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**Housing and Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 20, 2018  
Frank Franz, Committee Chairperson**

The Housing and Land-Use Committee met on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at the Bronx Community Board #6's district office located at 1932 Arthur Avenue, Bronx, New York 10457. The following members were present: Jannie Armstrong, Evonne Capers, Claudette Coles, Clarita Bailon, Maria Garcia and Sara Nunez-Mejia.

Daisy Rodriguez, Director of Government and Community Affairs for the Wildlife Conservation Society, presented on the Bronx Zoo's proposed construction of an electrical substation. The project site is located at the south eastern area of the Zoo property on East 180<sup>th</sup> Street, just east of Devoe Avenue. To the north is the Zoo Wild Asia Exhibit; to the east is the FDNY Bronx Central Office; to the south (directly across East 180<sup>th</sup> Street) there's residential and commercial areas; and to the west is the Bronx River and a City Park.

The Zoo needs to construct a new substation that will house needed upgraded electrical equipment that will keep the lights running at the Bronx Zoo. The main objective of this project is to upgrade the Bronx Zoo's electric service and equipment to enable the Zoo to receive back up power from Con Edison which can support the entire facility load and also to replace aging infrastructure to ensure continued reliability. The Bronx Zoo is currently powered by an on-site Cogeneration Plant with a limited capacity Con Edison service—this is approximately 30 years old. In the event that the Cogeneration Plant fails (ie a blackout) or is off-line for routine maintenance, Con Edison power can be used as a backup to allow for uninterrupted operation of the Zoo. The committee was in favor of the project.

The committee also discussed Housing and Land Use items to list in the board's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Requests.

**The next Housing and Land Use Committee meeting will be on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 6:30PM at the Bronx Community Board #6's district office at 1932 Arthur Avenue, Room 403-A.**

*Honorable Ritchie Torres,*  
*City Council Member, 15<sup>th</sup> Council District*

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*City Council Member, 17<sup>th</sup> Council District*