

*The City of New York*  
**Bronx Community Board Four**  
**Public Hearing/General Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 28, 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. Beverly Bond, Mr. Howard Brown, Ms. Tricia Claxton, Mrs. Rossmery Dais, 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, Ms. Keyana Lundy, Mr. Mohammed Mardah, 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:**

Mr. Isidro Bernabe Arguello, Mr. John Fielder, Mr. Julian D. Lopez-Leyva, Mr. Avery Smith.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Ms. Rasheida Alston, Ms. Ishaira Garcia.

**STAFF:**

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

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Hon. Althea Stevens, NYC Council Member  
Greer Mayhew, representing NYC Comptroller Brad Lander  
Crystal Diaz, representing NYS Assembly Chantel Jackson  
Yudelis Moronta, representing NYS Assembly Landon Dais  
Brandon Gonzalez, representing NYC Council Althea Stevens  
Nicol Aguila, representing NYC Council Oswald Feliz

**GUEST PRESENT:**

Daniel P. Silvera-Bridge Builders Community Partnership, Bladimir Nunez-OCM, George Sotiroff-Community Action for Safe Apartments, Tamara Mayfield-Volunteers of America-GNY, Marvin McFadden-Volunteers of America, Mildred James-Resident, Adam Beckerman-Housing Preservation and Development, Debra Myers-Resident, Michael Pimentel-South Bronx Cares, George Baican-HCDC, Miriam D. Tabb-BronxWorks, Tara Valenta-NYC Parks, Esther Polanco-Volunteer of America, Robert Ramos-Foster Bike Park, Andre Prep, Vanessa Santiago-Housing Solutions of New York, Mable Ivory-Resident, Commanding Deputy Inspector Anthony Mascia-NYPD 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Juan Escobar-NYPD 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Damir Cirikovic-NYPD 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Brendan Vail-Parks & Recreation, Audrey P. Hoover-Resident, Patrick Hoover-Resident, Jumanah Escalera-Bronx District Attorney

Office, Ariana Bon-WHEDco, Jonathan Tavaréz-Volunteer of America, Shakima G., Chaplain Travis Thomas-Siena House Shelter/Saved 4Life Cancer Corp., Cynthia Fu, Iolanie De Los Santos-Resident.

#### **Public Session:**

1. George spoke about the Bronx Rent Guidelines Board Hearing. They are urging people to testify at next week's hearing.
2. Michael, South Bronx cares, action group focused on Bronx issues and holding politicians accountable. Michael shared his concerns with the removal of a Church to build supportive housing in Council Member Salamanca's district. Michael urged people to follow their instagram: @southbronxcare
3. Miriam, project specialist for BronxWorks. Telling people to vote in the Civic Engagement Commission Participatory Budgeting.
4. Adam, Bronx Planning Unit at HPD, presented to the Housing & Land Use Committee. Talked about the community visioning workshop.

#### **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:**

April minutes were tabled to next month.

#### **Roll Call for Board Members:**

#### **Report by NYPD 44th Precinct:**

Led and delivered by Anthony Mascia, Commanding Deputy Inspector, at 6:45pm. The Commanding Deputy mentioned there are summer deployment zones. This weekend handled the most in the Bronx, many 311 outdoor noise complaints. The Commanding Deputy not too much 85's where you need additional help. Murders are down, sexual assaults are up, felony assaults are up, burglaries are down. Stolen cars (Mopeds and scooters in that number). Announced steady foot post locations. We are 2nd in the city in most shootings.

- CB 4 Board Member, Michelle Mootreddy asked the 44th Precinct about the owner of a new security camera in their neighborhood at the meeting. The camera is located on E. Mount Eden and Weeks Avenue. Council Member Stevens shared that the camera belonged to the Department of Sanitation so as to monitor illegal dumping. Board Member Mootreddy followed up with

Council Member Stevens' team in an email regarding camera ownership and has yet to receive a response.

**Council Member Althea Stevens:**

Council Member Stevens visited CB 4's General Board Meeting. The Council Member highlighted the work her and her team have been doing in the district. Council Member Stevens talked about Family Day at Joyce Kilmer Park, the 2nd Annual Ball called Queendom on the Highbridge, and Africa Day at City Hall.

Nominating Committee:

Election day is on Thursday, June 27th. Google Form sent via email. The deadline to nominate is June 14th.

**District Manager Report:**

Led and delivered by Thomas Alexander, District Manager. Mr Alexander reported that the general board meeting change of date. The District Manager shared we will have a hotter summer and we should be prepared. Mr Alexander is anticipating training dates in October when new board members get elected. Mr Alexander emphasized that we need to make more noise with 311. The District Manager wants to have a civic engagement event in September. Mr Alexander is also requesting people to be a part of the bylaws committee. The District Manager anticipates next month's meeting being a packed agenda. DCP will have a repeat presentation on City of Yes, Housing Opportunity at the Housing & Land Use Committee.

**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.
  - The Housing & Land Use committee did not have a presenter so no voting items.
  
- **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.
  - The Health & Human Services committee did not have a presenter so no voting items.
  
- **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 for state-of-the-art bike park
    - Committee motioned, Elba Rodriguez 2nd. 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.
  - The Youth Services & Education committee did not have a presenter, but Ms. Ortiz mentioned they are working on a resource manual.
  
- **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.
  - No voting items for the Economic Development Committee.
  
- **Municipal Services:**
  - Ms. Dais led and delivered the Municipal Services committee report.
  - Ms. Dais noted that the committee had a meeting with the NYPD regarding safety in the community. The Committee spoke about the structure of DOT, 311, and DOT's crosswalk studies.
  - The Municipal Services committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Bronx Care Murray Auditorium.

### **CB 4 Committee Reports ended at 8:02 pm**

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

1. Greer Mayhew, Bronx Borough Director for NYC Comptroller, new dashboard, tracking the city shelter population. The office released findings and community storm preparedness ophelia. Viable cost effective solution.
2. Yudelys Moronta, Assembly Member Dais, talked about the issues in the community and what they offer in the community.
3. Nicol Aguila, Oswald Feliz, Brunch for Mothers, NY Botanical garden. Reach out to the office to RSVP.
4. Shared office
5. Jumanah Escalera, Bronx District Attorney, upcoming event, Youth Advisory Council for ages 18-23. Provided with metro cards, taking more applicants. The Bronx District Attorney will be present. ceu@bronxda.nyc.gov the office always provides workshops to teach you about your rights.
6. Tyreek, Deputy Chief for Council Member Stevens. The office did a community food distribution. Local food trucks and get more resources can also take cleaning products 37 Park Avenue, June 15 East 156th Concourse Village East.

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD FOUR'S GENERAL BOARD MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:14 PM.**

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