

# Bronx Community Board #2

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## FULL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 25, 2024

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**VENUE:** Banknote building 1231 Lafayette Avenue, Bronx NY 10474

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| <b>I. COMMANDING OFFICER REPORT: (41st Precinct)</b> |   | <b>(10 Minutes)</b> |
| <b>II. BUSINESS SESSION: (BOARD MEMBERS)</b>         |   |                     |
| A. Roll Call   | Julia Cruz  | <b>(2 Minutes)</b>  |
| B. Adoption of Minutes                               | Roberto Crespo, Chair                               | <b>(2 Minutes)</b>  |
| C. Chairperson's Report                              | Roberto Crespo, Chair                               | <b>(5 Minutes)</b>  |
| D. District Manager's Report                         | Ralph Acevedo, District Manager                     | <b>(5 Minutes)</b>  |
| • District Statement needs                           |   |                     |
| E. Borough President's Report                        | Alexis Ruiz, BP Representative                      | <b>(5 Minutes)</b>  |
| F. Elected Officials Report                          | <b>Not to exceed 10 minutes - 2 minutes per Rep</b> | <b>(10 Minutes)</b> |

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### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Health & Human Services

**Luis Marrero, Chair**

1. Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's:
  - Vector unit will be updated the committee on their sectors role in the district.
  - HealthyNYC
2. Children's AID Society was not in attendance to report their finding and the tools they use regarding their CB2 monthly community needs assessment
3. Melissa Toonkel Assistant Director of Ariva Inc updated the committee on the services they provide.
4. Discussion on Bronx Aids Walk

#### B. Special Events Cmte

**Vee Taveras, Chair**

#### C. Housing & Land use

**Pastor John Udo-Okon, Chair**

Pastor John Udo – Okon was not in attendance the meeting was ran by Chairman Crespo

- 1) Ismene Speliotis of MHANY Management was not in attendance to give the board an update of their portfolio in the district
- 2) Stagg Management discussed upcoming workshops for residents that will help with the Housing Connect application

#### D. Franchise, Licensing and Permits

**Clifford Muniz, Chair**

1. Review of a new and temporary retail permit application Cantina Tarasca Corp located at 576 Southern Blvd, Bronx NY 10455 for a Full License. They will have a full food menu. They will have recorded music. They do not have a license for outdoor area This is a transfer application from El Porton Bar and Restaurant No 2 Corp 1273362.

Passed unanimously. NYPD just asked them to identify their delivery vehicles

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2. Review of a renewal application for La Morena Restaurant Corp (0240-22-101613) located at 935 East 163<sup>rd</sup> street, Bronx NY 10459 for a Wine, Beer and Cider License. They will have a full food menu. They will have recorded music. They do not have a license for outdoor area. The owner is in the process of transferring ownership, they will be back once that process is completed
3. Review of a renewal application submitted by Jose A. Duran of 1089 Lechonera Corp. (serial number 1312414) located at 1089 Southern Blvd, Bronx NY 10459 for a beer, wine & cider license. They will have a full food menu. They will have recorded music. There is not a licensed outdoor area. Passed unanimously
4. Follow up discussion on the following establishments:
  - a. 165 Food Corp DBA Sazon Latino located at 965 East 165<sup>th</sup> street
  - b. Cantina El Chicanito Corp located at 1022 Longwood Avenue, Bronx NY 10459 – The Board sent a Letter of objection to the NYSLA. The NYSLA responded that they will inform us when their hearing is near.
5. New Business: The committee members and NYPD discussed the following:
  - \*Noches de Palenque located at 561 Southern blvd – They would like to invite them in and terminate their liquor license.
  - \*Would like to invite Gorgina’s Restaurant in regarding the bathroom and upgrading to ADA
  - \*The location of the ATM in Jimbo’s was questioned
  - \*Loud and unruly behavior on Fox street and East 163rd Street was brought up
  - \* Loud and unruly behavior on Fox street between Longwood and East 156<sup>th</sup> Street was brought up
  - \*Club Diamond - there was a shooting – Invite to the next committee

**E. Economic Development**  
**Maria Torres, Chair**

Quorum was not established as a result we moved to announcements and other business

- 1) Naomi Trivino was unable to attend and requested to be placed on October’s Agenda for a Letter of Support to Co-name Faile Street and Bruckner Blvd Hugo Trivino.
- 2) Matthew Choi did not attend. He was seeking letter of support to NYCDOT regarding traffic safety and support of a safe intersection design measure known as daylighting
- 3) Ricky Forde of Katal Center of Equity, Health and justice did not attend. He was seeking a letter of support to Council Member Rafael Salamanca, Jr. . Campaigning to Shut Down Rikers
- 4) New Business
  - Bronx Aids Walk
  - Halloween Parade

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5) Announcements: New York State Public comment about proposed expedited Clean-up of contamination at Brownfield Sites:

- 401 Hunt's Point Avenue
- 650 Southern Blvd
- Safety Improvements on Spofford Avenue

**F. Larry Robinson, Chair**  
**Youth Services**  
**&**  
**Education Cmte**  
**Thelvis Alston, Chair**

1. Representative Malaika Holder, Program Coordinator of Groove with me Inc. informed the committee on the services and classes provided by their organization to young girls of Harlem and South bronx. She also explained their program has social services for the dancers to assists them in time of need. They are located at 1785 Park Avenue, NY NY 10035, however the dance studio locations vary. Below is her information

Malaika Holder (She/Her)  
Program Coordinator  
Groove with Me Inc.  
1785 Park Ave 3rd Floor  
New York, NY 10035  
P: (212) 987-5910  
F: (212) 987-5080  
W: <https://www.groovewithme.org/>

2. Email Notice from Nicholas Cruz, UFT Director on the UFT Statement on the DOE's class reduction plan.
3. New Business: The YCO's PO Ortiz-Hernandez and PO Pagan of the NYPD 41<sup>st</sup> Precinct were in attendance. They made the committee aware of their responsibilities as YCO's. They patrol the schools in the district as the students get released from school making sure there are no fights or issues. They also host events at the local parks were all students can stop in and play sports with the officers.

Also discussed Parking concerns with Democracy prep Charter school  
The Police Officers information is below

NYPD YCO Unit  
PO Ortiz-Hernandez, YCO 718-542-4771  
PO Pagan, YCO 718-542-4771

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4. Announcement Sandy Liriano, Community Liaison, of Family Enrichment program was present and informed the committee of the programs that his organization provides. They have Free introduction to Barbering classes, Financial literacy classes, Free LLC class, Free sewing class and much more. They also have movie nights for families to attend. His information is below



Family Enrichment Center  
940 Garrison Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10474  
P. 718-618-5559 | C. 917-384-5974  
[LirianoS@Graham-Windham.org](mailto:LirianoS@Graham-Windham.org)  
[ourplacefec.graham-windham.org](http://ourplacefec.graham-windham.org)  
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5. Deismond D Rosa, Director Hunts Point Beacon Program. He explained that he serves K-8<sup>th</sup> grade

Beacon 2:30pm – 10pm provide mixture of after school Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade snacks are provided, homework assistance, tutoring, dance, music, art and drama

Holiday camp programming all beacon programs are required to be opened 15 holidays 8am – 6pm at their discretion.

In the Summer they partner with City. DOE teachers have the kids from 8am to noon soft handoff after lunch to CBO's till 6pm

Evening GED, ESL, sports, recreational living wage, career path, osha classes for adults

Saturday 9am – 9pm they partner with Department of Youth and community development , Bronx District Attorney's office along with local NYPD

Also discussed their school yard is unusable so they have a NYC Park permit to use the Park across the street 3 out of the 5 school days were unable to attain for 5school days due to another applicant.

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6. Announcements:

7. Adjournment

**G. Executive Committee  
Robert Crespo, Chair**

**IV Old Business (7 Minutes)**

**V. New Business (7 Minutes)**

**VI. Announcements (7 Minutes)**

**VII. Roll Call – (2 Minutes)**

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