



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



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JEAN HILL, CHAIRPERSON

ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**Kittay House ♦ 2550 Webb Avenue
Tuesday, May 28, 2019 @ 6:30 PM**

Your attendance and participation at community board and committee meeting 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 at various locations within the district.

**The next General Community Board Meeting will be held on: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 @ 6:30PM
LOCATION: NYBG; Ross Lecture Hall ♦ 2950 Southern Blvd ♦ Bronx, NY 10458**

PUBLIC SESSION: A sign-in sheet will be available 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) Presentation by the Department of Consumer & Worker Protection (DCWP), to discuss workers' rights.
- III) Closing of Public Session / Opening of Board Meeting
 - A) Attendance
 - B) Approval of Agenda & Minutes
 - C) Motion(s)
 - D) Chairperson's Report
 - E) Executive Committee Report
 - F) District Manager's Report
 - G) Committee Reports:
 - 1) Economic Development & Long Term Planning – William Francis(Page C)
 - 2) Veterans Affairs – Emmanuel Martinez(Page D)
 - 3) Budget/Personnel & Ethics – Andrew Laiosa(Page E)
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 - 8) Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer(Page J)
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- 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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52nd Precinct

Report Covering the Week
5/13/2019 Through 5/19/2019

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	2	-100.0	1	2	-50.0	-50.0	-50.0	-94.1
Rape	1	2	-50.0	4	5	-20.0	14	15	-6.7	75.0	16.7	-48.1
Robbery	5	10	-50.0	21	31	-32.3	128	113	13.3	19.6	-30.1	-78.8
Fel. Assault	16	15	6.7	48	53	-9.4	195	200	-2.5	12.1	19.6	-12.2
Burglary	4	4	0.0	9	15	-40.0	47	70	-32.9	0.0	-65.4	-94.6
Gr. Larceny	18	19	-5.3	55	58	-5.2	222	242	-8.3	-4.3	12.7	-28.8
G.L.A.	1	3	-66.7	3	13	-76.9	17	45	-62.2	-43.3	-74.2	-97.1
TOTAL	45	53	-15.09	140	177	-20.90	624	687	-9.17	4.00	-17.79	-76.36
Transit	1	2	-50.0	4	6	-33.3	27	24	12.5	28.6	170.0	***.*
Housing	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	4	0	***.*	300.0	0.0	***.*
Petit Larceny	47	31	51.6	170	146	16.4	660	641	3.0	9.6	34.7	***.*
Misd. Assault	19	19	0.0	87	102	-14.7	376	379	-0.8	2.2	16.4	***.*
Misd. Sex Crimes	1	2	-50.0	7	6	16.7	22	29	-24.1	10.0	-12.0	***.*
Shooting Vic.	0	0	***.*	0	3	-100.0	3	10	-70.0	-66.7	-70.0	-87.5
Shooting Inc.	0	0	***.*	0	3	-100.0	3	9	-66.7	-57.1	-62.5	-85.0

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

All figures are subject to further analysis and revision. All degrees of rape are included in the rape category.

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.

Crime statistics reflect New York State Penal Law 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.

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MOTION(S)

EXECUTIVE MEETING:

I) MOTION(S)

A) Traffic & Transportation:

- 1) To provide a letter of support for the approval of the DOT Safety Project.
- 2) To provide a letter of support for the expansion JUMP Bikes across the Bronx.



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- d. Jane Addison-Amoyaw, from the Mosholu Library distributed flyers listing the upcoming events for May for Kids, Teens and Adults. Children's Book Week is from April 29th-May 5th, where children may vote on their favorite books. On Saturday, there will be a Book Fair from 11-7.
- e. Joseph Diaz, from the Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs, Inc. (NAICO). The Association provides housing intervention and assistance services to residents of the Bronx since it was established in 1974. NAICO provides the following free services:
 1. Legal representation in Bronx Housing Court
 2. Tenant/Landlord Mediation Services
 3. Homelessness Prevention Services
 4. Referrals for job placement
 5. Family Homelessness & Eviction Prevention
 6. Short term rental arrears
 7. Providing permanent housing for families in transitional housing
 - Call 718-538-3344 ext. 106 for more information.
- f. Justin Sanchez reported on the Borough President's protest against the proposed site for a new jail in Mott Haven.
 1. The Borough President is informing the community of space in local public schools for meetings where he will cover the fees. Call 718-590-3522.
 2. There will be a Public Health Education Event on preventing Legionnaires Disease on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 12 pm at 851 Grand Concourse.
 3. On May 1st, it will be the official Bronx 2020 Census Kick-Off at 10:45 am at the Bronx County Building at 851 Grand Concourse. Another event is the "Break the Fast Together" on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Call to confirm your attendance at 718-590-3522.
 4. Bronx Week is from May 9th – May 19th.
- g. Hidehee Salazar, reporting from Assemblyman Victor Pichardo's office about the availability of free Immigration Services in his office on Friday, May 10th at 10:30am at 2175 Jerome Avenue, Suite C. An attorney who specializes in Citizenship is also available.



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- h. Priya Vavanasi informs us that State Senator Alessandra Biaggi will be available in her district office on Fridays at 1250 Waters Place, Bronx, NY 10461. She is also available at the CB 7 office on the second Thursday of the month.
 1. Priya gave Senator Biaggi's report on the Albany budget with the passing of Criminal Justice Reform, Campaign Finance Reform, Education Financial support and Health Care.
 2. She also noted that the Plastic Bag Ban was approved.
- i. Miles Burnett reported on City Councilman Andy Cohen's update on legislation in the Council ie: Bill INT 0623-A, which requires the Fire Department to report quarterly to the City Council and the Department of Health on the number of opioid antagonists the Department. has available
 1. Bill INT-1251 is a bill with the goal to reduce Green House Gases. This legislation will help reduce energy use and improve air quality.
 2. Bill INT-1301 is a bill requiring the NYC Department of Education to create an on-line portal to facilitate the comparison of funding and spending across schools.
 3. Other issues being addressed are the Tenant Protection Law and the Bus Stops Countdown.
 4. There will be a Safe Disposal Event on June 23 from 10-2 pm at Chandler Park. Call to sign up at 718-549-7300.
 5. There will be a Mammogram screening on June 8th at 10 am at the Mosholu Library.
 6. The Councilman wants feedback from the community on possible parking spots where the signs are obsolete or other conditions exist.
- j. Forham Rahi invites all to the Open House Grand Re-Opening of Assemblywoman Nathalia Fernandez' office at 2018 Williamsbridge Road, from 11am-1pm.
 1. Rain Barrels will be distributed on May 4th from 12-2pm at Loreto Park on Morris Park Avenue or on May 11th from 12-2pm at MS 101 at 2750 Lafayette Ave.
- k. The NY Yankees Scholarship Awards were presented by Jean Hill to the following students:



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1. Ali Alamari
2. Czarina Maysonet
3. Serena Montero
4. Selena Rodriguez
5. Konstanina Sgolombis

- Each student spoke about themselves and their goals before the presentation. They were warmly received by the audience after they received their awards.

- l. Rudolph Pongnon who wished to introduce himself.
- m. Dilletta Pina reported on the Early Voting bill that was passed in Albany. At present, there are only 7 sites identified for early voting. It is expected a huge increase by 2020 to accommodate more voters.
 1. Dilletta presented an award to Michael Rosario for his assistance in a recent event held by the Committee. He received a great round of applause from all especially Board members who have called on Michael in the past.
- n. Councilman Andy Cohen reported on the Preliminary Budget and shared a proposal of 40 million dollars for a proposed new 52nd Precinct Annex that may be located in Sam's Carpet store.
 1. He is still working on the 5 million to be assigned to Frisch Field for upgrades. Continued funding for Senior Citizens Program remains a priority for the Councilman who is greatly concerned if there is a mention of less funding.
- o. Amy Tsai, who serves on the DOE District Council, spoke about the need for a High School for children with IEPs who live in the community. She is appealing to the community to support the effort of constructing a separate school for children with special needs.
- p. David Deller, from the U.S. Census Bureau, announced the upcoming Census and the importance of responding to the census in order to be counted. Future funding and representation for a district depends on the number of people living in a district.
 1. The Bureau is seeking employees to collect data, supervisors, temporary positions and office work. Some positions may become permanent. Call 855-562-2020 for further information.



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q. Adaline Walker-Santiago announced that jobs are available at Access A Ride with paid training.

1. There will be a Job Fair on May 3-4th. Call 718-863-7972 X 2423.

III. Public Session ends/ Board Meeting opened at 7:55 pm

a. Attendance taken; Quorum present

b. The Agenda and the minutes were approved with changes.

c. Motion(s):

1. Environment & Sanitation Committee: To support the Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines Standard for New York City.

- Motion approved unanimously

2. Resolution; Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines (WEDG)

- **WHEREAS**, sea levels are rising across the globe, and will continue to increase the extent, frequency, and duration of storms and coastal flooding. These risks come with increasing costs, both event-based and day to day. Hurricane Sandy has cost New York City \$19 billion to date¹, and flood insurance rates continue to rise²; and
- **WHEREAS**, by 2050, NYC's average temperature is expected to rise between 4.1 and 6.6°F, and annual precipitation is expected to increase between 4% and 13%, which could exacerbate flooding³; and
- **WHEREAS**, despite these rapidly increasing risks and costs, new waterfront development is occurring at a rapid pace. Over 400,000 New Yorkers have a 50% chance of experiencing a major flood in their homes by 2060, and over 41% of those are economically and socially vulnerable⁴. And, increasing density in neighborhoods across the Bronx calls for smart choices about how we prepare for storms through design and management of developments in the floodplain; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Waterfront Alliance has a tool, the Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines (WEDG®), which can equip Community



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Boards to make more informed decisions on smart design, coastal resiliency, and improved access to the waterfront; and

- **WHEREAS**, WEDG is a nationally recognized standard to enhance resilience, ecology, and access in waterfront development. Any waterfront project which touches the waterfront edge – residential, industrial, mixed use or park, is eligible for WEDG certification. There are eight WEDG Certified projects in New York City including Starlight Park and Oak Point/ McInnis Cement in the Bronx; and
- **WHEREAS**, WEDG is a toolkit that empowers communities, builders, and decision-makers to consider factors such as hard infrastructure, green infrastructure, ecology, best practices in design and waterfront access options including kayaking, walkways, parks, waterborne transit (ferries) so that the whole community benefits; and
- **WHEREAS**, WEDG is a powerful, simple, and freely available communications tool, and grassroots movement to empower communities to protect their homes and build stronger, more equitable and resilient neighborhoods. From the Bronx to the south shore of Staten Island, WEDG has already made a strong impact on improving waterfront communities, and the movement is growing; and
- **WHEREAS**, as Community Boards are on the forefront of reviewing major projects and reshaping local waterfronts, Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines can help hold developers to a higher standard, improve land use decisions, and help citizens advocate for a more equitable development process. Community Boards can make commitment to creating more resilient, equitable waterfront development in their districts by adopting a resolution encouraging the use of WEDG for all waterfront projects.
- **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Bronx Community Board 7 encourages all waterfront projects in the Bronx Community



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Board 7 district to adhere to WEDG standards from the beginning of the design process and incorporated to the best of the project sponsor’s ability design standards which maximize resilience, ecology, and access; and

- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Bronx Community Board 7 encourages designers and developers of new construction and renovation on the waterfront to submit to a full WEDG certification process; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Bronx Community Board 7 encourages project sponsors and Waterfront Alliance to hire and employ persons residing or working in the Bronx and Community Board 7 as well as New York City certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises in the preparation and evaluation of WEDG certification applications and the design and construction of projects pursuing WEDG certification; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Bronx Community Board 7 urges other Community Boards and Borough Boards in New York City to leverage this freely available resource to enhance resilience, ecology, and access by adopting resolutions of their own.

2. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs: A letter be sent to Parks Commissioner Rosa requesting she look into the status of permits issued at Frisch Field and work out an arrangement to give Oval Community Youth Program, a local team. Additional Expermit time.

- Motion approved unanimously

IV. Chairperson’s Report

- a. Jean Hill appointed Sandra Erickson, John Snider, Gwen Thomas-Steed, Betty Arce and Alex Karman to the Nominated Committee and motioned the Board to accept her nominations. All Board members approve with 2 abstentions Kevin Davis and Helene Redd. Jean reviewed the nomination steps to be held at the May meeting and the election process to be held at the June meeting.
- b. Jean is still seeking possible bus stops for the bus tour of the community in June.

V. Executive Committee Report



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- a. On May 19th the Bronx Parade will be held on Mosholu Pkwy. It is important that we have representation from the Board members. We will meet at 12 noon on Mosholu Pkwy and Hull Ave. We need volunteers to man the CB 7 table.
- b. The Bus Tour is on June 8th.

VI. District Manager's Report

- a. April Agency Reminders:
 1. DOB- This interactive map provides current building activity for the past 12 months including permits, complaints, inspections, violations and accidents. Select a category from the main menu to view specific types of activity across the city. Or click on a building footprint to get aggregated building profile statistics. DOB data presented in this application is updated weekly. <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/html/dob-building-profiles.html>
 2. DOHMH- Many of our local restaurants are being fined. The issue seems to be a language barrier between the Inspector and business owner. We have requested that all restaurant owners who feel their language needs were not accommodated please reach out to me. This link will help you understand how and what happens during the inspections for a letter grade. <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/rii/blue-book.pdf>
 3. NYS Senator Alessandra Biaggi- Will be providing constituent services for those residing within her senate district at Bronx Community Board 7 every second Tuesday of the month from 11am-4pm.
 4. NYS Assemblywoman Nathalia Fernandez- is an office RE-Opening/Open House: May 11th, 2019 from 11am to 1pm (718-409-0109)
- b. 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/>
- c. Montefiore- Is conducting a Community Health Assessment. It's a brief survey and the results will be used to create a report and shape the focus of our community health efforts. They are requesting responses be submitted by April 30th
 1. English: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BX_CHS_2019
 2. Spanish: https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/BX_Salud2019



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- d. Bronx Borough President Rube Diaz Jr: Invites you to attend official 2020 Census Kick-off on May 1st, 2019 at 10:45am at the The Bronx County Building 851 Grand Concourse, Veterans Memorial Hall. RSVP at TMCDERMOTT@BronxBP.nyc.gov or call 718-590-6001.
- e. Community updates:
1. I have been working alongside the Davidson Community Association to ensure they are getting the services to address many of their concerns. Among many; the one issue is the illegal prostitution on Davidson and 192nd street. Through my efforts I have been able to facilitate a conversation with the District Attorney's office, 52nd PCT and the Community. We want ensure our Homeowners do not leave the neighborhood due to these conditions while also working with organizations to get the sex workers the services they need.
- f. Demolition Updates:
1. 2732 Creston Avenue: Job 220691464 – Full Demolition of a 2 story house
 2. 2736 Creston Avenue: Job 220691455 – Full Demolition of a 2 story house
 3. 2738 Creston Avenue: Job 220691446 – Full Demolition of a 2 story house
 - Each demolition application was processed on 3/15/2019.
 - 2738 Creston Avenue: Job 220673153 (Filed 12/3/2018) – Construct new apartment building. The Application received a disapproval on 3/26/2019. We do not retain any information on the plans at this time as the plans are disapproved.
 4. Among many community meetings; I attended the Bedford Manor Tenant Association meeting.
 - The residents now have a “live in Super” to provide janitorial services and do minor repairs. A follow up meeting is scheduled for April 30th, 2019.
 5. Kingsbridge Heights Community Center: (not in our CB) But service most of our constituency. I would like to schedule a tour of the facility.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Economic Development & Long Term Planning
 1. Remarks on the Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines with supporting documentation
- b. Veterans Affairs
 1. The Veterans Committee will be holding the Veterans Brunch on May 17 at Lehman College.



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c. Budget, Personnel & Ethics

1. The next meeting will be on May 13.

d. Environment & Sanitation

1. See the minutes for the report.
2. At the next meeting there will be a presentation from the League of Conservation Votes.

e. Education, Youth & Libraries

1. Discussion continues on the colocation of a school for children with special needs at DeWitt Clinton.
2. A presentation was made on sex trafficking of young children. See the Committee minutes for further details.
3. The passing of the Re. Foley was announced. Services to be held on Sunday at 3pm at 190th Street and Grand Avenue.

f. Traffic & Transportation

1. The next meeting will be on May 2nd

g. Housing, Land Use & Zoning

1. Rent increases continues to be of deep concern to community residents causing CB 7 to have one of the highest rates of evictions in the City. The Committee plans a "Special Meeting" in the Fall to discuss preferential rent and other landlord practices. The Metropolitan Council on Housing will be invited.

h. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

1. Park permits continue to be a concern of the Committee. The next meeting will be on May 8th with a representative from Forestry present.

i. Public Safety & Quality of Life

1. Dilletta Pina reported on the Public Safety Resource Fair sponsored by the Committee. See the minutes for further details. A job well done. Yajaira Arias was named Vice Chair of the Committee.

j. Health & Human Services

1. Chad Royer reported on the Lehman Event. He thanked the CB members who supported the presentation. The Committee is planning a Health Fair in the Fall for Seniors with Disabilities. At the next meeting a Columbia



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University student will present a study on the Emergency Room at Montefiore Hospital.

k. Public Relations

1. Lowell thanked all for the News items and pictures. She reminded all to participate at the parade on May 19. Volunteers are need for the CB table.

VIII. New Business

- a. It was noted that a strike by workers on the CAMDA project at 203 – 204 Street and Grand Concourse was taking place.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, May 15, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th St. Bronx, NY 10458
Members:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input type="checkbox"/> Myrna Calderon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Snider <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dilletta Pina <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Royer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Francis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Laiosa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowell Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nora Feury <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Hill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmanuel Martinez
Minutes Done By:	Nora Feury, Secretary

Minutes:

I. Executive Committee Chair Remarks

- a. Barbara Stronczer opened the meeting at 6:30 pm by welcoming all. She reminded the members about speaking out and waiting to be recognized. In addition, when members request information from office staff verbally they should follow it up with an E Mail.
- b. Events: Committee Chairs should check the Community Board’s calendar before planning events to avoid conflicts and an overload on the District Manager. When an event is planned all members of the Committee should be part of the planning and should attend the event.
- c. CB Calendar: The yearly calendar will list all approved events. Plan an activity early in order to be placed on the calendar. Be reminded that events should come out of a committee as a motion before sending it to the Executive Committee for approval.
- d. Agendas: Committee agendas should be placed on the website as early as possible to attract interested community residents.
- e. Minutes: There should be no blank pages where committee minutes are posted. To avoid a “ no report “ page, plan agenda topics in advance and work with committee members to take minutes. Tip: use a tape recorder or a phone to record meetings.

II. Chairperson’s Report

- a. Jean Hill gave an update on the upcoming Bus Tour and places to be visited.



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1. We will be visiting sites on Jerome and Webster Avenues and places of controversy throughout. Fordham Landing and Aqueduct Walk is on the agenda, along with driving past places of interest where a bus cannot stop and park. Lunch will be served at the end of the tour.
- b. Jean requested that speakers at the Public Session sign up to speak no later than 7 pm and that they be limited to 2 minutes. If a speaker wishes more time they will be referred to a Committee Chair for further discussion.
- c. The Executive Committee congratulated Jean for the honor bestowed on her by the Borough President at the Community Board's Celebration on May 9th.
- d. The Committee went into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at this point. The Committee again resumed with the meeting.

III. District Manager's Report

a. District Service Cabinet-

1. NYPD-

- Increase in robberies in Sector B and C (e-bikes)
- Beware of Phone scams asking for personal information

2. FDNY-

- 2779 Webster Avenue has a large amount of tires blocking the nearby business. The tire shop has been fined and asked to clear the pathway

3. DEP-

- City DEP proposing over 2% water rate increase. New Yorkers could see a water rate increase next year. The city Department of Environmental Protection is proposing a 2.36 percent increase to fund critical drinking water and wastewater projects. A typical customer would see a monthly increase of between \$1.35 and \$2.17.
- Backflow prevention devices prevent contaminated water or chemicals from flowing back into the public drinking water supply system. Certain types of businesses are legally mandated to install and operate approved backflow preventers. Corner https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/forms_and_permits/backflow_faq.shtml-SE

4. DOT- Parking sign change request/feasibility East 194th Street and Decatur to change from NO PARKING ANYTIME to NO PARKING TUESDAY & FRIDAY



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5. DOHMH- Measles outbreak mainly in Brooklyn.
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/measles.page>
6. OEM- would like to conduct presentations to large groups of people in the summer.
7. NYS Senator Alessandra Biaggi-
 - Will be providing constituent services for those residing within her senate district at Bronx Community Board 7 every second Tuesday of the month from 11am-4pm.
8. NYS Assemblywoman Nathalia Fernandez- Bronx Day in Albany June 12.
9. NYC Council Member Cohen- “Every Spot Counts” if you see an area where there is over signage notify his office.
- b. 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/>
- c. Community updates: The owner of 307 east 204th Street (used to be chase bank) would like to potentially bring a GYM as a tenant and the area is not zoned for it. I will be connecting him to NYC Planning for any inquiries about the process. The follow up would be to come to the land use committee for input.

IV. Committee Reports & Motions

- a. Budget, Personnel & Ethics
 1. The attendance sheets were distributed and reviewed. The sheets will no longer list a member as excused. If a member is not present they will be listed as absent. If a member cannot be present they should call their Committee Chair. When a member is absent three times in a row, they will receive a letter regarding their absence. To date, Tiffany Wheatland-Disu has indicated that she will be resigning from the Board.
 2. Andrew is working on the Board budget to identify the expenditure of the remainder of the funds.
 3. The Expense and Capital Budget was briefly reviewed in preparation for presentation to the entire Board for approval.
- b. Economic Development & Long Term Planning
 1. The Fokkus Restaurant on Fordham Road is requesting a permit for a sidewalk café. They will present at May 22nd meeting.



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2. The Census Bureau is seeking people to work on the Census. Some of these jobs may lead into permanent employment.
 3. Note: Morton Williams closed its doors unexpectedly leaving the community without a Supermarket and leaving many staff without a job.
 4. The question of 2 parking spaces near Devoe Park which were lined out was raised. Members are requesting the removal of the lines due to parking there by drivers with parking placards.
- c. Education, youth & libraries
1. Myrna Calderon shared a booklet on Better Evidence For Better Schools. It is available to interested educators and parents.
 2. On June 1st the Kingsbridge Library will sponsor a Resource Fair of activities available to the public. Flyers will be ready for distribution. Volunteers welcome.
 3. The "Make A Wish" Foundation will be honoring Myrna for her participation in the program on Sunday May 19th. We congratulate Myrna for a job well done.
- d. Environment & Sanitation
1. **Motion:**
 - To submit comments to the Department of Environmental Conservation in support of the Brownfield Cleanup of the former University Heights Yard at West 192nd, St. by May 24th. Motion to send letter was approved with one abstention by Dilletta Pina.
- e. Health & Human Services
1. The next meeting will have a presentation on "Issues and Revolution on Mental Health".
 2. There will also be a Columbia University student who will share her thesis on Emergency Visits at Montefiore Hospital.
- f. Housing, Land Use & Zoning
1. CAMBA gave a presentation of their project on East 202 St and East 203 Street There will be 2 buildings with 323 Apts. 11 stories high with a courtyard and a driveway and hopefully with enough passage for a fire truck.



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2. There will be apartments set aside for the homeless. The senior Center will assist in the placement of eligible families.
 3. There are still many questions from Board members about the project.
 4. The next meeting will be on “ Preferential Rent “.
- h. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs
1. Since someone from Forestry was unable to attend the Parks Committee meeting the questions submitted were answered by Joe Montegnero.
 2. The Bronx Bandits gave an update on their permit for Frisch Field.
 3. The PEP Squad will present at the next meeting.
- i. Public Safety & Quality of Life
1. Dilletta Pina gave a report on the Community Board Recognition Night at the Borough Presidents office where Board Chairs were honored including our own Jean Hill. Again, Congratulations Jean.
- j. Public Relations
1. Remind all of the parade on Sunday. Volunteers for the table are needed. The Newsletter is almost finished. Thanks to all who cooperated in making it the success it is.
- k. Traffic & Transportation
1. **Motions(s):**
 - To provide a letter of support for the approval of the DOT Safety Project. Motion approved unanimously.
 - To provide a letter of support for the expansion JUMP Bikes across the Bronx. Motion approved with 2 “No” from Bill Francis and Chad Royer.
- m. Veterans Affairs
1. The Veterans Brunch is Friday at 9:30 am at Lehman. 5 Veterans from the community were chosen. The Commissioner of Veterans Affairs will participate. All are welcome.
 2. The Committee has not heard back from the Veterans group who place flags on the graves of veterans in Woodlawn Cemetery. As soon as there is information on this, the volunteers will be notified.

VI. New Business

- a. Jean thanked all for the support at the many events throughout the year.



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- b. The Nominating Committee will meet before the next meeting to review the procedures for the nominations in May and to select a Chair. Voting will take place in June.
- c. There continues to be strong opposition to the CAMDA project on E.202-203 Street. A recommendation to override the approval will be sent for consideration to the Housing Committee.

VII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 8:25pm



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair	William Francis
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th Street Bronx, NY 10458
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	✓ William Francis ✓ Hugo Gonzalez ✓ Cole Hawkins ✓ Alex Karman ✓ Monjour Choudury
Minutes Done By:	William Francis

Minutes:

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month's minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
- IV. New Business**

- a. A presentation by David Beller on types jobs and salary of Census jobs available in our community. Information can be found on website 2020census.gov/jobs. Mr. Beller encouraged Community Board 7 and other community organizations to form their own Complete Count Committees (CCC). A is key in creating awareness in communities across the country which can help in counting everyone in the 2020 census, To learn more about forming a CCC, send an email to New.York.rcc.partnership@2020census.gov.
- b. A presentation by Mrs. Espinal, owner of Celia's Restaurant Bar & Grill aka Fokkus Room and Cucine located at 138 West Fordham Rd. She is requesting a permit for a sidewalk café.
 - 1. The board of Fordham Hill Owners Corp. sent a letter of complaint about the noise coming from the business late at night.
 - 2. A resident of Fordham Hill claimed that the noise was still happening and people were loitering outside the restaurant late at night.
 - 3. The committee requests that the community offer evidence of quality of life issues at the business.. The Neighborhood Coordination Officer (NCO) from the 52nd precinct stated via phone stated that the noise situation had improved and the precinct may see supporting the permit with some restrictions.



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4. It was suggested by the committee that the owner of the business meet with the 52nd precinct and discuss the restrictions and work out an agreement. Then, the owner could have a follow up meeting with the committee, and the 52nd precinct to further discuss the permit application.
 - c. The committee discussed the letter of no objection from Diplo Radio Dispatcher Inc. for a renewal license, but did not vote at this meeting.
- V. **Next month's meeting date:** Wednesday, June 26, 2019
- VI. **Discussion on next month's agenda**
- VII. **Adjournment**



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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair	Emmanuel Martinez
Meeting Date:	Thursday, May 24th, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th St. Bronx, NY 10458
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmanuel Martinez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alfred Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Hunter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carmen Miranda

Minutes:

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month's minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
- IV. New Business**
 - a. Held a conversation on the outcome of the Veterans' Brunch, and on how to improve the event for next year.
 - b. Held a discussion on the proposal from Adriano Espailat's office interest in coordinating a Veteran's Resource Fair for this summer.
 - c. Finally, we discussed the Flagging activity at Woodlawn Cemetery on May 25th, 2019.
- V. Discussion on next month's agenda**
- VI. Next month's meeting date:** Thursday, June 27, 2019
- VII. Adjournment**



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BUDGET, PERSONNEL & ETHICS COMMITTEE

Chair	Andrew Laiosa
Meeting Date:	Monday, May 13, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th St. Bronx, NY 10458
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Laiosa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowell Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Hill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nora Feury

Minutes:

I. Introductions

II. Review of last month's minutes

III. Follow-up from previous month

IV. New Business

a. Attendance records were reviewed. Board members are to be reminded that there are now only 3 categories for attendance purposes. They are: ABSENT, PRESENT, and ON LEAVE, according to the newly adopted by laws.

1. The category of EXCUSED has been removed. However, board members are encouraged to contact their committee chairperson and the board office, if they are unable to attend a meeting, out of courtesy to them and this helps with the planning of the meeting.

b. The current budget items and expenditures were reviewed. We are on track to spending down our budgeted money for the fiscal year.

c. Attendance letters will be mailed to three board members whose attendance records are not in compliance with the attendance requirements as outlined in the CB7 by-laws. The CB7 staff uses the attendance sign in sheets to update the master attendance sheets. Board members are to be reminded to remember to always sign in when they attend a meeting. The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:30pm at the CB7 office on Monday, June 24th.

V. Next month's meeting date: Monday, June 24, 2019

VI. Discussion on next month's agenda

VII. Adjournment



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ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE

Chair	Betty Arce
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th Street Bronx, NY 10458
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky <input type="checkbox"/> SM Shah Mahmood <input type="checkbox"/> Gloribel Vega <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Karman
Minutes Done By:	Betty Arce

Minutes:

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month's minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
- IV. New Business**
 - a. Discussion(s):
 - 1. Richard Day- DSNY Organics Recycling
 - Reviewed, and updated on the organics recycling program for residents of CB 7
 - Clarified the collection schedule
 - 2. ASEZ: World Mission Society Church of God- <https://wmscog.com/asez>
 - Victor Lozado came with a group of University students, and gave a PowerPoint presentation on ASEZ (stands for Save the Earth from A to Z)
 - ASEZ is a group of university student volunteers who act to address pressing needs in communities around the world. Students in the church attend Bronx area colleges such as Lehman, Monroe, and Bronx Community.
 - SAVE - Social Service, Awareness Raising, Victim Relief, Environmental Protection
 - Church of God members are active in carrying out numerous volunteer activities. Focus areas include blood drives,



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environmental protection, disaster relief, blood drives, social welfare and smile campaigns.

- Under Environmental Protection they conducted a clean-up on Sunday, May 5th of a mile-long strip along Webster Avenue from Gunhill Road down to Mosholu Parkway North. This is the second year they have conducted this clean up. They collected over 60 bags of garbage, and an assortment of car fenders, refrigerators and furniture that was collected by the sanitation department.
 - The Church is interested in collaborating more closely with community groups and elected officials to improve the quality of life in the Bronx at various civic events and activities.
3. Adriana Espinoza, League of Conservation Voters- NYLCV is a statewide non-partisan environmental organization in New York that fights for clean water, clean air, renewable energy and open space through political action <https://www.lcv.org/>
- LCV potential partnerships with Community Boards on environmental matters affecting our neighborhoods
 - Mitigating Lead Exposure in NYC
 - Addressing the causes of climate change and that NYC is adapted and protected against the effects of climate change
 - Emissions from buildings – NYC should move from dirty heating oils to natural gas in order to cut down on air pollution. 72% from emissions are from buildings (more than from cars, trucks,
 - Commercial Waste Zones – reducing the number of waste haulers and making the process more energy efficient, reduce diesel pollution
 - Mandatory organic waste recycling announced by Mayor
 - No new money in Mayor’s budget for DSNY to make this happen
 - LCV will be bringing to the attention of the City Council



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- School bus emissions – school buses use diesel
 - Volkswagen Settlement allocated monies to states to mitigate diesel pollution
 - NYS received \$127M
 - LCV pushed Governor and Department of Environmental Conservation to use monies to prioritize school buses to transition school buses from diesel to electric. LCV was successful in getting 40% of the funds for this purpose.
 - School districts throughout the state will be able to apply for this money
 - NYC school bus companies (116) are being targeted but so far little interest
 - Vision Zero Design Guidelines – require NYC DOT in any major street redesign to look at list of pedestrian calming and environmental measures for consideration
 - Play Fair for Parks Campaign
 - Parks budget for maintenance and repairs
 - Sanitation, gardeners, maintenance operations
4. NYC Council Environmental Score card
- Primary tool that evaluates each member on his/her environmental record.
 - They evaluate the performance of elected officials
 - Endorse candidates who care about the environment
 - Campaign for the passage of laws and candidates who espouse environmentally friendly agendas
5. Karen Argenti, Bronx Council for Environmental Quality-
<http://www.bceq.org/>
- Provided background information on the Brownfield Clean up application at West 192nd Street/Landing Road (formerly University Heights Yard).



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- The site has been under the ownership of CSX Transportation, Inc. since 1999.
 - What is the Brownfield Cleanup Program?
 - New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) is designed to encourage private-sector cleanups of brownfields and to promote their redevelopment as a means to revitalize economically blighted communities. The BCP is an alternative to "greenfield" (land not previously developed or contaminated) development and is intended to remove some of the barriers to, and provide tax incentives for, the redevelopment of brownfields. Since its inception (2003), the BCP has catalyzed the cleanup of more than 300 contaminated sites statewide and incentivized redevelopment. There are more than 350 active sites in the BCP.
 - BCEQ created a Brownfield Opportunity Area study for the Harlem River waterfront that included this site.
 - BCEQ has requested to review the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) files in the office, as CB 7 is the site repository, in preparation for submitting comments to DEC.
 - The site has been covered with discontinuous vegetation, asphalt, and soil of unknown origin, gravel, concrete and construction debris
 - Based on previous investigations conducted, the primary contaminants of concern include volatile organic compounds and toxins (arsenic)
 - The developer is CSX
 - Priorities for CB 7:
 - Ensuring that the removal process of all contaminants is conducted with utmost care and consideration of area schools and residents. That proper barriers are in



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place to minimize any potential health hazards to area residents.

- Notification to CB 7, area school and residents of when removal will take place
- Relocation of contaminants
- Recommendation for a park and recreational boat access (dock)
- BCEQ is encouraging CB 7 to support the clean up

b. Motion:

1. To submit comments to the Department of Environmental Conservation in support of the Brownfield Cleanup of the former University Heights Yard at West 192nd, St. by May 24th. Motion passed.

V. Discussion on next month's agenda

- a. Christine Camilleri (DCP) Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency

VI. Next month's meeting date: Tuesday, June 4, 2019

VII. Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm



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EDUCATION, YOUTH & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Chair	Myrna Calderon
Meeting Date:	Wednesday May 1st, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	✓ Myrna Calderon ✓ Emmanuel Martinez ✓ Yeny Medina ✓ Denise Relf
Minutes Done By:	Myrna Calderon

Minutes:

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month's minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
 - a. Ms. Calderon thanked the CB7 community and members who answered the call and volunteered with the Make-A-Wish foundation. She informed the committee that the Bronx Borough President, the Honorable Ruben Díaz Jr., would be recognizing those who have volunteered at a breakfast ceremony at Borough Hall at the close of Bronx week.
- IV. New Business**
 - a. Presentation: "The Bronx Plan"
 - 1. Lorita Watson, former board member educator and community member reported on the Department of Education's study on improving the public schools in The Bronx. She stated that it was an excellent forum and said they presenters did an excellent job. Committee members were concerned that they were not invited to such an important event. Ms. Watson stated that she was invited because of her involvement as a teacher with the DOE and other education organizations. Below is the link to the report:
 - https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/scmsAdmin/media/users/ks191/Better_Evidence_Brief.pdf
 - <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/initiatives/nyc-graduate-profileresearchalliance-news@nyu.edu>



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b. Education Fair at the Bronx Library Center

1. Discussion continued in the plans for the June 1st Education fair. Purpose of the fair is to inform parents of the educational resources available to their children in their own community. CB7 is partnering with The Bronx Library Center, which will be hosting the event. So far the tabling event will have:
 - Bronx Library Center
 - Community Board 7
 - Mosholu Montefiore Community Center
 - Kingsbridge Heights community Center
 - UFT childcare providers
 - North Central Bronx Healthy Eating educators
 - As well as others
2. District Manager Ischia Bravo has secured face painting story entertainment for the children and will be providing water and healthy snacks.
3. Flyer is finalized and will be distributed.
4. Also, DM Ischia Bravo and Myrna Calderon (EYL Chair) will be visiting Bronx Library Center to see venue.

V. Discussion on next month's agenda

a. Fresh Air Fund

VI. Next month's meeting date: Wednesday, June 5th, 2019

VII. Adjournment



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TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Chair	Edgar Ramos
Meeting Date:	Thursday, May 2nd, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th Street Bronx, NY 10458
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yajaira Arias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowell Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Laiosa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sasha Mejia
Minutes Done By:	Edgar Ramos

Minutes:

I. Introductions

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:45 waiting for members to arrive
- b. Went around the table for introductions.

II. Review of last month's minutes

- a. Because of lack of quorum, minutes were not reviewed. There was no April Meeting so it would have been March meeting minutes which were not available due to system upgrade.

III. Follow-up from previous meeting

- a. No previous business pending so we continued into the meeting.

IV. Old Business

- a. Presentation by Edythe Wilson from JUMP Bikes:
<https://jump.com/cities/newyork-city/>. This was a review of a previous presentation that was given. At which point no letter was needed.
 1. We were unable to vote on a Letter of support which was asked for because of lack of Quorum.
 2. They are looking for City assembly approval of expanding the service they presently provide to more area of the Bronx.

V. New Business

- a. Due to the outbursts, accusatory and unruly and inability of one on our Community Members and since we did not have quorum to be able to affect any business, I adjourned the meeting at 7:20

VI. Next meeting date: Thursday, June 6, 2019

VII. Discussion on next month's agenda



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- a. Looking for presentations from MTA on a future date.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Upon having a member of Traffic and Transportation arrive as we were leaving we reconvened the meeting From 7:30 to 7:45, and since the member was present at the previous Jump Bike presentation we were able to Propose and Vote on a Motion for a letter of Support for Jump Bike in their endeavor to expand their services in the Bronx.



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HOUSING, LAND USE & ZONING COMMITTEE

Chair	John Snider
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Sister Annunciata Bethell Senior Center 243 E. 204 th St. Bronx, NY 10458
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Snider <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erick Ascensio <input type="checkbox"/> Sandra Erickson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helene Redd <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer
Minutes Done By:	John Snider

Minutes:

I. Introductions

II. Review of last month's minutes

- a. A brief discussion and review of April's minutes that included a preview of our September's meeting that will focus on Preferential Rent and the high Eviction Rate in Community Board 7

III. Follow-up from previous month

IV. New Business

- a. CAMBA Housing Ventures came before the committee for the second time regarding a proposed affordable housing located at 257-271 East 202nd Street and 258-278 East 203rd Street between Valentine and Briggs Avenues.
 1. Chief spoke person for CAMBA, David Rowe stated both buildings collectively will have a combined 363 units with a mix of studio, 1, 2, 3, bedroom apartments. In addition, CAMBA is proposing to set aside a total of 112 lottery units for residents of Community Board 7.
 2. The buildings will have a host of amenities such as, 24 hour security, a through block driveway for pick-ups, drop-offs, and loading.
 3. There will be minimum parking space offered to tenants of the building (6) and no designated parking for staff who elect to drive to work.
 4. Furthermore, CAMBA stated that they will offer members of Community Board 7 free tutorial on how to navigate the NYC Housing Connect Program.



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5. Some of the concerns brought up by my residents of the community were as follows:

- The impact the buildings will have on the already overcrowded schools in the community. Mr. Rowe promised to provide the board with some comparative data on how the buildings may or may not impact on the school systems.
- 202nd and 203rd Streets are very narrow and many board members as well as residents expressed their concerns about the traffic problems that may occur especially during the construction phase of the project and there was no concrete answer given to address this concern.
- Finally, it was pointed out by both the District Manager and Board President that this is an "As of Right Project" that the developers can build whatever they chose to place on the property.

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

VI. **Next month's meeting date:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019

VII. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8pm



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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, May 8th, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th St. Bronx, NY 10458
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nora Feury <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Royer <input type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed
Minutes Done By:	Barbara Stronczer

Minutes:

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month's minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
- IV. New Business**
 - a. Aqueduct Walk: A review of the last meeting of the group was given. Information regarding future events will be shared.
 - b. Forestry: Although a representative from the forestry division of Parks' did not attend the meeting, Joe Magneri did present the answers to the questions and concerns, which the committee sent to him during the past month. Issues included replacement of dead new trees, stump and grate removals, and the weeding of tree pits on Bailey Avenue along the Major Deegan Expressway.
 - c. Staffing for the summer: Joe Magneri reported on the need for additional staffing. He is still not sure of how many seasonals he will obtain for the district. Equipment for the summer is ready and grass cutting has begun.
 - d. Signage/ Use of PEP Squad: Some signage will be placed in locations across the district. New signage listing a series of do's and don'ts's will be installed during the fall. Concern for illegal use of the park during the warm weather was expressed. Residents have already complained about loud music, illegal barbecuing, and mounds of trash being left behind by park users. It was suggested to invite a representative from the Police Dept. to our next meeting in order to establish what help the Police could be regarding quality of life problems. Mr. Magneri promised to also bring someone from the PEP Squad.
 - e. Bus Tour: Suggestions made included Poe Park, Aqueduct Walk, and the Skate Park at the Oval.



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f. Events: The following events were announced:

1. Park, Plant, & Paint – Sat. May 18th 10:00 AM. Meet at the Webster House on Webster Ave. & Mosholu Pkwy South.
2. Bronx Week Parade & Festival – Sun. May 19th at Noon
3. Food Scrap Collection at the Keeper's House on Mon. Wed. & Fridays starting at noon.
4. Sarah Bishow, the Director of the Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center announced the following:
 - Field Day at the Oval: Sat. June 8th
 - Fitness Festival: June 27th
5. A discussion followed regarding the lack of lighting around Harris Field. Joe Magneri will look into the issue. Adriana Espinoza, a representative from the NY League of Conservation Voters would like to attend our next meeting. It was suggested to invite her to a meeting in the fall, since our invitation to the Police and the PEP Squad for our June meeting would cover most of our agenda
6. Representatives from the Oval Community Youth Program attended the meeting. They have received additional permit time for Frisch Field (Mon. wed. Fri. and Sat.).

V. Discussion on next month's agenda

VI. Next month's meeting date: Wednesday, June 12, 2019

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



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PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Chair	Dilletta Pina
Event Date:	Thursday, May 9th, 2019
Meeting Time:	10am-12pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx County Building 851 Grand Concourse Bronx, NY 10451
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dilletta Pina <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yajaira Arias <input type="checkbox"/> Stanley Richards <input type="checkbox"/> Helene Redd <input type="checkbox"/> Adaline Walker Santiago <input type="checkbox"/> Tiffany Wheatland-Disu
Narrative Done By:	Dilletta Pina

Minutes:

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month's minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
- IV. New Business**

- a. Narrative on the 2019 Community Board Members Recognition Ceremony
 - 1. The Community Board Members Recognition Ceremony was a very inspiring event and very well put together.
 - 2. As busy as he is during Bronx Week month, the Borough President, Ruben Diaz, Jr., took time out to come to the event to say a few words, mingle for a bit with the Board Members, and even take pictures with us. This was very gracious of our Borough President.
 - 3. I want to thank Tom Lucania and Andy Toledo for their hospitality and hard work. The staff that was serving the food was very accommodating to the participants and they deserve accolades also.
 - 4. Our own Chairperson, Jean Hill, received a special recognition for being one of the six women Chairpersons in the Bronx Community Boards. That was a pleasant surprise.
 - 5. I want to give a special thanks to my Vice Chair, Yajaira Arias, for showing up and participating. Ms. Arias has never been absent to any of our meetings and she is very cooperative and helpful. I am lucky to have her on my committee.
 - 6. Michael Rosario, a CB7 Staff Member, also deserves my gratitude for preparing our attendance sheet for this event in time for us to have it available at the event.



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7. It would be nice for all CB7 Members to attend next year's recognition ceremony. It is an encouraging event and all of the CB7 members should enjoy the recognition as they are selflessly volunteering their time to make our community better.

- V. **Next month's meeting date:** Thursday, May 9, 2019
- VI. **Discussion on next month's agenda**
- VII. **Adjournment**



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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair	Chad Y. Royer
Next Meeting Date:	Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th St. Bronx, NY 10458
Minutes Done By:	Chad Y. Royer
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chad Y. Royer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gloria Bent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Davis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alfred Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Cristina Contreras <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helene (Jake) Wilson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carmen Miranda
Minutes Done By:	Chad Y. Royer

Minutes:

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month's minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
 - a. Follow Up From Carlos Tejeda of Montefiore
 - 1. Community Health Specialist Carlos Tejeda asked the community to take a health assessment survey at the March meeting. The deadline for submissions has been extended to May 31, 2019
 - http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BX_CHS_2019
 - http://es.surveymonkey.com/r/BX_Salud2019
- IV. New Business**
 - a. Follow Up on Community Outreach
 - 1. The Health Committee members discussed conducting an event for the Fall of 2019.
 - 2. Subject Will Be Addressing The Needs For Individuals With Disabilities At a Broader Age Range
 - 3. The Committee agreed to work on the event and will bring ideas to the June meeting
 - 4. Lehman College is able to host the event
 - b. Presentation By Columbia University Graduate Cynthia Betubiza: "Emergency Room Experience, Patient Overcrowding and Nurse Understaffing at Montefiore"
 - 1. The 38 page thesis was briefly discussed and shared with the members present



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2. Follow up discussion will be tentatively tabled for the June meeting so that questions can be presented after the thesis is thoroughly read
- c. Presentation by Josephine Cristostomo: Bronx Borough Leader at ThriveNYC, Mental Illness Initiatives
 1. ThriveNYC is an organization from the mayor's office whose goal is to provide resources to the community
 2. There are 54 different initiatives
 3. Presentations are usually done at residences, schools (as early as second grade), community boards and similar community-related areas
 4. The initiative helps to identify stigmas, stress, emotions, depression and ways we can manage these issues with positive actions and results for our community residents. Interactions are confidential.
 5. NYC Well has a 24-hour hotline (1-888-NYC-WELL) where anyone at any age can speak to a peer support specialist. Service is available in 200 languages
 6. Mobile Crisis Unit can be made available to assess a situation as it is happening by calling the hotline. It is recommended not to call 911 right away because law enforcement may not necessarily fully trained in handling mental health related issues. Mobile Crisis Unit counselors can then appropriately refer the individual to another party where the services needed at the time can be provided
 7. First Aid 8 Hour Training is available in Parkchester and Mott Haven. Anyone 17 years of age and older can take the course and earn a 3 year certification. Training is intended to see the signs, not to diagnosis.
 8. Crime Victim Assistance programs are available at the Police Stations for individuals who are looking for support
 9. Maternal Depression Screenings are available in hospitals so that mothers-to-be have access to emotional support and have an opportunity to prevent postpartum depression.
 10. Gloria Bent suggested that the Community Board reach out to members of law enforcement and begin a dialogue. The focus of the dialogue would be based on how mental health related training can be mandated as a part of law enforcement training and procedures.



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11. Alfred Grant expressed the need for presence of mental health professionals where hospital patients and shelter residents are located and he cites violence as a major concern that does not always gets addressed

- V. **Next month's meeting date:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019
- VI. **Discussion on next month's agenda**
- VII. **Adjournment**



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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair	Lowell Green
Meeting Date:	TBD
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 229-A East 204 th Street Bronx, NY 10458

Minutes:

- I. Introductions
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Follow-up from previous month
- IV. New Business
- V. Next month's meeting date: TBD
- VI. Discussion on next month's agenda
- VII. Adjournment

