



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 6
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Honorable Ruben Diaz Jr., Bronx Borough President

MS. EVONNE CAPERS
Board Chairperson

MR. JOHN SANCHEZ
District Manager

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #6
Meeting minutes of Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Members Present:

Clarita Bailon, Virginia Bird, Evonne Capers, Nicole Carter, Nelson Chimilio, Christopher Collazo, Diana Diaz, Margarita Espinosa, Frank Franz, Lanell Gardenhire, Audrey Harden, Laura James, Maria Latimer, Matthew Martinez, Michael Nelson, Floretta O'Brien, Marilyn Oliver, Jorge Ortiz, Rosa Peraza, Reggie Powell, Helga Robles, Hiram Ratliff, Lisa Sanchez, Angel Santana, Gil Simmons, Lillie Steed, Noorjahn Wells and Jacquetta Whaley.

Members Absent:

Jannie Armstrong, Maria Garcia, Julisa Hamilton, Frank Kolovic, Paul Ramirez, Wendy Rodriguez, Angel Rosario, Maria Ruiz Gutierrez and Carrie Taft.

Elected Officials Representatives Present:

Alexis Ruiz, representing Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.
Israel Sanchez, representing Council Member Ritchie Torres
Rafael Pena, representing New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera
Shantalee Martinez, representing New York State Senator Luis Sepulveda
Nicholas Peters, representing New York State Assemblyman Victor Pichardo
Charisse Suarez, representing New York State Assemblyman Jose Rivera
Wilfredo Mercado, representing Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The November 13, 2019 meeting of Bronx Community Board #6 was held at Belmont Library 610 East 186th Street, Bronx, New York, and was called to order at approximately 6:31 PM by Chairperson Evonne Capers.

II. INVOCATION

The meeting's invocation was delivered by Reverend Marilyn Oliver.

III. COMMUNITY PERIOD

Individuals who asked to address the community board as part of the meeting's Community Period included:

Araminta Rivera and Mattie Martinez, representing Mt. Carmel Neighborhood Senior Center

Ms. Rivera introduced Ms. Martinez and informed us that Ms. Martinez was going to give the announcement on behalf of the Mt. Carmel Neighborhood Senior Center as part of her intern assignment requirement.

Ms. Martinez informed the community about the services Mt. Carmel Neighborhood Senior Center provides for seniors such as transportation, social services, arts and crafts, and dance lessons. Ms. Martinez also informed us that she participates in the Telephone Reassurance program which is a program that provides older adults who live alone, or are temporarily alone and have limited ability to leave their homes with regularly scheduled telephone calls.

Clarita Bailon, representing Transportation Alternatives

Ms. Bailon informed the community that Sunday, November 17, 2019 was World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. She also announced that families of traffic crash victims and street safety advocates will be gathering at bowling green in the Lower Manhattan to call on presidential candidates to acknowledge the national crisis of traffic violence and to put forward a plan to end traffic deaths in the United States.

Sergeant Franklin Bonilla, representing the 48th Precinct

Sergeant Bonilla informed us about the bail reform that will take effect on January 1, 2020 where cash bail will end for misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies and overhauling rules governing the sharing of evidence between the prosecution and defense in New York.

Krystee Alvarez, representing SBH Health System

Ms. Alvarez informed us that St. Barnabas Hospital is offering childbirth educational resources. They are also hosting baby showers on a monthly basis to celebrate the mothers' pregnancies and breast-feeding workshops. Ms. Alvarez announced that they have launched a podcast on Apple that offers the latest news in healthcare from Bronx's leading medical professionals. She also announced that their next Community Alliance Healthcare Awareness meeting is on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

Emily Kim, representing Zeta Charter Schools

Ms. Kim informed the community that about their plans to open Zeta Bronx 2 Charter Elementary School at 1910 Arthur Avenue. The school will consist of a total of 600 Pre-Kindergarten through 5th Grade students. The proposed opening date will be August 2020 with Kindergarten and First Grade. Ms. Kim also encouraged interested individuals to apply online and to learn more at zetaschools.org/apply.

IV. BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr's report was presented by his Community Board Liaison, Alexis Ruiz. The report included, but was not limited to, the following information:

- Ms. Ruiz informed the community that on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 there will be a Bronx 2020 Census Complete Count Committee informational meeting at Bronx Community Board #12's district office at 11:00 AM.

- Ms. Ruiz also informed us that there will be a Puerto Rican Heritage Month celebration on November 20, 2019 at 5:30 PM at Shanghai Red located at 127 Westchester Avenue.
- Ms. Ruiz reminded the Community Board Members that the EEO Sexual Harassment Training must be completed by Friday, December 13, 2019.
- Ms. Ruiz also announced that the Community Board Membership Application will be available by the end of the week. The Community Board Membership Reappointment Application and letter will be sent out the following week. The Community Board Membership and Reappointment Applications are due by February 7, 2019.

V. ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Israel Sanchez, representing Council Member Ritchie Torres

Mr. Sanchez informed us that Council Member Torres introduced a bill that would require the Office of Emergency Management to establish protocols for emergency responses following an outage of an essential service. He also informed us that this was in response to an outage at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn that left inmates without electricity and heat for more than a week earlier this year. Mr. Sanchez reminded us that Council Member Torres' office offers immigration services, family law services and housing services.

Rafael Pena, representing Senator Gustavo Rivera

Mr. Pena informed us that SUNY Bronx Educational Opportunity Center will be hosting a hiring event for U.S. Census Jobs on Friday, November 15, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 1666 Bathgate Avenue. Mr. Pena also reminded us about the Tenant Specialists that are offered every Tuesday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and about the free notary services and free family law consultations that are offered on the last Friday of every month.

The Board Members requested that Mr. Pena obtain information in regards to the Bail Reform that will be in effect on January 1, 2020. Mr. Pena said that he will email District Manager John Sanchez with the information he gathers.

Shantalee Martinez, representing Senator Luis Sepulveda

Ms. Martinez announced that there will be an employment opportunity event with Star Hospitality Group on November 14, 2019 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 900 Rogers Place. Ms. Martinez informed us that Star Hospitality Group offers housekeeping services, beverage and food services to establishments and they are currently looking to hire a lobby attendant, room attendant and house person. To register for the hiring event, please contact Ms. Fiorella Bini at (718) 991-3161 and are required to bring in a resume. She also announced that their office will be hosting a Know Your Rights Forum where individuals can learn about immigrants' rights and how to avoid immigration fraud. This forum will take place on November 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Boys Prep Academy School, 192 East 151st Street. She also informed us that they will be hosting a Community Health Fair Extravaganza in partnership with Assembly Member Karines Reyes on December 7, 2019 at 1980 Lafayette Avenue from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The event will have a range of public health services. For instance, they will have mental health services, health workshops, community gardening initiatives, nutrition and pain management as well as vans and trailers that will provide mammograms, diabetes, HIV and STI screenings, vaccines, blood donations and other screenings. Ms. Martinez also informed the community that Senator Sepulveda is offering turkey donations.

Nicholas Peters, representing Assemblyman Victor Pichardo

Mr. Peters informed the community that in partnership with Bronx Community College Public Safety and 46th Precinct they hosted a Haunted House on Friday, October 25, 2019. They also offered free mammograms on the St. Barnabas Mobile Mammography Unit last month. He also informed us that Assembly Member Pichardo has assisted with the organization of tenants meetings for the tenants of 355 and 365 East 184th Street and 1890 and 1892 Andrews Avenue. Mr. Peters announced that Assembly Member Pichardo and Citizens Committee for New York City are hosting a Grant Information Session on December 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the St. Nicholas Tolentine Church. He also reminded us about the immigration services that are offered at their office and informed us that they are no available appointments for the remaining of the month. Their office is also provides housing assistance every Thursday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Wilfredo Mercado, representing Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark

Mr. Mercado announced that the Bronx District Attorney has been elected for a second term and she will be continuing the work she has built the foundations in. He informed us that are office is actively participates in a variety of programs, for instance, the Creating Opportunities Necessary to Create Empowered Positive Teens (CONCEPT) Program and the Saturday Night Lights Program in partnership with the Police Athletic League (PAL). The Saturday Night Lights Program is offered at 2255 Webster Avenue and 600 St. Ann's Avenue.

The Bail Reform poses a challenge to the District Attorney's work. As per the request of the Board Members, Mr. Mercado will get back to the community on how the District Attorney Clark is responding.

VI. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Sanchez's district manager's report included, but was not limited to, the following information:

- Mr. Sanchez announced that he secured a partnership with Fordham University and their dean in which a group of 30 students will be helping out with initiatives in 2020.
- Mr. Sanchez is invited us to register for Bronx Community Board #6's Bronx Organizing and Civics Workshops. The first workshop will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Bronx Community Board #6's district office.
- Mr. Sanchez also announced that Bronx Community Board #6 will be sponsoring their Second Annual Scholarship Contest where they will be rewarding five \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors from their district.
- Mr. Sanchez announced that Bronx Community Board #6 will be sponsoring fitness classes starting in the new year. There will be additional details provided at next month's meeting.

VII. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

A roll call attendance was taken confirming the presence of a quorum with the presence of (26) members. (Please note that Board Members, Nicole Carter and Audrey Harden, arrived after the roll call attendance).

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING ON BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #6'S FISCAL YEAR 2021 PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS

No one requested to speak as part of the Public Hearing on Bronx Community Board #6's Fiscal Year 2021 Preliminary Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The committee reports were included in our meeting packages. Chairperson Evonne Capers requested that we read the reports at our leisure.

Chairperson Capers announced that all committee meetings for the third week of November are cancelled.

X. ADOPTION OF MOTIONS

- 1. A motion to adopt the minutes of Bronx Community Board #6's meeting of September 11, 2019 was made by Mr. Christopher Collazo, seconded by Mrs. Virginia Bird and adopted by a vote of twenty-six in favor, zero opposed and zero abstentions. (Please note that Board Members, Nicole Carter and Audrey Harden, was not present during this motion).**
- 2. A motion to adopt the minutes of Bronx Community Board #6's meeting of October 9, 2019 was made by Mr. Christopher Collazo, seconded by Ms. Margarita Espinosa and adopted by a vote of twenty-five in favor, zero opposed and one abstention. (Please note that Board Members, Nicole Carter and Audrey Harden, was not present during this motion).**
- 3. A motion to adopt Bronx Community Board #6's Fiscal Year 2021 Preliminary Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests as submitted was made by Mr. Christopher Collazo, second by Ms. Noorjahn Wells and adopted by a vote of nineteen in favor, two opposed and five abstentions. (Please note that Board Members, Nicole Carter and Audrey Harden, was not present during this motion).**
- 4. A motion to grant a letter of support to the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation for the proposed renovation of Quarry Ballfields was made by Mr. Gil Simmons, seconded by Ms. Margarita Espinosa and adopted by a vote of twenty-seven in favor, zero opposed and zero abstentions. (Please note that Board Member, Audrey Harden, was not present during this motion).**
- 5. A motion to issue a letter of support to the Emma L. Bowen Center on their proposed relocation of their ABLE House facility at 4581 Park Avenue was made by Mr. Christopher Collazo, seconded by Mr. Frank Franz and adopted by a vote of nineteen in favor, one opposed and seven abstentions. (Please note that Board Member, Audrey Harden, was not present during this motion).**
- 6. A motion to issue a letter of support to the New York City Department of Transportation for their proposed Safe Routes to Schools Public School 159/51 safety improvements was made by Mr. Christopher Collazo, seconded by Noorjahan Wells and adopted by a vote of twenty-seven in favor, zero opposed and one abstention. (Please note that Board Member, Audrey Harden, was not present during this motion).**
- 7. A motion to issue a letter of support to the New York City Department of Transportation to convert East 183rd Street to a one-way eastbound direction street between Washington Avenue and Third Avenue was made by Ms. Jacquetta Whaley, seconded by Ms. Lanell Gardenhire and adopted by a vote of eighteen in favor, six opposed and four abstentions.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, the November 13, 2019 meeting of Bronx Community Board #6 was adjourned at approximately 7:43 PM pursuant to a motion made by Mr. Christopher Collazo, seconded by Mr. Gil Simmons and unanimously adopted by acclamation (twenty-eight in favor, zero opposed and zero abstention).

Respectfully submitted:

**Sanzida Talukder
Community Associate**

**Carla Leon
Community Associate**

ATTENDANCE AND VOTING RECORDING FOR BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #6 MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2019

NAME	ATTENDANCE	MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2019	MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2019	FY 2021 PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS	LOS TO PARKS QUARRY BALLFIELDS	LOS FOR ABLE HOUSE 4581 PARK AVENUE	LOS TO DOT SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS P.S. 159/51	LOS TO DOT ONE WAY CONVERSION OF EAST 183RD STREET	ADJOURMENT	
Jannie Armstrong				Medical Leave of Absence						
Clarita Bailon	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	No	Yes	
Virginia Bird	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Evonne Capers	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Nicole Carter	Present				Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Nelson Chimilio	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Christopher Collazo	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Diana Diaz	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Margarita Espinosa	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Frank Franz	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Maria Garcia				Leave of Absence						
Lanell Gardenhire	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Julisa Hamilton										
Audrey Harden	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Laura James	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Frank Kolovic				Leave of Absence						
Maria Latimer	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Matthew Martinez	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Michael Nelson	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Floretta O'Brien	Present	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Rev. Marilyn Oliver	Present	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Jorge Ortiz	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Rosa Peraza	Present	Yes	Abstain	No	Yes	Abstain	Abstain	No	Yes	
Reggie Powell	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	No	Yes	
Paul Ramirez				Leave of Absence						
Helga Robles	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Abstain	Yes	
Rev. Hiram Ratliff	Present	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	
Wendy Rodriguez										
Angel Rosario										
Maria Ruiz Gutierrez										
Lisa Sanchez	Present	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	
Angel Santana	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Gil Simmons	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Lillie Steed	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Abstain	Yes	
Carrie Taft										
Noorjahn Wells	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Jacquetta Whaley	Present	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes	