

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	Thursday, October 21 st , 2021
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Members	✓ Erick Ascensio ✓ Betty Arce ✓ Michelle Avila ✓ Yajaira Arias
In Attendance:	 ✓ Emmanuel Martinez ✓ Andrew Laiosa ✓ Edgar Ramos ✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Carmen Miranda ✓ Chad Royer
Minutes done by:	<u>✓</u> Victor Saldana Yajaira Arias

Minutes:

Chairs welcoming remarks

Reading of Committee Guidelines/Executive Order

Attendance taken Quorum met

Motion presented by Health and Human Services - Chair Michelle Avila

Brief introduction and rational and ask of support by Jenny Xie - NYS Nurses Association

Motion: A letter of support from CB7 to Montefiore outlining concerns raised by Montefiore NYSNA Nurses

regarding staffing ratios, infection control protocols and other safety measures, conditions for psychiatric/behavioral health patients, and overall environmental conditions for staff and patients at Montefiore.

Asking for a plan of collaboration immediately.



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Ouestion:

Andrew - objectivity and taking sides.

Edgar, are the elected officials notified?

DM - elected officials are always cc'd

Chad - as former chair of the health committee safety is a main issue.

In the letter being safety being raised for staff, patients or both?

Michelle - yes (safety of the patients and the staff)

Motion was second by Chad Royer Vote taken Motion Passes with two abstentions Andrew Laiosa - Abstains Victor Saldana - Abstains

District Manager's Report:

Social Security COLA for 2022 increase of 5.9%

General Election is November 2, 2021, with Early Voting starting Oct 23rd through October 31st

Grow NYC - Food boxes available at half price (SNAP)

Curbside composting with limited days

 $HPD \hbox{-} first \$100,\!000 \hbox{ credit for ownership - encourage home ownership within our residents}$

Uproar - encampment at Mosholu Parkway - process to get people removed.

Coordinating efforts with a few agencies

Refusing services - CB7 is being work on

Kingsbridge under passband upper pass - last month with the coordination of $52\,$

Precinct held a cleanup. But within 24 hours it was back to needles and

Refuse help and working with election official

203rd Street and Valentine Avenue have similar issues.

St. James Park - continuing conversation with

We have new Commanding Officer - Jeremy Shubling

Referring folks to non-profits like West Bronx Housing who has been helping the community with ERAP

We concluded the interview process to fill the position of community coordinator



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If anyone has questions or need assistant, please do not hesitate to contact the board or **DM** directly

Betty Arce - Motion to go into Executive Session Motion Second by Michelle Avila

Edgar Motion to Close Executive Session Betty Arce - Second

Motion presented by Budget Personnel & Ethics - Chair Andrew Laiosa

Motion: That executive body of CB7 supports the selection of Karla Cabrera Carrera to the position of Community Coordinator at a yearly salary of \$68,000.

Motion Second by Michelle Avila Motion taken to vote - motion passes

Tonight, will we be going over the Capital Budget Priorities and Request:

Erik Ascensio will go over Capital Budget Priorities gone over by the committees

Removals and/or changes

#05 - to be moved to expense

#06 - to be moved to expense

#08 - to be removed

#09 - more beneficial to be added to parks - also to include follow up with elected officials

#10 - can we obtain a letter of support from Bridge Arts

#11 - to be removed

#17 - also to include follow up with elected officials

#19 - last sentence of explanation removed

#20 - to be removed

#21 - to be removed

#26 - obtain a letter in support from Parents Association



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Additions to Capital Budget Priorities and Requests

Environment and Sanitation - Betty Arce Addition: Funding for fire hydrant at a specific location and repair or replace as needed.

Parks - Barbara Stronczer Rehabilitation hibachi court Rehabilitation Fordham landing Park Area **Install railing of University Wood Park** Install running or jogging area of playing fields in our district

Traffic & Transportation - Edgar Ramos Addition: Painting, lighting and scheduled maintenance of the tunnel 204th Street and Bedford Park underneath Grand Concourse.

Public Safety - Victor Saldana Addition: resurfacing of Parking for NYPD vehicles

New Business: Expense Budget to be reviewed at next month's meeting.

Next meeting will November 18, 2021

Chairman Emmanuel Martinez remarks - nothing new to add Looking forward to working with everyone at the next meeting.

Betty Arce - Motion to approve last month's minutes Motion Second by Michelle Avila **Motion Passed - Unanimously**

Motion to Close: Betty Arce Motion Second all members Meeting ended at 9:03 p.m.