

# Bronx Community Board #2

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Roberto Crespo  
Chairperson



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District Manager

## Full Board Minutes

Date: November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: ST. Vincent De Paul: 900 Intervale Ave, Bronx, NY 10459

### Members present

Thelvis Alston Jr.  
Paula Fields-Conyers  
Luis Castillo  
Stephanie Cordero  
Roberto Crespo  
Altagracia Cruz  
Julia Cruz, LMSW  
Sandra De Jesus  
Kevin Ellison  
Alexandra Guadalupe  
Yvonne Guillen  
Jesse Harris  
Shaquan Huntt  
Thalia Simone Lindquist  
Barbara Lopez  
Roland Lopez  
Nicholas Madio  
Luis Marrero  
Edwin Martinez  
Cedric McClester  
Monique Minis  
Lynette Olmo  
Maggie Ortiz  
Larry Robinson  
Richard Sherman  
Viancey Taveras

Maria Torres  
John Udo Okun

### Members absent

Jeffrey Korn  
Rev Moses Oladosu  
Mary Lean Wrotten  
Stephanie Portillo

### Excused

Evelyn Arauz

### Staff Present:

### Community Board #2 Officers

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

## FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday, November 20th, 2019

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**PLACE:** ST. Vincent De Paul: 900 Intervale Ave, Bronx, NY 10459

### Agenda

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

- **Victoria(Legal hand)-** This is an organization that helps the community deal with any issues impacting their life. They currently have 1500 members and want to reach more. There is a lawyer that provides you with legal terminology. These services are not only available to community members, but to local organizations as well. On Dec 4<sup>th</sup> they will be having a workshop ,sign up on event brite.
- **Maria Yuluz Matos(US Census)-**Maria spoke about the census process happening in 2020 and encouraged the community to make sure they are participating in the census. It's very important data that will determine the resources our community receive . She also mentioned the census is hiring, you have to be 18 years old and have a valid SS. The website to apply is [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs).

#### • COMMANDING OFFICER REPORT – (41<sup>st</sup> Precinct)

Captain Schublin from the 41<sup>st</sup>, gave the report– discussed 28 day totals for crime stats. The captain mentioned he is very happy with the work his team is doing in the community. Overall there was a decrease in crimes.

#### **II. BUSINESS SESSION: (BOARD MEMBERS)**

##### **A. Roll Call**

**Ms. Yvonne Guillen, Secretary**

Quorum was met - 30 present, 4absent, 1excused

##### **B. Adoption of Minutes**

**Roberto Crespo, Board Chair**

Jesse made a motion to adopt the minutes. Edwin voted nay for the adoption of the minutes.

### C. Chairperson's Report

Roberto Crespo, Board Chair

Roberto Crespo discussed the situation that the staff members in the office were having, which was to close the office on Nov 29<sup>th</sup>. The CB 2 staff members were off Nov 28<sup>th</sup> but not Nov 29<sup>th</sup> and building was going to be closed. There was a motion by Paula Field Conyers and it was second by Sandra de Jesus to have the office closed for November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The motion passed.

### District Manager's Report

Rafael Acevedo

Ralph mentioned to reference page 24 for a list of activities. He also mentioned that the board is open changing the catering company after board members have expressed concerns. There were two requirements A) It must be within the budget and B) it must be a city vendor.

### Elected Officials Report

**Council Member Salamanca**- Wished everyone a happy holidays. Council Member Salamanca spoke about the plan of the 4 borough based jail. The plan is to shut down Rikers by 2026 and create jails next to the courthouse. He was the first elected official to reject the plan.

**Council member Diana Ayala**- Gloria Cruz(Rep) mentioned their constituent hours is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 12-3pm at 630 Southern Blvd.

**Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz**-Alexus(rep) spoke about the upcoming application period for new board members which will be opening February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and she also spoke the mandated sexual harassment training.

## III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Franchise, Licensing, & Permit Committee

Ms. Stephanie Portillo, Chairperson

1. A motion to write a letter of support to the New York State Liquor Authority for San Marcos Café located at 949 A and B Ave, Bronx, NY 10459 Motion to approve was seconded by Jesse Harris and 1 abstention by Cedric McClester. The motion passed.
2. A motion to amend the letter from Oct's vote for Exito Bar & Lounge located at 960 East 165<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY. The motion was second by Sherman and 2 abstentions, from Cedric McClester and Paula Fields Conyers. Motion passed.
3. A motion to write a letter of support to the New York State Liquor Authority for El Valle's Restaurant located at 794 Southern Blvd. The motion was second by Luis Castillo and 1 abstention from Cedric McClester. Motion passed

- A. Housing and Land Use Committee  
Mr. Nicholas Madio, Chairperson
- B. Health & Human Services Committee  
Mr. Luis Marrero, Chairperson
- C. Youth Services Committee  
Mr. Larry Robinson, Chairperson
- D. Education Committee  
Mr. Cedric McClester, Co-chairperson & Yvonne Guillen Co-chairperson
- E. Economic Development and Municipal Services  
Ms. Maria Torres, Chairperson
- F. Environmental Committee  
Mr. Roland Lopez, Chairperson
- G. Special Events Committee  
Viancey Taveras

**Old Business**

Submission of bylaws

**New Business**

CB2 & Baldor are having a turkey giveaway event on 11/23 from 12-2pm at The Point. R.S.V.P is required. If anyone needs a turkey please reach out to CM Salamanca's office for assistance.

**VIII. Roll Call - Ms. Yvonne Guillen, Secretary**

- Roll Call was conducted; 30present, 4absent, 1excused
- The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM