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# BOROUGH OF THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

## HOUSING, LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chair:	Erick Ascencio
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>September 12, 2022</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30 pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
<b>Meeting Recording:</b>	https://youtu.be/UxV4eEDzHO8
Members	<b>✓</b> Erick Ascensio <b>✓</b> Myrna Calderon <b>✓</b> Sandra Erickson
In Attendance:	<u>✓</u> Edgar Ramos <u>✓</u> Barbara Stronczer <u>✓</u> Mahbubur Jewel <u>✓</u> Helene Redd
Minutes done by:	Erick Ascencio

**Minutes:** (please click on active links for more information)

- I. The meeting started at 6:35 PM by reading the Meeting Guidelines.
- II. Attendance was taken by the chairperson.
- III. The committee reviewed the previous minutes from June 2022 and approved them as presented.
- IV. Follow-up from previous month
  - **A. Kingsbridge Armory:** Sam, Chief-of-Staff, from the office of Council member Sanchez informed us that the councilwoman visited the building with Congressman Espaillat, Council-speaker Adams and the Secretary of Labor, in an effort to secure funding for environmental remediation
  - **B. Fordham Landing:** Is a \$3.65 Billion project that will create a new neighborhood in the district that is in the early stages of the planning and rezoning process.
  - C. ERAP Update: Sandra Erickson provided the following update: of the 361,000 applications filed, 192,000 applications have been paid out (approximately \$2.8B) and 36,000 have been approved and pending property owner/management notification. The total budget for the program was just over \$3 Billion and funding has currently run out. New York State has requested an



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additional \$1 Billion to help fund the remaining applications. Eviction protection remains in place for all tenants that have applied.

#### V. New Business

### A. Presentation from Project Renewal on Bedford Green Phase II

- 1. The project is located at 2880 Jerome Avenue
- **2.** It will be a 17 story building with 116 apartments, tenant amenities include a library and learning center and landscaped courtyard, social services offices and a ground floor 2400 SF clinic to serve the tenants of both Phase I and II of the project. The clinic will also be available for local residents who would like to have their Primary Care at this location.
- **3.** 70 supportive housing units for homeless applicants.
- **4.** Of the 46 units available to apply via the HPD Housing Connect website, half (23 units) will be set aside for applicants within the CB 7.
- **5.** Additionally, 55 units will be set aside for Senior Citizen applicants.
- **6.** Construction is expected from October 2022 thru January 2025
- **7.** Phase I at 2865 Creston Avenue has opened. Currently Project Renewal provides medical services to residents of Phase I via a mobile medical van.
- **B. HPD Updates:** Ted Weinstein spoke about the benefits of the HPD Housing Connect to help place applications within the Community Board district in the available buildings. He also provided an update on the infill project which includes the site 2275 Loring Place within the district. This site does not require an ULURP process, since the site is not city owned.
- **C. DCP Updates:** Camila Thomas from DCP introduced herself as the new liaison to Community Board 7.

### **D.** Open Discussion:

**1.** Sirio commented on several fruit vendors that have taken over the site walk and parking spaces in the district. Also, the tire shop on Jerome Avenue and E 204 Street has tons of tires displayed on the sidewalk and piled on top of trucks.



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- **2.** AJ would like to receive confirmation from the CB7 staff of documents he submitted via email.
- VI. Next meeting date: October 13th, 2022
- VII. Discussion on next agenda
  - A. Fordham Landing
  - B. Kingsbridge Armory
  - C. Discussion with Department of Consumers and Workers Protection (DCWP)
- **VIII. Adjournment:** The meeting was closed at 7:58 PM