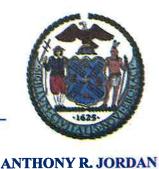


# The City of New York BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #1

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**Executive Committee Minutes(Special Session)** 

July 24th, 2024

Clarisa Alayeto, Chairperson

Attendance: Clarisa Alayeto, Freddy Perez Jr., Evelyn Alvarez, Ngande Ambroise, Stephanie Calzado, Paola Martinez, Marilyn Pena, Mohammed Sheikh, Zion Baldwin, Cesar Yoc

#### DRAFT

Community issues, including violence, lawlessness, and drug use.

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto leads executive committee meeting, discussing summer highlights and community issues.
- Committee Chair Marilyn Pena notes reduced shoplifting in the area, while others mention violence and drug use.

Community progress and highlights, including health, youth empowerment, and garbage cleanup.

- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc highlights progress in community health and female empowerment.
- Members highlights positive youth empowerment initiatives in the park.

Supporting youth development through third spaces.

- Committee Chair Evelyn Alvarez reflects on positive experiences and opportunities for community involvement in the Bronx.
- Committee Chair Evelyn Alvarez suggests addressing lack of opportunities for skill development.

Housing and economic development priorities in a NYC district.

- Committee Chair Paola Martinez expresses gratitude for support and looks forward to implementing ideas for community input on housing development.
- Committee chairs to drive ideas for engaging smaller nonprofits in capital funding process.

#### Liquor licenses and community involvement in the South Bronx.

- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh highlights the impact of education on community, emphasizing the importance of scholarships and programs like Fizzy and Spirit.
- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh emphasizes the significance of immigration resources, mentioning district manager Anthony Jordan and the need for IDNYC.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Freddy Perez discusses their role as district leader in the South Bronx, mentioning their responsibilities and challenges.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Freddy Perez highlights their accomplishments, including being reappointed to the board and running for city council.
- 1st Vice Chair Freddy Perez explains role of district leader in assigning poll workers and handling complaints.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto discusses NY SLA approval for community board guidelines for liquor licenses.

# Liquor license renewal for a bar with history of criminal acts and underage drinking.

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto explains the importance of a packet of 311 reports for a liquor license application.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan sends the packet to the community board with a deadline for the business to fill out and return it.
- Ms. Wendy Bello shares personal experience growing up in the community and witnessing criminal acts, including violence and death.
- Ms. Wendy Bello advocates for change, collecting signatures for a petition to address the issue and impact on children and families.
- Ms. Wendy Bello describes concerns about a local bar hosting private parties for underage kids and minors coming out of the bar drunk.
- Chairperson Alayeto invites others to come in and speak about the issue, with a sense of urgency to prevent another tragedy.

## Liquor license renewal with NYPD stipulations.

- District Manager Anthony Jordan and other members of the board discuss a liquor license renewal application for a business with multiple complaints against it, including sharing or selling alcohol illegally in an adjacent event space.
- The owner of the business does not show up for a committee meeting to present their application, leading the board to vote on the situation without them.

### Revoking liquor license due to violent incidents at Bronx bar.

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto and Anthony Jordan discuss a violent Bronx bar with a history of stabbings and shootings, and plan to reach out to local politicians for help.
- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise highlights community board's role in making recommendations.

## Community board power and accountability in Brooklyn.

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto expresses frustration with businesses shutting down and reopening under new names without proper notification or approval from the community board.
- Members discuss the issue of power dynamics within the community board and how it relates to the shutdown of businesses in the area.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc and Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto discuss the diminishing power of community boards and the need for members to stand firm.
- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise highlights the importance of community boards exercising their power and holding elected officials accountable.

## Liquor license applications for various businesses in the Bronx.

- Committee Chair Paola Martinez agrees to disagree on organizing, emphasizing the importance of prioritizing certain issues.
- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise expresses frustration with the system, citing the need to hold those in power accountable.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto discusses liquor license applications with committee members.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto mentions that all applicants are new, except for The Bronx Brewery.
- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise raises concern about lack of specific knowledge on particular applications.

## Liquor licenses, temporary vs permanent licenses, and board decisions.

- Members express concerns about processing applications without proper vetting.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan suggests applying for a temporary license before September to avoid automatic denial.
- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise is concerned about how soon a temporary license can be pulled if the board says no to a permanent license.

#### Board member attendance and potential removal.

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto and others discuss a The Bronx Brewery license application, with some members expressing concerns about the location and age of the patrons.
- A motion to deny the application is made and seconded, with a vote resulting in the application being approved.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto announces board members' removal due to attendance issues.

### Inclusivity and accessibility in community meetings.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Freddy Perez emphasizes the importance of prioritizing health and wellbeing in committee roles.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto and Committee Chair Evelyn Alvarez discuss the need for more proactive approaches to addressing absences and accommodating members with disabilities.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc and Committee Chair Evelyn Alvarez discuss the importance of inclusivity in meetings, particularly for people with disabilities.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc highlights the need for technology that can provide information in a way that is accessible to people with visual impairments.

## Board appointments, technology updates, and committee meetings.

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto discusses new appointments to the board.
- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise mentions vacancies on the board and the appointment process.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto discusses moving committee meetings with committee members.
- Committee members debate and decide on new meeting date, with Ngande Ambroise and Anthony Jordan providing input.

## Budget expenses and executive session motion.

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto seeks to understand budget expenses for executive meetings.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the board's expenses, including rent, personnel, and technology upgrades.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto asks for a motion to go into executive session to discuss sensitive information.

#### **Action Items**

- -Request that new liquor license applicants attend the September committee meetings to present before an approval decision is made.
- -Refer identified members to the ethics committee to discuss attendance and potential removal from the board.
- -Introduce new board member appointees at an upcoming new member mixer event.
- -Finalize and distribute the September meeting calendar with updated committee dates.
- -Explore the possibility of a hybrid meeting model to increase accessibility.