



NOVEMBER 21, 2024

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

AGENDA AND SUMMARIES



Chairman: Mohammad Mujumder - District Manager: William Rivera

GENERAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

November 21, 2024 – 6:30PM

Location: ShopRite Community Room
1994 Bruckner Blvd, Bronx NY, 2nd Floor



- **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**
- **MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- **PUBLIC SESSION**

Public speakers are limited to 2 minutes to address the Board or otherwise instructed by the Chairperson. Public speakers can sign up for the public session until the end of the meeting business day (2PM). During this segment only Board Members can ask questions and combined are allowed three questions for each public Speaker, unless otherwise instructed by the Chairman. Additional questions or comments by the public or board can be done outside of the meeting room.
NOTE: If there are multiple speakers for same topic Chairperson can limit to three speakers.

- **MOTION TO GO INTO BUSINESS SESSION**

During this segment of our meeting only Board Members can speak on General Business.

- **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT**

Representatives are limited to 2 minutes to address the Board. During this segment only Board Members can ask questions and combined are allowed three questions for each Report, unless otherwise instructed by the Chairman. Additional questions or comments by the board can be done outside of the meeting room.

- **CHAIRMAN/DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**

- **EXECUTIVE/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**
Chair: Mohammad Mujumder
Vice Chair: Angel Martinez
- **YOUTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
Chair: Lashei Deoleo
Vice Chair: Ram Holder
- **LAND, ZONING, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
Chair: Mitchell Halpern
Vice Chair: Tywana Bush
 - **PARKS & RECREATION**
Chair: Chiene Jones
Vice Chair: Sadie Maria Davis

Soundview Recreational Center Letter of Support Vote

- **PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION**
Chair: Shante Chamblee
Vice Chair: Isabelo Adames
- **SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**
Chair: Nellie Santiago Rivera
Vice Chair: Linda Soto
- **NYCHA & HOUSING COMMITTEE**
Chair: Antoinette Vereen
Vice Chair: Anne Johnson

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO END MEETING

Our next General Board Meeting:
Date: December 19, 2024 - 6:30PM
Location: La Princes Del Rodeo
 1494 A Westchester Ave
 Bronx, NY 10472

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District Service Cabinet Summary

November 19, 2024 - 1:00 PM

Description: The City Charter establishes a District Service Cabinet (DSC) in each community district, to be composed of agency officials responsible for local service delivery. The District Manager of the Community Board chairs the District Service Cabinet, whose members include representatives of the agencies that deliver local services to the Community District. The District Service Cabinet is the primary mechanism through which local service delivery issues can be raised, discussed and resolved. If used effectively, the Cabinet can provide the basis for a comprehensive approach to service delivery within the community district.

I. Call to Order

II. Service Requests

1. DOT

- A. Asphalt Pile on Bruckner Blvd btwn WPR and Pugsley Ave
DOT will look into this matter and get back to the office.

2. DOHMH

- A. Rodent/Pest Infestation at 255 Soundview Avenue (Lot)
DOHMH inspection to his location is pending.

3. HPD

- A. 1965 Lafayette SCRIE request
No HPD contact was present at the meeting.

III. Agency Reports / Announcements

- A. DEP, sent email reply to the office regarding hydrant cap concern on Story Ave (white ring on fire hydrant means it is inoperable, otherwise, even without a cap the hydrant should be functional) and advised about Drought Warning at this time, all residents should conserve water whenever possible: take shorter showers and shut water off when brushing teeth, etc.
- B. DOHMH, will inspect the lot on Soundview Ave as per 311 and office complaint.
Health Department Announces Drug Overdose Deaths in 2023 Decreased Slightly for the First Time in 4 Years - NYC Health. Weekly Flu Report: [weekly-surveillance11092024.pdf](#)
Vaccination Event tomorrow (11/20) from 11AM-2PM @ Morrisania Public Health Clinic (1309 Fulton Ave)
- C. DDC (Community Construction Liaison), O'Brien and Soundview Ave Project is ahead of schedule, projected completion date of Christmas Holiday, this Area is no longer an enclosed construction area and results will be visible, all underground construction work has been completed, DDC is setting up the road for pavement markings to come at end of the month and has made contact with MTA to relocate temporary bus stops back to the original locations.
- D. DFTA, Medicare Open Enrollment closes on Dec 7th, older adults can reach out to DFTA's HICAP unit through the Ageing Connect Hotline and request to be routed to the Health Insurance Information Counseling Assistance Program (HIICAP) Unit.
- E. Parks, Lifeguard Training will be taking place from Dec to March Parks for first time lifesavers, currently no training sites in the Bronx. Commissioners office is still looking for groups to volunteer in the Vital Parks for All Project.
- F. Office of Council Member Amanda Farias, Turkey Giveaway on FRi, Nov 22nd from 5-7pm in front of the District Office and on Sat, Nov 23rd at 1pm at the Sotomayor Community Center.

- G. Civilian Complaint Review Board, The CCRB will host their next public board meeting tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. via Webex and in-person.
The Civilian Complaint Review Board is accepting applications for our 2025 Youth Advisory Council. The CCRB YAC is a council made up of young New Yorkers between the ages of 10 – 18 who are committed to criminal justice issues and improving police-community relations. The YAC meets monthly and counsels the CCRB on innovative ways to engage NYC youth on issues such as police misconduct and civilian oversight of the NYPD, serve as ambassadors to their communities, and join in fun team-building activities. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, December 31st, 2024. To apply visit:<https://www.nyc.gov/site/ccrb/about/outreach/yac-application.page>
- H. ConEd, ConEd is offering programs to help customers with their energy bills this winter: Winter Bill Program or Budget Billing Program

IV. Deputy District Manager Report / Announcements

- I. BXCB9 Community Giveback Event 11.20.24 at the Parkchester Library 11am-2pm
- J. BXCB9 General Board Meeting 11.21.22 at the ShopRite Community Room at 1994 Bruckner Blvd, 2 Fl at 6:30PM
- K. BXCB9 Seniors Connected Meeting 11.22.22 at the ShopRite Community Room at 1994 Bruckner Blvd, 2 Fl at 10AM
- L. Castle Hill BID Thanksgiving Giveaway Event 11.25.24 at 1315 Olmstead Avenue beginning at 5:30pm

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Executive Committee Agenda

October 15, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Committee Chair: Mohammad Mujumder

Committee Members: Mohammed Mujumder, Angel Martinez, Mitchel Malpern,
Henry Pelayo, Twywana Bush

I. Introduction & Roll Call

- A. Committee Description: The Executive & Operations Committee consists of the Chairperson of the Board, the First Chair, the Second Chair, the Secretary, Treasurer and District Manager. This committee creates policy and recommendations in regards to the operation of the Board.

II. Old Business

- A. District Director Vacancy Update

III. New Business

- A. Committee Summaries
B. Nov General Board Meeting Agenda
C. Holiday Party

V. Assistant District Manager Update

- A. Office Update
- District Needs Survey Submission
 - Photos with Santa Event
 - Meeting with Senator Fernandez Team
 - Biennial Agency Report Submission
 - Einstein Intern Orientation
 - Bronx Arena Intern Opportunity
 - Uplift Family Residence CAB
 - CB9 Office Door

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Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary

November 14, 2024

Board Members Present: Wajied Hakim, Ahmat Jallo, Esther Ford

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The youth & education committee represents the community's interests with regards to education and programs that target the youth and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Department of Education including Parent Advocates, PTA's, Educators and Principals, School Safety, the Administration for Children Services, the District Attorney's Office, NYC department of Youth & Development and local organizations and nonprofits.

II. Speakers

- A. Adam Gerber, Director of Development at Stella Adler Studio of Acting - Intro Acting Power-Hour Workshop!**

A total of 13 youths and their families attended the Stella Adler Studio of Acting Intro Acting Power-Hour Workshop hosted by the BXCB9 Youth & Education Committee. Photos of the workshop have been posted on our social media page for viewing.

III. New Business

- A. Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE)**

FACE is seeking input on various aspects of the school experience, including education quality, safety, resources, and overall environment:

<https://forms.office.com/r/VnJDUU5Uwi>

- B. PS 119 Bronx Construction Notification**

Scope of Work: Structural Issues/ Building Facades- Perm Fix, Roofs, Windows Replacement and Parapets

- C. PS 107X Construction Notification**

Scope of Work: Exterior Masonry, Parapets, Flood Elimination and Roofs Repair

- D. PS 106X Construction Notification**

Scope of Work: Exterior Masonry Renovations

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Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee Meeting Summary November 12, 2024

Board Members Present: Mitchell Halpern, Twywana Bush, Ahmat Jallo, Alizia McMyers, Andrea McLeod, Kevin Kiernan, Kristine Garcia, Derrick Holman

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The Land & Zoning, Economic Development & Planning Committee represents the community's interests with regard to the use of land, zoning, landmark, building, etc. and acts as a liaison between community members and Department of City Planning, Department of Buildings & the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

II. Speakers

- A. Joe O'Donnell, MTA C&D and Sergei Burbank, The Calladium - Metro North Penn Station Access Update**

See Penn Access Station presentation attached which includes Project Overview, Project Progress, Upcoming Work, and Community Engagement Sections.

In CB9 the primary entrance to the station will be on E. Tremont Ave in front of the Parkchester Apartments and will have elevator access, there will be an additional/secondary entrance on Unionport Rd.

None of the new stations will include retail, however, we can expect ticket vending machines, vending grab and go options, wayfinding at street level and inside, public spaces, and elevators at each station.

Some bridge repairs are necessary in order to complete this project, in CB9 the Bronx River Bridge will be under construction, however, service impacts will be avoided wherever possible.

Metro North Service won't begin until all 4 stations are complete, current projected date of project is 2027, however, delays are expected.

III. New Business

- A. L&Z Chair Articles Summary**

'Micro-apartments' could relieve office vacancies and the housing crisis:

<https://theweek.com/business/economy/adult-dorms-save-city-downtowns-micro-apartments-housing-crisis>

NYC's pricey shelter system is beset with self-dealing and nepotism, investigation finds:

<https://gothamist.com/news/nycs-pricey-shelter-system-is-beset-with-self-dealing-and-nepotism-investigation-finds>

Capping Cross Bronx Expressway would bring more parks to polluted borough, report finds:

<https://gothamist.com/news/capping-cross-bronx-expressway-would-bring-more-parks-to-polluted-borough-report-finds>

City Council to Hold Public Hearings on Mayor's City of Yes for Housing Plan:

<https://citylimits.org/2024/10/08/city-council-to-hold-public-hearings-on-mayors-city-of-yes-for-housing-plan/>In One Day, Four NYCHA Developments Convert to PACT Private Management

<https://citylimits.org/2024/10/04/in-one-day-four-nycha-developments-convert-to-pact-private-management/>

- B. Permits Filed for 1126 Ward Avenue**

Notice shared with committee.

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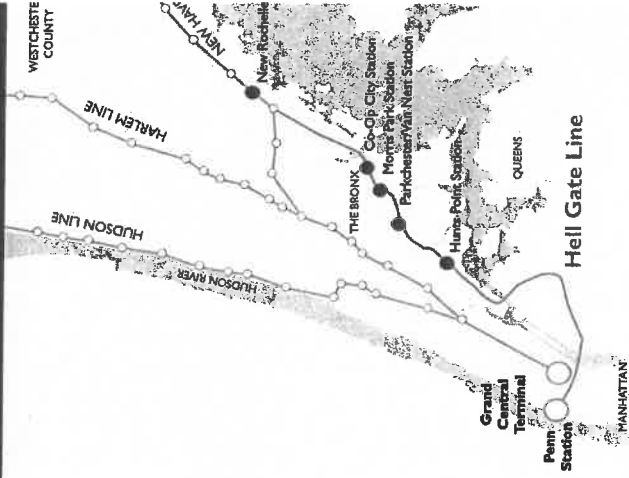
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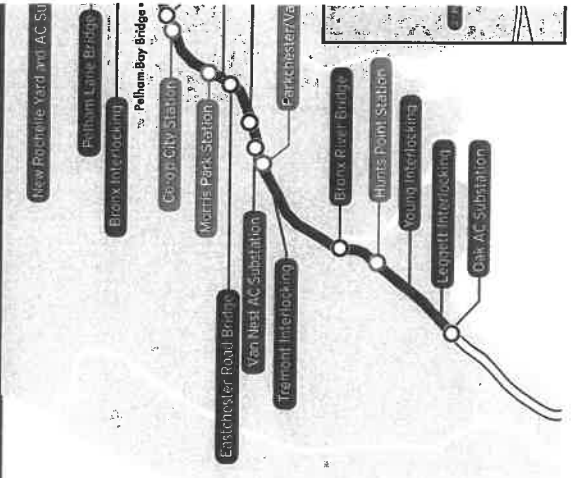
Project Overview

- New Metro-North rail service to and from Penn Station
- 4 new ADA stations in the Bronx; reduce commutes to Midtown up to 50 minutes each way
- Regional transportation connectivity



Project Overview

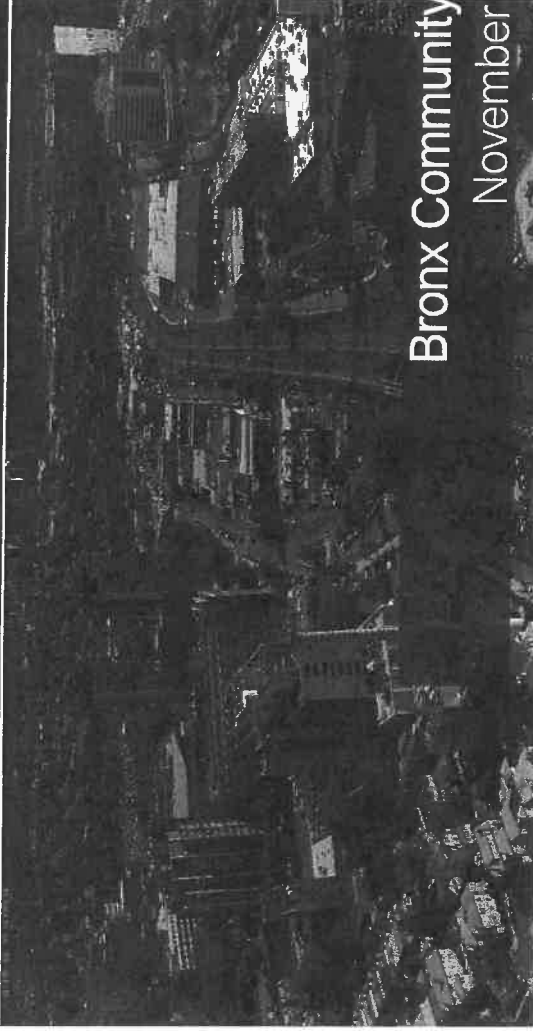
- Upgrade Amtrak's Hell Gate Line to a state of good repair:
- 19 miles of track work
 - 4 new interlockings
 - 1 reconfigured interlocking
 - 5 new substations
 - 2 upgraded substations
 - 4 bridge rehabilitations
 - New drainage infrastructure
 - New Rochelle Yard expansion



Penn Station Access



Metropolitan Trans
Construction & Developer
Metro-North Railroad

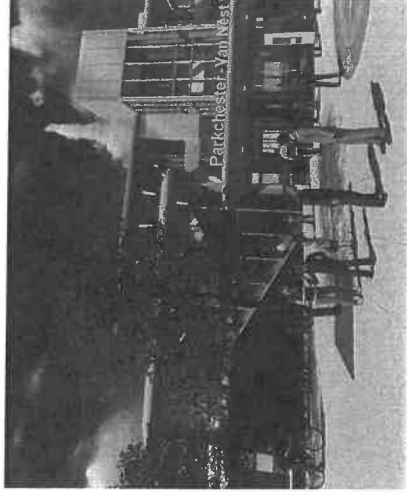
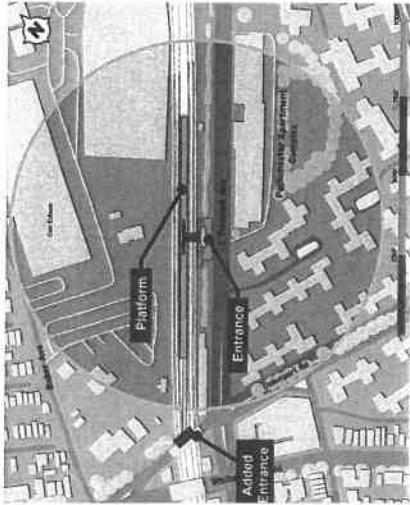


Bronx Community
November

Agenda

- Project Overview
- Project Progress
- Upcoming Work
- Community Engagement
- Contact Us
- Q&A

Parkchester/Van Nest Station Conceptual Site Plan & Renderings



Overall Project Benefits



Faster Travel Times

Improves access to underserved neighborhoods and gets you to your destination faster



Reverse Commuting Op

Attracts new talent and broadens the



Economic Vitality

Supports the local and regional economy



Optimization of Existing

Delivers cost-effective transit solution



Connected Communities

Connects you to several neighborhoods in the Bronx and throughout the region



Regional Transportation

Expands your travel opportunities



Sustainable Infrastructure

Encourages drivers to switch to train travel, reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality



Enhanced Network Reli

Provides flexibility for Metro-North and improves on-time performance for intercity passengers

Project Progress

- Bridge Rehabilitations
- Overhead Catenary Structures (OCS)
- Substations
- Station Areas
- Leggett Interlocking

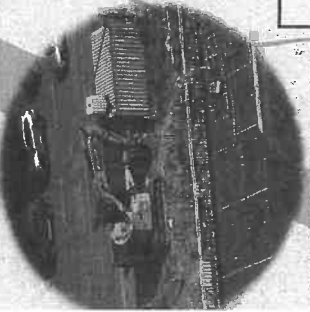
Amtrak and Freight Railroad Benefits

- Improves on-time performance and reliability for intercity passengers
- Brings Amtrak's Hell Gate Line to a state of good repair, including:
 - Hell Gate Line catenary system
 - 100+ year old bridge structures
- Electrical upgrades, improved signal system, and state-of-the-art communication system
- Significant enhancements to stormwater management including new drainage



Substations

Increasing capacity to meet additional demand from new service
Enhancing service reliability and climate resiliency



Foundation underway at HG Substation, November 2023

Caissons – 100% Complete

- HG-01 foundation slabs complete
- Drainage structure – 75% complete

Van Nest AC Substation

Caisson

Co-op City AC Sub

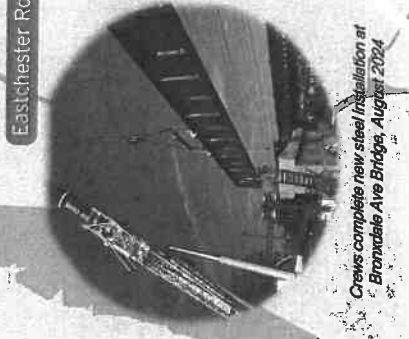


Oak AC Substation



Bridge Rehabilitation

- 100+ year old aging infrastructure
- Span-by-span approach to avoid service impacts
- West, east, and center wall and footing construction complete
- Demolition of Track 1 & 2 in-progress



Crews complete new steel installation at Bronx River Bridge, August 2024

Eastchester Road Bridge

Pelham Lane Bridge

New walls and footings at Pelham Ln Bridge, August 2024

Bronxdale Avenue

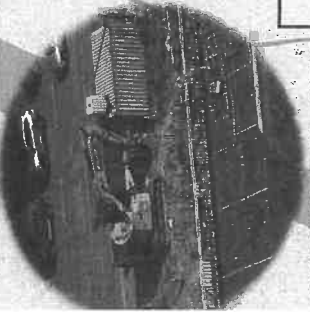
- New center pier construction
- Main girders for Track
- Structural steel and footings
- Intermittent lane closure construction

Bronx River Bridge

- East abutment backwall demolition complete
- Drainage installation in progress
- Operator house demo complete

Station Areas

Foundation work has commenced at all 4 stations
Concrete poured for boiler-room and retaining wall
East & West entrance micropiles – 100% complete



New retaining wall at Co-op City Station site, June 2024

North entrance micropiles – 69% complete
North entrance rebar and concrete foundation in progress

Co-op City Station

Morris Park Station

Parkchester/Van Nest Station Site, August 2024

Parkchester/Van Nest Station

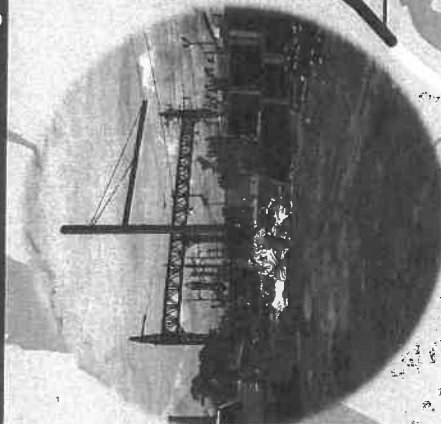
- Main entrance micropiles are complete
- Pile caps and grade beams – 80% complete

Hunts Point Station

- North & south entrance pile caps and grade beams
- Formwork and rebar for station walls in progress

Overhead Catenary Structures (OCS)

- 100+ year old infrastructure with insufficient capacity for increased service
- New galvanized steel structures and new wire with full tension air breaks can accommodate increased number of trains running on tracks and are more resistant to wear and tear



New and old catenary structures near Parkchester/Van Nest Station, August 2024

Morris Park Station

Parkchester/Van Nest Station

Van Nest Zone 1
Caissons – 100%
Columns – 93%
Portals – 63%

Hunts Point Station

Caissons – 59%

Leggett Interlocking

Caissons – 100%
Columns – 97%
Portals – 87%

Upcoming Work – Bridges

ronxdale Avenue Bridge

Complete structural steel and deck plates for Tracks 2 & 4

astchester Road Bridge

Phase II to commence Q4 2025

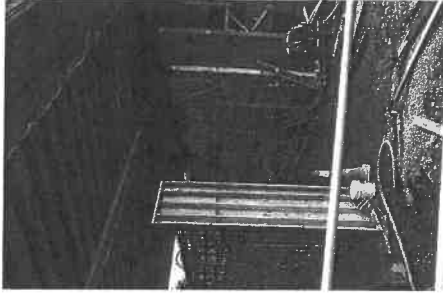
elham Lane Bridge

Continue demolition and lead abatement
New steel installation to commence Q4 2025

ronx River Bridge

Pour concrete for new center pier
Install framework and rebar for east abutment

For details on intermittent lane closures, please visit our website: new.mta.info/project/penn-station-access



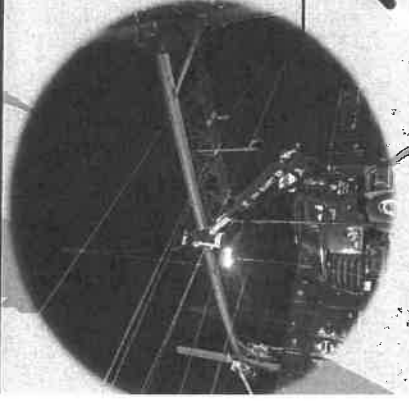
Crews install abutment footings at Pelham Lane Bridge, April 2024



Crews install concrete foundations near Leggett Interlocking, June 2024

Leggett Interlocking

- Increased operational flexibility
- Enables extended track outages during construction
- "Permanent LTO"



OCS portal installation near Leggett Interlocking, October 2023

Leggett Interlocking

- Drainage outlet pipe – 100% installed
- Drainage structure - 87% complete

Installed new ties, tracks, and interlocking at Track 1 and 2

Signal, communication, testing and commissioning work ongoing

Upcoming Work – Power System Upgrades

Hunts Point

- Continue OCS caisson installation

Parkchester / Van Nest

- Continue OCS column installation
- Continue OCS portal installation

Morris Park

- Continue OCS caisson installation

Parkchester / Van Nest Substation

- Pour foundation slab

Co-op City Substation

- Pour foundation slab

HG Substation

- Complete drainage installation



Original portal and new columns near Parkchester/Van Nest Station

Upcoming Work

- Bridges
- Power System Upgrades
- Station Areas
- Leggett Interlocking

Community Engagements

- Community Engagements
- Stay Up to Date

Upcoming Work – Station Areas

Hunts Point

- Continue to install formwork for south entrance walls

Parkchester / Van Nest

- Complete installation of pile caps and grade beams

Morris Park

- Continue retaining wall installation
- Progress south entrance utility work

Co-op City

- Continue to form rebar and pour concrete for main entrance foundation



Parkchester/ Van Nest Station Area.

Community Engagements

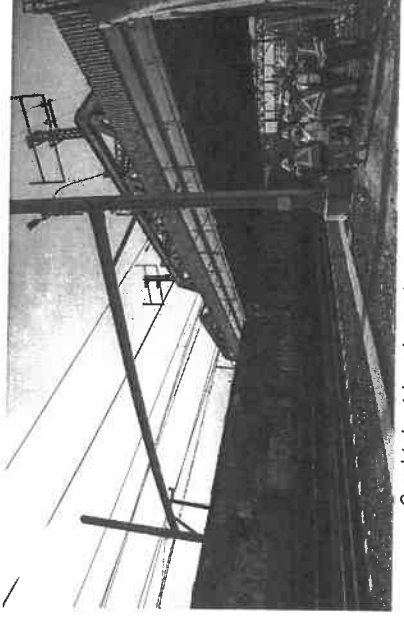
- Environmental Assessment: Virtual Public Meeting
- MTA Arts & Design Selection Panel: Co-op City, Morris Park, Parkchester, Hunts Point
- MTA Job Information Event
- Bronx-Westchester Community Council
- Center for Bronx Non-Profits
- Bronx Community Boards 2, 9, 10, and 11
- PSA / steMTA Program in local schools



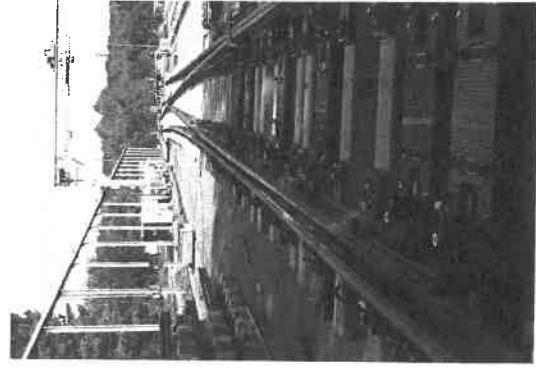
Upcoming Work – Leggett Interlocking

Track and Supporting Infrastructure

- Complete OCS portal installation
- Complete drainage system installation
- Reprofile Track 1 and 2 catenary wires
- Install Track 1 and 2 crossovers



Completed portal near Leggett Interlocking, February 2024



Factory test of fabricated railroad crossovers and s Railway Systems Nortrak facility in Birmingham, A.

Thank You
Questions?

Community Engagements

- Co-op City Section 5 Public Information Session
- Hunts Point EDC Spring Mingle
- Bronx Chamber of Commerce
- Hunts Point-Longwood Community Coalition
- Four DCP Bronx Metro-North Study Workshops
- Bronx EDC
- New York Metropolitan Transportation Council

Upcoming:

- Bronx Community Boards 2, 9, 10, and 11
- PSA/steMTA Program in local schools
- Ongoing local job events and hiring fairs
- Ongoing local Stakeholder Meetings



Stay Informed



Telephone Hotline: 347-263-7837



Email: PSAOutreach@mtacd.org



Sign-up for updates and newsletters on the website



Project Webpage: <https://new.mta.info/project/penn-station-acce>





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Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Summary

November 13, 2024

Board Members Present: David Marin, Derrick Holman, Lena Johnson. Esther Ford

I. Introduction

A. Committee Description: The Parks and Recreation Committee represents the community's interests with regard to parks, park services and all park related matters and acts as a liaison between parks users and the New York City Parks Department.

II. Speakers

A. Anna Killion, DDC Outreach Coordinator; Jacqueline Lavin, Parks Architectural Design; Cleveland Adams, DDC Project Executive; Takeshi Tornier, Snohetta Director, Architect; Erin Walker, Snohetta Senior Project Architect - P-1SDVREC Construction of a New Recreation Center at Soundview Park

Soundview Park Recreation Center Presentation Attached.

The recreation center will be located near the southern end of the Bronx River Parkway. This portion of the park contains a portion of mature specimen trees that will be relocated, tree restitution plan to be shared at a future opportunity. The center will have a storm water infiltration system, sustainable roofing, onsite renewables and a geothermal heating system.

Some pathways will need to be reworked to allow for optimal access, the main entrance will be on Metcalf Ave and will contain an enhanced crosswalk for pedestrians accessing from the south end.

The center will have 3 floors and contain a gym, cardio and strength training areas, dance room, stretch & spin room, classroom, media lab, teen room, and a running track among other amenities.

Funding for a pool was never allocated therefore, a pool is not a part of this project.

The entire center will be ADA Accessible.

The project will not contain parking for the general public.

All programs will be run by NYC Parks and Parks will have a say on usage of space.

There will be an opportunity for the display of local art work on the center walls, presentation on this item will take place at December's Social Services Committee Meeting.

Construction will begin in FY26.

The committee voted in favor of a Letter of Support on this project and a Full Board vote will take place later this month.

III. New Business

A. Feasibility Study at Pugsley Park for Additional Ballfield (Letter from ML Farias to Bronx Parks)

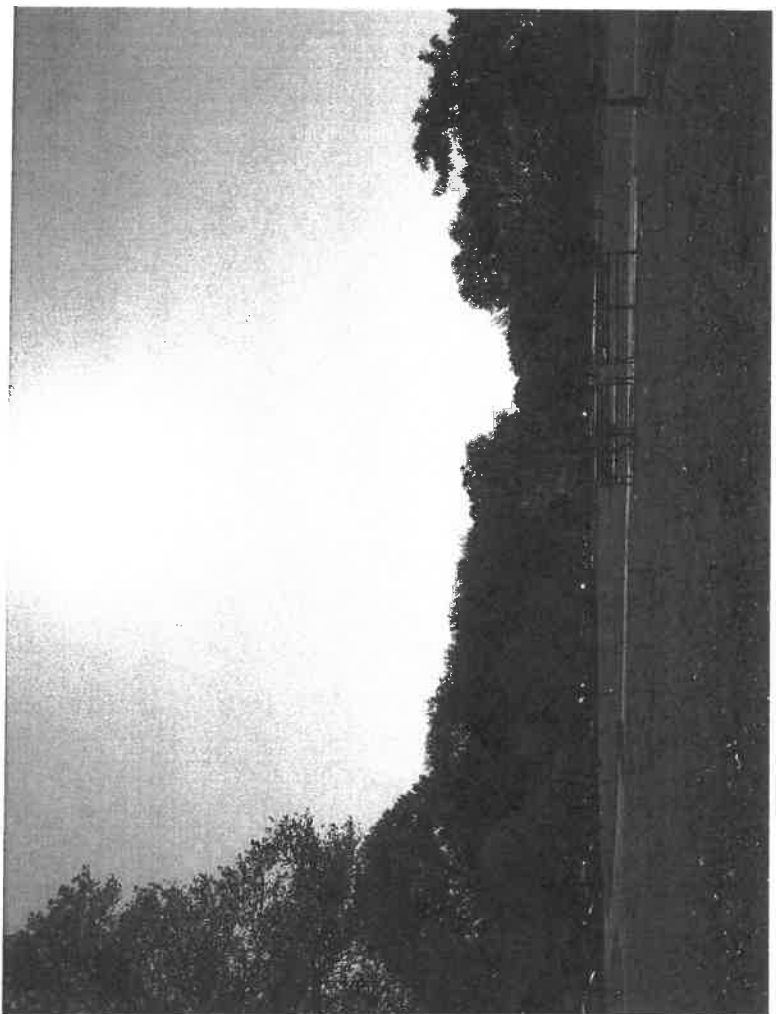
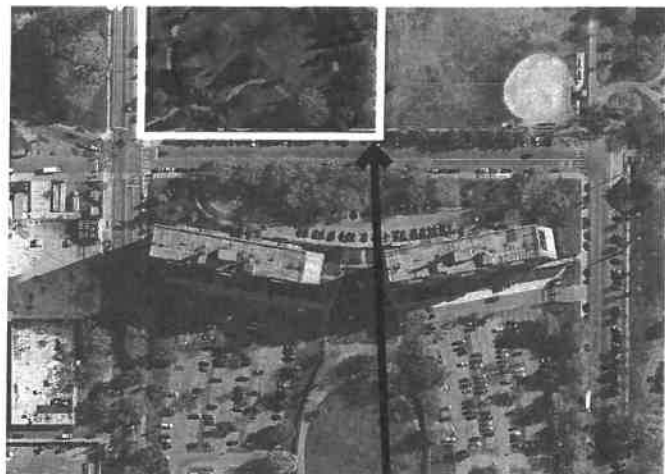
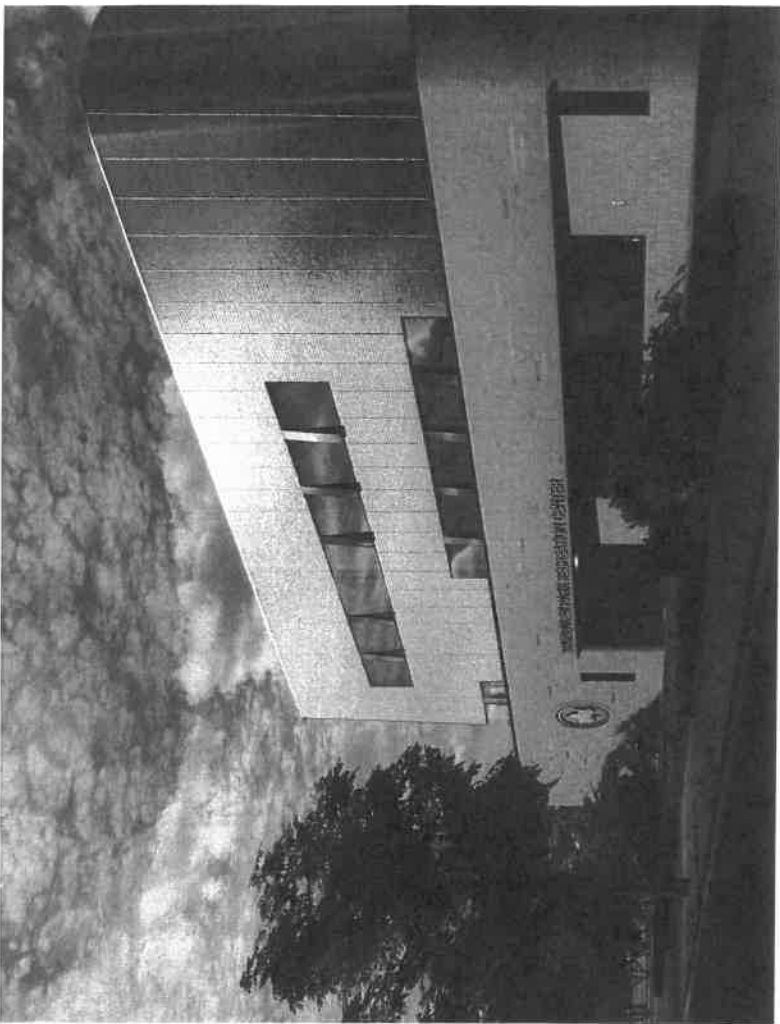
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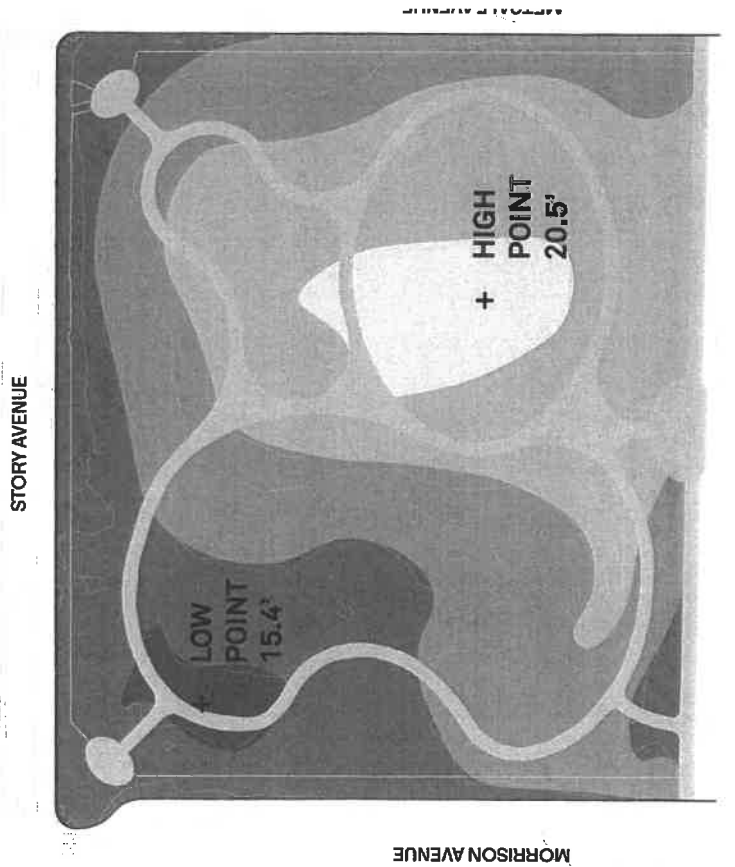
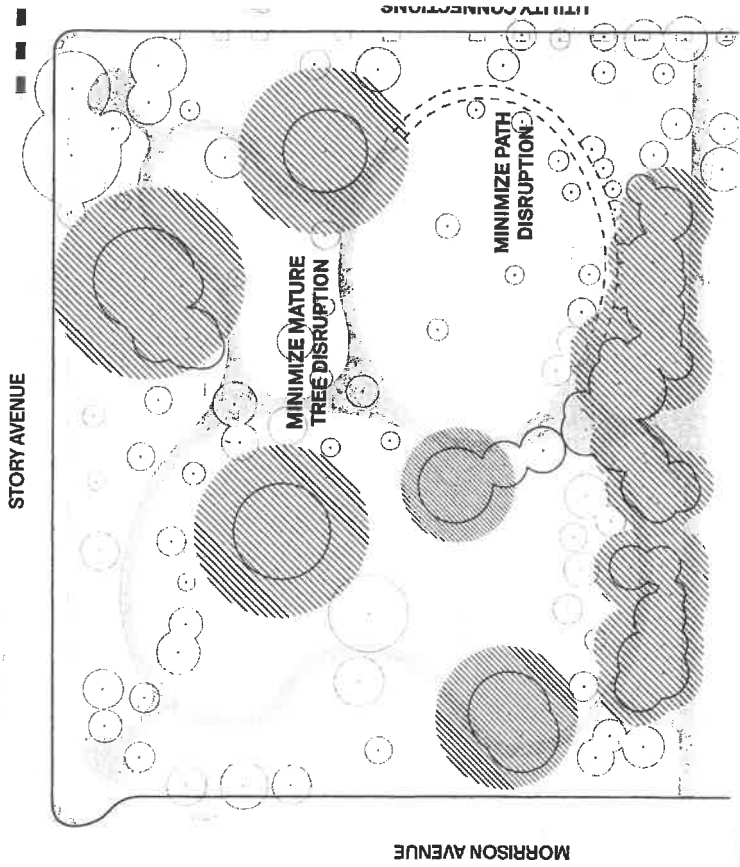
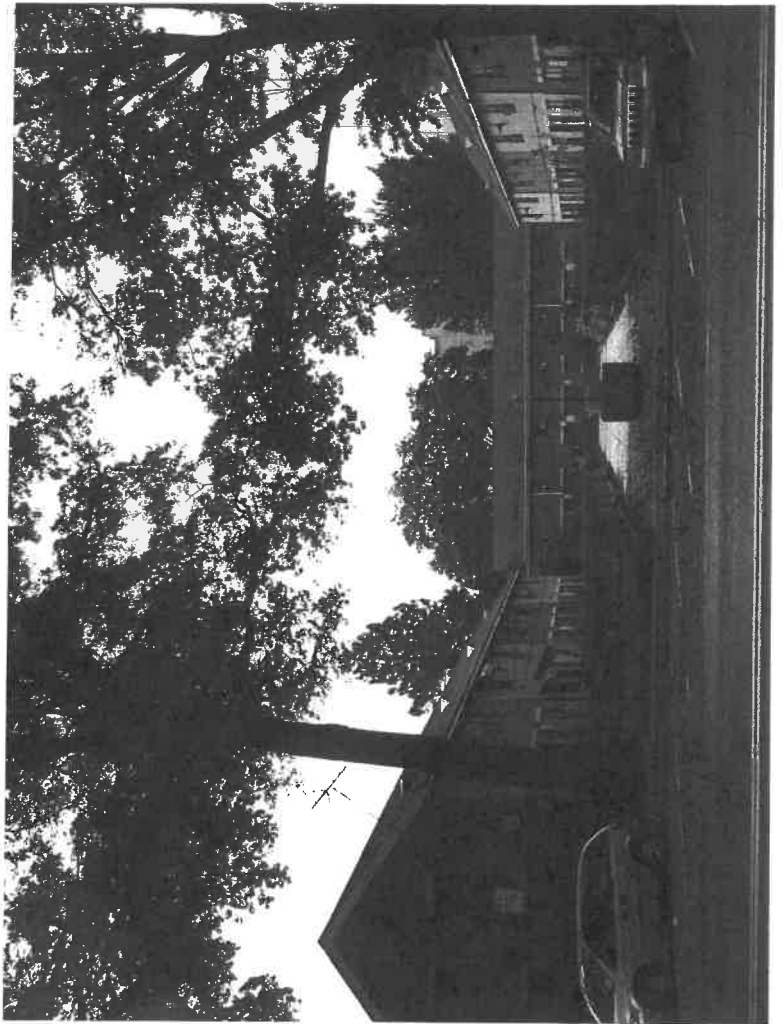
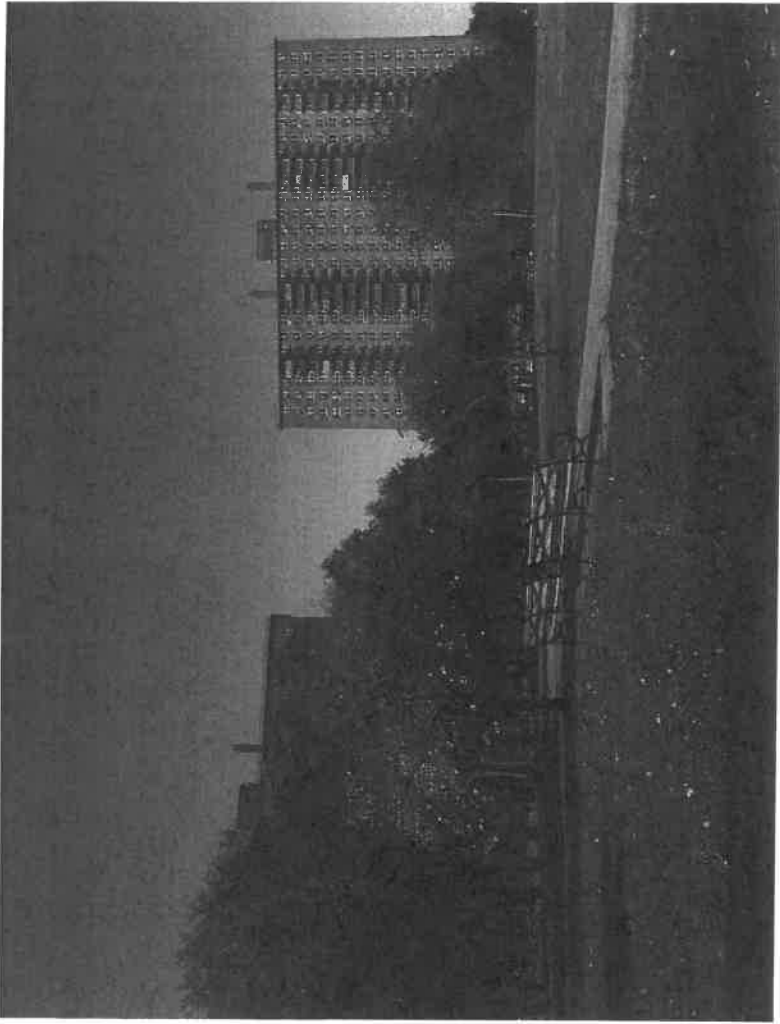
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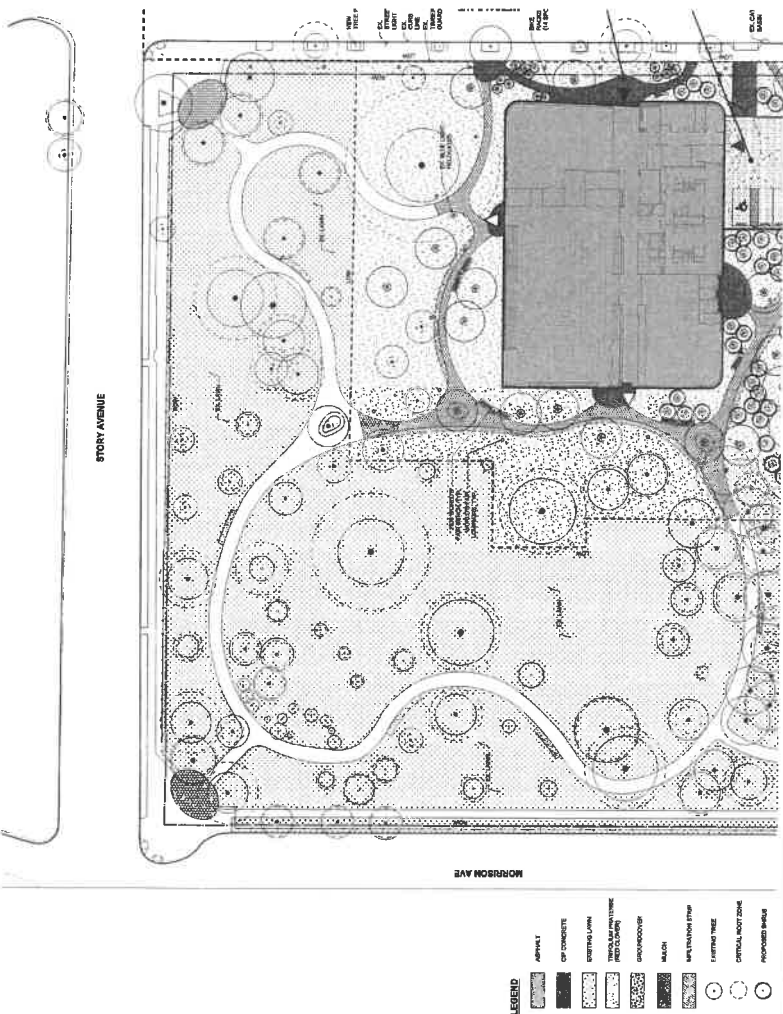
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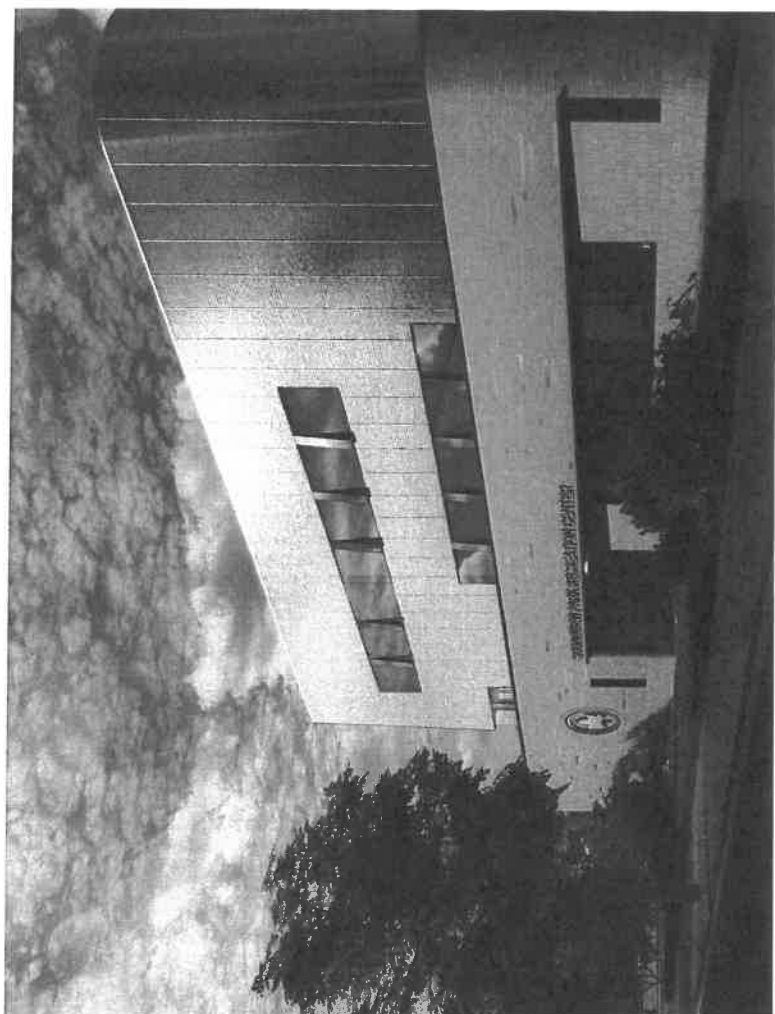
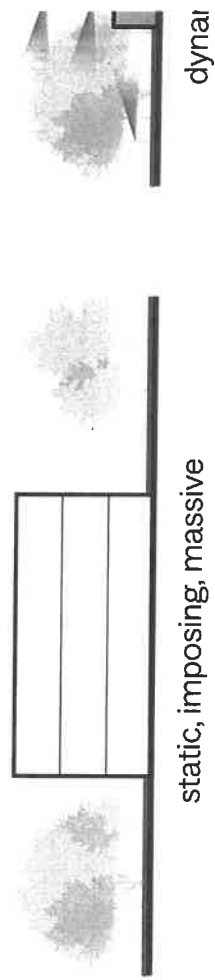
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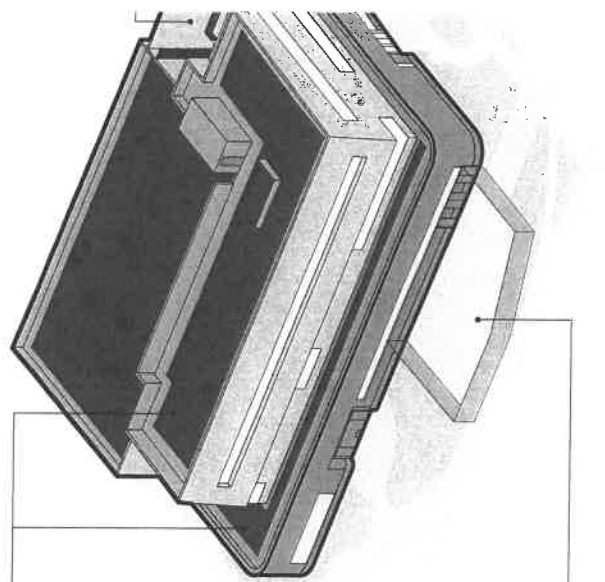




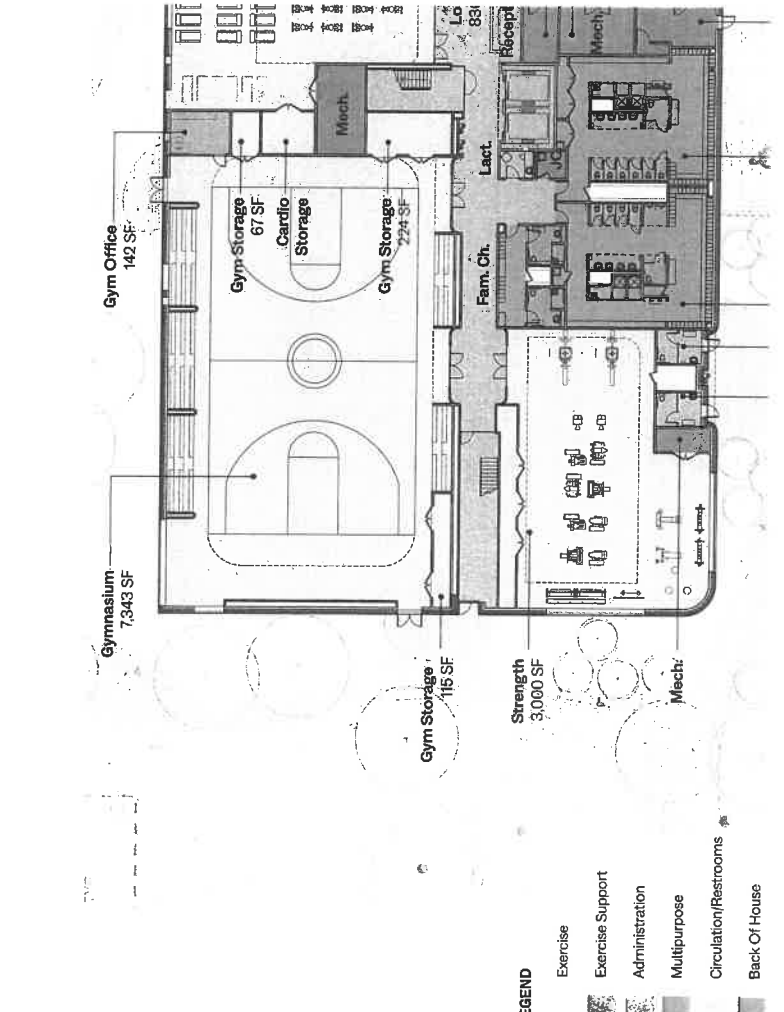
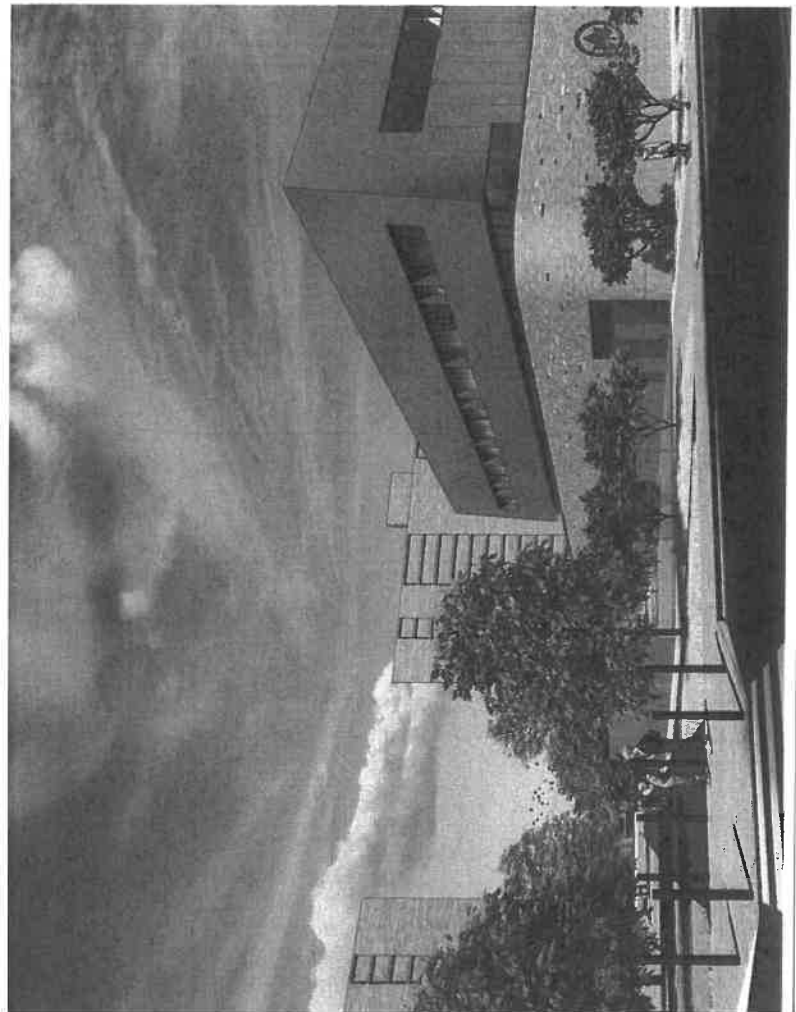
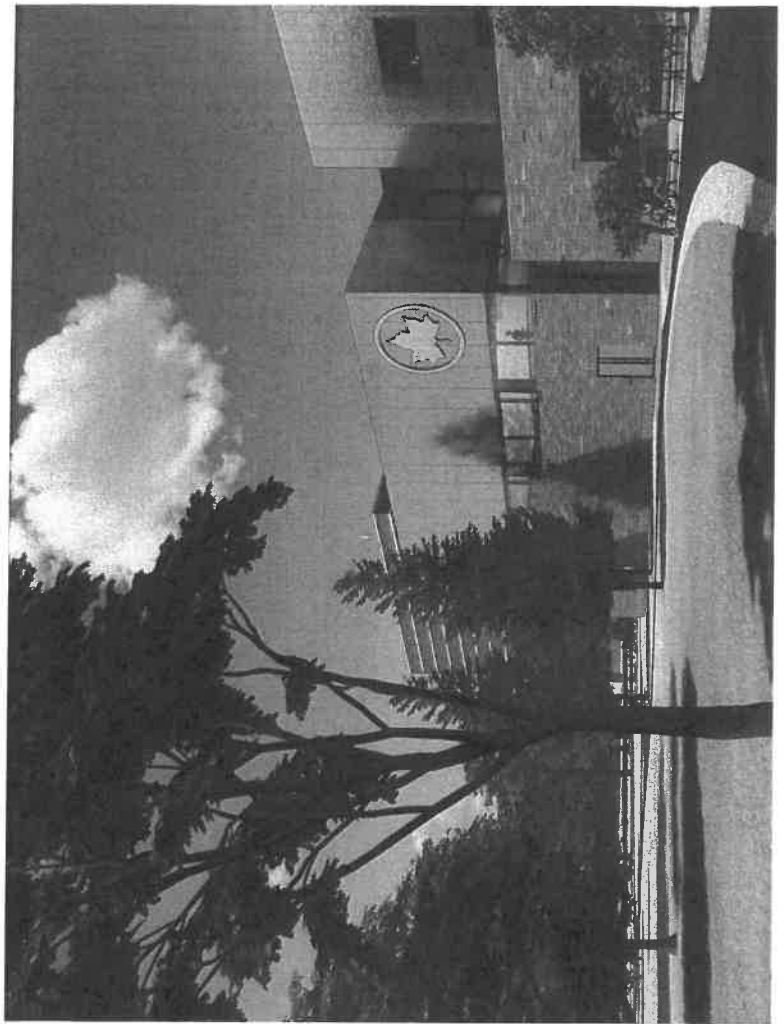
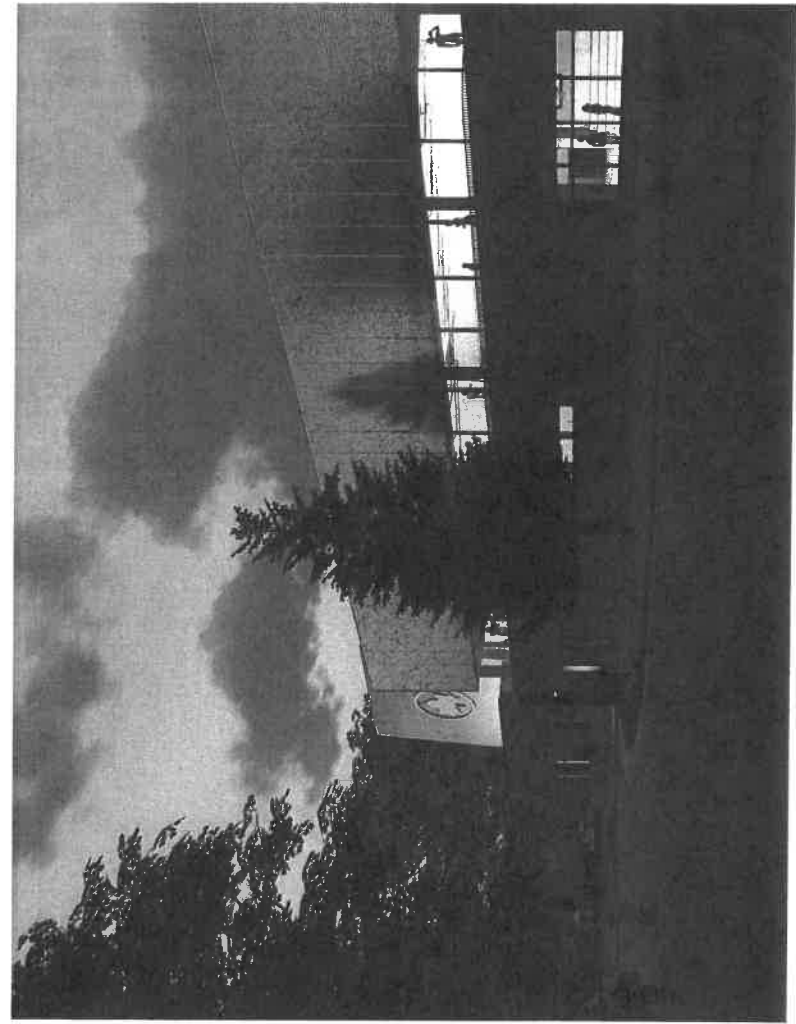
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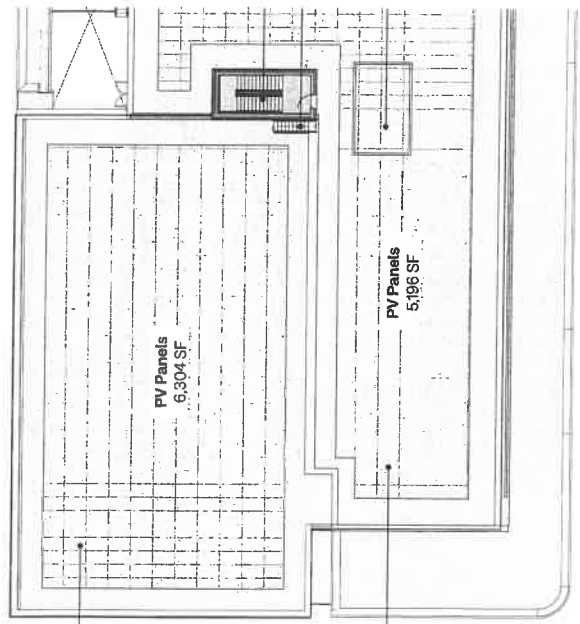


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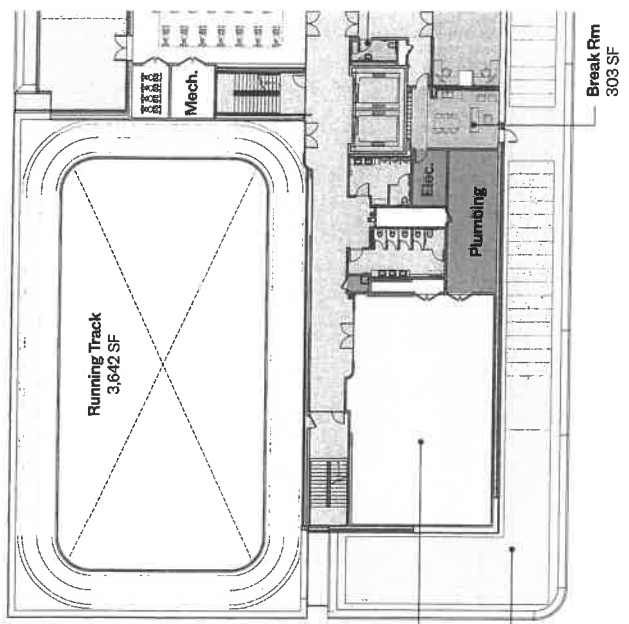


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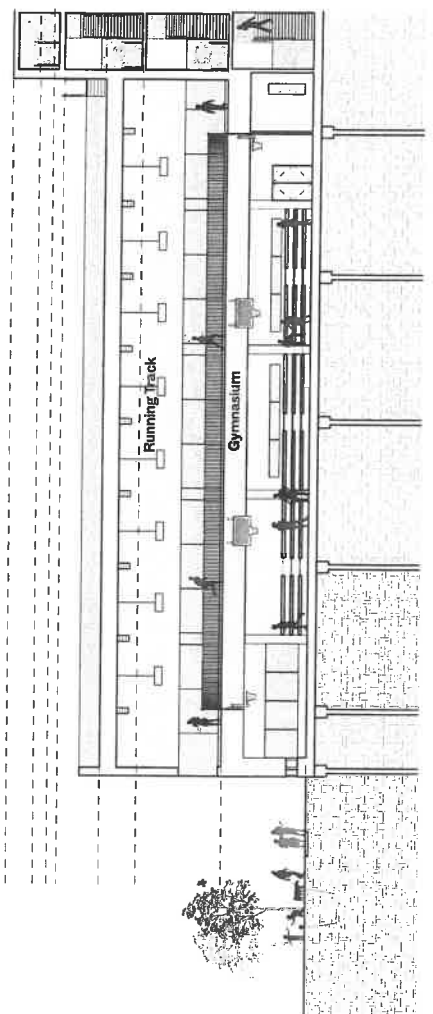




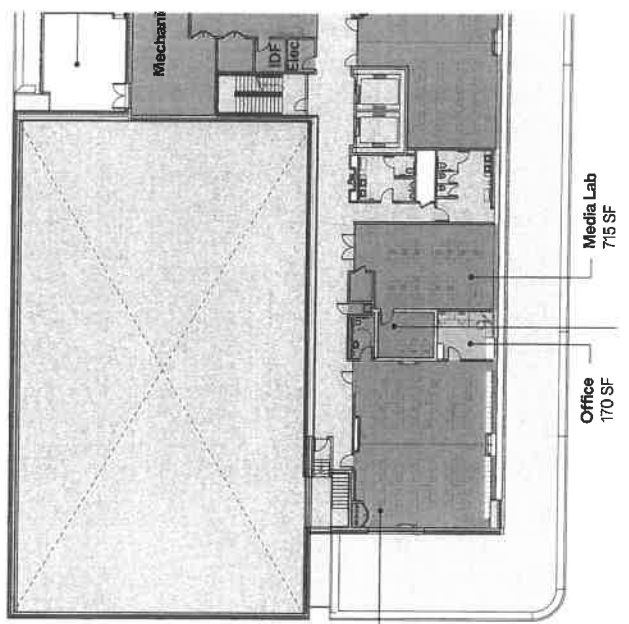
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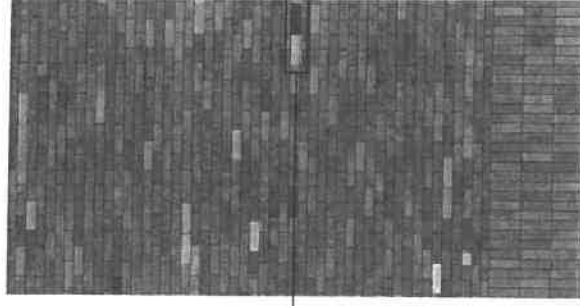
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Exterior Cladding: L1 Brick Cavity Wall: Field & Base

- Durable, textured, tactile
- Colorful, welcoming, inviting with range of difference colors and tones
- Variety of coursing patterns and finishes: smooth and matte glazes
- Green field brick, connecting the building to the site and Soundview Park
- Human-scale: façade wants to be experienced up close, approachable
- Glen Gery, Belden, Taylor Brick or equal



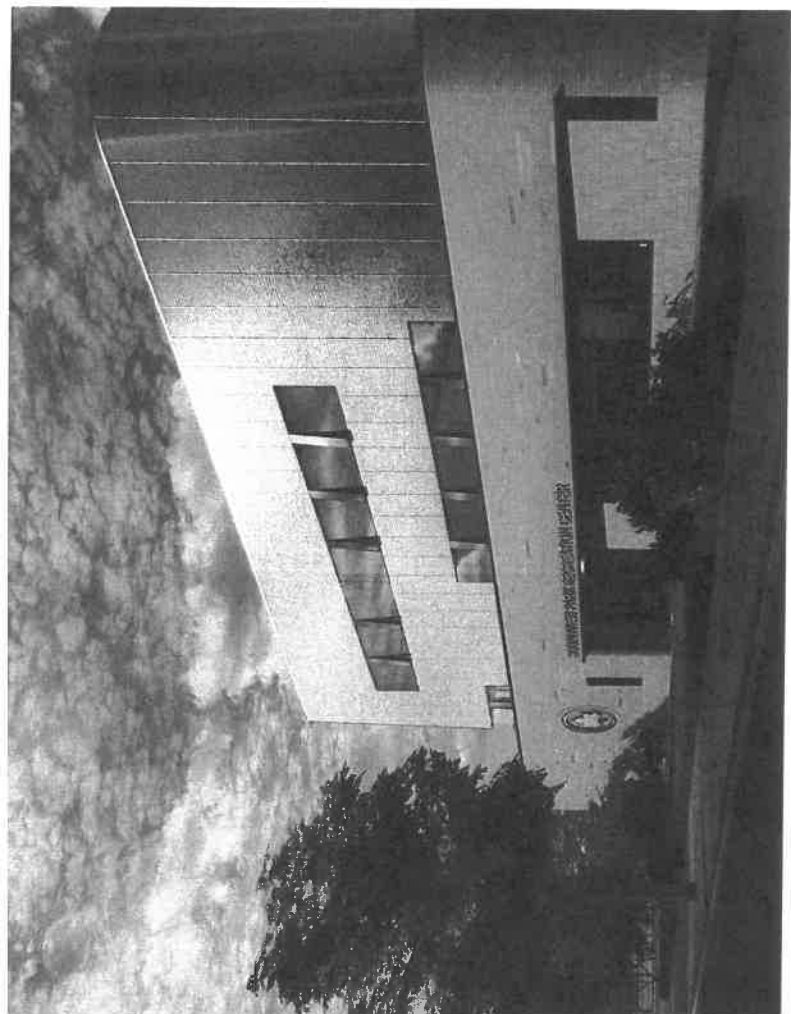
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Exterior Cladding: L2 & L3 Metal Panel Rainscreen

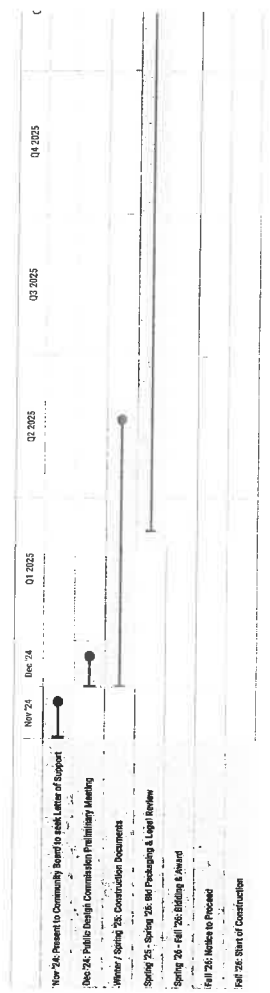
- Reflective to minimize appearance and vanish in the sky
- Dynamic and responsive to exterior environment
- Economical, low maintenance, and standard detailing
- Stainless steel (BOD) or painted aluminum
- Lustrous with surface texture to diffuse light and minimize undesired reflectivity / mitigate bird strike
- Embossed or corrugated, brake-formed
- Pohl, Zahner, LKMe or equal



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Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager William Rivera

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

November 7, 2024

Board Members Present: Shante Chamblee, Brent Woodie, Robbin Kelly

Committee Description: The public safety & transportation committee represents the community's interests with regards to sanitation, crime, fire-ems, quality of life, NYS liquor license application recommendations, street activity permit applications, street re-naming application, transportation and acts as a liaison between community members and the New York Police Department & Fire Departments, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, NYC Department of Sanitation, NYC Department of Transportation, & NYS Liquor Authority.

1. Introduction

A. Members Roll Call

2. SLA Applications

A. Solimar Grill Restaurant Corp. (1800 Archer Street AKA 1478 Beach Ave), 30 Day Address Amendment

This application was previously approved on 2/8/24 but requires an address edit (same physical location but address was listed incorrectly on original application).

43rd Pct has no concerns regarding this renewal.

B. Grand Sabrosura Inc. (1200-1204 Castle Hill Ave), Renewal

43rd Pct has no concerns regarding this renewal.

C. La Princesa del Rodeo Corp. (1177B Wheeler Ave), Renewal

43rd Pct has concerns regarding this renewal and will be meeting with the owner to discuss additional security measures needed.

3. Speakers

A. Rochelle Brahalla - DOT, Updated Cross Bronx Concepts

Presentation link: <https://www.crossbronx.info/sites/default/files/2024-11/cross-bronx-draft-vision-cb-presentation-nov2024.pdf>

This project will take decades in the making. Community Planning for this project began in Spring 2023 and the Vision Release is expected to be completed by Winter of this year. Presentation discusses short and mid-term Improvement Projects. In the short-term, NYC DOT is planning a Bus Priority project along Tremont Avenue. Highway Capping benefits and challenges discussed. Highway caps would require large amounts of City, State and Federal resources and a robust questions and answer period.

4. Notifications

A. Crane Installation at 1 White Plains Road

Crane will be fully inside the project limit area and won't the local street traffic

B. DOT-671776-W9Y9 & DOT-671777-C6N8 - Speed Reducer/Angled Parking - Harrod Avenue (b/w E.174th & CBE)

DOT will provide recommendations by January 2025

C. 2024-2025 Draft Snow Plan: Bronx

Emailed to Committee for review

D. Unionport Bridge Intermittent Full Closures

Starting on the week of October 14th for approximately 8 weeks

E. Loading Zone Expansion 2024 (Batch No. 1 V.2)

F. Emailed to Committee for review

G. DOT-646662-W8G9 - Roadway Conditions - Stickball Boulevard between Randall Avenue and Lafayette Avenue

This location is being reviewed for possible inclusion into a resurfacing project during the FY'25 or FY'26 Resurfacing Season provided there are no conflicts

H. 1248 White Plains Rd Full Demolition Notice

Start Date Approx. Oct 15th with DOB Construction Approval

5. New Business

A. December Agenda Items

- CB9 Christmas Dinner Inquiry
- Illegal Food Vendors at 1105 Morrison Ave and surrounding areas, resident has advised NYPD and was advised to visit the Community Board for notice.

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Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

November 4, 2024

Board Members Present: Nellie Santiago-Rivera, Daniel Porro, Chandra Moore, James Tynan, Sharyn Brown, Andrea McLeod, Ram Halder

I. Introduction

A. Committee Description: The social services committee represents the community's interests with regards to social services including senior services, disability, and veterans concerns and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Human Resources Administration, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Aging, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Seniors Connected Sub-Committee is under this committee.

1. Speakers

A. Rev. Charles Butler, V.P. Department of Equitable Development - Home Buyer Education Seminar

Rev. Charles Butler, VP of Equitable Development at Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement hosted a Home Buyer Education Seminar as an introduction to the 4 part Homebuyer Education Series participants can register for online at:

<https://www.hcci.org/budget-credit-counseling>

Participants are able to take all 4 classes to receive a certificate of completion and learn about the steps to purchasing a home. After the seminar, the Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement can also schedule one-on-one counseling appointments to help with next steps to purchasing your first home.

2. New Business

A. December Agenda Items

NYC Department of Cultural Affairs is scheduled to present in December regarding the Overview of the Percent for Art Program. VIP Community Services will also be presenting at the Social Services Committee Meeting in December.

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Whole Foods, Plant-Based cooking Classes at St. Helena's School

We are restarting our cooking classes at St. Helena's.

You can find the recipes and other reports on my blog here:

<https://starlingaveplantbased.blogspot.com>

We are forming a team who will be trained to make the actual meal prep more of a team effort, and our first meeting will be on 11/23/24 from 3-5 PM in the school cafeteria. This is about forming the core team who will be actively involved in organizing and giving the classes.

We will be adding an educational component about Whole Foods, Plant-Based nutrition and Lifestyle Medicine, which will be developed in part with periodic Lifestyle Medicine dinners at Neerob Restaurant, at 2096 Starling Avenue.

Details will be announced on my website:

<https://hippocratessays.com/upcoming-events/>

In collaboration with Plant Powered Metro New York. Please join the facebook group here, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/feed/>

or join our MeWe Group here:

<https://mewe.com/group/67363890289477764a32461d>

The group will be English/Spanish Bi-lingual!

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Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager: William Rivera

NYCHA & Housing Committee Meeting Summary

November 4, 2024

Board Members Present: Antoinette Vereen, Anne Johnson, Loretta Masterson, Daniel Porro

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The NYCHA & Housing Committee represents the community's interests with regards to housing related matters and concerns, namely in relation to NYCHA, and acts as a liaison between community members and the New York City Housing Authority as well as local property owners and management teams.

II. New Business

A. Four NYCHA Developments Convert to PACT Private Management Article

<https://citylimits.org/2024/10/04/in-one-day-four-nycha-developments-convert-to-pact-private-management>

B. Sack Wern Houses Renovation Update

Committee discussed Sack Wern Houses renovation updates.

Sack Wern Houses is currently completing the first phase of in-unit renovations this week (residents have already begun moving back into their renovated homes) and will begin moving residents from the second phase into their temporary units shortly so work in their homes can begin.

Sack Wern Houses Resident Meeting will take place on November 19th at 6:30PM at PS107 (1695 Seward Avenue)

C. Committee Discussion on Council Finance and Capital Numbers from NYCHA related to District 18 Developments

The committee discussed at length the NYCHA overall budget for 2025 for all of NYC and discussed in detail the budgets for each housing development in the CB9 district verified through the capital tracker. The committee began putting together questions to ask the NYCHA Senior Capital Projects Coordinator in December or January of next year.

D. John White, NYCHA Senior Capital Projects Coordinator, is expected to present at the NYCHA & Housing Committee Meeting in December or January regarding on-going Capital Projects and Planned Projects.

E. Brian Mejio, Media/Press Univision Network attended the meeting and was interested in learning the committee's perspective on current housing issues and district initiatives the committee would like to see going forward as well conversations regarding the REES NYCHA sustainability program.

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November 2024 Community Board Report

We Have emailed a list of Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson's capital budget allocations for projects in your Community Board for Fiscal Year 2023 through Fiscal Year 2025. Over the last three fiscal years, the Borough President was able to allocate nearly \$94.5 in capital funding throughout the Bronx for housing, education, parks, hospitals and many other important capital projects. This information should have been shared with Community Board members by DM and Chair

Community Board Application Process will be opening soon. The Borough President's office will notify the board once the application portal is open.

Please share this with your friends, families, and neighbors who may be interested. You will be able to find the application (link to application) on the Bronx Borough President's Website. You can also obtain this information from the board directly, as well as from the Borough President's Community Board Unit

Borough President Gibson's Statement on 2024 Presidential Election Results

Borough President Gibson says, "The outcome of this 2024 Presidential election represents a stark divide. It's a sobering reminder of the work we need to do to bridge these divides and ensure that our voices are heard. As we move forward, we must remain vigilant and committed to advocating for our residents. Regardless of who serves as Commander-in-Chief, we will continue to work with our local, state, and federal partners to protect the rights of our families and ensure that our community's needs are prioritized. In these times of uncertainty, it's vital that we come together, regardless of political affiliation, to safeguard our residents' rights and well-being. Our strength lies in our unity, and we must not allow divisiveness to distract us from the work at hand. I urge each and every one of you to stay engaged and informed. Civic participation is crucial as we navigate the challenges ahead. Together, we can advocate for the priorities that matter most to our community, ensuring that our voices are amplified and our rights protected. Let us stand together, remain focused on our goals, and work towards a brighter future for all."

Borough President Gibson Joins Partners in Celebration Of Puerto Rican Heritage Month

On November 14, **Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson** joins Bronx Care Health System, Ponce Bank, Fidelis Care, and ProHealth Connect to host Puerto Heritage Month at the newly opened 14,000 square-foot, 250-seat Bronx Music Hall located in the Melrose section. There, she will honor several Bronx pioneers and architects of a revitalized and flourishing Bronx, now serving as a cultural mecca attracting thousands of tourists and New Yorkers alike traveling in to enjoy the rich heritage, cuisine, and burgeoning arts community found in New York City's northern-most borough. This year's honorees are Puerto Rican-born community advocate and Founder of the Rainbow Garden of Life + Health, **Maximo "Maxi" Rivera**; Culinary Educator & Celebrity Chef, **Chef Billy Jack Perez**; Crain's New York Business's 2021 Most Notable Women on Wall Street, Executive Vice-President and Chief External Affairs Officer at Ponce Bank, **Madelyn V. Marquez**, Co-Talent Coordinator for The 116th Street Festival, **Jerry Vargas**, Bronx Business owner and Philanthropist, **Gino Pacheco**. The event will feature Bomba and Plena performers, a reading by Puerto Rican Poet **Jennifer Diaz**, and more.

WHAT: **Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson** joins Bronx Care Health System, Ponce Bank, Fidelis Care, and ProHealth Connect to host Puerto Heritage Month at the newly opened 14,000-square-foot, 250-seat Bronx Music Hall located in the Melrose section.

WHEN: Thursday, November 14, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

WHERE: Bronx Music Hall 438 East 163rd Street, Bronx, NY 10451

Borough President Gibson Releases Topographic Bureau's 2023 Annual Development Report. The Bronx Experienced The Highest Level of Investment To Date, With \$4.3 Billion In Total Development

On October 28, 2024, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson joined the Topographic Bureau in releasing their annual development report for 2023, highlighting the most successful year yet in total development funding for the borough. With over \$4.3 Billion dollars of investment across 357 individual properties, the report spotlights total investments made in both mixed-use (\$1.5 Billion) and residential development (\$1.7 Billion) last year. Notably, over 10,000 new residential housing units were also built in 2023. This is a significant milestone in the face of an ongoing housing crisis city-wide. The Borough President is very excited about this report, as it showcases the ever-growing level of development and opportunity here in the Bronx. **Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson** says, "This scale of investment is a positive reflection of our continued effort to revitalize The Bronx. Working together with our development leaders, Bronx businesses, community boards, non-profits, and elected officials, we achieved great economic growth last year and boosted the local economy, created jobs, and further enhanced the quality of life for all Bronx residents." A featured development from 2023 is the Penn Access

Project, which will create four ADA-accessible Metro-North Railroad stations in Hunts Point, Parkchester/Van Nest, Morris Park, and Co-op City. This large-scale public investment will be the biggest expansion of Metro-North's service since its founding in 1983.

Borough President Gibson Joins Council Member Marmorato, And The Morris Park Business Improvement District to Host A Halloween Skate Party

On October 25, 2024, **Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson**, Councilmember Kristy Marmorato, the Morris Park Business Improvement District, PIX11 News, and Founder of Go! Sports NYC Ray Mendez hosted a Halloween Skate Party at Loreto Playground at 1111 Van Nest Avenue between Tomlinson and Haight Avenues. Borough President Gibson said she wanted to thank the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, the Morris Park Business Improvement District; Go! Sports NYC; Council Member Kristy Marmorato; State Senator Nathalia Fernandez; Assembly Member Michael Benedetto; and everyone else who supported our Skate Party this weekend. **Bronx Borough President Gibson** said “Together, we are fostering connections with our community and encouraging healthy, active lifestyles for our residents.”

Borough President Gibson Seeks Up To \$20 Million In State Money To Support Economic Development In Morris Park And Along The Harlem River In The South Bronx

October 18, 2024, the application period for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) program was completed. As part of the application process, **Bronx Borough President Gibson** submitted two applications for the state to consider. One was for the Greater Morris Park area, and the other for the Harlem River Gateway District. Borough President Gibson worked with numerous stakeholders across The Bronx to identify capital projects that would support these communities and benefit from DRI funding.

The Greater Morris Park DRI area has general boundaries of Pelham Parkway to the north, Hutchinson River Parkway to the east, East Tremont Avenue and Westchester Avenue to the south, and Bronx Park and White Plains Road to the west. It includes the neighborhoods of Morris Park, Van Nest, Westchester Square, Indian Village, and Pelham Parkway. Existing Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) within the Greater Morris Park DRI include the Morris Park, Westchester Square, and White Plains Road BIDs. This area is a top 10 job center for New York City and will soon see two new Metro-North stations as part of the Penn Station Access project. A recent rezoning was approved along with \$500 million in capital to support the community. Borough President Gibson in her recommendation as part of the rezoning process, stated her commitment to the Morris Park community, and is showing that with action.

As part of the application, 32 projects were identified, totaling approximately \$105 million in capital-requested funding. The wide range of projects includes beautification projects, public park improvements, and transit, traffic, and pedestrian infrastructure projects. In an equally important application, the Harlem River Gateway District has seen a significant influx of new

development and investment in recent years, but these increases have also brought additional needs.

"The South Bronx has seen tremendous growth in the past few years, which is a testament to the resiliency and vitality of our borough," said **Borough President Gibson**. "It is our mission to ensure this community receives the necessary capital investment to undo years of economic neglect and stimulate continued growth and prosperity."

The Harlem River Gateway District has general boundaries of the Harlem River to the west, the Harlem River and Bronx Kill to the south, the Bruckner Expressway to the east, and East 149th Street to the north. It includes the neighborhoods of Mott Haven and Concourse. Over recent years, the Bronx waterfront has been studied, and these studies have helped transform the community into a regional destination.

"With the Yankees, the recently opened Bronx Children's Museum, and the world's first Hip Hop Museum opening in 2025, this area has opportunities to draw in visitors year-round," said **Bronx Borough President Gibson**. "Between the tourism and all the new housing being developed, residents need places to buy their groceries and do their shopping, so there is a huge need for capital improvements to help support all this new economic activity."

This application had 14 projects totaling over \$61 million in capital-requested funding, including beautification projects, public park improvements, and infrastructure projects.

The 2024 cycle marks the eighth round of DRI applications which will invest \$100 million in 10 new communities that will be selected by the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC), with The Bronx being located in the New York City REDC. This program is a cornerstone of the State's economic development program, led by Governor Kathy Hochul to transform downtown neighborhoods into vibrant centers that offer high quality of life and are magnets for redevelopment, business, job creation, and economic and housing diversity. The Bronx received a previous DRI award in 2018 for the Bronx Civic Center neighborhood.

"I am optimistic that this is the time for The Bronx to receive additional capital investment," said **Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson**. "I am very proud of these two applications and believe state funding would go a long way in supporting these communities."

While **Borough President Gibson** has submitted two applications, only one can be awarded to each REDC in any year. This is a competitive process, and multiple applications are expected to be submitted to the New York City REDC.

"This is a competitive process, so we needed to put in a high-quality application, I believe we did that as both have been a labor of love. I will continue to advocate and fight for The Bronx and look for as many capital opportunities as possible to support our great borough," said **Borough President Gibson**. "We know both applications cannot receive the award, so we will continue working with community residents and stakeholders to find ways to support them, and I will be applying again for two communities in 2025. I invite all Bronx residents to contact our office if you have capital projects that need support and could be eligible for future DRI funding."

Borough President Gibson acknowledged support from the elected and community officials who sent letters of support for these applications, including:

For Greater Morris Park: Congressman Ritchie Torres, State Senator Nathalia Fernandez, State Senator Gustavo Rivera, State Assemblymember Karines Reyes, State Assemblymember John Zaccaro Jr., State Assemblymember Michael Benedetto, City Council Majority Leader Amanda Farias, City Councilmember Kristy Marmorato, and Community Board 10 District Manager Matthew Cruz.

For the Harlem River Gateway District: Congressman Ritchie Torres, State Senator Jose Serrano, State Assemblymember Amanda Septimo, State Assemblymember Landon Dais, Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala, City Councilmember Rafael Salamanca, Jr., and Community Board 1 District Manager Anthony Jordan.

The winning DRI applications are expected to be announced in early 2025

Borough President Gibson’s Statement On DOHMH Data That Shows Citywide Decrease In Opioid-Related Deaths. *Opioid Deaths In The Bronx Remain High.* Opioid Fatalities Continue to Disproportionately Impact Black And Brown New Yorkers.

Borough President Gibson said, “The citywide data released by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is encouraging and highlights the tireless efforts of our healthcare professionals and community advocates on the front lines, diligently working to save lives. However, while we celebrate this progress, we must also recognize that Bronx residents remain disproportionately impacted by this epidemic.” The BP proudly announced a \$6 million capital investment in the Lincoln Opioid Recovery and Bridge Clinic at Lincoln Hospital, which focuses on providing patient-centered care to individuals struggling with opioid abuse. Borough President Gibson mentioned she will soon announce Narcan training sessions in partnership with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, equipping Bronxites with the tools to potentially save lives and support our efforts to combat the opioid epidemic. She will also continue to advocate for The Bronx to get an equitable share of the Opioid Settlement Fund so we can reinvest in our communities that have been adversely affected by this epidemic. By further prioritizing harm reduction strategies and holistic care services, Bronxites will receive the care they deserve to overcome addiction and lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

Borough President Gibson Calls For Expanded Tree Canopy Coverage In Community Boards 1-6. Declares Extreme Heat During The Summer A Public Health & Safety Issue

September 19, 2024, **Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson** joined Senior Environmental Protection and Community Relations Manager at WM, Jay Kaplan; Natural Areas Conservancy Executive Director, Sarah Charlop-Powers, President of Bronx Council for Environmental Quality President, Robert Fanuzzi, Ph.D.; Co-Founder of South Bronx Unite, Mychal Johnson; President of Friends of Pelham Bay Park, and Founder of Loving the Bronx, Nilka Martell; and

others south of 98 Lincoln Avenue on the Bronx Waterfront in the Mott Haven section to call for action to be taken to address tree canopy coverage disparities in Community Boards 1-6 that contributes to extreme heat conditions that threaten the health and safety of elderly residents and Black New Yorkers. “Despite being the greenest borough, the distribution of trees and greenspaces is not equitable and is disproportionately affecting our most vulnerable residents,” said **Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson**. “Today’s presser is a call to action and attention to address these disparities, which contribute to poor air quality in the South Bronx, and extreme heat, further exacerbating pre-existing health conditions that can lead to heat-related illness or heat-related mortality. We are grateful to have advocates, colleagues in government, and private partners who care about these issues and are committed to working with us to protect the health of our residents and families. According to a report on heat related mortality released by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in June, about 350 heat-related deaths occur in our city each year. Mortality records from New York and other cities across the country have shown that heat kills along age, socioeconomic, and racial lines. Black New Yorkers and older adults are more likely than other New Yorkers to die from heat – both directly and due to exacerbating underlying medical conditions. High levels of heat affecting the Bronx have numerous causes, including the heat island effect, which causes urban areas to have higher levels of heat than outlying rural areas. One of the prevailing factors contributing to the heat island effect is a lack of vegetation. Additionally, an insufficient number of trees and other green space has other effects, including elevated levels of air pollution and increased sewer system overflows during heavy rain events. Mott Haven has 14% tree canopy coverage, and Hunts Point is even lower at 8%, two of the lowest coverage rates of any neighborhoods in the city. With these communities also experiencing high rates of health disparities, we must see immediate change to improve the health and safety of those who live here. At the press conference, the Borough President and advocates called this issue a threat to public health and safety and are demanding additional action to be taken by the city and private entities to address these disparities. Along with calling for a 1% investment in the FY 2026 city budget towards city parks with a focus on neighborhoods with less tree canopy coverage, Borough President Gibson is calling for our private partners to also join with us to invest in initiatives that support existing green spaces or the establishment of new trees and/or parks in neighborhoods with significant need.

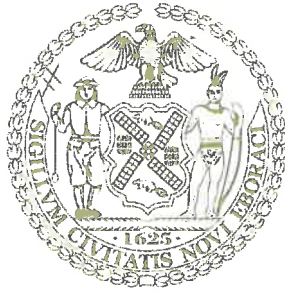
Upcoming Events

Event Name:

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Updates from City Hall & Community:

● **CM Introductions:**

- **(Prime) Int 1075-2024** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring borough presidents to provide training on legislative processes and rules of parliamentary procedure to local entities.
- **(Co-prime) Int 1076-2024** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to requiring the inclusion of businesses owned by persons of Middle Eastern and North African descent in future disparity studies.

● **CM Bill Passages:**

- **(Sponsor) Int 0956-2024** - A Local Law to amend the New York city building code, in relation to the display of artwork on temporary protective structures on construction sites
- **(Sponsor) Int 0891-2024** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to information about the maternal mortality and morbidity review committee
- **(Sponsor) Int 0892-2024** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to written lactation room accommodation policies
- **(Sponsor) Int 0912-2024** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of health and mental hygiene to develop and distribute parenting resource materials to parents and guardians of newborn children
- **(Sponsor) Int 0801-2024** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring an agency to provide an explanation of a denial of approval of a subcontractor

- **(Co-Prime) Int 0802-2024** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing guidelines for insurance requirements for food procurement vendors
- **(Sponsor) Int 0803-2024** - A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to requiring the procurement policy board to promulgate rules relating to protests of procurement actions
- **(Sponsor) Res 0293-2024** - Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, S.2898A/A.4017A, the Chisholm Chance Act, which would establish a plan to address the severe maternal morbidity crisis in Brooklyn and the Bronx.
- **(Sponsor) Int 0733-2024** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the New York city department of education to report information on career and technical education programs in New York city public schools
- **(Sponsor) Int 0468-2024** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the department of transportation posting information on traffic-control device and speed reducer requests on its website
- **(Sponsor) Int 0991-2024** - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to licensing hotels
- **(Sponsor) Res 0193-2024** - Resolution designating October as Youth Empowerment Month annually in the City of New York to recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the successes of young people and their contributions to school and community life.
- **(Sponsor) Res 0508-2024** - Resolution designating October 10 annually as Casey Benjamin Day in the City of New York and celebrating the genius of his music and his unique contributions to a variety of music genres.
- **(Sponsor) Res 0518-2024** - Resolution declaring October as Jamaican Heritage Month in New York City.
- **Street Co-Naming Deadline Tuesday, November 12th** (*Individual must have been deceased for at least three years, have been a prominent figure, and must include a biography*).

Upcoming events:

November:

- **Thanksgiving Distribution** | Friday, November 22nd, 4-7:00 PM at our District Office
- **Thanksgiving Distribution** | Saturday, November 23rd, 1:00 PM at Sonia Sotomayor Community Center
- **Thanksgiving Distribution** | Monday, November 25th, 11:30AM-1:30 PM at St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church

- **Health Bucks Giveaway** | Wednesday, November 27th, 8:00AM-10:00AM at Parkchester GreenMarket

Office Offerings:

- Family Law Clinic - December 2nd & December 9th (12 Slots Left)
- Every Wednesday FREE Immigration Legal Services are offered by CUNY Citizenship Now!

***** Appointments required. To reserve an appointment, call our office at 718-792-1140.**

Past Events:

- **October:**
 - *Halloween Movie Night - October 11th at PO Serrano Park.*
 - *Speaker Adam's Real Estate Planning Clinic - October 15th*
 - *New York City Hall Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration - October 9th at City Hall Council Chambers.*
 - *Street Co-Naming for "Father of the Zombie Movie" George Romero - October 12th at Metropolitan Oval*
 - *Annual Fall Festival - October 19th at Soundview Park.*
- **November**
 - *Health Bucks Giveaway at the Parkchester GreenMarket - November 1st.*
 - *Ferry Discount Program sign-up event | Wednesday, November 6th, 3 – 6 PM at the Soundview landing*
 - *Participatory Budgeting Idea Collection | Wednesday, November 6th, 6 - 7:30 PM at Hugh Grant Circle*
 - *Participatory Budgeting Idea Collection | Thursday, November 7th, 9 - 11:00 AM at Westchester Square and East Tremont Train Station*
 - *Thanksgiving Distribution | Tuesday, November 12th, 10-12:00 PM at Soundview Phipps Community Center*
 - *Participatory Budgeting Idea Collection | Thursday, November 14th, 8 - 1:00 AM at Soundview Ferry*
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Participatory Budgeting:

As a reminder, we are still collecting and taking ideas for Participatory Budgeting. Participatory Budgeting allows the community to provide a direct impact on our capital budgeting process. Currently, we are asking residents how to spend \$1 million in capital funding, geared toward improving our community spaces. The idea map will continue to collect ideas until the end of January.

We are conducting in-person idea collection across the district. Be on the lookout for upcoming emails containing the date and time of these sessions. If you want to volunteer as a budget delegate please call our office.

We encourage you all to participate!

Project Eligibility Requirements:

- **Submit your Ideas here:** <https://rnd.council.nyc.gov/ideamap/>
- Eligible Projects Must Satisfy the Following Requirements:
 - Cost at least \$50,000
 - No more than \$1 million
 - Have a lifespan of at least 5 years**
 - Involve construction, reconstruction, or installation

Cycle 14-Participatory Budgeting Timeline:

- November:
 - Agency Info Sessions Date November 12th
- December:
 - December 1st Preliminary Project Proposal Submission
- January:
 - Agencies Provide Feedback on Project Proposals by Wednesday, January 8th
 - Final Project Proposal Submission by Wednesday, January 22nd (Last Day for Idea Collection)

- February:
 - Agencies Provide Feedback on Final Project Proposals by Wednesday, February 12th
 - Final Ballot submission Language to NYC Council by Wednesday, February 26th
- March:
 - Vote Week will be nine continuous days between March 29, 2025- April 6, 2025.

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Meeting Notes

NOTE: Please make sure the latest community board MEMO and meeting notes are at the top of this Document

Presenter:	•
Topic:	•
Special Guests:	•
Notes:	•
Community Concerns:	•
Questions:	•
Office Follow-up:	•

NYS Senator Fernandez Elected Officials Report:

I. Community/Office Events

A. Workshops/Townhalls:

1. Homeowners Workshop- date coming soon
2. Funding Forum: In early January
 - a) Our office will actively take funding requests during this event and partner with other offices to host this

II. Key Community Announcements:

A. The Regular Home Energy Assistance Benefit Program opened on November 1st.

1. To be eligible, applicants must be U.S. citizens or qualified noncitizen, receive either SNAP, Cash Assistance or SSI, or have a monthly gross income below the current income guidelines for your household size
2. If eligible, applicants will receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year and are also eligible for emergency HEAP if at risk for a utility shut off or running out of fuel.

B. Summer EBT Benefits:

1. Take action now to make the most of your Summer EBT benefits! If you've received Summer EBT benefits this year, it's important to know that the first round of benefits is set to expire on November 28th. Your benefit expiration date is based on the specific date your child's benefits were issued. Be sure to use the remaining funds before they disappear! Benefits do not roll over into the next year, so don't miss out on the assistance available to you.

C. Hunts Point Social Security Office is moving to their new location at 460 Willis Avenue in Mott Haven starting on November 18th. The office will be serving zip code 10454. Their last day at the Hunts Point location is November 14th.

D. FEMA: FEMA has opened the application window for the third round of Flood Mitigation Assistance Swift Current funding to make \$660 million in funding available to National Flood Insurance Program policyholders across the nation to improve flood resilience. **The last eligible disaster declaration date is May 31, 2025. Applications are being reviewed on a rolling basis. Please reach out**

to NYS DHSES for more information about how to pursue this funding in New York.

E. New York's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) renewed funding:

1. Expansion in funding for the affordable child care program New York's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
2. Eligible families can use CCAP to pay for part or all of their child care costs, including after school care. Families in New York City are able to conveniently apply for CCAP via the MyCity application.
3. [How to Apply for the NYS Child Care Assistance Program using the MyCity digital portal \(NYC residents\)](#) VIDEO
4. Toll-free parent referral line staffed with parent counselors who are ready to assist families locate child care that's suited to their needs. The parent referral line can be reached at **1-888-469-5999**.
5. Information about the Consortium can be found on their website at <https://nyccrr.org/> . Parents can also search for licensed child care providers, including school-age child care (SACC) programs, in their area on the OCFS website at <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/looking/ccfs-search.php> or on the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) website at <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/ChildCare/search.action> . Additionally, general information on CCAP is available on the Office of Children and Family Services website by visiting <https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/ccap/> .

F. NYCHA portal for Rental Arrears

1. Applications will be available on the NYCHA Self Service Portal starting on Thursday, October 17th, 2024 and the application will only be available to households they deem as eligible, based on their data.
2. Assistance programs will cover rental arrears from March 2020 to May 2023, and will cover a total of 18 months.
3. Encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible, and availability is based on program funding.

G. NYC Heating Law

1. Heat season is from October 1 to May 31. Building owners must maintain an indoor temperature of at least 68 degrees between 6-10 AM when it is below 55 degrees. From 10 PM-6 AM, indoor temperature must be at least 62 degrees, regardless of outside temperature.
2. If this is not the case, please reach out to 311 to file complaints and HPD will visit the apartment and issue a violation to the landlord. Remember to document your 311 service request number.

H. **SNAP skimming replacement deadline** has been extended to **December 20, 2024**. DSS will continue to consider claims as long as the theft occurred on or before December 20th and was filed 30 days after it was discovered.

I. **NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services**

1. Released their monthly exam schedule for civil service jobs. All dates are tentative and are subject to change. Please inquire with the agency to secure a waiver for the application fee.
2. <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/how-can-you-find-upcoming-exams.page>



**NEW YORK STATE SENATOR
JOSÉ M. SERRANO**



OFF-SITE CONSTITUENT HOURS IN THE BRONX

Horas para los constituyentes en el Bronx

High Bridge Library



**Monday,
November 25th**
lunes 25 de noviembre
3pm-6pm



78 W 168th St.
(between Woodycrest
and Shakespeare Aves.)
Bronx, NY 10452

Stop by our off-site constituent service hours to share any questions or concerns with a member of our constituent affairs team. We're here to assist!

**For more information, please contact Senator Serrano's
office at (212) 828-5829**

**Pase por nuestras horas para los constituyentes fuera de nuestra oficina para
compartir cualquier pregunta o preocupación con un miembro de nuestro equipo
para asuntos relacionados con los constituyentes. ¡Estamos aquí para ayudarle!**

**Para más información, favor de contactar con la Oficina del
Senador Serrano al 212-828-5829**

Community Board 9
November 21st, 2024
Shop Rite

Good evening, Community Board 9!

1. The congresswoman is back in DC this week ahead of a very busy end of the year. The next shutdown deadline is December 20th. We encourage you to sign up for our newsletter to stay informed on any legislative issues impacting NY-14.
2. The initial Medicare enrollment period is now open and will close on December 7th, so please be sure to double check your plans. You can join, switch, or drop a plan. Your coverage will begin on January 1 (as long as the plan gets your request by December 7).
3. If you or anyone you know has a pending immigration case, you can check the status of your case online at **egov.uscis.gov** and contact our office with any delays or expedite requests.
 - a. As a reminder, our office is here to help you with any issue pending before a federal agency. You can give us a call at 718-662-5970. Our Hunts Point flagship office is open on Mondays through Thursdays from 9am-5pm and is located at 1231 Lafayette Ave, Suite L-610, Bronx, NY 10472.

Thank you, and have a good evening.



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Dear Bronxites,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in my office's new **Bronx C.A.M.S.** (Bronx Community Assisted Mapping System) initiative, whose goal is to improve public safety in the Bronx by learning about cameras in our community.

Regularly, I hear from community members like you about how residential and commercial surveillance camera footage has helped prove the commission of a crime or someone's innocence. This critical evidence is necessary to my office's effort to pursue justice with integrity and I need your help learning more about these privately owned cameras.

Participation in this program is completely voluntarily and easy. If you are the owner of a security camera, simply fill out the included Bronx C.A.M.S. form and return it to my office. With this information, we can create a confidential map –that will never be released to the public – of camera locations around the Bronx and information on how to retrieve the footage. When a crime is committed and the footage is useful to law enforcement, members of my office will contact you or your designee to view and request a copy.

Your completed form can be submitted in one of the following ways:

By email: bronxcams@bronxda.nyc.gov

Thank you for your continued partnership and efforts to help keep our community safe.



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We are excited to announce two remarkable initiatives that reflect our commitment to giving back to the community and fostering inclusivity. We invite everyone to participate in these charitable efforts:

Canned Food Drive for Transgender Awareness Week:

In honor of Transgender Awareness Week, we have organized a canned food drive to support those in need. All donated items will be delivered to Destination Tomorrow, a grassroots agency that is the LGBTQ+ center of the Bronx. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, will help ensure everyone in our community has access to nutritious meals this holiday season.

Coat Drive for New York Cares:

Winter is fast approaching, and we want to do our part in keeping the less fortunate warm. Join us in our coat drive as we collect gently used coats to donate to New York Cares. By giving the gift of warmth, you can help those in our community stay cozy during the colder months.

The donation bin is located in the lobby of 198 East 161st Street.

Thank you for your generosity and for embodying our commitment to compassion and community involvement.



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Bronx District Attorney's Office Court Tour

This tour aims to provide participants with a basic understanding of the criminal justice system. The Bronx District Attorney's Office Court Tour has three essential parts. The Detective Squad Complaint Room and Arraignments.

Detective Squad

Participants gain a unique understanding of how Law Enforcement Officers use skills and technology to catch criminals. Bonus: These Detectives are funny and personable, humanizing all officers.

Complaint Room

Participants are given a walkthrough of where the Assistant District Attorneys are initially presented with the cases and the victims.

Arraignments

Participants can understand how the court process works, and how each side (the people and the defendant) is represented, If Sgt. Tirado is not there, and then the ADA can take the students to the 2nd floor and explain the court process from arrest to trial, then let the court officers on the 2nd floor know that you have a tour. They will advise you to go into either AR1 or AR2, depending on space availability, if the tour is running late, you should only stay for one case.

Note:

There will be no use of cellphones or cameras in the courtroom

Please try not to give your opinion of controversial cases (try to divert from these discussions), and of course, do not discuss any ongoing cases. You can refer them to Public Information or Community Engagement if they have any questions (I know you know this, but I still have to say it ☐).

Schedule your group for a Court Tour email: BlondetT@bronxda.nyc.gov.



DONATE COATS HERE

The Bronx District Attorney's Office is accepting coat donations of gently used coats to donate to

New York Cares Coat Drive.

DROP OFF LOCATION:

198 E 161 St, Bronx, NY 10451

The 198 Building Lobby

No Rips, tears, or damages please.

ACCEPTING COATS UNTIL:
Friday, December 6, 2024.

36th Annual New York Cares Coat Drive



newyorkcare.org/coats

TRANS AWARENESS NOVEMBER 13-19 WEEK

The BXDA Office is collecting food for a Thanksgiving Giveaway, in partnership with Destination Tomorrow.



Please donate canned & non-perishable foods.

Drop off donations until Friday, November 22, 2024
at 198 E 161 St, Bronx, NY 10451
(The198 Building Lobby).



DESTINATION TOMORROW
BX, ATL, DC LGBTQ CENTERS





BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 9



BRONX RIVER • CASTLE HILL • CLASON POINT • HARDING PARK • PARKCHESTER • PARK STRATTON • SOUNDVIEW/BRUCKNER & UNIONPORT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<p><u>NYCHA & Housing Committee</u> 3:00PM</p> <p><u>Social Services Committee</u> 6:30pm</p> <p>Bronx CB9 Office 1967 Turnbull Ave. Suite 201 Bronx, NY 10473</p>	<p><u>Public Safety & Transportation Committee</u> 7:00pm</p> <p>Bronx CB9 Office 1967 Turnbull Ave. Suite 201 Bronx, NY 10473</p>	<p><u>Youth & Education Committee</u> 7:00pm</p> <p>Bronx CB9 Office 1967 Turnbull Ave. Suite 201 Bronx, NY 10473</p>	<p><u>General Board</u> 6:30pm</p> <p>La Princesa del Rodeo 1494 A Westchester Ave Bronx, NY 10472</p>	<p><u>Seniors Connected</u> 10:00am</p> <p>ShopRite Community Room 2~Floor 1994 Bruckner Blvd. Bronx, NY 10473</p>	
	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<p><u>Land/Zoning & Planning Committee</u> 7:00pm</p> <p>Bronx CB9 Office 1967 Turnbull Ave. Suite 201 Bronx, NY 10473</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation Committee</u> 7:00pm</p> <p>Bronx CB9 Office 1967 Turnbull Ave. Suite 201 Bronx, NY 10473</p>				
	16	17	18	19	20	21
		<p><u>Executive Committee</u> 7:00pm</p> <p>Bronx CB9 Office 1967 Turnbull Ave. Suite 201 Bronx, NY 10473</p>				
22	23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28
		12/31: New Years!				

DECEMBER 2024