

**COMMUNITY BOARD 7** 



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YAJAIRA ARIAS, CHAIRPERSON

VACANT, DISTRICT MANAGER

# **GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Chair:	Yajaira Arias, Chairperson
Meeting Date:	January 24, 2023
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/aSLS9YVxUs8
Minutes done by:	Ruth D. Caraballo

#### Minutes:

- I. Reading of Guidelines & Code of Conduct
- II. Reading of Executive Order Extension of state of emergency 2.15.23
- III. Public Hearing
  - A. Elected Officials:

#### 1. Assemblymember Jeffrey Dinowitz

Welcome to the two new colleagues in attendance. Governors State of the State summary highlights. Legislation: Climate Change, Health and Housing Happy Holiday and New Year to All Office: 3107 Kingsbridge Avenue Bronx, NY 10463. 718-796-5345 DinowiJ@nyassembly.gov

## 2. Alina Dowe BX Borough Director Mayor's Office

Updates for new initiatives

#### 3. Assemblymember George Alvarez District 78

Thank you for the election and I am excited to work with this community board. Currently located One Fordham Plaza suite 1080 and is moving to a storefront by 3/1.

#### 4. Comptroller's Office

Updates 2 reports submitted to board 1. Audits of Covid 19 loans and grants discrepancies 2. Heat code enforcements





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#### 5. Bronx BP's Office

CB applications are now digital, please share. Tom has transitioned to a new position, new point person will start 2/1

## 6. Councilmember Pierina Sanchez –

Kingsbridge Armory 2nd workshop will be next month.

CB applications please apply and share the word.

Apply for funds from the council.

Office:2065 Morris Ave, Bronx, New York 10453 Phone: 347-590-2874 District14@council.nyc.gov

#### 7. BX District Attorney's Office

Events - Mock Trials with the public Not on my watch w/ Senator Bailey March Prom Dress Drive April Suit Drive 4/16 Crime victims vigil 6th Annual Child Safety Fair ReEntry Summit Bronx Cams Program - business owners

#### 8. 52nd Precinct Report

Thank you to board for support in holiday initiatives. Reported statistical updates. Please join us at the next community council meeting Thursday via Zoom

#### 9. Senator Gustavo Rivera Office Sally Mendoza

Partnerships with support for housing or immigration. If anyone has issues or concerns, please feel free to reach out at 718-933-2034 or grivera@nysenate.gov.

#### **10.** State Senator Robert Jackson

New to the Bronx with the redistricting lines. Looking forward to attending the next public meeting and working with the people. Community Liaison is on the call and will be available.





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#### 11. State Assembly Member John Zeccaro - Arnella

2018 Williamsbridge Road - although under renovations, they are accepting constituents with concerns. Looking forward to working together. Counsilmeber joined and also made a brief announcement thanking the CB for their support.

#### **12.** Councilmember Eric Dinowitz Amanda

Discretionary Budgets are open

Intro Bill 660 helping High School Student Transition to Higher Education passed

Working with ACE with neighborhood clean graffiti ups

For events and community meetings – please sign up for a newsletter or follow on all social media platforms.

https://council.nyc.gov/eric-dinowitz/legislative-updates/ Dinowitz@council.nyc.gov

#### 13. Councilmember Oswald Feliz – George

Working with Botanical Gardens on the new senior housing (60 years or older) Applications are available at the office

Immigration lawyer in the office on Tuesdays.

Office is located at 573 Hoffman Ave Bronx NY 10458 718-842-8100

#### 14. Lowel Green - CB Member

Announced that the convent on Bainbridge is going to be converted to condominiums. The community is concerned that it will become a shelter.

#### 15. Armando AJ Ramos -

Request for the installation of Pride Flags at Mosholu Parkway Bronx Victory memorial in honor of the LBGTQIA community and local trailblazers.

#### **16.** Makia Palmer -

Morris Park 7th day Adevenitst church fitness club in support of the Not 62 campaign., soliciting CB7 support to share the word.





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#### 17. Sirio Guerino-

An outstanding issue mentioned in the past DWC pool is not functional, Forestry and cross streets, curbs being blocked. Thank you DOT for painting the Bedford Park underpass.

IV. District Manager's Report: <u>http://bit.ly/3SE78lr</u>

### V. Chair Remarks:

Welcome to new elected officials

Virtual meetings for the next few months extended open meeting law Reminder attendance & participation expectation of CB members. Working with BPs office NYS office of Cannabis

### VI. Attendance taken - Quorum Met

### VII. Secretary Position

- A. Helen Reid declined position
- B. Ruth Caraballo is the candidate running unopposed.
  - 1. Myrna Calderon made the motion
  - **2.** Barbara Stronczer 2nd the motion
    - a) Vote motion carries

## VIII. Review of Last Month's General Board Meeting Minutes

- A. Motion to approve last month's minutes Chad Royer
- B. Motion Second by Barbara Stronczer
  - **1.** Vote Taken: Motion Passes

## IX. Motions:

- A. Motions presented by Parks Letter of Support Amature Astronomers Association Spring 2023 NY Public Observatory @Jerome Park
  - 1. Motion made by Barbara Stronzer
    - a) Motion Seconded by Chad Royer
      - (1) Vote taken Motion Passes

## X. Committee Chair updates

A. **BUDGET**: Member Attendance letter motion is being drafted to share at the next meeting for a vote. Motion will be presented to the Executive and full





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board regarding letters to be sent to CB members whose attendance is not in compliance with the policy.

- B. EDUCATION: Meetings will be the first Monday of the month moving forward.
- C. ENVIRONMENT: Next meeting 2/7 @ 7 pm
- D. HEALTH: Met on 1/17 department of the aging made presentation.
- E. HOUSING: Did not meet in January. The next meeting will be 2/14. We are also working on a list of local contractors.
- F. PARKS: Parks next meeting 2.8 hoping to have someone from Forestry @ 630
- G. **PUBLIC SAFETY:** Met 1/12 with NYPD in attendance reporting. NYPD CC will take place 1/26.
- H. **TRAFFIC**: next meeting will be 2/2, DOT will present on the concourse rebuild north of fordham road.
- I. **VETERANS**: There were presentations that will provide opportunities for collaboration. Next meeting will be 2/15
- J. AD HOC BYLAWS: Final read through and plan to present to the Executive and General Board.
- K. AD HOC DM SCREENING: waiting for approval of job description for posting.
- XI. Betty made motion to close A. Helen seconded the motion
- XII. Meeting closed at 8:29 p.m.
- XIII. Next Board Meeting will be February 28, 2023