

*The City of New York*  
**Bronx Community Board Four**  
**Public Hearing/General Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 23, 2024 | 6 pm**  
**Bronx Museum of the Arts**  
**1040 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY**  
**MR. ROBERT GARMENDIZ, BOARD CHAIR, PRESIDING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Ellen D. Abraham, Ms. Priscilla Alexander, Ms. Shekera Algarin, Ms. Rasheida Alston, Mr. Isidro Bernabe Arguello, Mr. Howard Brown, Mrs. Rossmery Dais, Ms. Leticia N. Dinkins, Ms. Brenda Dock, Mr. Robert Garmendiz, Ms. Veronique Green, Ms. Frances Hudson-Marrow, Ms. Towona Joye, Ms. Veronie Lawrence, Ms. Prettystar Lopez, Ms. Keyana Lundy, Ms. Marie McCullough, Ms. Monique McMahan-Stancil, Mr. Leandro Monzon, Ms. Michelle Mootreddy, Mr. Ebrahim Dawda Ndure, Mrs. Zonia Ortiz, Ms. Martha Reyes, Ms. Yohanny Rincon, Ms. Elba Rodriguez, Ms. Lilliam Rosa, Rev. Julian Stephenson, Ms. Jessica Toro, Ms. Kinanda Williams-Murray.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ms. Beverly Bond, Mr. John Fielder, Mr. Julian D. Lopez-Leyva, Mr. Mohammed Mardah, Mr. Avery Smith.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Ms. Tricia Claxton, Ms. Ishaira Garcia, Ms. Nurys Laureano.

**STAFF:**

Thomas Alexander, District Manager  
Lynne Thompson, Administrative Assistant  
Elizabeth Gonzalez-Rodriguez, Senior Secretary

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Hon. Landon Dais, NYS Assembly Member  
Gina Williams, representing Public Advocate Jumaane Williams  
Courtney Aubain, representing US Congressman Ritchie Torres  
Alexis Ruiz, representing Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson  
Terrell Brock, representing NYS Senate Jose M. Serrano  
Crystal Diaz, representing NYS Assembly Chantel Jackson  
Yudelis Moronta, representing NYS Assembly Landon Dais  
Abeu-Bekhr Meite, representing NYS Assembly Landon Dais  
Gloria Cruz, representing NYC Council Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala  
Brandon Gonzalez, representing NYC Council Althea Stevens  
Esperanza Diaz, representing NYC Council Oswald Feliz  
Nicol Aguila, representing NYC Council Oswald Feliz

**GUEST PRESENT:**

Mariano Laboy-Morrisania D&T, Audrey P. Hoover-Nurse Practitioners of NY, Iolanie De Los Santos-Resident, Patrick Hoover-Resident, Daniel P. Silvera-Bridge Builders Community Partnership, Michael Rodriguez-South Bronx Cares, Brian McCullough-BronxWorks/ Bronx Point, Commanding Deputy Inspector Anthony Mascia-NYPD 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Police Officer

Shala-NYPD 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Abbygail Brown, Susanne Goetz-Resident, PatRick Moonasar-Resident, Cristian Reinosomontes-NYPL Highbridge Branch, Esther Polanco-Volunteers of America, Michael Rendino-Stan's Sports Bar Inc., Jumanah Escalera-Bronx District Attorney Office, Andre Prep, Chaplain Travis Thomas-Siena House Shelter/Saved 4Life Cancer Corp.

**Public Session:**

- 1.) Iolanie de Los Santos, 24 and 24 proposal for grand concourse library. Will it be built on top or demolished?
- 2.) Mariano Laboy, concerned about low income facilities. Telling people to get involved with the voting in the community.
- 3.) Assembly Member Landon Dais, 77th district, introduced himself and his wife/board member, Rossmery Dais, talked about over \$140 M in NYCHA, more money towards homeownership, passed bill on stopping e-theft, working on workforce development session with Sedgwick Houses, introduced his employees.
- 4.) Bryan, director of supportive housing unit in Bronx Point, talked about his tenants wanting to be more involved with the community

**Welcoming Remarks & Announcements:**

Led and delivered by Mr. Robert Garmendiz, Board Chair, at 6:25pm. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6: pm. Pursuant to Chapter 70 Section 2800 of the City Charter the actions and procedure of Community Boards and their committees are governed by the applicable provisions of the City Charter and New York State Open Meetings Law (OML, Section 100-111 of the New York State Public Officers Law) and Freedom of Information Law (FOIL, Section 84-90 of the Public Officers Law). Each Community Board Shall meet at least once each month. Community Board 4 shall meet every fourth (4) Tuesday of the month, in person. This Tuesday February 27, 2024, the meeting was held at The Bronx Museum of the Arts, located at 1040 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

Led and delivered by Ms. Martha Reyes, Health & Human Services Committee Chair, at 6:26 pm.

**Motion to Review/Correct/Adopt of General Board Meeting Minutes:**

**Roll Call for Board Members:**

**Report by NYPD 44th Precinct:**

Led and delivered by Anthony Mascia, Commanding Deputy Inspector, at 6:27pm. Mr Mascia reported that we are down 13% in crime compared to last year. Rapes up 5 vs 1, up 8 robberies 44 vs 36 compared to last year (robbery pattern: in and around Claremont and foster park). Felony assaults, grand larceny are down. Stolen cars are even, many scooters being stolen. Mr Mascia reported that their parking lot is full of mopeds and scooters. Down one shooting for the month.

**District Manager Report:**

Led and delivered by Thomas Alexander, District Manager. Mr Alexander reported that he attended Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson's State of the Borough address last week—it was his first time attending. Mr Alexander noted that she laid out a very positive design for the Bronx, addressing the areas that we are lacking, and many upcoming projects also emphasizing some of her commitments. On a different note, over the last several months, Mr Alexander talked about using the Robert rules of order and reached out to receive training sessions for the board. He noted we need parliamentary training. Alexander also addressed concerns with his prospective voting and civic engagement event; He is interested in forming a civic engagement committee for the Community Board. Lastly, Mr Alexander urged people to call 311, if they have any concerns.

### **District Manager Report ended at 7:01pm**

#### **Committee Reports (Called by the Board Chair):**

- **Housing & Land Use:**
  - Ms. McCullough led and delivered the Housing & Land Use committee report. Ms McCullough spoke about the Grand Concourse Library.
  - The Housing & Land Use committee meets on the first Monday of every month at the Bronx Care Murray Auditorium.
  
- **Health & Human Services:**
  - Ms. Reyes led and delivered the Health & Human Services committee report.
  - The Health & Human Services committee meets on the second Monday of every month at the Bronx Care Murray Auditorium.
  - **VOTING ITEM:** No one one motioned for Services for the Underserved.
  
- **Parks:**
  - Ms. Rincon led and delivered the Parks committee report. Ms Rincon spoke about Mr Hernandez's and Mr Perez's presentations to the Parks committee.
  - **VOTING ITEMS:**
    - Letter of support to allow Mr Hernandez and his team to show annual film screenings in the district. Ms Rincon motioned, Ms McCollough 2nd (3 abstentions)
    - Letter of support to allow Jeffrey Perez, Bronx Lacrosse, letter of support to find a place for the athletes to practice in the district. (All in favor, no abstentions).
  
- **Youth Services & Education:**
  - Ms. Ortiz led and delivered the Youth Services & Education committee report.
  - The Youth Services & Education committee meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Bronx Care Murray Auditorium.
  
- **Economic Development:**
  - Mr. Monzon led and delivered the Economic Development committee report.

- The Economic Development committee meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the Bronx Care Murray Auditorium.
- **Municipal Services:**
  - Ms. Dais led and delivered the Municipal Services committee report.
  - Ms. Dais noted that they didn't meet during April, but they are planning the 4+44 awards. The Bronx DOT commissioner meeting will be at the committee report. Ms Dais urged the board to call 311 because it is really underutilized in our area.
  - The Municipal Services committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Bronx Care Murray Auditorium.

### **CB 4 Committee Reports ended at 7:50pm**

#### **Report by the Office of the Bronx Borough President & Local Elected Officials:**

1. Alexis Ruiz, Bronx Borough President Gibson's Office. Thanked everyone who attended the State of the Borough address. A new middle school in CB4. They will be planning a planning-for-your-life event.
2. Brandon Gonzalez, Council Member Althea Stevens. Multicultural fair July 27th.
3. Jumanah Escalera, Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark's Office. There will be a Child safety fair at PS 211 1919 Prospect Avenue 11am-3pm. There will be Yankee and Bronx Zoo tickets and will be passing up to 20 bikes. There will also be a prom dress drive at Bay Plaza Mall.
4. Crystal Diaz, Assembly Member Chantel Jackson. There will be a shredding event. There is a free CPR course at Andrew Freedman Houses.
5. Gloria Cruz, Council Member Diana Ayala, Bronx office is at 214 St. Ann's Avenue, Bronx, New York 10454. Urged everyone to use 311. The office will be open from 10-3pm.
6. Courtney, Representative Ritchie Torres. Representative Torres announced 18 million in community funding projects, Created a congressional mental health caucus, worked w/ Rep Espaillat in Census surveys.
7. Terell Brock, State Senator Jose Serrano. Celebrated the passing of the state budget, negotiated that the budget reflected the priorities of people of New York. Senator Serrano emphasized how important it is to expand the right to counsel. Serrano's team collaborated with AM Jackson on clean-up. They host constituent hours at the Mott Haven Library.
8. Gina Costello, Bronx Borough Advocate for Public Advocate Jumaane Williams. They are partnering with African-American Policy Forum to

bring awareness on banned books of the national day of action at Foster Park May 3rd 3-5pm.

9. Nicol Aguila, Council Member Oswald Feliz. Mother's day Event at the Botanical Gardens. Introduced Into 0706, will improve stormwater management, to combat air pollution. Office available Monday-Friday.

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD FOUR'S GENERAL BOARD MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:08PM.**

General Board meeting minutes recorded by Prettystar Lopez, CB4 Secretary.