

*The City of New York*  
**Bronx Community Board Four**  
**General Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 26, 2022 | 6 pm**  
**Online Via Zoon Platform/ [Bronx Community Board 4 \(nyc.gov\)](https://www.nyc.gov/bronx-community-board-4)**  
**MR. ROBERT GARMENDIZ, BOARD CHAIR, PRESIDING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Isidro Bernabe Arguello, Ms. Beverly Bond, Mr. Kweku Brew, Mr. Jason Caraballo, Mrs. Rossmery Dais, Ms. Ishaira Garcia, Mr. Robert Garmendiz, Ms. Veronique Green, Ms. Frances Hudson-Marrow, Ms. Robin Jackson, Ms. Mildred James, Ms. Towona Joye, Ms. Nurys Laureano, Ms. Anita Long, Mr. Paul Onyx Lozito, Ms. Marie McCullough, Mr. Leandro Monzon, Ms. Michelle Mootreddy, Mrs. Zonia Ortiz, Ms. Martha Reyes, Ms. Yohanny Rincon, Mr. Jimmy Rivera, Ms. Elba Rodriguez, Ms. Lilliam Rosa, Mr. Avery Smith, Mr. Jackson Strong, Mr. Elliot Viera, Ms. Kinanda Williams-Murray, Dr. Grace Zarate.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ms. Jacqueline Altamirano Marin, Mr. John Fielder, Mr. Mohammed Mardah.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Ms. Rasheida Alston, Mr. Michael Durant, Mr. Spencer Edwards, Mr. Anthony Nacerino, Mr. Ebrahim Dawda Ndure, Mr. Jonah Nigh.

**STAFF:**

Mr. Paul Philps, District Manager  
Ms. Lynne Thompson, Administrative Assistant  
Ms. Elizabeth Gonzalez-Rodriguez, Senior Secretary

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Paula Caquias, representing Mayor Eric Adams  
Tom Lucania, representing Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson  
Hon. Gustavo Rivera, NYS Senate Member  
Hon. Pierina Sanchez, NYC Council Member  
Tiara Davis, representing NYS Senate Gustavo Rivera  
Shanell Goring, representing Council Member Pierina Sanchez  
Emmanuel Martinez, representing Assembly Member Chantel Jackson

**GUEST PRESENT:**

Police Officer Shala-NYPD 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct/CAU, Detective Carmen Tejada-NYPD 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct/CAU, Police Officer Damir Cirikovic-NYPD 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct/CAU, Peter Castillo-Angiolina's Restaurant Inc., Esther Polanco-Volunteer of America Greater NY, Chris Capellan-Resident, Takisha Dozier-Bronx Children's Museum, Klaudio Rodriguez-Bronx Museum of the Arts, Chris Campbell-Resident, Karen Monteros-Legends Hospitality LLC/New York Yankee Partnership, Monique McMahon-Stancil, Shakima B, Francisco Martinez-Vega Alta Sports Bar Inc., Wanda Jackson, Lon Wilson-N.Y. Walkers Club/Parks Committee Member, Vanessa Burton-Volunteers of America Greater, NY, Jean Nunez, Winnie Campbell-NYC HPD, Felipe Garcia-Mount Sinai Health System, Jacqueline Carter-Resident/Parks Committee Member, Kelvin Cabrera, Charlotte Copeland, Zenovia B.

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**Agenda Items:**

*The public hearing commenced at 6:04 p.m.*

**1. Public Session:**

- i. No public session.

**2. Welcoming remarks and announcements by Robert Garmendiz, Board Chair:**

- a. Welcome everyone to the meeting.
- b. Happy Easter, Passover, and Ramadan.

**3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Martha Reyes:**

- a. Remembrance for Bishop McKay.

**4. Roll Call (Reserved for Board Members):**

- a. Board Member 38; 29 Present; 6 Excused; 3 absent

**5. Report by NYPD 44th Precinct:**

- a. PO Shala, PO Cirikozic, and PO Carman provide an update.
  - i. Congratulations to Veronique Green for completing the Citizen Police Academy
    1. Community members are welcome to join the Citizen Police Academy to learn about the day-to-day life of a police officer, contact your local community affairs officer to request to join.
  - ii. Next Monthly Community meets on May 11, 2022, at 6:30 pm located at the Latino Pastoral Action Center 14 West 170 Street Bronx NY 10452.
  - iii. Addressed the gun violence and increased crime within the community.

**6. Introduction of Klaudio Rodriguez, Executive Director, Bronx Museum of the Arts:**

- a. Been open since September 2021
  - i. Was able to retain staff
  - ii. Continue to serve the community with the supplies needed.
  - iii. Was able to allow community artist to showcase their work with exhibits.

**7. Review/Correction/Adoption of General Board Meeting minutes:**

- a. Paul Lozito motioned to approve March 22, 2022. Mildred Jones seconded the motion. 30 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed, motions carried to approve March 22, 2022.

**8. Committee Reports (called by the Board Chair):**

- a. HOUSING & LAND USE
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of May 2022.
  - ii. Sites of the Community Vision Plan Workshop.
  - iii. Discussion/Review-District Needs Statement FY23 submission.
- b. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE
  - i. Reviewed the District Needs Statement FY23 submission narrative and budget priorities.
  - ii. Jason Caraballo Chair of the Health & Human Services committee shared COVID update statics from the DOH website: [COVID-19 Tracker | Department of Health website \(doh.gov.ph\)](https://www.doh.gov/covid-19) from April 17<sup>th</sup> to

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April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 district 10451, 10452, and 10456 with the positivity rate and new cases have increased by 2-3% since last General Meeting. In the past 28 days, the hospitalization rate increased. Please consider following the CDC guidelines for taking precautions by wearing a mask, getting vaccinated, getting tested, etc. For additional information <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page#daily>.

1. Next meeting May 2022.

c. PARKS

- i. Paul Lozito Chair of the Parks Department informed of updates:
  1. Reviewed the District Needs Statement FY23 submission narrative and budget priorities.
  2. Parks Tour, Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 11 am meeting place Macomb's Park on the 161<sup>st</sup> location.

d. YOUTH & EDUCATION

- i. Zonia Ortiz Chair of the Youth & Education informed updates:
  1. Presentation: I-mentor youth mentoring program that partners with schools in New York and Chicago Bay Area. Started 23 years ago with 49 students and currently help over 9,000 students. 70% of their students are first-generation college students.
  2. Reviewed the District Needs Statement FY23 submission narrative and budget priorities.
  3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month.

e. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- i. Beverly Bond Chair of the Economic Development informed of the updates:
  1. Voted items:
    - a. Renewal License Application Liquor/Wine/Beer&Cider
      - i. Monfongo El Mocano Restaurant & Lounge Corp. (985 Morris Avenue)
        1. In good standing with 44<sup>th</sup> precinct.
        2. Motion Avery Smith and Second Rasheida Alston for a letter of support. 28 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstain motions carried.
      - ii. Vega Alta Sports Bar Inc. (880 Gerard Avenue)
        1. In good standing with the 44<sup>th</sup> precinct and resolved the past issues with 311 and jobs presented by the precinct, started to build an alliance with the 44<sup>th</sup> precinct.
        2. Motion Avery Smith and Second Leandro Monson for a letter of support. 28 in favor, 0 opposed, with 0 abstain motions carried.
    - b. Class Change for climate change from partial to full Liquor/Wine/Beer&Cider license
      - i. Angelina's Restaurant. (1322A Jerome Avenue)
        1. No issues or concerns are in good standing with the 44<sup>th</sup> precinct.
        2. Motion Avery Smith and Second Rasheida Alston for a letter of support. 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain motion carried.
    - c. Application for Alteration Liquor/Wine/Beer&Cider:
      1. Legends Hospitality LLC/NEW York Yankees Partnership (One East 161<sup>st</sup> Street)
      2. Motion Avery Smith and Second Rasheida Alston for a letter of support. 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain motions carried.
    - d. New Application Wine/Beer&Cider:

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- e. Det. Roberto Oviedo's Celebration of Service May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 6 pm-9pm at Billy's Sports Bar.

f. MUNICIPAL SERVICES

- i. Mrs. Rossmery Dais, Committee Chair informed of the updates:
  1. Presentation:
    - a. Mr. Lino Caceres, Architect Designer/CB4 Consultant for CB4 Community Vision Workshop. The workshop is an interactive session for CB4 members to share their thoughts and ideas about the future of Community District 4. The Vision workshop is the initial step conducted to understand the wants and needs of CB4.
  2. Bronx Community District Statements of Community needs and community budget request.

**2. Report by the Office of the Bronx Borough President, Ruben Diaz, Jr., and Local Elected Officials or their representatives:**

- a. Bronx Borough President Office:
  - i. Tom Lucania, Director of Community Boards Unit, tel: 718-590-6005 email: [tlucania@bronxbrp.nyc.gov](mailto:tlucania@bronxbrp.nyc.gov).
    1. Board Members need to complete EEO Policy and submit it to the Bronx Borough office via email or fax call for further details.
    2. June 2022 partial hybrid Zoom/in-person meetings, remote only expired.
    3. Reappointment letters are sent out in May 2022, board members continue to serve until you receive a notification from the Bronx Borough Office of your end date.
    4. May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for two weeks Bronx Week.
- b. Senator Gustavo Rivera
  - i. Completed NYS budget
    1. Extended Medicaid coverage for mothers after giving birth and seniors
    2. Hospital funding increase
    3. Opioid settlement fund \$208M- for treatment in harm reduction.
    4. Gun violence
    5. \$800M additional funding for ERAP
    6. HEAP program to gain assistance with the heat during the summer months.
  - ii. Tiara Davis- Senator Rivera's Office number 718-933-2034:
    1. Chair of the health
      - a. Health care for all
      - b. PPE in the office contact for assistance, to schedule a time to retrieve the supplies.
    2. Constituents are encouraged to call the office for additional resources or assistance dealing with COVID-related issues or personal needs. The office has been handing out COVID home test kits, <https://www.nyhomeownerfund.org/>, four test kits per household free, with no charge to the manufacturer or USPS.
- c. Hon. Pierina Sanchez, NYC Council Member also the NYC Council Chair on Housing
  - i. The Executive Budget was released

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1. In response to the preliminary budget increase in funding
  2. Deadline to submit Summer Youth Employment on May 6, 2022- 100,000 seats available <https://application.nycsyep.com/>
  3. \$5 Billion dollars investment in the next 10 years towards housing needs
    - a. Requesting \$4 Billion per year to address the mental health, homelessness, and other needs related to housing.
- ii. New Legislative:
1. Doubles the Fines toward landlords who are ignoring violations and the needs of their tenants.
- iii. Upcoming Event
1. April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, COVID distribution
  2. May 2, 2022, 100 days in office celebration constituents are welcome
- iv. Shanell Goring, Community Advocate for NYC Council Member District 14 Pierina Ana Sanchez: 250 Broadway, Suite 1725, New York, NY 10007 phone:212.788.7074 fax: 212.778.8849.
1. Open for Constituent services Monday to Friday 10 am – 3:30 pm- Bronx Location: 2065 Morris Ave tel: 347.590.2874 email: [district14@council.nyc.gov](mailto:district14@council.nyc.gov).
- d. Emmanuel Martinez, Scheduler for Assembly Member Chantel Jackson, office: 718.538.3829 and the assembly office at 518.455.5272 or [schedulingbx79@gmail.com](mailto:schedulingbx79@gmail.com).

3. No Old/New Business
  - i.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.*

Submitted by Veronique Olivette Green, BBM, MSW