



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



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ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chair:	Emmanuel Martinez
Meeting Date:	March 22, 2022
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/zBES50EP02A
Minutes done by:	Yajaira Arias

Minutes:

Reading of Guidelines and Meeting Code of Ethics

Public Hearing:

References of Motions that will be discussed later in the evening

Two Motion from Budget & Personnel Committees

- Motion to notify board member Michelle Gongalez that a review of the attendance records show that they are in violation of CB7 bylaws
- Motion to notify board member Jomar Quintana that a review of the attendance records show that they are in violation of CB7 bylaws

Questions posed by AJ and Cirio Guerino regarding the motions – Answered by Andrew Laiosa

Motion from Housing

Motion for CB7 to Support the variance for the Saturday permit 9 am to 5 am 2520

Jereme Avenue – St. James Terrace Project

Comments made by AJ and Cirio Guerino as to Housing Motion.

Motions will be voted later in the meeting.

Elected Officials:

Mayor’s Community Affairs Unit – Alina Dow

Introduction of her position with the Mayor’s Office – Community Liaison

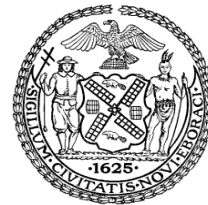
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Bronx Borough President's Office – Ish Gonzalez

BX BP Inauguration will be this coming Sunday.

RSVP only - Please contact our office if you would like to attend

Bronx District Attorney's office – Erick Swayer/Erika Diaz

Greetings

5th Annual Child Safety Fair on 4/30/22 at 564 Jackson Avenue from 3 p.m. to 6p.m.

If anyone has issues or concerns, please feel free to reach out at diazer@bronxda.nyc.gov
(929)361-7273

Councilmember Eric Dinowitz

Greetings

Office is open

Updates:

Hosting a rat academy training 3/23 at 1030 am – registration necessary

Education committee meeting – literacy needs

Funding for expanding meal programs

Discussed the number of seats in our schools based on the new developments coming in our neighborhoods.

Press Conference Today – Asking for Funding for Parks in our community

Looking to fund more events in our community

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

Cirio – wants to have the swimming pool at Dewitt Clinton High School back.

CM Dinowitz: will look into this and hopefully get a

Jean Hill – cosigns with Cirio as to the pool at Dewitt Clinton High School.

This pool has helped the community.

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CM Dinowitz: he will reach out to SCA.

Councilmember Pierina Sanchez

Thank you to those who attended my inauguration last Sunday.

Updates: Extend invitation for Thursday at 7 p.m. to discuss the stabilization bed site

Open opportunity to ask questions and obtain answers

Kingsbridge Armory – last said that we would have to start from the ground up.

The Armory is still locked in litigation. We want to move forward but there is a process to follow. CB7 will also have a seat at the table as soon as we can start.

You have my full commitment to get this done.

52nd Precinct – P.O. Echevarria

Crimes are up in the Bronx

Neighborhood Safety Teams will be introduced at the next council meeting via zoom.

NCO remain your point of contact

NST – focused on gun violence – also focused on areas of high violence

Andrew Laiosa: anti-gun unit set by the mayor? When will they get the anti-gun unit?

Answer: Yes. These officers were selected, vetted and trained. Wearing uniforms for

As of right now we have 1 safety team, but more will be

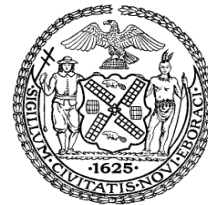
Jean Hill – business in Kingsbridge is having issues relating to homelessness and using drugs in the bathroom etc. Who can they reach out to for help?

Answer: if this is a person who is in and out – you can give them my contact information to see if they want services.

DM Bravo – best is to reach out the office or DM directly – more than glad to help with this.



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Lowell Greene – As the weather is getting warmer – people playing music from 10pm to 3-4 am

Suggestion to have a joint effort to try to stop them.

Answer: we have been working on this – focusing on enforcement in those areas.

Notifying is the best method and P.O. will do the best they can.

Congressman Ritchie Torres – Ron Jordan

Greetings

If any community residents are having issues with IRS, SS, Immigration, Veterans Affairs
Please contact our office - Appointment required – masks and vaccination required.

Senator Gustavo Rivera Office Rachel Ferrari

Office is now open for community assistance

Senator is in Albany – Budget Negotiations

Health Bills Passed <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/gustavo-rivera/legislation>

If anyone has issues or concerns, please feel free to reach out at
718-933-2034 or grivera@nysenate.gov

Senator Alessandra Biaggi

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2021/s7867/amendment/a>

Please contact us with any questions or concerns: constituentservices@senatorbiaggi.com
or call us at (718) 822-2049

Assembly Member Natalia Fernandez Office – Steven Ochoa

Free Tax Prep Services via appointment

Please reach out to our office at fernandezn@nyassembly.gov or call us at
(718)409-0109.

Assembly Member Yudelka Tapia Office – Leon Tulton

Thank you to those you attended the Open House on February 24, 2022.

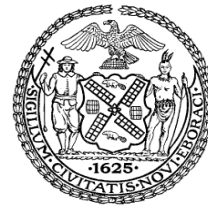
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For any questions or concerns: valeriod@nyassembly.gov ; 718-933-6909

Cirio Guerino – thank you to DM, CB7, NYPD and Sanitation in solving the issues at 204th Street and Bainbridge Avenue.

Sara – Williamsbridge Oval Park – Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Rec Center is doing free programs again – no vaccination

St. James Rec Center – they will be doing some events outside in the summer

James Duarte – Revel electric share – has suspended their services in the Bronx. Basically, due to parts being stolen. Wondering if Revel has reached out to CB7?

DM we will forward this information to our Traffic and Transportation Committee.

AJ – sent some emails and complaints would like a follow up.

Public Session Closed.

District Manager Ischia Bravo's Report: click on link <https://bit.ly/3L2RFX8>

Chair Remarks:

Barbara Stronczer – Yesterday, I was notified that I am now the interim chair, and I will do my best to move us forward. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Attendance taken - Quorum Met

Review of Last Month's General Board Meeting Minutes

Two corrections – Cirio and Adaline

Motion to approve last month's minutes

Motion Second by Michelle Avila

Motion Passes

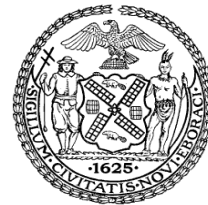
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Motions:

Motions presented by Budget & Personnel Chair Andrew Laiosa:

Motion to notify board member Michelle Gonzalez that a review of the attendance records show that they are in violation of CB7 bylaws

Motion second by Michelle Avila

Vote taken – Motion Passes

Motion to notify board member Jomar Quintana that a review of the attendance records show that they are in violation of CB7 bylaws.

Motion second by Yajaira Arias

Vote taken – Motion Passes

Motion presented by Housing, Land Use, & Economic Development - Chair Erick Ascensio

Motion to send letter of support Saturday permit variant from 9 am to 5 pm for 2520 Jerome Avenue - St. James Terrace

Motion second by Yajaira Arias

Vote taken – Motion Passes – 8 Abstentions (Lowell Green, Chad Royer, Alfred Grant, Hugo Gonzalez)

Committee Reports:

Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos

For more details – please see the committee minutes

Veteran's – Chad Royer

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VA and attendance program – Financial Aid if they need home care and assistance
VA closures – veterans expressed their concerns. We would like the elective officials to input on this matter.

For more details – please see the committee minutes

Health & Human Services – Michelle Avila

Presentation from DOH re: Kratom Drug

Montefiore Health Assessment (Community)

Survey will be shared in mid-April - Top Health concerns of the community - Presenter promised to provide the data once the data is received.

For more details – please see the committee minutes

Environment & Sanitation – Betty Arce

No meeting held in March

Parks – Barbara Stronczer

Not sure of staffing as to the summer months – fighting Mayor’s cuts

Rec person at St. James Park will be returning

Visioning Program – rehab for Poe Park – Proposal and preliminary scope to come

For more details – please see the committee minutes

Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta

Join our meeting

NY Yankee Scholarship has been extended to 4/17/22

If you know of anyone or organization, please feel free to reach out.

Housing, Land Use, & Economic Development – Erick Ascensio

Next Meeting is April 11, 2022

Agenda being developed

Public Safety & Quality of Life – Victor Saldana

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Budget & Personnel – Andrew Laisoa

Attendance records reviewed and motions presented today.

BA: coming into kitten season – cats giving birth. If you know of any cat feeders and concerns, please reach out. I volunteer with Bronx Rescue.

LG: Do we have a master list of where people can get food ie. Food Pantries or programs?

MA: I don't know of any list but - My Bronx Impact and Food NYC are sites that can help.

Chair presented Motion to Close Meeting

Motion Second by Betty Arce

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Meeting closed at 8:46p.m.

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