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COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



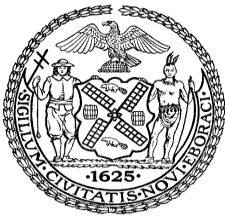
HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON., BOROUGH PRESIDENT YAJAIRA ARIAS, CHAIRPERSON KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT MANAGER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	September 19, 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 _Michelle Avila _Leurys Acosta_ Samantha Souvatzis ✓ Edgar Ramos ✓ Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky
Minutes done by:	Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky

Minutes:

- I. Guidelines and Code of Conduct were read**
- II. Attendance/Attendance - Attendance was taken and quorum was met**
- III. Review of Previous Months Minutes -**
 - A. The minutes were reviewed and accepted without changes.
- IV. Follow-up from previous month**
 - A. New Board Members: Nine new Board Members were sworn in but one member later declined.
 - B. The proposed date for a CB7 “Meet & Greet,” is Saturday 10/11/24. A location on the Concourse & Bedford Park is being explored.
- V. District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera Updates -**
 - A. This summer, the board tabled at many events throughout the district and collected 121 new email addresses from community residents. (434/1,140).



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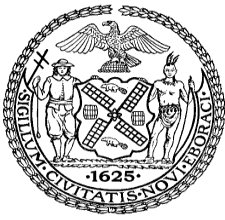


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- B. Since January 1, 2024 to September 19, 2024, we have solved 523 cases. On average, 3 per day.
1. Top agencies: Department of Sanitation, Police Department, Department of Transportation, Housing Preservation & Development, Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Parks, Department of Buildings.
 2. We also refer cases to our elected officials, community based organizations, and other community boards.
- C. We welcome our 8 new board members:
1. Jasmin Clavasquin
 2. Johanna Jackson
 3. Khadija Kolya
 4. Stephen Bogart Lebow
 5. Marcus McLarty
 6. Kayla Ousu
 7. Esme Sattaur-Low
 8. Yuleika Ventura
- D. The Mayor's Office Neighborhood Support Team Update
1. Quality of Life Issues Link:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1W_UXIvwDvXQOgbctGfyOi4nTqFi9DomZE7vd6bqEMl0/edit?gid=0#gid=0

VI. Chair Yajaira Arias Remarks -

- A. The Budget was passed and a zoom date will be set-up with the Chairs to go over budget requests.
- B. A suggestion was made to call the 'Christmas Tree Lighting' a



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‘Holiday Party with Tree lighting’, to be more inclusive. Another suggestion was made to add in other holiday traditions to include Muslims and other religious celebrations during this season.

C. A request was made to get better lighting around the Veteran’s WWI Monument.

VII. New Business -

A. Attendance violation letters will go out to Board Members who have missed 3 consecutive meetings or 50% of their assigned Committee meetings and/or General Board Meetings during January 2024 to June 2024.

B. Jean Hill made the motion to approve and Barbara Stronczer seconded it.

VIII. Motion(s): N/A

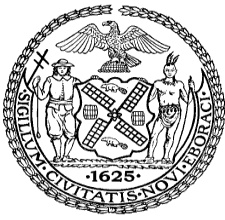
IX. Committee Reports -

A. Environment & Sanitation – Betty Arce

1. Organic Curbside Composting coming to the borough 10/6.
2. Residences with 1-9 apartments will have to containerize their garbage.
3. Committee Members reviewed the budget requests and were unhappy with all the negative responses. The issue of dirty catch basins was discussed and a new community resident said in Seattle, they are using removable grates on their catch basins. The committee will explore this information.
4. The need for more enforcement of trash disposal and keeping sidewalks clean was discussed at length.
5. The next Sanitation meeting will be Wednesday, November 6th due to Election Day being on Tuesday, when we normally meet. DSNY will be presenting to discuss the October changes.
6. There is on-line training for building owners and superintendents on the October changes.

B. Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta

1. The Committee did not meet; quorum was not met



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C. Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos

1. The meeting next month will be on Wednesday 10/2 instead of 10/3 due to the Jewish Holiday.
2. Vision Zero is beginning and a new initiative has started to enforce riders to pay their fare.
3. Cars are getting ticketed when they are in the bus lane without having a turn signal. The buses are outfitted with cameras.
4. To date, there are no applications for outdoor dining in our CB.

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

1. A request was made to the Borough President's Office for all the new housing in our district.
2. Budgets requests were reviewed and CAMBA will be invited to the October meeting.
3. There is a shelter on 170 E. 203rd Street

E. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer

1. There were complaints about garbage and suggestions were made to circulate flyers or send messages on Instagram about this issue.
2. Members are requesting for more trash cans for the summer, but the issue is that the workers clean the area during the week, instead of the weekends where the park is more crowded.
3. Reviewed Capital requests
4. Next month Robert Madeira from Partnerships for the Parks will present.

F. Public Safety & Quality of Life – Samantha Souvatzis

1. No meeting

G. Health & Human Services – Michelle Avila

1. No report

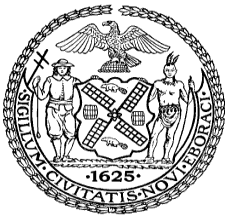
H. Veterans Affairs – Chad Y. Royer

1. No Quorum met
2. Next month is 10/16/24 where Legal Services for Veterans will present on foster care issues and advocacy.

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3. A possible date for the flagging event is proposed for 11/9
4. A suggestion was made to honor the Cadets who performed at the Flagging Ceremony and it was agreed that it was a good idea. The Board will likely give out citations at a Recognition Ceremony.

I. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Jean Hill

1. Attendance violation letter was discussed and approved and the board wants to ensure that the notice is clear.

X. Next meeting date - October 17, 2024 at 6:30PM

XI. Discussion on next agenda - TBA

XII. Adjournment -

- A. Barbara Stronczer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jean Hill seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM.

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