



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

JEAN HILL, CHAIRPERSON

ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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| Chair | Barbara Stronczer |
| Meeting Date: | September 24 th , 2018 |
| Meeting Time: | 6:30pm |
| Meeting Location: | Bronx Community Board 7 Office |
| Members (Check Those In Attendance) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Myrna Calderon <input type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Snider <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dilletta Pina <input type="checkbox"/> Chad Royer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Francis <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Laiosa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowell Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nora Feury <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Hill |
| Minutes Done By: | Nora Feury, Secretary |

Minutes:

I. Executive Committee Chair Remarks

- a) Barbara Stronczer opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with a greeting to all and a Thank You to Ischia Bravo for the office renovation.
- b) In House Business Notes: For the coming year there will be a change in meeting dates. The Executive Board will meet on the 3rd Wednesday and the General Board meeting will be on the 4th Tuesday. Please note.
 - 1. Members should note the policy for attendance at meetings. In case of absence at a Committee meeting one should E Mail the Committee Chair, the Board Chair and the District Manager. For an absence at the General Board Meeting members should E Mail the Board Chair and the District Manager.
 - 2. There will be nominations at the September meeting for 2nd Vice Chair.

II. Chairperson's Report

- a) Jean Hill thanked all for coming together prior to regular meetings and is looking forward to an exciting year. She reminded the group that she is available to all privately or otherwise. Keep sending her E Mails which she reads and she will get back to you.
- b) Jean reported on the various meetings she has attended throughout the summer break. Barbara continued the meeting by reminding the members of the need to send Committee meetings minutes to the office 3 days after a meeting in order to have them ready for the General Board members to review them before a meeting.\



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III. District Manager's Report

- a) During the summer months of July and August the office worked on Outreach. Consisting on:
 1. Office renovations to better display resources available to our community.
 2. Enhancing our technology through a better email system to grow our network of residents.
- b) TEXT 22828 w/keyword BOARD7 to be added to our e-blast
 1. Participating/Partnering in various events involving CB 7 residents to share information on NYC Agencies.
- b) Our NYC operated website will be up by the beginning of October 2018
- c) We are currently working on FY2020 Budget: Expense and Capital as a Community Board
- d) Working on Bronx Borough Budget Consultations: Click here for a link of Bronx CB's request and Agency Responses thus far:
 1. <http://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/22a62f59-fd66-4b99-9894-5001ca4ee3f5.pdf>
 2. <http://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/262ae332-b330-48e7-9097-9f286b9c3bf8.pdf>
 3. <http://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/ab2814fe-6681-4012-b5b2-8c5c735dbbcc.pdf>
 4. <http://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/0b8b3801-3c07-47c7-abe5-8f8af2aa6c58.pdf>
 5. <http://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/467841ae-f943-42f7-81a7-e041040dcab6.pdf>
- e) Assisting in process of obtaining a traffic agent on Bainbridge between 211th Street and 212th due the traffic congestion as a result of the Construction by the Department of Design and Construction.
- f) Update on the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health Facility (2681 Marion Avenue)
 1. Now accepting Applications
 - Application:
<http://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/ea49a5c1-9a0c-4c88-9950-71b27934c2aa.pdf>



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- 99 Apartments, with 65 units dedicated to Supported Housing Consumers and 34 units which are open to the public through a lottery
 - More info:
<http://files.constantcontact.com/b392c2a4701/ea49a5c1-9a0c-4c88-9950-71b27934c2aa.pdf>
 - Out of the 34 Units: 9 studios and 25 two bedroom. These apartments are available to low income individuals and families who meet the criteria.
- g) Bronx Borough Board Meeting information
1. Housing Works Inc. Re-Entry Employment Initiatives:
 - The programs provides OSHA training
 - Works with Employers to incentivize them on hiring by giving them a TAX Credit of up to \$9600 and Insurance Policy for liability.
 - I am working with this group to provide services at CB 7.
 2. Fast Forward: MTA Bronx Bus Network Redesign
 - <https://fastforward.mta.info/reimagine-the-bus-network>
 - The redesign is meant to enhance the services we receive now
 3. Center for NYC Neighborhoods <https://cnycn.org/>
 - Few homeowners are aware that loans and grants are available for repairs and retrofits from the City, the State, and nonprofits.
- h) The following useful links have been provided to all Board members:
1. <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/bronx/7#resources>
 - This section provides helpful planning resources like reference maps, additional Census data, and links to other community profiles. A one-page summary version of each district's profile is available as a PDF. The data referenced in these interactive profiles are available for download. (please take your time looking through it, it has plenty of information to help you)



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2. <http://www.mygovnyc.org/>
 - This link can help find all of your Elected Officials by inserting your home address
 3. <https://www1.nyc.gov/311/>
 - You can file a 311 complaint with the City of New York
 4. <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/zoning/about-zoning.page>
 - Find your zoning here
 5. <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/zoning/districts-tools/residence-districts-r1-r10.page>
 - This link can help understand what zoning means when referencing R1-R10
 6. <https://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/agencies.page>
 - This link will list all of NYC's city agencies and their websites
 7. http://a810-bisweb.nyc.gov/bisweb/my_community.jsp
 - This link will help look up New Buildings, Major Alterations and Enlargement, Minor Enlargements and Full Demolitions.
 8. <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/resurfintro.shtml>
 - NYC Dept. of Transportation resurfacing schedule
 9. <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services>
 - Please review this link to learn how to dispose of certain objects and services DSNY provides.
 10. <https://a806-housingconnect.nyc.gov/nyclottery/lottery.html>
 - Apply for NYC affordable housing lottery's here
- i) September 25th, 2018 is National Voter Registration Day: Bronx CB 7 will be participating by registering local residents to vote:
1. 9am-10am @ the 4 Train Station (Kingsbridge and Jerome station)
 2. 10am-11am @ the Corner of Valentine Avenue and Fordham Road (in front of the Ladies Dr. Jays Store)

IV. Committee Reports & Motions:

- a) Budget/Personnel & Ethics – Andrew Laiosa
 1. Barbara noted that the Budget would be meeting to discuss the Board priorities referencing the \$ 42,000 which was approved by



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the City Council for all CB's. The CB will be making decisions on how to use the funds. Initiatives from all members will be considered.

2. One plan of action was an initiative by Ischia to have light refreshments served at the General Board meetings.

b) Economic Development & LTP – Bill Francis

1. The Committee will be working on standardizing the Committee for new and future long term economic development.

c) Education & Youth – Myrna Calderon

1. Myrna Calderon gave a: background report on the circumstances for the proposed motion from the Education Committee. The motion reads

d) Environment & Sanitation – Betty Arce

e) Health & Human Services – Chad Royer

f) Housing/Land Use & Zoning – John Snider

1. The Committee will be addressing affordable housing and employment opportunities for community residents.

g) Parks & Recreation – Barbara Stronczer

1. There was a motion from Parks about supporting a dog run at Devoe Park costing \$ 600,000 sponsored by Councilman Fernando Cabrera. Motion reads:

h) Public Safety & Quality of Life – Dilletta Pina

1. 52 pct. reported on local crimes and the latest scams that infiltrated the community. Warnings were distributed and the need to report any suspicious activity.

i) Public Relations – Lowell Green

1. Lowell Green is asking for direction on what kind of information the CB would entertain to release to the media. A discussion ensued about the issue. The Board has a policy about relating to the media which will be sent to all Board members.

j) Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos

1. In Edgar Ramos absence Ischia reported about the redesign of the Bronx Bus Network.

k) Click on this link for the minutes of the committees mentioned above:

1. <https://conta.cc/2Q4Mc5H>



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VII. **New Business**

- a) Lowell introduced a possible project for funding for the CB to consider to be called the Remembrance Project. The proposal will go to the Budget Committee for consideration.

VIII. **Adjournment**