

The City of New York
Bronx Community Board Four
Public Hearing/General Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 27, 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, Ms. Beverly Bond, Mr. Howard Brown, Ms. Tricia Claxton, Ms. Leticia N. Dinkins, Ms. Brenda Dock, Mr. Robert Garmendiz, Ms. Veronique Green, Ms. Frances Hudson-Marrow, Ms. Towona Joye, Ms. Nurys Laureano, Ms. Veronie Lawrence, Ms. Prettystar Lopez, Mr. Mohammed Mardah, 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:

Mr. John Fielder, Mr. Julian D. Lopez-Leyva, Ms. Keyana Lundy, Mr. Avery Smith.

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Mrs. Rossmery Dais, Ms. Ishaira Garcia, Ms. Marie McCullough, Ms. Monique McMahon-Stancil.

STAFF:

Thomas Alexander, District Manager
Elizabeth Gonzalez-Rodriguez, Senior Secretary

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Brandon Gonzalez, representing NYC Council Althea Stevens
Gloria Cruz, representing NYC Council Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala

GUEST PRESENT:

Mariano Laboy-Morrisania D&T, Kenismael Santiago-Pagan-NYC Bronx Office of City Planning, Esperanza Calderon-Resident, Socorro Cepeda Temne-Resident, Maria Morales-Jhanuelle Restaurant & Bar Corp, Mi Pueblito Inc., Nasiyah Walton, Shakeema Rogers-NYPL Grand Concourse Branch, Daniel P. Silvera-Bridge Builders Community Partnership, Alimatu F. Branch-WHEDco, Ariana Bon-WHEDco, Charlie Samboy-Tiffany Street Strategies, Veronica Miles-Resident, Sasha Holguin-Resident, Edward Bunge-Resident, Cristian Reinosomontes-NYPL Highbridge Branch, Ruby Cordero-Resident, Ninoska Carolina-Mott Haven Film Festival, John Bradley-Resident, Detective Shala-NYPD 44th Precinct, Lieutenant Adeniyi-NYPD 44th Precinct, Patrick Hoover-Resident, Audrey P. Hoover-Resident, Albin Infante-Monfongo El Mocano Restaurant & Lounge Corp, Jacqueline Carter-Resident/Parks Committee Member, Evelyn Rivera-Resident, Mable Ivory-Resident, Jonathan Tavarez-Volunteer of America, Paul Philips-NYC Bronx Office of City Planning, Lois Wilks Looby-Bronx Gospel Hall, Shakima G.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Ninoska Carolina, Mott Haven Film Festival, fundraiser at Andrew Freedman home.

Mariano Laboy, Community residents, wants programs to speak English and looking for resources. Also renaming a skate park to an important person.

Welcoming Remarks & Announcements:

Led and delivered by Mr. Robert Garmendiz, Board Chair, at 6:15pm. 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 6:19 pm.

NYPD 44th PRECINCT REPORT:

Lieutenant Adeniyi. 20-day period this year vs last year. We are down 100% in homicides. Rape is down 60%. Robbery is even. Burglary down 44.7%. Grand Larceny up 10%. Down 13.4% in crime compared to last year. Bishop Stephenson is hosting a Community Event on Woodycrest Avenue. National Night Out against crime. 917-853-5030.

ELECTION

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT:

Learned about himself and how to work with people. He thought he had an idea as he was on the outside. DM wants to hit the ground running with his civic engagement event. Wants the bylaws to get up to speed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOUSING & LAND USE:

- Ms. McCullough led and delivered the Housing & Land Use committee report.
- Presentation on City of Yes, Housing Opportunity. We went over each 15 of the proposals. She read the 4 conditions we are voting on.
- The Housing & Land Use committee meets on the first Monday of every month at the Bronx Care Murray Auditorium.
- VOTE: Housing & Land Use supports the city of yes on their 15 proposals with the four conditions. Housing committee motioned, and 2nd. The motion passed.

YOUTH & EDUCATION:

- Ms. Ortiz led and delivered the Youth & Education committee report.
- The Youth & Education Committee Meeting did not meet this month.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

- Ms. Lopez for Rossmery Dais led and delivered the Municipal Services report.

PARKS:

- Ms. Rincon led and delivered the Parks committee report. Ms. Rincon spoke about Fran Siegel Park and the importance of maintenance of parks.

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.
- Ms. Reyes discussed negotiating a recreation center for youth. Along the lines of Chelsea piers.
 - VOTE: Letter of support from committee.
 - Ms. toro 2nd, with 3 abstentions. The motion carried.

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.

ELECTION

ELECTEDS SPEAK:

1. Council Member Stevens' representative shared address. Gave thanks to CB 4, especially to Jessica and other members. Urged the community to volunteer for their multi-cultural event.

2. Council Member Diana Ayala's representative. Shared their office address and information. Also spoke about free tax services. 347-297-4922.
3. Terrell Brock, State Senator Jose Serrano. Shared budget facts.

ELECTION WINNERS:

- Board Chair, Beverly Bond
- 1st Vice Chair, Shekera Algarin
- 2nd Vice Chair, Marie McCullough
- Secretary, Prettystar Lopez
- Housing & Land Use, Lilliam Rosa
- Economic Development, Leandro Monzon
- Health & Human Services, Veronique Green
- Parks, Yohanny Rincon

- Municipal Services, Dr. Veronie Lawrence
- Youth & Education, Zonia Ortiz

June 2024 CB 4 general board meeting minutes recorded & submitted by Prettystar Lopez.

Bronx Community Board 4 Meeting Adjourned at 8:08PM