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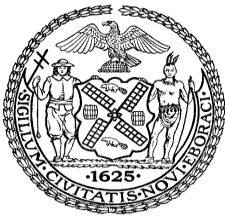
HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON., BOROUGH PRESIDENT YAJAIRA ARIAS, CHAIRPERSON KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT MANAGER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	June 20, 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 ✓ Leurys Acosta ✓ Michelle Avila ✓ Samantha Souvatzis ✓ Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky
Minutes done by:	Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky

Minutes:

- I. Guidelines and Code of Conduct were read By Chair Barbara Stronczer**
- II. Attendance was taken and quorum was met**
- III. Review of Previous Months Minutes - Minutes reviewed and accepted with a change to Pg. 6 under QOL & Public Safety, correct spelling for Dr. Koury. Minutes accepted with changes by Betty Arce and Seconded by Yajaira Arias.**
- IV. Follow-up from previous month**
- V. District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera Updates - (Deputy District Manager, Steven Ochoa-Camacho spoke on behalf of the DM)**
 - A. Our office collected 403 votes for the Civic Engagement Commission Participatory Budgeting event**
 - B. Please come to our Resource Fair on June 29th from 12pm to 3pm. If you would like to volunteer, contact the DM.**
 - C. Our office is now open 5 days a week, in person, from 9am to 5pm**
 - D. Please continue to use 311 to submit your quality of life issues**



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E. The mayor has assigned a neighborhood support team to work with CB7 on the following issues: public drug use and sale, graffiti, illegal dumping. The DM will send an email to community stakeholders to ask for specific locations.

VI. Chair Yajaira Arias Remarks -

A. A potluck will be planned so the Board can meet and greet the new members in August

B. The last General Board meeting will be held on Tuesday June 25th at Ross Lecture Hall at the NYBG at 6:30PM

VII. New Business -

A. Process of Request to Rename a Bronx CB7 Park Section

1. Sirio Guerino suggested that a section of Mosholu Parkway near Tracey Towers be named after Sally Caldwell and a section of Williamsbridge Oval Park, the Skate Park, be named after Doug Condit.

2. The Parks Department rules for renaming:

a) The individual must be deceased for at least 3 years, they should have 10 years of community involvement, a letter of support should come from the Community Board and the Councilmember, and a petition of at least 100 signatures is needed.

b) The petition process cannot be spearheaded by the Community Board; it must be made through either the Police Precinct or other community members or groups. This is to ensure the wishes are from the community, not just the Board.

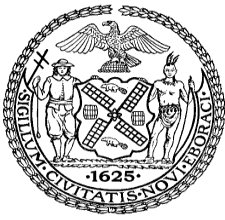
B. Process to make changes to the Bronx CB7 Code of Conduct

1. After a discussion on what was the best way to make changes, it was agreed that the Chair and the District Manager will bring their suggestions for changes to the Code of Conduct at the Executive Board.

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

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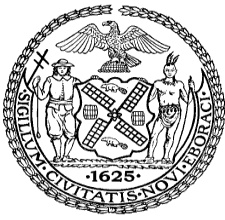


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2. It was agreed unanimously with 9 votes present and 1 absence that the Executive Board can vote and make changes to the Code of Conduct for all meetings, if a need arises. It was also agreed that the Code of Conduct will be read at Public Hearings.
3. The Code of Conduct:
 - a) ***Bronx Community Board 7 has the right to remove a board member or member of the public from a meeting for engaging in inappropriate conduct, including but not limited to obscene, threatening or harassing language, slander, threats of violence, personal attacks of any kind or offensive inflammatory comments on the basis of ethnicity, race, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and/or disability. Member(s) of the public who engage in any other behavior that reasonably impedes the orderly administration of the meeting while at a Board Meeting shall be removed from the Board Meeting at the discretion of the Chair, or a Chair designee.***

VIII. Motion(s): NYC Department of City Planning (DCP): City of Yes Housing Opportunity Presentation: <http://bit.ly/4bsoz0w>

- A. The Executive Board discussed the issue and the motion process and it was agreed that the members would vote on all eight key components of the City of Yes Housing Opportunity.
- B. The members then voted on the entire motion in a single vote. This single vote is what will be sent to the City along with the votes of the other community boards.
- C. However, the objections and exceptions attached in the motion will be forwarded to DCP.
- D. The committee recommends a letter of support with recommendations to the NYC Department of City Planning (DCP) in favor of the proposed zoning amendments pertaining to ***City of Yes for Housing Opportunity (ULURP Number: N240290ZRY)***, a zoning reform proposal that would address the housing shortage by making it



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possible to build a little more housing in every neighborhood,
<https://bit.ly/3VPjiej>:

1. The motion passed with 7 yeses, 1 nos, 1 abstentions, and 1 absent.

- IX. Committee Reports** - Due to the lateness of the hour, committee reports will be discussed at the General Board meeting; with the exception of the Budget, Personnel & Ethics Committee, which will meet on Wednesday 6/26, a day after the General Board meeting.
- A. Environment & Sanitation – Betty Arce**
 - B. Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta**
 - C. Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos**
 - D. Housing, Land Use & Economic Development – Yajaira Arias**
 - E. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer**
 - F. Public Safety & Quality of Life – Samantha Souvatzis**
 - G. Health & Human Services – Michelle Avila**
 - H. Veterans Affairs – Chad Y. Royer**
 - I. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Jean Hill**
- X. Next meeting date** - Thursday, September 19, 2024
- XI. Discussion on next agenda** - TBA
- XII. Adjournment** - Jean Hill moved to close the meeting and Michelle Avilla seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03PM.