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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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HOUSING, LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

| Chair: | Erick Ascensio |
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| Meeting Date: | April 12, 2022 |
| Meeting Time: | 6:30PM |
| Meeting Location: | Via Zoom Video/Teleconference |
| Meeting Recording: | https://youtu.be/YbgBleUr05A |
| Members | ✓ Myrna Calderon ✓ Sandra Erickson |
| In Attendance: | <u>✓</u> Edgar Ramos <u>✓</u> Barbara Stronczer <u>✓</u> Mahbubur Jewel |
| | _ Helene Redd _ Erick Ascensio |
| Minutes done by: | Erick Ascencio |

Minutes: (please click on active links for more information)

- **I.** Meeting was started at 6:35 pm by reading the Meeting Guidelines as established by the Governor's executive order and review of Agenda.
- **II.** Introductions and Attendance: Quorum was met.
- **III.** Review of previous minutes from March 2022 were reviewed and approved.
- IV. Follow-up from previous month
 - a. Stabilization Beds Shelter: <u>2287 University Avenue</u>
 - The committee acknowledged a letter received from the DSS Commissioner requesting suggestions for future locations of homeless shelters in District 7.
 - b. Mayor Adams signed an executive order to strengthen Fire Safety Enforcement and Outreach. FDNY, HPD and other city agencies will work with the City Council on additional "fire safety" legislation, including sensible retrofit sprinkler legislation and increased fines for landlords who falsely report curing a self-closing door violation. Borough President Gibson supported the legislation.



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c. DOB Updates – information on ongoing and upcoming construction:

- <u>320 E Mosholu Pkwy S</u>: Eight Story, 33 unit building at the corner of Perry Avenue.
- <u>390 E Mosholu Pkwy S:</u> Ten Story, 52 unit building on a through lot between Decatur and Webster Avenues.
- 243 E 202nd Street: No New Building information on BIS system.

V. New Business

- a. CCHR did a presentation about the Fair Housing Protections under The City Human Rights Law for Section 8 voucher holders. The agency provides education and legal services about discrimination from landlords that can occur during the search of housing.
- b. The public should be aware of the protected classes covered under the Fair Housing Law, such as age, race, gender and identity, religion and immigration status.
- c. Advertisements that say "No Vouchers" are illegal. Landlords are required by law to accept all voucher types, without requiring additional payments or add-ons.
- d. If anyone feels they have experience any type of discrimination can contact the CCHR and they can help determine if indeed a legal process can be filed. All incidents need to be under one-year in NYC.
- e. Presenter: Orlando Torres,

Director of the Bronx Office

NYC Commission on Human Rights

Email: ortorres@cchr.nyc.gov - Tel: (718) 579-6701

f. To file a complaint call 311 and ask for the Commission on Human Rights or call the info line at 212.416.0197.



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- VI. Next meeting date: Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 at 6:30PM via zoom
- VII. Discussion on next agenda
 - A. Discussion on the Kingsbridge Armory
 - B. Presentation from DSNY about Waste Management Requirement
 - C. Presentation from City Planning about study conducted on businesses at Fordham Road.
- VIII. Adjournment