



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



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# General Community Board Meeting Minutes

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| <b>Chair</b>             | Jean Hill  |
| <b>Meeting Date:</b>     | Wednesday, February 27, 2019                     |
| <b>Meeting Time:</b>     | 6:30pm   |
| <b>Meeting Location:</b> | Bronx Library Center   310 East Kingsbridge Road |
| <b>Minutes Done By:</b>  | Nora Feury, Secretary                            |

## Minutes

### I. Introductions

- a) Jean Hill opened the meeting with a warm greeting to all on such a cold night. She reminded all that there were still applications for the CB available.

### II. Elected Officials/Public Session

- a) Ron Jordan, who represents Councilman Richie Torres reported on the street naming for Junior Guzman. Ron noted the presence of certified tax preparers in his office who help file taxes without charge. Call (718) 842-8100 for an appointment.
- b) Nick Peters, from Assemblyman Victor Pichardo ‘s office reported on free Immigration services on Fridays, free Notary Services on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Housing Assistance on Thursdays. Call (718) 933-6909.
- c) P.O. Crystal Reveron, from the 52<sup>nd</sup> Pct. reviewed the crime stats. She then introduced the Officers who cover the sectors throughout the community. The announcement of the next Pct. Council will be on 2/28 at Scott Towers.
- d) Maris Gelman, from State Senator Biaggi’s Office announced her new office to be at 1250 Waters Place. Tel. # (718) 822-2049
- e) Tom Lucania, from Borough President Ruben Diaz Office announced that the use of Public Schools for events is available to Community Organizations on a first come first served basis. The BP’s office will pay the fee for the permit. Announcements of events were made ie: Dominican Independence at the Beverly Hills Manor, the LGBTQ Fair in the Spring and the Construction Trades Job Fair on March 13, 2019 from 10 am-5 pm. Call(718) 613-3980. Tom announced the BP’s attendance at the street naming for Junior Guzman which was well attended by the family and community residents.
- f) Bryce Collings, from State Senator Jamaal Bailey’s office noted the Senator’s work on the Child Abuse Laws and the updated Election Laws.



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- g) Gregory Faulkner announced the moving into new offices by Councilman Fernando Cabrera and his Staff at 2055 Morris Ave. The Councilman is inviting CB members to attend a meeting or send written testimony on March 12<sup>th</sup> to the City Council Meeting Room where CB needs will be discussed.
- h) Odis Guerrero announced the address of Assemblywoman Nathalia Fernandez office at 2018 Williamsbridge Road tel.# (718) 409-0109. A Mental Health Fair is planned for the Spring and a Legislative Town Hall on Budget items will be held on Thurs', Apr.4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm.
- i) Maria Centeno, from the Dept. of Design and Construction gave a presentation on the Reconstruction of the Jerome Ave. retaining Wall. Flyers were available describing the work performed and the anticipated work schedule for 2019.
- j) There was a presentation on Jump Bikes and the impact that bikes will have on the Community. The use of the bikes and the fees were described. The program is expected to start in Feb. and continue until the end of May.
- k) Jessica Rodriguez, from the Bronx Library described the services and programs offered by the Library. There will be a Resume Writing workshop to be held on Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> and Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>. On Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a Health Care and Maintenance career Expo.
- l) Melissa Davis, from the Bronx Library welcomed the CB to the Library and said she was always available for assistance.
- m) Emily Allen, Veronica Avila and Adrienne Mapp from the Red Cross made a presentation on Fire Safety and CPR. Fire safety includes the need for smoke and carbon dioxide alarms which will be provided and installed free of charge. CPR training is available by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS. The call is out for Volunteers.
- n) Joseph Riley provides Child Abuse information to interested families throughout a network of family members. Further information to follow.

### III. Public Session ends/ Board Meeting opened at 7:25 pm

- a) Attendance taken - Quorum present
- b) The Agenda and Minutes were approved unanimously
- c) The motion from Budget/Personnel & Ethics regarding the removal of Board members with their names visible was read by Andrew Laiosa and was approved unanimously.



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#### **IV. Chairperson's Report**

- a) Jean Hill congratulated the NWBCC on their 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She met with State Senator Biaggi to discuss issues in CB 7. Jean also met with Congressman Espaillot to discuss the businesses on Webster Ave. Jean announced that workers are needed for the Census Bureau.

#### **V. Executive Committee Report**

- a) The next meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of March

#### **VI. District Manager's Report**

- a) Report to be given next month due to illness.

#### **VII. Committee Reports**

- a) Economic Development & Long Term Planning
  1. The Committee is addressing issues with the P.O. and Sanitation problems throughout the community
- b) Veterans Affairs
  1. The Committee is moving along with their plans for the annual Veteran's Brunch.
- c) Budget, Personnel & Ethics
  1. Andrew Laiosa announced that there is slow progress in the movement of the additional funds in the Budget.
  2. The Board will vote next month on By-Laws changes.
- d) Environment & Sanitation
  1. A report was made on the presentation on Commercial Waste Zones and its implementation. The use of Styrofoam products will be discontinued. Information is being distributed on the regulation.
  2. A report on the Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines was presented. A draft resolution to support the guidelines is being discussed.
- e) Education, Youth & Libraries
  1. Special Education continues to be a focus for the Committee. A Fair on the subject is in the planning stage.
  2. Information was distributed about the Agents Of Change Charter School. The NY Yankees Award was discussed.



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f) Traffic & Transportation

1. The presentation by DOT of the safety improvement on Southern Blvd was discussed. There will be a motion at next month's meeting to approve the changes.

g) Housing, Land Use & Zoning

1. The Committee is still encountering issues with CAMBA
2. The Stagg Houses will be on the Agenda for next month's meeting.
3. The Committee will review the request for a variance from the DOE Fund,

h) Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

1. The decision on the use of the Oval by the Buccaneers was reported by Ischia who attended the meeting with the Parks Commissioner. Another team, the Bronx Bandits introduced themselves and cited problems with obtaining permits. The permit person will attend the next Parks meeting to review the permit process. Tree removal booklets were distributed. The Committee is requesting to meet with the Forestry Unit for further discussion.

i) Public Safety & Quality of Life

1. Report to be given at next month's meeting

j) Health & Human Services

1. A report on the Eric Rosenbaum proposal on the Project Renewal Greenhouse Project was made. The group will be referred to the Housing Committee for further discussion. The Committee and Lehman College will co-host an Early Intervention forum on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

k) Public Relations

1. The Committee is seeking pictures and newsy information about the activities of the Committees for the Newsletter to have it ready for Bronx Week.

### VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm