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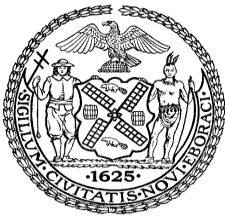
HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON., BOROUGH PRESIDENT YAJAIRA ARIAS, CHAIRPERSON KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT MANAGER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	April 18, 2024
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	<u>The Bedford's Community Room</u> 211 East 203rd Street, Bronx, NY 10458
Members In Attendance:	✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Yajaira Arias ✓ Chad Y. Royer ✓ Jean Hill ✓ Betty Arce ✓ Edgar Ramos ✓ Leury Acosta _ Michelle Avila _ Samantha Souvatzis
Minutes done by:	Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky

Minutes:

- I. Meeting Guidelines were read by Barbara Stronczer**
- II. Attendance was taken and quorum was met**
- III. March 2024 Minutes were reviewed and accepted**
- IV. District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera Updates:**
 - A. Office updates:**
 - 1. Office Hours are Mon-Thurs, 9AM-5PM for in person services, and remotely on Fridays 9 AM to 5 PM. The office will be open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm starting in the Summer.
 - 2. Cristiana Robles, our new Community Associate began her job on 4/1/24.
 - B. The People's Money, A Civic Engagement Commission's Initiative**
<https://www.participate.nyc.gov/processes/Citywidepb2023>
 - 1. This is a citywide initiative where the people decide how \$8 million will be spent. There are 4 phases to the initiative: Idea Generation, Idea Development Borough Assembly Committees (made up of community stakeholders), Citywide Voting, and project implementation. This fiscal year, Chairperson Yajaira Arias



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participated in the Bronx Assembly Committee, a committee that developed all expense project ideas into 10 different projects.

2. The board staff will visit many May meetings in the district to get 400 ballots. Voting can be done online or via a paper ballot. Anyone can vote if they are 11 years or older, regardless of citizenship status. The community will vote on what projects will be most beneficial to the community. District Manager Karla encouraged everyone to send suggestions of meetings the staff can attend from May 1, 2024 to June 12, 2024.

- a) Barbara Stronczer suggested the Bedford Mosholu Association Meeting on May 1st, and Edgar Ramos suggested the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition (NWBCCC) on May 5th.

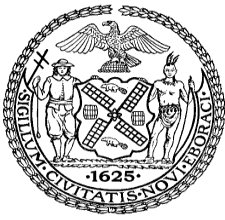
- C. The People's Money is different from the Council's Participatory Budgeting. Councilmember Pierina Sanchez is the only council member in our area participating in Participatory Budgeting this year. For a full list: <https://council.nyc.gov/pb/participate/>

V. Chair Yajaira Arias Remarks -

- A. The Chair recommends that the committee attends the various online trainings hosted by the Civic Engagement Commission (CEC). Ms. Arias attended the CEC online training today and it was excellent.
- B. The Governor's office is extending the Open Meetings Law until 2026. Our elected officials will have to be involved in the final decision in making this change back to hybrid.
- C. The Bronx Borough President's State of the Borough was held tonight and we can see a recording of it later.

VI. Motion

- A. **Traffic & Transportation**, <https://bit.ly/4cWiRWw>: Bronx Community Board 7 provides a letter of support for a Loading Zone designation at Scott Tower located at 3400 Paul Avenue, Bronx, NY 10468



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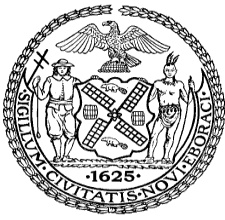
1. Edgar Ramos made a motion and Chad Y Royer seconded the motion for discussion.
2. The motion was accepted unanimously, with changes to the language. Change ‘Safety’ to safely in 2 places and change “On Board” to safely board.
3. Angle parking spots will be eliminated and the exact number of spaces is not known yet. DOT estimated that it will likely be between 4-6 parking spots eliminated.
4. Scott Tower wanted an ambulance spot but since there is no medical facility in the building, the area has to be a loading zone. The building has agreed to pay for the cut-out, right in front of the building.

B. Tibbetts Brook Daylighting Project:

1. An easement is needed for the Metro North Railroad property to allow for a pipe to be added under the tracks to divert clean water to the Harlem River: <https://zap.planning.nyc.gov/projects/2023X0410>.
2. Barbara Stronzcer made a motion to send a letter to the NYC Department of City Planning in support of the NYC Department of Environmental Protection’s easement acquisition of MTA Metro-North ROW Block 3238 Lots 50, 52, 126 and Block 3245 Lot 12, and Yajaira Arias seconded the motion for discussion.
 - a) The work will start in late 2025.
 - b) The vote was unanimous with 8 votes.

C. Dining out NYC - <https://www.diningoutnyc.info/>

1. DOT has a new protocol where they will work with the Community Boards and allow 30 days for the Boards to respond to the sheds that are either on the sidewalk or in the street. The DM and Board Chair have both been involved with this new procedure. CB7 has their own unique procedure for approval of the liquor licenses and this procedure will also be adopted for the Dining out NYC notices.
 - a) The approval will last for 4 years



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- b) The new structures will be much lighter and not resemble many of the current structures. There will be specific size and material requirements that must be followed.
- c) This November, the structures will come down and in April, the structures can be put up again.

D. Loading Zones- The board is in receipt of a notice for new loading zones: <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/loading-zones.shtml>

Bronx Community Board 7 Locations

On	From	To
Morris Avenue	East Kingsbridge Road	East 193 rd Street
Parkview Terrace	East 196 th Street	Morris Avenue
Grand Concourse	East 205 th Street	East 204 th Street
East 194 th Street	Bainbridge Avenue	Marion Avenue

- 1.
2. Several Areas in CB7 will have no parking signs in front of supermarkets to allow for deliveries. No vote was needed on this. The Executive committee discussed how it will work and that it may ease some traffic issues if the trucks do not have to double park.

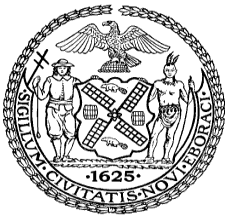
VII. Committee Reports

A. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Jean Hill

1. The committee met on 4/8/24 regarding the attendance letters sent to the 8 members. Four have resigned and the other 4 have worked out arrangements to stay on the Board.

B. Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta

1. The committee met jointly with Public Safety and these issues were discussed:
 - a) Eco Fair and NYPD crime stats
 - b) NYPD Options for youth ages 11-19 yrs old, which includes vocational training and Entrepreneurship-Shark Tank type opportunities



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- c) NY Yankees Youth Leadership Awardees were selected - There was discussion that during the summer the Board can brainstorm ideas to increase promotion of the award to have more diversity in youth that apply for this award. It was suggested staff could use tools like social media, in person outreach, and promoting volunteer opportunities to the youth. Youth may need assistance to fill out the application.

C. Environment and Sanitation – Betty Arce

1. The committee did not meet this month. Next meeting: May 7th.

D. Health & Human Services – Michelle Avila

1. The committee did not meet this month. Next meeting: May 21st.

E. Housing, Land Use & Economic Development – Yajaira Arias

1. No new issues to report. Next meeting: May 14th.

F. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer

1. Dr. Steven Payne of the Bronx Historical Society visited and spoke about programs in the CB7 area.
2. The CB7 Parks Manager does not yet know what the summer staffing will be or the status of new receptacles.
3. Next meeting: May 8th. There will be a presentation by The Bronx Independent Cinema.

G. Public Safety & Quality of Life – Samantha Souvatzis

1. Joint Committee Meeting with Education, Youth & Libraries. Next meeting: May 9th.

H. Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos

1. HRA Fair Fares presented on the Fair-Fares program
2. Scott Tower asked for a letter of support for a Loading Zone.
3. Next meeting: May 2nd.

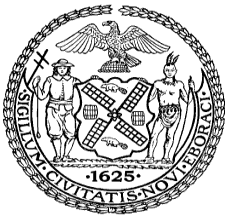
I. Veterans Affairs – Chad Royer

1. Discussion about the percentage of preference that Veterans get for housing lottery. The Jeffrey Hunter Award was discussed and on July 24, there will be a VA BIPOC Event held at the VA building. Next meeting: May 15th.

THIS MEETING'S MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, CONTACT US AT:

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2. The Annual Flagging at Bronx Victory Memorial is on May 4th at 11am. Location: Mosholu Parkway between Marion and Hull Avenues.

VIII. Other Business:

A. The committee reports will go first before the elected officials reports

IX. Discussion on Next Month's Agenda- TBA

X. Next meeting Date: May 16, 2024

XI. Adjournment - Motion to close made by Chad Royer and seconded by Yajaira Arias. Meeting ended at 8PM.