



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

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Board Chairperson

RAFAEL MOURE-PUNNETT
District Manager

Meeting Minutes of Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Members Present:

Angel Nunez-Garcia, Annette Wright, Brigette Brantley, Carol Robinson, Cornell Brown, Evonne Capers, Frank Franz, Gladys Sotomayor, Jessii Parham, Kristine Rivera, Lamont Parker, Laura James, Lisa Sanchez, Madgamary Marcano, Margarita Espinosa, Maria Latimer, Monique Williams, Nicole Carter, Paul Ramirez, Reggie Powell, Renee Reed

Members Absent:

Angelina Zervos, Carmen Rivera, Clarita Bailon, Francene Miller, Gail Irby, Gil Simmons, Isaac Bowen (Leave of Absence), Maria Garcia, Melissa Guzman, Michael Caraballo, Samsondeen Raheem

Elected Officials Representatives Present:

Jeffrey Peña, Office of Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark
Santiago Baena, Office of New York City Council Member Oswald Feliz
New York State Senator Luis Sepulveda
Christian Cardus, Office of New York State Senator Luis Sepulveda
Henessy Reyes, Office of New York State Senator Luis Sepulveda
Socrates Solano, Office of New York City Mayor Eric Adams
Jasmine Torreblanca, New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera
Karime Vergara, New York State Assemblymember Karines Reyes
Jack Shaevitz, New York State Assemblymember Yudelka Tapia
Raishiel Muniz, United States Congress Member Ritchie Torres

I. CALL TO ORDER

The April 10, 2024 meeting of Bronx Community Board #6 was held at Belmont Boulevard Apartments 780 East 185th Street, Bronx, New York 10460, and was called to order at approximately 6:39 PM by Board Chairperson Evonne Capers.

II. INVOCATION

The meeting's invocation was delivered by Board Member Lamont Parker.

III. COMMUNITY PERIOD

Individuals who addressed the community board as part of the meeting's Community Period included

Michael Pimentel, South Bronx Cares



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- Mr. Pimentel reported that community members submitted an application to designate a church built in 1871 as a historic landmark. He claims that without any prior notice nor discussion, scaffolding surrounded the site of the church and demolition permits were posted. He was concerned with a lack of transparency concerning the demolition of the building, which the community wanted to preserve, and that may align with the overlooked housing and land-use issues affecting Bronx Community Board 6. The organization works in neighborhoods represented by the same elected officials as Community Board 6 and will communicate with the proper committees about possible advocacy for shared issues.

Reneé Reed, Reneé and Friends NYC

- Reneé Reed provided an update on the planning process for two events being held in the district this summer. On July 20, 2024, there will be a job fair from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M. and on August 15, 2024, there will be a house music concert. The 48th Precinct is contributing their grill and will be cooking at the events. The events have one sponsor thus far. The PIP activation permits is complete to apply for funding from the city for the events.

Gail Nathan, Bronx River Art Center (BRAC)

- BRAC announced the upcoming opening exhibit on Saturday, April 13th, "NEVER WAIT! / ¡NUNCA ESPERES!" by Amezcua. The calendar of Spring 2024 Fine Arts and Media Classes for Youth and Adults is available. "Finally, It's Friday!" workshops will start on April 12th. Teen Project Studio +2.0 is a designed-based course for teens and young adults exploring careers in the creative industries and applications are still being accepted. The Teen Project Studio +2.0 program begins April 29th.

Bill Colona, Fordham University

- Community members are invited to attend the Hip-Hop Conference and resource fair at Fordham Plaza on Saturday, April 13th, organized by Fordham University students for the community.

V. ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

Santiago Baena, Office of New York City Council Member Oswald Feliz

The family brunch held at the Bronx Botanical Gardens honored educators in District 15 and had over 200 attendees. In celebration of Women's History Month, Council Member Feliz honored women in the district. A citation was presented to Board Member Maria Latimer, who was unable to attend the ceremony honoring women. The district office is available to assist constituents and offers help with housing, immigration, and tax preparation.

New York State Senator Luis Sepulveda



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The district office is available to assist tenants of Lambert Houses with complaints. There are about nine unresolved complaints, down from thirty-four unresolved complaints when first documented two years ago. Senator Sepulveda provided legislative updates. The following bills were sponsored by the Senator: S8685 Establishes a tax credit for rent paid on the personal residence of certain taxpayers; S8593 Provides excelsior scholarships for low-income law students; 2023-S8592 Includes the city of New York in the aid and incentives for municipalities program;

Socrates Solano, Office of New York City Mayor Eric Adams

The application to be part of Neighborhood Support Teams will close on Friday, April 12, 2024. To increase employment among job seekers, many City job opportunities have dropped the bachelor's degree requirement.

Jasmine Torreblanca, New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera

Appointments are available for the IDNYC Mobile Van, which will be parked at 2432 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10458 from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Monday (April 15), Tuesday (April 16), and Wednesday (April 17). Individuals can sign up for the newsletter by scanning the QR code on the flier provided.

Karime Vergara, New York State Assemblymember Karines Reyes

On Saturday April, 27, 2024, the Assemblymember will host a shredding event from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. at 1450 East Avenue, Bronx, New York 10462. Registration is required and there is a limit of three bags for shredding per person. In terms of legislative updates, the Assemblymember sponsored the following bills: A08947 Establishes the retail worker safety act requiring retail worker employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence; A05649 Provides internet access to all individuals residing in temporary housing; The district office is located at 1973 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, New York 10462. The office number is (718) 931-2620.

Jack Shaevitz, New York State Assemblymember Yudelka Tapia

Assemblymember Tapia is sponsoring a small business networking breakfast that will take place in two weeks, and a Mother's Day event on May 26, 2024 at Hostos Community College. In terms of legislative updates, the Assemblymember introduced the following bill: A06811 Relates to establishing a lithium-ion battery safety program. The district office has been working with tenant associations in the 86th Assembly District and facilitating referrals to nonprofits for housing assistance. The district office is located at 2175C Jerome Avenue, Bronx, New York 10453. The office number is (718) 933-6909.

Jeffrey Pena, Office of Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark

The 7th Annual Child Safety Fair will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024. From 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. at 1919 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, New York 10457. There will be activities like rock climbing, face painting, and a bouncy house for children.



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1. Representative Ritchie Torres founded the Congressional Clubhouse Caucus with which members of Congress can advocate for improved mental health care through clubhouses, a collection of supportive community centers for individuals with severe mental illness (SMI). Additionally, Congressman Torres announced \$18,171,279 in federal funding for community projects across New York's 15th Congressional District. The district office is located at 540 East Fordham Road, #2a, Bronx, NY 10458.

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Board Chairperson Evonne Capers reported the following information:

The bylaws amendment is included in the meeting packet and will be voted on in May. Members can ask questions at the time of the board's vote, or reach out to the District Manager before the May Meeting. The board will have elections for the executive committee and committee chairs in June. The Chairperson will announce a nominating committee in May. If board members are interested in serving on the nominating committee, let the Chairperson or our District Manager know. At last month's meeting, the board tabled a motion on removing member Clarita Bailon for failure to attend meetings. Clarita Bailon has since submitted a request for a leave of absence through June. Instead of approving the leave, the chairperson decided to bring this issue back to the board tonight for further discussion when the motion comes to a vote. The board is hosting a 5k Run/Walk for Diabetes Awareness on June 1st, and plans will be discussed at next week's Environment and Parks Committee meeting.

VII. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett reported the following information:

The New York Yankees have rolled out the annual Youth Leadership Award for 2024. The District Manager sent the fliers to high schools and youth programs in the district and asked teens to apply by April 15, 2024. The Youth and Education committee will review all applications next week. This year, new rules for outdoor dining in restaurants have taken effect. Outdoor dining structures can only operate after approval by DOT, with an advisory opinion from each community board. Bronx Community Board 6 will have to review all sidewalk and roadside dining in the district and advise DOT on our opinion. Any recommendations for denial will trigger a separate DOT public hearing. The board should determine which committee will review these licenses, or consider forming a Licensing committee to supplement or replace a current committee.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Magdamary Marcano reported the following information:

This month, the board spent \$1,918 on other than personal services and salaries.



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Total salaries expenditure reached \$17,831 and total spending was \$19,749. Remaining balance till June 30 \$120,245.39.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Nicole Carter, Economic Development Committee Chairperson

Ms. Carter reported to the board that the committee met on March 20th where they did not receive a presentation from the Bronx Night Market. Last week it opened for monthly events and DOT issued them a contract. The Bronx Night Market must meet with the Economic Development Committee to track progress. The People's Money will be voted on soon and more information will be issued soon.

Ms. Margarita Espinosa, Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson

Ms. Espinosa reported to the board that on March 20, the committee met to propose the 5k walk be held on June 1st at Walder Gladwin Park. The DM will distribute the proposed path for the 5k walk pending approval from the NYC park. The DM must apply for a permit if there was to be a DJ at the 5k event. The committee also discussed inviting other organizations to the 5k event. The Community Board held the 34th memorial service of the victims of the tragedy.

Ms. Kristine Rivera, Health and Human Services Committee Chairperson

Ms. Rivera reported to the board about their meeting on March 20th where there was further discussion with Phipps in attendance for sober living communities. They also spoke about the St. Barnabas Health and Wellness center where members 65+ and enrolled in medicare can attend these meetings free of charge. They will be doing a presentation on April 17th at the committee meeting. Renee and Friends had proposed two events on July 20th and August 15th and they will continue to meet with them to make the events a reality.

Mr. Frank Franz, Housing and Land-use Committee Chairperson

Mr. Franz reported that the committee is continuing to follow up on the Lambert house's situation. Moreover, the committee noted the committee is going to insist on spreading the amount of shelters in the city because the City wide statement of needs noted that there are many concentrated in this district and there are attempts to put more in this district. The Community Land Act are a series of 4 laws that are trying to get enacted in which there is a lack of information on their application so the board has resolved to request more information. The committee also is taking effort to monitor the shelter's performance within this district and the board is using the Freedom of Information act to get information but it came incomplete.



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Maria Latimer, Sanitation Committee Chairperson

Ms. Latimer discussed her committee meeting on March 21st, including continued reports that street sweepers are not using water. The committee has asked for a presentation on new container rules and is waiting for DSNY confirmation. The committee also requests an update on the pilot project using closed bins for waste storage, which began in Manhattan and is supposed to be implemented in other boroughs.

Mr. Lamont Parker, Disciplinary Committee Chairperson

Mr. Parker reported to the board that they will remind the two board members about attendance. A motion for Clarita Bailon will be on the agenda to discuss further details.

Lisa Sanchez, Transportation Committee Meeting Chairperson

Ms. Sanchez reported that on March 21st, the committee discussed a new date for a tour on Southern Boulevard and 187th st and Fordham road where they are taking data that will be evaluated. DOT proposes the tour will examine traffic issues that the board has reported and the official date is pending and the committee is awaiting confirmation. Fordham Plaza is still pending and there is no update for the board but the committee has requested a task force to address the Plaza's maintenance. The opening on the street near P.S. 51 will open the outdoor program in which the board supports the outdoor program. The board has proposed that the Q44 goes to 180th onto 3rd avenue as the streets there are wider. Finally, there is no update on East Tremont redesign but the design for West Farms has been approved by the city. The DM is proposing the full board meetings to be scheduled at the end of the month and the committee meetings to a week prior.

X. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

A roll call attendance was taken confirming the absence of a quorum with the presence of twenty-one (21) members.



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XI. ADOPTION OF MOTIONS

1. A motion to adopt the minutes of Bronx Community Board #6's board meeting and committee meetings in March was made by Lamont Parker, seconded by Nicole Carter, and adopted by a vote of twenty-one in favor, zero abstentions, and zero oppositions.

2. A motion to issue a letter to DOT outlining concerns with the PS51 open streets application for Garden Street between Crotona and Prospect Avenues was made by Lamont Parker, seconded by Lisa Sanchez, and adopted by a vote of twenty in favor, zero abstentions, and one opposition.

3. A motion to issue a response to the Department of City Planning Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Year 2025, recommending changes in the citywide shelter siting policy was made by Lamont Parker, seconded by Magdamary Marcano, and adopted by a vote of twenty-one in favor, zero abstentions, and zero oppositions.

4. A motion to issue a letter of support of VIP Community Services membership in the Social Care Network for the Bronx, as part of the NYS Health Equity Reform Initiative, pending approval from the Health and Human Services committee was made by Lamont Parker, seconded by Kristine Rivera, and adopted by a vote of twenty-one in favor, zero abstentions, and zero oppositions.

5. A motion to authorize payment for the 5K Run for Diabetes Awareness was made by Magdamary Marcano, seconded by Margarita Espinosa, and adopted by a vote of twenty-one in favor, zero abstentions, and zero oppositions.

6. A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Frank Franz, seconded by Cornell Brown, and adopted by a vote of twenty-one in favor, zero abstentions, and zero oppositions.

7. The Board entered executive session to discuss a board member's removal. A motion for their removal was made, seconded, and did not pass.

8. A motion for adjournment was made by a member, seconded, and adopted unanimously.



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MEMBERS LIST
EFFECTIVE FOR MEETING: APRIL 16, 2014

	NAME	1. A motion to adopt the minutes of Bronx Community Board 6's board meeting and committee meetings in March.		2. A motion to issue a letter to DOT ordering contractors with the PSDI open streets application for Garden Street between Corona and Prospect Avenues.		3. A motion to issue a response to the Department of City Planning's Statement of Needs for Fiscal Year 2015, recommending changes in the citywide sheltering policy.		4. A motion to issue a letter of support to VIPS (Veterans In Place Services) and the Health Equity Reform Initiative, pending approval from the Health and Human Services Committee.	
		1ST: <i>Present</i>	2ND: <i>Present</i>	1ST: <i>Present</i>	2ND: <i>Present</i>	1ST: <i>Present</i>	2ND: <i>Present</i>		
1	Angel Nunez-Garcia	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
2	Argelia Zetros	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
3	Ariette Wright	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
4	Biggie Brantley	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
5	Carmen Rivera	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
6	Carla Robinson	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
7	Carla Ballon	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
8	Correll Brown	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
9	Evonne Capers	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
10	Francine Miller	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
11	Frank Franz	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
12	Gail Ivy	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
13	Gil Simmons	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
14	Gladys Sotomayor	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
15	Isaac Bowen	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
16	Jessil Parham	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
17	Kristine Rivera	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
18	Lamont Parker	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
19	Laura James	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
20	Lisa Sanchez	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
21	Megdarmy Marciano	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
22	Margaria Estroza	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
23	Maria Garcia	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
24	Marla Latorre	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
25	Melissa Guzman	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
26	Michael Cardoallo	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
27	Nicholas Williams	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
28	Nicole Carter	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
29	Paul Ramirez	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
30	Reggie Powell	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
31	Renae Reed	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
32	Samsondeen Rabeem	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
	QUORUM: 17								
	TOTAL:	21							



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ATTORNEY AND VOTING PRECINCT
CLERK: JENNIFER M. HARRIS, 10/1/2014

	1. A motion to enter into Executive Session.		2. A motion to remove Gladys Balboa for failure to attend Community Street Party by Lower regarding attendance.		3. A motion to approve expenditures for the 6K Run in Village Stadium Park.		4. Other motions (if any).		Adjournment	
	1ST 2ND	YES NO -- ABSTAIN	1ST 2ND	YES NO -- ABSTAIN	1ST 2ND	YES NO -- ABSTAIN	1ST 2ND	YES NO -- ABSTAIN	1ST 2ND	YES NO -- ABSTAIN
Angel Nunez-Garcia		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Angelina Zervos		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Annette Wright		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Bigelite Branley		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Carmen Rivera		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Carol Robinson		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Charla Ballon		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Cornell Brown		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Evonne Capers		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Francine Miller		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Frank Franz		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Gail Iby		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Gil Simmons		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Gladys Solomonov		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Isaac Bowen		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Jessil Parham		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Kristine Rivera		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Lamont Parker		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Laura James		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Lisa Sanchez		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Magdalmary Marciano		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Margaria Espinosa		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Maria Garcia		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Maria Laitner		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Melissa Guzman		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Michael Caraballo		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Monique Williams		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Nicole Carter		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Paul Ramirez		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Raggle Powell		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Renee Reed		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
Samsondeen Raheem		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
QUORUM: 17		YES		YES		YES		YES		YES
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