



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 MINUTES

Via Zoom Video/Teleconference ♦ Tuesday, November 30, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

I. PUBLIC SESSION:

- a. Councilman Eric Dinowitz - cosponsored legislation to post publish the attendance data city wide and individual schools and number of children who are vaccinated. It has been hard to obtain data from DOE The City was not telling us attendance and number of students who are vaccinated and getting tested.

Voted Against a Bill requires DOT to create mythology to place loading zone. Councilman's issue that District 11 and CB7 are struggling to find parking. The idea of creating more loading zones does not make sense in our community.

The problem is DOT will be doing this through the entire City; 5 new zones during the next 3 years.

DOT has the power to create and remove loading zones. Councilman will be pushing back on this bill.

Question: a lot of package deliveries - primarily The Bronx is residential - people are having trouble going around these trucks and parking. Is there a way to have a walk through as to these issues?

Councilman is also the Chair of the Veterans Committee - First Bill coming to vote - Veteran's advisory board this bill will expand



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members to include families (2) clarity that City services are available for Veterans regardless of time served and discharge.

<https://council.nyc.gov/district-11/>

- Co-Sponsored Int. No. 2318-A

This bill would require certain businesses that supply their employees to clients for the performance of construction work or manual labor on the client’s construction site, in exchange for compensation, to be licensed. The term “construction” in this bill explicitly excludes handyman work. Applying for a license would require certain signed statements and select information on business operations, and each covered business would have to supply their workers with a series of notices: on their rights as workers covered by this bill; training and certifications the employees would need to perform their work duties; and information on the employees’ work assignments. The businesses’ clients would also receive some of these notices, and these clients could be subject to civil penalties if they use the services of an unlicensed business that is required to be licensed by this bill.

Businesses that violate the bill’s subchapter would also be subject to penalties. Employees of the businesses aggrieved by a violation of the bill’s subchapter would be able to initiate a private right of action against their employers for violations of the bill, including for retaliation against employees for availing themselves of rights provided by this bill.

- Co-Sponsored Int. No. 2426-A

This bill would require the Department of Education (DOE) to publicly post, daily, on their website attendance data aggregated citywide and disaggregated by school for the previous day and previous week. The



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DOE is also required to publicly post, every two weeks, in the aggregate and disaggregated by school: * the number of students partially vaccinated for COVID-19 in attendance; * the number of students fully and partially vaccinated for COVID-19; * the number of COVID-19 testing consent forms received from families; * the number of consent forms withdrawn; and * the number of unvaccinated students required to quarantine because of exposure in school to an individual who tested positive for COVID-19. The data, to the extent such information is collected, would be disaggregated by grade level, gender, race or ethnicity, individualized education program status, English language learner status, status as a student residing in shelter and status as a student in temporary housing that is not a shelter.

- Co-Sponsored Int. No. 2427-A

This bill would require the Department of Education (DOE) to report on its website, every two weeks, positive COVID-19 cases among administrators, teachers, students, and other school staff in every DOE school. The reporting would also include which schools have been closed due to COVID-19 and the number of classrooms that have been closed due to COVID-19. The DOE would also be required to report on the number of administrators, teachers, students, and other school staff who have been fully and partially vaccinated for COVID-19. The student reporting metrics would, to the extent such information is collected, is to also report monthly in a disaggregated way by grade level, gender, race or ethnicity, individualized education program status, English language learner status, status as a student residing in shelter and status as a student in temporary housing that is not a shelter.



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● **Proposed Int. No. 2279-A (VOTED AGAINST)**

This bill would increase the number of loading zones in neighborhoods citywide. The bill would require the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish a public-facing methodology for determining where loading zones are necessary to enhance safety and reduce congestion. Among other factors, the methodology must consider commercial and residential density and requests from elected officials and the public. DOT would be required to implement at least five loading zones annually in each neighborhood tabulation area that meets the methodology, and to immediately implement at least 500 total loading zones per year in the first three years following the law’s effective date. By January 1, 2023, the department would also be required to report on the program and provide publicly accessible information on the location of all loading zones.

CM Dinowitz voted NO on this bill because the last thing we need here in the NW Bronx is more loading zones and less parking.

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b. Bronx District Attorney’s office - Erika Diaz

Tree of Angels Lighting for family victims of homicides



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Carlos Torres - Crime Prevention Coordinator - introduction
If anyone has issues or concerns, please feel free to reach out.
diazer@bronxda.nyc.gov - (929)361-7273

c. Senator Gustavo Rivera Tiara Davis

ERAP program - still assisting public
Helping with community issues (with landlord, apartment repairs)
Appointment only for now and community services rep will be in contact.
Please contact us with any questions or concerns: 718-933-2034;
tdavis@nysenate.gov

d. Senator Alessandra Biaggi - Tyler Wong

Senator attended a press conference at Fordham Plaza advocating for those who live in homeless shelters without internet access
encouraging funding in the 2022 State Budget
Senator introduced bill Pregnant Incarcerated Women to have a family member in the delivery room and protect their rights

Senators Biaggi and Thomas sent a letter to President Biden for extension of Federal Student Loan repayment

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

e. Assemblywoman Natalia Fernandez Office - Odis

Menorah lighting yesterday



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Tree lighting around the district as of December 8th.

Toy Drive tentative for December 17, 2021, at Lexa bar - flyer to be sent once date is confirmed.

For any questions or concerns: fernandezn@nyassembly.gov or call us at (718) 409-0109

f. **Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz Office - Frederic Klein**

Clarification about the Protest outside of the office from somebody running for Governor who opposes our bill to have Covid vaccine to be added to the list of school requirement. It's not passed, just introduced it will go into effect upon FDA approval.

Introduce bill to extend eligibility to obtain absentee ballot through February 1, 2024 - this bill will be taken up in January 2022 Session. Coop/Homeowners assistance fund is opening up to the public. Website is up. Applications will be open in December with decisions in January. Website is up.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns:

kleinf@nyassembly.gov

g. *****CB7 continues to request copies of any bills being worked on by our elected officials*****



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- h. Sarah from Williamsbridge Oval Park - NYC Parks Recreation Centers are still free through December 31, 2021 - membership last for an entire year. Must show proof of vaccination and Id. Their center is currently providing fitness classes, cardio kickboxing, circuit training and yoga etc. After school program for kids from 3-6pm. Ages 6- to 13-year-old - no vaccination required. Winter wonderland 12/18/21 pictures with Santa.

II. Closing of the Public Session 7:10 pm

III. Meeting conducted by First Vice Chair Barbara Stronczer

Chair Emmanuel Martinez running a little late - will join us shortly

IV. **District Manager Updates:** Sighting of gentleman of unsheltered man on Mosholu Parkland. The gentleman accepted services on 11/17/21 from Bronxworks.

Reminder - if anyone is in risk of eviction and in need of services No longer by zip code. Free legal services via HRA. (Link added to DM's Report)

FEMA Funds and services available for those in need

Survey going around for open restaurants program - provide DOT feedback in creating the open restaurants program. Survey will be available until December 31, 2021. (Link added to DM's Report)

Will be working with Staff and Budget and Personnel and Ethics to establish a better system of accountability and productivity - (Committees to meet quorum)



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Conducting last round interviews - post closed as of 11/15/21 for the Community Associate Position.

- V. **Meeting rules (DM)** - Ischia Bravo - Reading of executive order and zoom rules and commands.
- VI. **Community Board Business:**
- VII. Attendance taken – quorum met
- VIII. Review of Last Month’s General Board Meeting Minutes
3 corrections noted
Minutes accepted by all board members in attendance with 3 corrections

Moment of Silence in honor of Carmen Miranda and Jeffrey Hunter

Chair Emmanuel Martinez - with heavy heart Carmen and Jeffrey's passing has affected us all. They were more than board members they were dear friends who gave all they could to the community. They will be terribly missed.

Board Attendance and Participation is important to continue to provide service to the community. We continue to Active participation is key at the committee meeting to learn what is going on, what is needed and provide solutions.

Chair will be making some changes to the committees that are suffering from attendance and participation. A call will be made as to changes to board members.



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A new chair will be named in the month of December for the Education Committee (for chair to start in January 2022). If anyone has input or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

X. Motions(s):

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

Recommended Action: Bronx Community Board 7 to support the proposed Landmark Commission application to adapt the space at 2530 Grand Concourse (former Apple Bank Building) into a Fine Fare Supermarket, with the removal of the shopping carts from the front of the building.

Background: The building and interior space was designated a landmark on July 19, 1994. The original building was built in 1933, with a 100 feet extension built in 1937, followed by the tower in 1949. The interior space contains five (5) mural that depict the purchase of the land of what is currently The Bronx.

Rationale for Recommendation: The former Apple Bank Building has sat empty for years at the above reference address and the proposed supermarket will reactivate this section of the block. The proposal will restore the exterior features of the building and modify the entry doors to sliding doors, while preserving as much as possible the decorative motifs above the entrances. In the interior, the proposal includes cleaning and restoring the floor. Restoring the walls and ceilings. Adding a ramp for handicap accessibility at the north entrance. The missing brass handrails that lead to the bank vault will be installed and those existing restored. All shelving and hot food tables will be removable. The committee supports this



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landmark application as the modification to the building will be minor but requested that the shopping carts proposed at the exterior of the building flanking the south entry be placed inside the building to preserve the integrity of the landmark.

Discussion and Q&A:

Question: Andrew Laiosa - Language to be included that the delivery of goods and service should take okay in a way that it does not impact the traffic. Deliveries should be made at night to not disturb flow of traffic.

Sandra Erickson - bulk of the deliveries will be made at night (70% to 80%); The plans/renderings should be shared

Emmanuel Martinez - same concerns as Andrew Laiosa

Will the clocktower be a part of this project?

Answer: No, it is not.

Helene Redd - Why another supermarket?

Answer: The owner decided it was best business.

Chad Royer - is it just one floor?

Answer: Yes, It's just one floor.

Motion second by Barbara Stronczer

Vote taken: Motion passes 5 abstentions



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XI. Statements of Community District Needs and^L_{SEP}Community Board Budget Requests Fiscal Year 2023

Public Hearing was held at 5:30 pm regarding the Fiscal 2023 Capital and Expense Budget.

This hearing gave the public an opportunity to review and comment on the 2023 Capital and Expense Budget.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/9197c229-c00a-4f21-8450-c0c5e2ff9177.pdf>

Andrew Laiosa read the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities and Recommendations

Erick Ascension to assist in additions and edits

Motion second by Barbara Stronczer
 Vote Taken - Motion Passes

XII. Board Chairperson will call on Committee Chairs for updates (if applicable)

Health - Michelle Avila

Joint committee meeting with Public Safety

Presentation Live On NY - organ donations

Big need specifically - Iliana from Live on NY will send information which will be shared with the board.

Montefiore has responded have agreed to set up a committee.



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Representatives will be attending the next meeting with more information.
For more information, please see the minutes

Park - Barbara Stronczer

Tree lighting will be Tuesday. December 7 - starts at 6:00 pm Board members come up on the stage when they arrive
For more information, please see the minutes

Traffic & Transportation - Edgar Ramos

Changes at DOT - Keith Kalb Interim DOT Commissioner for now
MTA - A lot of things in process - will keep up posted
DOT is in charge of the countdown clock

Environment & S sanitation - Betty Arce

Sanitation and DEP - resuming collecting concern trash 7 days a week.
Alternate side pickup remains the same (once a week and sometimes twice a week).
Water quality issues - seasonal issue caused by organic compounds - if people feel that the water feels or taste different, please contact 311.
For more information, please see the minutes.

Veterans - Chad

Fordham Village in getting Jericho Project to be more responsive contact has been made - Waiting for Elected officials to respond.
Shawn Kington of the VA - go over the volunteer portion of the VA hospital.
Volunteers 16 and older - help in customer services/clinical services. VA will openly accept donations - donations will need to be disclosed for acceptance.



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Public Safety - Victor Saldana

Joint with Health in the month of November.

Open to public with issues related in the last 30 days

Tentative working for a public hearing with Project Hope.

New process for reporting drug use in our community.

52nd Precinct - continue to advise the public not to leave any items visible in the cars due to the increase of car theft in our community.

For more information, please see the minutes.

Budget Personnel Ethics - Andrew Laiosa

For more information, please see the minutes.

XIII. Acknowledgments:

For the annual tree lighting - A great thank you to all of the sponsors: Friends of Mosholu Parkland, Ridgewood Savings Banks, Montefiore, Bedford and Mosholu Community Association, Assemblywoman Nathalia Fernandez and 52nd Precinct.

XIV. Motion to Close Meeting - Emmanuel Martinez

Motion second by Adaline Walker Santiago

XV. Meeting Closed at 9:32 pm