



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 6**

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Honorable Ruben Diaz Jr., Bronx Borough President

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BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #6

Uniform Land Use Review Public Hearing Minutes of Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Members Present:

Cornell Brown, Milagros Cancel, Evonne Capers, Sadija Cekovic, Nelson Chimilio, Margarita Espinosa, Frank Franz, Maria Garcia, Lanell Gardenhire, Julisa Hamilton, Audrey Harden, Laura James, Maria Latimer, Assana Lloyd, Matthew Martinez, Floretta O'Brien, Reggie Powell, Paul Ramirez, Carmen Rivera, Krystine Rivera, Lisa Sanchez, Gil Simmons, Lillie Steed, and Jacquetta Whaley.

Members Absent:

Clarita Bailon, Virginia Bird, Nicole Carter, Diana Diaz, Maria Garcia, Francine Miller, Michael Nelson, Rev. Marilyn Oliver, Jorge Ortiz, Rosa Peraza, Rev. Hiriam Ratliff, Helga Robles, Wendy Rodriguez, Maria Ruiz Gutierrez and Noorjahan Wells.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Uniform Land Use Review Public Hearing of January 19, 2021 of Bronx Community Board #6 was held via Zoom Audio and Video Conference meeting ID 999 9383 7408 and was called to order at approximately by 6:40 PM by Chairperson Evonne Capers.

II. INVOCATION

The public hearing's invocation was delivered by Board Member Jacquetta Whaley.

III. UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on Uniform Land Use Review Procedure applications #210027ZMX and #210028ZRX. The applications, if approved by all relevant authorities, will rezone Bronx Block 3077, Lots 29, 31, 33, p/o 34, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58 ("Rezoning Area 1") from R6 and R6/C2-4 zoning districts to

a C6-1 zoning district and to rezone Bronx Block 3077, Lots p/o 4, p/o 6 (“Rezoning Area 2”) from an R6 zoning district to an R6/C1-4 zoning district. It also include a Zoning Text Amendment to Appendix F: Inclusionary Housing Designated Areas and Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (“MIH”) Areas for Community District 6, Bronx to establish Rezoning Area 1 as an MIH Area (Option 2 and the Workforce Option).

Individuals who asked to testify the community board as part of the public hearing’s testimony period included:

Jose A. Padilla, Jr.

Mr. Padilla requested that a moratorium be issued due to the COVID-19 pandemic by Bronx Borough President Diaz Jr. and Mayor de Blasio concerning virtual public hearings. Mr. Padilla believes that holding virtually public hearings isn’t the adequate way to conduct business because of the lack of community outreach and engagement to obtain community input for the Arthur Avenue Hotel Rezoning project. Mr. Padilla is also concerned that the development of the Arthur Avenue Hotel Rezoning project maybe a political agreement because of the past objections to similar development projects in the area. He requested that the public hearing for this project be held at a later time in a public forum setting.

Gabriel Florimon

Mr. Florimon suggested that all amenities that are provided to the guests and residents of the development be available to the public.

IV. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

A roll call attendance was taken confirming the presence of a quorum with the presence of twenty-four (24) members.

V. ADOPTION OF MOTIONS

1. A motion to approve Uniform Land Use Review Procedure applications 210027ZMX and 210028ZRX and issue a letter of support to the New York City Department of City Planning for the Arthur Avenue Hotel Rezoning on East 188th Street, Arthur Avenue and Hughes Avenue was made by Mr. Matthew Martinez, seconded by Mr. Frank Franz, and adopted by a vote of seventeen in favor, zero opposed and six abstention. *(Please note that Board Member, Margarita Espinosa, was not present during this vote.)*

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, the Uniform Land Use Review Public Hearing of January 19, 2021 of Bronx Community Board #6 was adjourned at approximately 7:13 PM pursuant to a motion made by Ms. Carmen Rivera, second by Ms. Assana Lloyd, and unanimously adopted by acclamation (twenty-three in favor, zero opposed and zero abstention).

Respectfully submitted:

**Carla Leon
Community Associate**

*Vacant,
City Council Member, 15th Council District*

*Honorable Rafael Salamanca Jr.,
City Council Member, 17th Council District*

ATTENDANCE AND VOTING RECORDING FOR BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #6 PUBLIC HEARING OF JANUARY 19, 2021

NAME	ATTENDANCE	ARTHUR AVENUE HOTEL PROJECT	ADJOURNMENT
Clarita Bailon			
Virginia Bird			
Cornell Brown	Present	Yes	Yes
Milagros Cancel	Present	Yes	Yes
Evonne Capers	Present	Yes	Yes
Nicole Carter			
Sadija Cekovic	Present	Yes	Yes
Nelson Chimilio	Present	Yes	Yes
Diana Diaz			
Margarita Espinosa	Present		
Frank Franz	Present	Yes	Yes
Maria Garcia	Present	Yes	Yes
Lanell Gardenhire	Present	Yes	Yes
Julisa Hamilton	Present	Abstain	Yes
Audrey Harden	Present	Yes	Yes
Laura James	Present	Abstain	Yes
Maria Latimer	Present	Yes	Yes
Assana Lloyd	Present	Abstain	Yes
Matthew Martinez	Present	Yes	Yes
Francine Miller			
Michael Nelson			
Floretta O'Brien	Present	Yes	Yes
Rev. Marilyn Oliver			
Jorge Ortiz			
Rosa Peraza			
Reggie Powell	Present	Abstain	Yes
Paul Ramirez	Present	Yes	Yes
Carmen Rivera	Present	Yes	Yes
Kristine Rivera	Present	Yes	Yes
Rev. Hiram Ratliff			
Helga Robles			
Wendy Rodriguez			
Maria Ruiz Gutierrez			
Lisa Sanchez	Present	Yes	Yes
Divine Sikanku			
Gil Simmons	Present	Yes	Yes
Lillie Steed	Present	Abstain	Yes
Noorjahan Wells			
Jacquetta Whaley	Present	Abstain	Yes