

Bronx Community Board #2

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Roberto Crespo
Chairperson



Ralph Acevedo
District Manager

Full Board Minutes

Date: October 23rd, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Longwood Prep Academy –965 Longwood Ave, Bronx, NY 10459

Members present

Thelvis Alston Jr.
Paula Fields-Conyers
Stephanie Cordero
Roberto Crespo
Altagracia Cruz
Julia Cruz, LMSW
Kevin Ellison
Yvonne Guillen
Jesse Harris
Jeffrey Korn
Thalia Simone Lindquist
Barbara Lopez
Roland Lopez
Edwin Martinez
Lynette Olmo
Maggie Ortiz
Stephanie Portillo
Larry Robinson
Richard Sherman
Viancey Taveras
Maria Torres
John Udo Okon

Members absent

Luis Castillo
Sandra De Jesus
Alexandra Guadalupe
Nicholas Madio
Cedric McClester
Marylean Wrotten

Excused

Luis Marrero
Shaquan Huntt
Sylvia Sanchez

Staff Present:

Community Board #2 Officers

Roberto Crespo, Chairperson
Julia Cruz, 1st Vice Chair
Larry Robinson, 2nd Vice Chair
Paula Fields- Conyers, Treasurer
Yvonne Guillen, Secretary

FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Longwood Prep Academy--965 Longwood Ave, Bronx NY, 10459

Agenda

I. PUBLIC SESSION: (Not to exceed 15 minutes - 3 minutes per item; A maximum of 2 presenters per item)

- **Michael Beltzer-** Talked about question number 1 on the ballot, which was going to be on the ballot for election day on Nov 5th, 2019. Michael explained the importance of question number 1, it was going to amend City Charter to allow voters to rank their candidates for Public Advocate, City Council, Mayor, Comptroller, and Borough President beginning encouraged the members to vote yes on question number 1.
- **Joyce Culler-** Advised members to fill about the survey from HUD regarding the different needs of the community.

COMMANDING OFFICER REPORT – (41st Precinct)

Captain Schublin from the 41st, gave the report-- discussed 28 day totals for crime stats . Overall crime has been down compared to last year . Captain Schublin mentioned that has been a spike in Petit Larceny

II. BUSINESS SESSION: (BOARD MEMBERS)

A. Roll Call **Ms. Yvonne Guillen, Secretary**

Quorum was met - 22 present, 6 absent, 3 excused

B. Adoption of Minutes **Roberto Crespo, Board Chair**

Roland made a motion to adopt the minutes. Edwin and Rev Moses voted against the adoption of the minutes.

C. Chairperson's Report

Roberto Crespo, Board Chair

Roberto Crespo discussed the role of the Disciplinary committee, which is to listen to a board members complaint whether is verbal or written and then decide its trajectory. The Disciplinary Community Committee will consist of 3-5 diverse members. The purpose of the committee is to maintain transparency for the community and the board. Roberto Crespo choose and announced the appointed board members which were Julia Cruz (she will be chairing the committee), Thelvis Alston and Luis Marrero. There was a motion to amend the bylaws, Paula motioned and Jesse second. The motion passed and a few board members voted no against the motion, Monique, Altagracia, Larry and Edwin.

D. District Manager's Report

Rafael Acevedo, District Manager

Ralph mentioned the Community Board shares the flyers, but they should not be the main point of contact. He mentioned that the flyers should be referenced for the point of contact for an event promoted. There was a motion to write a letter of support for lights & scoreboard for the Bill Rainey Park and Juan Caraballo ball field. Motion was second by Thelvis Alston, motioned passed by the board and was voted no by Monique Minis. There was a motion for New Exito Bar on 960 East 165th street to receive a letter of support for their liquor license, the motion was seconded by Roland. Motioned passed and was voted no by Altagracia.

E. Elected Officials Report

Marcos Crespo- Kavon Lee - Assembly member Crespo's office is hosting a clean-up initiative for the Bruckner on 11/2. Light refreshments will be served.

Council Member Salamanca- Maritza Wiggins- She mentioned that the CM's office doors are always open and located at 1070 Southern Blvd. Maritza mentioned. Maritza Also mentioned that beginning October 1st - May 31st all landlords are mandated by law to provide heat. If there is any case where anybody isn't receiving heat please file a complaint with 311. If the problem persist please contact the CM's office for support.

Senator Luis Sepulveda- Daniel Guerrero- The Senator's office is offering constituent services from Mon - thurs from 9-3 and Friday from 9 -12pm at 900 Rogers Place. The senator is hosting an event with Senator Brian Benjamin regarding property tax on 10/26 from 11am-1pm.

Congressman Serrano-Anthony Jordan- Anthony mentioned that the census is hiring, \$22.00. To apply visit the 2020census.gov/censusjob website.

Assembly member Michael Blake- Kelvin Cabrera (community liaison). He mentioned that the office has constituent hours from 10am-4pm at 780 Concourse Village West. He mentioned that early voting begins 10/26 and also there was going to be a senior service hour hosted on 10/25 at the Morrisania Senior Center.

Darcel D. Clarke-Cristina Calderon- Oct 26th Another chance event -resolving small warrants at 941 Reverend James Polite.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Franchise, Licensing, & Permit Committee
Ms. Stephanie Portillo, Chairperson

A motion to write a letter of Objection for Club W to the New York State Liquor Authority. Motion to approve was seconded by Paula Fields Conyers. The motion passed.

A motion to write a letter of support to the New York State Liquor Authority for La Espanola way located on 1292 Westchester Ave was denied because the owners did not meet the deadline to provide the proper documentation to the board. Motion was second by Thalia and the motioned passed.

- B. Housing and Land Use Committee

- C. Health & Human Services Committee
Mr. Luis Marrero, Chairperson

- D. Youth Services Committee
Mr. Larry Robinson, Chairperson

- E. Education Committee
Mr. Cedric McClester, Co-chairperson & Yvonne Guillen Co-chairperson

- F. Economic Development and Municipal Services
Ms. Maria Torres, Chairperson

- G. Environmental Committee
Mr. Roland Lopez, Chairperson

- H. Special Events Committee
Viancey Taveras, Chairperson

Old Business

Joyce Culler-Talked about our September meeting and how dissapointed she was with space that was given by the management office(Wavecrest). She stated we should be pushing the developers to create a community room that can hold a capacity of at least of 125 and easily accesible to the community.

New Business

1. Halloween parade on Oct 26th, seniors will be performing
2. **Roland Lopez**-mentioned that we should be aware that because of our zipcodes the prices to HMO's and Car Insurances have sky rocketed.
3. **Larry Robinson**- Mentioned that on Fox Street in the playground at the Hernandez Middle School there is hanging and disturbance of the neighborhood.
4. **Paula Fields Conyers** - There is trunk a treat event happening at the 41st precinct on 10/31 from 3-7pm.
5. **Edwin Martinez**- Mentioned we should have an informal get to know mixer
6. **Thelvis Alston Jr.**-Asked about the Senior Committee
7. **Julia Cruz**-was excited to announce that ST. Vincent The Paul nursing home was ranked in the top 11 out of 630 nursing homes.

VIII. Roll Call - Ms. Yvonne Guillen, Secretary

- Roll Call was conducted; 22present, 6absent, 3excused

- The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM