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COMMUNITY BOARD 7

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PURPOSE OF CB7

Bronx Community Board 7 is committed to improving the quality of life for all of our residents. Our board has eleven different committees and one ad hoc committee addressing the ongoing concerns and needs of our community. CB7 consists of dedicated volunteers who were elected by our Bronx Borough President, Ruben Diaz, Jr.

Our monthly General Board Meetings are held every third Tuesday from September to June.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Bronx Community Board 7 has been working collaboratively with our Bronx Borough President, Ruben Diaz, Jr., community residents, organizations, institutions, businesses and elected officials with all our 11 Committee Chairs and Board members to assure that we advocate for what is best for our community as a whole. This newsletter is a brief outline of what we have worked on this past year, as we strive for an improved quality of life for our neighborhoods we have volunteered to serve, with our dedication and commitment. It is our desire that all our neighbors will continue to attend our committee and General Board Meetings of Community Board 7, as this is where we advocate and share our expertise together so that your voice can be heard.



Budget / Personnel & Ethics



Year after year, the Committee carries various responsibilities, which include:

- Preparation of the future annual Fiscal Year Budget.
- Addresses Board Members attendance issues.
- Works closely with the Board's treasurer to ensure compliance with the Board's budget.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND LONG TERM PLANNING

The Community Relations / Long Term Planning Committee compiled a list of long term goals from each committee. These include:



- **Parks and Recreation:** Development of the Harlem Waterfront; Regatta Park.
- **Economic Development:** Development of neighborhoods & stronger partnerships with institutions.
- **Traffic & Transportation:** Creation of three new bus Routes, and more shelters and benches to bus stops as needed.
- **Education Committee:** Access to affordable/free enrichment programs for students & continuing education for teens/adults.
- **Health & Hospitals:** Links on CB7 website regarding local health concerns & resources & support community outreach vans.
- **Housing & Land Use:** More Commercial areas, Merchant Associations & Chambers of Commerce.
- **Public Safety:** Education on the 311 process with our precinct & board. To bring awareness on Synthetic Marijuana.
- **Environment & Sanitation:** An animal shelter, to help animals and caregivers, leading to jobs and other training programs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



During the 2014-2015 year, there have been several accomplishments by the Economic Development, some of which include:

- Collaboration with the Mosholu Preservation Corporation.
- Review and recommendations for NYC Budget Priorities for FY 2016.
- Public Meeting about progress on development of the Kingsbridge Armory.
- Letter of support for Kingsbridge Business Merchants Association for the June 20th Festival.

EDUCATION / LIBRARIES AND YOUTH SERVICES



The Committee has done many things for our community, these include:

- Gave out \$750 Yankee Stipends to top 5 Youth Community Service Volunteers.
- Worked collaboratively with Public Safety, and Health & Hospitals Committee for the First K2 Forum.
- Planning the Youth and Law Enforcement Forum for the Fall.
- Supported the Rosalyn Yallow Charter School.
- Shared Library, Cultural Events and NYC links with the Community.
- Met with community local artists to share opportunities for grants.

ENVIRONMENT AND SANITATION



The Committee partnered with various organizations to get a notification bill passed by the City Council for parents to be notified within a week if a toxic contaminant is found in a NYC School

- Monitored remediation of The Bronx New School (PS 51) at 3200 Jerome Avenue.
- Helped organize the First Dog Community Event held at the St. James Recreation Center on May 30th, where “Clean up after your dog” signs as well as Dog Waste Bag Dispensers were given out.
- The Sanitation & Environment Committee continues advocacy for animal health and safety and an animal shelter with 24-hour access to Veterinarians for emergencies.

HEALTH AND HOSPITALS



The Committee evaluates programs and promotes health and awareness in the community. The Committee has collaborated with the Public Safety, as well as the Education Committee to plan a K2 forum to educate the community on the dangers of synthetic Marijuana. The Committee advocated for the reopening of the Labor & Delivery Unit at the North Central Bronx Hospitals

- The Health & Hospitals Committee reviews and plans nutrition and wellness programs in the Community Board 7 area.
- The Committee continues to advocate for improved patient care and continues to monitor staffing concerns in the healthcare systems.

HOUSING / LAND USE AND ZONING

Several developments throughout the District have gone through the Housing / Land Use & Zoning Committee. These include:

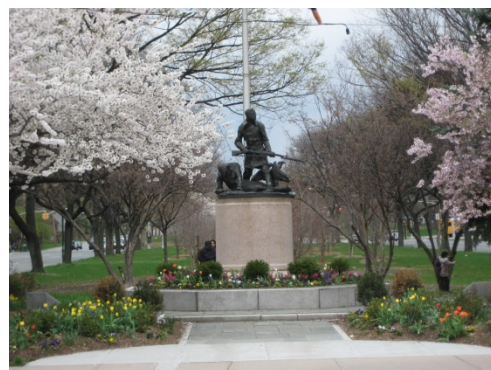
- The opening of “The Bedford Manor”, a STAGG Development Project.
- Two additional properties are being developed by STAGG on Van Cortlandt Avenue East and Webster Avenue.
- Dollar Bank Project on Fordham is being redeveloped for 2 commercial properties; Ashley Furniture being one, along with a restaurant on the ground floor space. Bronx Community College will occupy the Tower area.
- Praxis housing will erect a 66-Unit supportive housing at 2264-2274 Loring Place.
- Post Graduate Center for Mental Health is building a 99-unit project at 2681-2691 Marion Avenue on 195th Street.



PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks & Recreation committee has positively impacted the community by executing the following:

- Approved plans to convert 3 tennis courts to a soccer area, at St. James Park.
- Approved plans for rehabilitation of Whalen Park with a toddler area & passive recreation area.
- Sponsored the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- Worked with the Parks' Dept. to locate sites for “No Barbecuing” signs.
- Located sites with Parks' Dept. for replacement benches along Mosholu Parkway for this summer.
- Met with Parks', DOT, and DEP regarding vacant lot on Oliver Place with hopes to transform it into a type of park.
- Working with the community, Four Bronx Institutions & other interested stake holders to develop a rehabilitation plan for Mosholu Parkway.



PUBLIC SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE

Some of the many accomplishments carried out by the Public Safety and Quality of Life Committee of Community Board 7 include the following:

- Fully participated in the planning and organizing of the Synthetic Marijuana Forum.
- Successfully address with the assistance of the 52nd Precinct and local city officials numerous neighborhood complaints especially excessive noise coming from restaurants and apartment buildings.
- Work with tenants and other community stakeholders to successfully address building complaints.
- Develop a comprehensive list of strategic goals for Public Safety and Quality of Life to focus in the short and long term planning.



SENIOR SERVICES



The Senior Services Committee has tirelessly worked to benefit the elderly community residents and has accomplished the following:

- Presentation on Alzheimer's.
- Discussed Future Senior Housing.
- Presentation on Elder Abuse.
- Presentation on Health Care Insurance.
- Presentation on Shelter Services for Seniors and the support services needed to accompany any action recommended.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION



Several accomplishments by the Traffic & Transportation Committee include:

- Elevator at the "D" Kingsbridge Subway Station.
- Left-hand traffic light at Bedford Park Boulevard and Webster Avenue.
- Street Co-naming "Margaret J. Mack Triangle".
- Street Co-naming "Bronx Science Boulevard".

VETERANS



The Veterans Committee of Bronx Community Board #7 will develop new partnerships to improve the quality of life for veterans and their families. We want veterans to know that they now have a new voice within Community Board #7.

March 15, 2015, the Veterans Ad-Hoc Committee was voted into existence by the Board.

May 19, 2015, The Veterans Committee was voted in by the Board, as a full standing committee.

June 19, 2015 The Veterans Committee will participate in the upcoming CB7 Veterans & Community Job-Career Fair at the Bronx Library Center.

The Veterans Committee will focus on the following:

- Informing the people on Public Policy & Advocacy.
- To Partner with Veteran Service Providers; nonprofit /for profit organizations; governmental service providers on city, state and federal levels.
- Establishing links with local and national veteran organizations to foster housing and home ownership .
- Notification of employment and small business opportunities.
- Share links of social and legal referral services.
- Awareness of issues unique to Female Veterans.

BRONX WEEK



NETWORKING EVENTS



NORTH CENTRAL BRONX HOSPITAL LABOR & DELIVERY



K2 FORUM



DOG DAY GIVEAWAY



TRIBUTE TO MARGARET MACK





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Our Community is Aware that Bronx Community Board 7 Cares

"This Newsletter Is A Tribute To Our Committee Chairs And Board Members Who Have Volunteered Their Precious Time And Expertise For The Betterment Of Our Community. We Also Acknowledge The Ongoing Support Of Our Dedicated Bronx Borough President, Ruben Diaz Jr"
- **Adaline Walker Santiago, Chair**

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Chairperson: Adaline Walker Santiago
First Vice Chair: Barbara Stronczer
Second Vice Chair: Nora Feury
Third Vice Chair: Andrew Laiosa
Treasurer: Jean Hill
Secretary: Lowell Green

PERSONNEL

District Manager: Dustin Engelken
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Associate: Londy Ramirez

WEBSITE, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND MEDIA (WAM) AD HOC COMMITTEE

To Keep our community abreast of what Community Board #7 is doing, while recognizing those who participated in the betterment of our community, WAM created this newsletter for your information on what CB7 does for our community.