex Karman

Minutes:

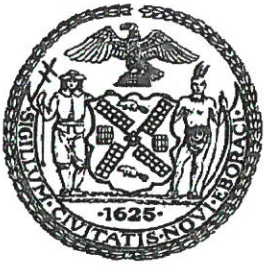
- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month (if applicable)
- IV. Old Business

a) Jerome Avenue Shelter

1. The district manager advised the committee that representatives from the Jerome Avenue Shelter and Cares for the Homeless would attend the November committee meeting. It was suggested the Health and Hospitals Committee should also be invited to the November meeting because of the overlapping subject matter. The committee remains concerns about the duplication and concentration of social and medical services within the community.

b) Construction Update

1. The Mr. Karman presented a spreadsheet of permits for new construction in community district 7.



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At present, the Department of Buildings has issued permits for the construction of more than 2,700 dwelling units representing more than 2.2 million square feet of development. This count only includes buildings now planned or under construction but not any of the buildings where construction recently finished. The committee then discussed the challenges created by the new units, including the need for new school seats to accommodate the influx of school aged children. The committee wondered whether it would be possible for new school construction to be combined with new residential construction. The committee reemphasized that it encourages developers to produce mixed income housing, noting that while most units being built are for low-income tenants, most new construction projects are market rate housing.

c) Developer interaction with CB7

1. This item was tabled until next month.

V. New Business

a) Discussion: Carmen Rodriguez, Outreach Coordinator- Neighborhood Association for Inter-cultural affairs (NAICA); Services NAICA offers within our zip codes

1. Ms. Carmen Rodriguez introduced NAICA, a Bronx-based non-profit organization that provides social, housing, and homeless prevention services to the community. She explained that tenants are often unfamiliar with the services available to them. Among other issues, NAICA may assist tenants who owe arrears or who were served an eviction notice. NAICA focuses on four residents of four zip codes (10458, 10462, 10467, and 10468) but will serve anyone in the Bronx so long as they are income eligible.



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If a person's income is above a threshold, they may not qualify for free housing services but may qualify for other services. She explained that while tenants may be aware of programs like NYC's "one shot deal", they are often not aware of either their right to counsel in housing court or their right to compel their landlords to make repairs.

b) Motion summary template

1. The committee reviewed the draft motion summary template. The form would be used to more clearly present action items at the full board meeting.

c) Budget priorities: Capital & Expense

1. The committee reviewed the draft capital and expense budget priorities. The committee may send their recommendations for capital and expense items to the district manager to be considered for inclusion in the budget priorities that the Board acts on at its October meeting.

VI. Next meeting date: Tuesday, November 12th

VII. Discussion on next month's agenda

VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm



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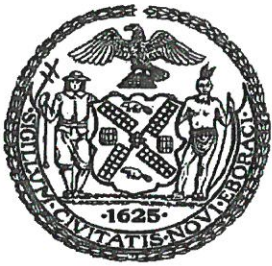
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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, October 9th, 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 checked="" 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 presentation by Susan Olsen who represented the Woodlawn Cemetery Conservancy. The not-for-profit association has applied for two grants from the NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation totaling \$110,000. One grant for \$35,000 is for Forestry Management. The other grant for \$75,000 is for Tree Planting and Maintenance. The cemetery has 325 different species of trees on a 398 acre site. Ms. Olsen requested a letter of support from the board. The Conservancy will administer the grant.**
 1. **Motion: 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. The grant will enable the Conservancy to manage and maintain their numerous trees.**



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- **The motion was presented by Betty Arce and seconded by Tasha Andrews. All members of the committee voted in favor of the motion.**
- b) **The following previous issues were discussed:**
 1. **Changes made to the proposed Van Cortlandt pedestrian bridge were discussed. Design changes, which brought about some reduction in cost, were presented. The total amount for the bridge is \$23.5 million.**
 2. **The New Golf House being constructed on Jerome Ave. and East 213th Street was being funded by DEP as part of the Croton Filtration agreement. The structure will also contain a learning center.**
 3. **Budget Changes: Greg Faulkner, representing Councilman Cabrera asked that we remove the request for repairs to the retaining wall at St. James Park from our budget. The wall has been repaired. Mr. Faulkner also requested a quote for the cost of a packer to be used only in District #7. A Playground Associate for Devoe Park will be added to our requests along with 2 PEP officers for Mosholu Parkway. A request for a new sidewalk at the Holt Street entrance to the Oval was also made.**
 4. **A Co-Chair for the Parks' Committee is needed. Gwendolyn Thomas Steed volunteered for the position**
- c) **The proposed form for motions was distributed and discussed. The committee is in favor of using the form.**
- d) **A tentative date of Thursday, December 12th was proposed for the annual tree lighting ceremony. The committee is awaiting confirmation from the staff and the Parks' Dept. A planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 29th. Time to be announced.**
- e) **Fall and Winter District Schedule and Staffing: Joe Magneri reported on the following:**



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1. **Garbage Removal: The packer is not in good condition. Garbage pick-up has been a continual problem. There is no schedule for pick-up. Parks' staff has been loading garbage in a few specific areas.**
 2. **All parks in District 7 will have some staffing over the winter months.**
 3. **Winter Readiness: The committee will have a list of priority areas for salting and shoveling at next month's meeting.**
- f) **Recreation Activities: Sarah Bishow, the Recreation Director at the Oval announced the Annual Halloween Pumpkin Party for those 11 years old and younger for Thurs. Oct. 31st from 4:00PM – 6:00PM. A Toddler Halloween Party for children age 5 and under will be held on Mon. Oct. 28th from 11:00 AM-12: 30 PM.**
- g) **Angel Gerera, the Director of Recreation at St. James Park announced additional hours at the Center. The recreational center is now open from 7:30AM-9:00PM. A toddler socialization program during the first week of the month has been extended from 2 to 5 days. The installation of the new air conditioning system at the center is almost complete.**
- h) **Other: Complaints were made regarding the lack of garbage pails at the Oval. A burned out light at the entrance to Harris Field on Bedford Park Blvd. (left side of entrance) was also discussed. A veteran attended the meeting to complain about the reduction in available hours at the computer lab in the Oval.**
- V. **Next meeting date: Wednesday, November 13th**
- VI. **Discussion on next month's agenda**
- VII. **Adjournment – The meeting ended at 7:25 PM**



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PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Chair	Dilletta Pina
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, October 8th, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Meeting Location:	North Central Bronx Hospital - 3424 Kossuth Avenue, 17th Fl.
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dilletta Pina <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Avila <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowell Green <input type="checkbox"/> Stanley Richards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cyrille Njikeng

Agenda:

I. New Business

a) Hepatitis C Education Forum at North Central Bronx

- 1. An expert panel discussed new developments in the treatment and cure of Hepatitis C and the efforts taking place around New York State to end the epidemic.**

II. Next meeting date: Thursday, November 14th, 2019



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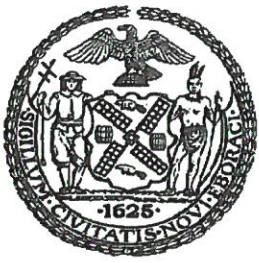
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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair	Chad Royer
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, October 15th, 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 type="checkbox"/> Gloria Bent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cristina Contreras <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alfred Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Helene Wilson

Agenda:

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of previous minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month (if applicable)
- IV. New Business
 - a) Discussion on Hepatitis C
 1. Dr. Susanne Burger of North Central Bronx and Diana Diaz-Munoz of the Department of Health shared some information on Hepatitis C
 2. Hepatitis C is a liver disease that is spread through blood, like use of needles, transfusions, unlicensed tattoo parlors, and possible sexual transmission (when blood is present) and this disease can lead to cancer or death
 3. About 116,000 people in New York City have Hepatitis C, and historically, more men have been diagnosed with Hepatitis C. It is treatable, even while using other drugs
 4. Common issue is that most providers do not regularly test for Hepatitis C. The committee acknowledged that it would be beneficial for providers to perform universal screenings for Hepatitis C



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5. CDC recommends that people born between 1945 and 1965 (baby boomers) are at least screen one time for Hepatitis
 6. Emergency Rooms do not generally test for Hepatitis C, and many people do not always feel the symptoms of having the disease in the beginning.
- b) Update On Legionnaires Disease In Tracy Towers
1. Alfred Grant shared concerns of Legionnaires Disease being reported in Tracy Towers
 2. Erica Downing-Peralta of Department of Health shared some updates to the committee
 3. Only one of the buildings was reported as having cases of Legionnaires. The disease was detected in only one of the two hot water supplies and four cases have been reported.
 4. Building management has been cooperating with protocols put forth by the city engineers in conducting the evaluation of Legionnaires Disease.
 5. People over the age of 50 and people with any weakened immune systems are discouraged from taking showers and encouraged to take baths instead
 6. People are encouraged to cook using water when it is cold because the bacteria does not live in cold water
- c) NYC Care
1. Stephanie Rae Wattley from Northwest Bronx Clergy Coalition shared some information on the NYC Care plan
 2. The goal is to promote "Healthcare For All" which includes immigrants who are not documented and those who cannot afford health care.



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3. Phone number is 1-646-NYC-CARE, or 1-646-692-2273; website is nyccare.nyc
4. The New York Health Act: goal is to get this bill passed
5. NYC Care wants everyone to encourage people to apply and report their feedback so that improvements can be suggested or made.

d) Outreach

1. Disabilities Event is tentatively earmarked for February of March
2. The committee is openminded in sharing handouts on NYC Care and Hepatitis C.

- V. Next meeting date: Tuesday, November 19th
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda
- VII. Adjournment



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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

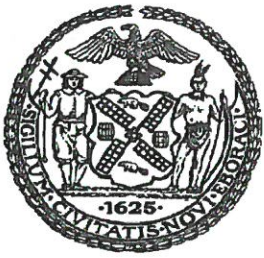
Chair	Denise Relf
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, October 1 st , 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm sharp
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th Street
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Relf <input type="checkbox"/> Cole Hawkins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hugo Gonzalez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jhenelle Robinson <input type="checkbox"/> Akilah Young

Agenda:

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month’s minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
- IV. New Business

a) **Discussion:** The committee was able to address all items on the agenda. Below is a summation of each agenda item discussed.

1. The committee identified two points of focus for the year: creating 4 newsletters for the year (3 smaller ones and 1 more detailed letters). Hugo suggested it look more like a college pamphlet. Jhenelle asked for more clarity around the content of the newsletter, which sparked greater discussion around the committee’s ability to set those parameters and submitting the proposal to the board.
2. The attendees shared things they would like to see from the committee chair (ie. Such as Streamlined communication, accountability, and focused time frames around projects).
3. The attendees shared their commitment to attending each meeting, barring any emergencies, maintain open communication, and keeping an ear out to the community to see what needs and thoughts arise that may be helpful for our committee to know.



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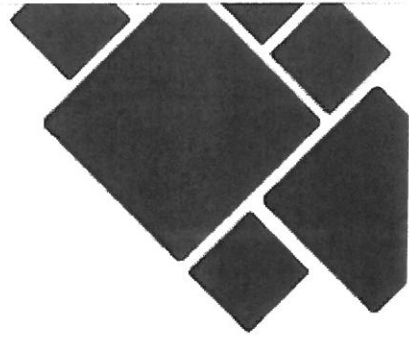
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4. There was no budget proposal request for the public relations committee to review and discuss. All other proposals were shared for the attendees to review, no thoughts were shared on the matter.
5. Discussion was held around the board's chair proposing the Public Relations Committee partner with him to devise a community survey that would be given out during the community outreach sessions scheduled for Saturdays. Questions arose around the intended target and exact purpose, and the committee agreed that inviting the chair to our next month's meeting would be help to gain better understanding of the request. The committee also reviewed the community outreach schedule and selected tentative dates to attend, and also requested more clarity around the intended events.

b) The following motions were proposed and voted on (all proposals will be taken to the executive board meeting for a vote in Oct. 2019):

1. A proposal to have name tents at each committee meeting for the committee members to be clearly identified to the community. The committee voted in favor of this proposal.
2. A proposal to establish time frames to which each committee chair would adhere to when providing updates for the newsletter. This committee voted in favor of this proposal.
3. A proposal to create and share out to the public the exact names and/or meanings of frequently used acronyms during committee meetings and/or general board meetings. This committee voted in favor of this proposal.

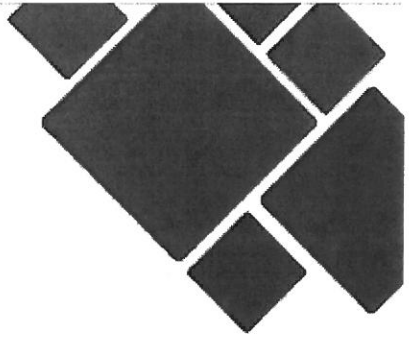
- V. Next meeting date: Tuesday, November 5th
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda
- VII. Adjournment



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NOVEMBER 5

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