

Bronx Community Board #2

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Roberto Crespo
Chairperson



Ralph Acevedo
District Manager

Full Board Minutes

Date: November 20th, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: ST. Vincent De Paul: 900 Intervale Ave, Bronx, NY 10459

Members present

Thelvis Alston Jr.
Paula Fields-Conyers
Luis Castillo
Stephanie Cordero
Roberto Crespo
Altagracia Cruz
Julia Cruz, LMSW
Sandra De Jesus
Kevin Ellison
Alexandra Guadalupe
Yvonne Guillen
Jesse Harris
Shaquan Huntt
Thalia Simone Lindquist
Barbara Lopez
Roland Lopez
Nicholas Madio
Luis Marrero
Edwin Martinez
Cedric McClester
Monique Minis
Lynette Olmo
Maggie Ortiz
Larry Robinson
Richard Sherman
Viancey Taveras

Maria Torres
John Udo Okun

Members absent

Jeffrey Korn
Rev Moses Oladosu
Mary Lean Wrotten
Stephanie Portillo

Excused

Evelyn Arauz

Staff Present:

Community Board #2 Officers

Roberto Crespo, Chairperson
Julia Cruz, 1st Vice Chair
Larry Robinson, 2nd Vice Chair
Paula Fields- Conyers, Treasurer
Yvonne Guillen, Secretary

FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, November 20th, 2019

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: ST. Vincent De Paul: 900 Intervale Ave, Bronx, NY 10459

Agenda

I. PUBLIC SESSION: (Not to exceed 15 minutes - 3 minutes per item; A maximum of 2 presenters per item)

- **Victoria(Legal hand)-** This is an organization that helps the community deal with any issues impacting their life. They currently have 1500 members and want to reach more. There is a lawyer that provides you with legal terminology. These services are not only available to community members, but to local organizations as well. On Dec 4th they will be having a workshop ,sign up on event brite.
- **Maria Yuluz Matos(US Census)-**Maria spoke about the census process happening in 2020 and encouraged the community to make sure they are participating in the census. It's very important data that will determine the resources our community receive . She also mentioned the census is hiring, you have to be 18 years old and have a valid SS. The website to apply is 2020census.gov/jobs.

• COMMANDING OFFICER REPORT – (41st Precinct)

Captain Schublin from the 41st, gave the report– discussed 28 day totals for crime stats. The captain mentioned he is very happy with the work his team is doing in the community. Overall there was a decrease in crimes.

II. BUSINESS SESSION: (BOARD MEMBERS)

A. Roll Call

Ms. Yvonne Guillen, Secretary

Quorum was met - 30 present, 4absent, 1excused

B. Adoption of Minutes

Roberto Crespo, Board Chair

Jesse made a motion to adopt the minutes. Edwin voted nay for the adoption of the minutes.

C. Chairperson's Report

Roberto Crespo, Board Chair

Roberto Crespo discussed the situation that the staff members in the office were having, which was to close the office on Nov 29th. The CB 2 staff members were off Nov 28th but not Nov 29th and building was going to be closed. There was a motion by Paula Field Conyers and it was second by Sandra de Jesus to have the office closed for November 29th, 2019. The motion passed.

District Manager's Report

Rafael Acevedo

Ralph mentioned to reference page 24 for a list of activities. He also mentioned that the board is open changing the catering company after board members have expressed concerns. There were two requirements A) It must be within the budget and B) it must be a city vendor.

Elected Officials Report

Council Member Salamanca- Wished everyone a happy holidays. Council Member Salamanca spoke about the plan of the 4 borough based jail. The plan is to shut down Rikers by 2026 and create jails next to the courthouse. He was the first elected official to reject the plan.

Council member Diana Ayala- Gloria Cruz(Rep) mentioned their constituent hours is the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 12-3pm at 630 Southern Blvd.

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz-Alexus(rep) spoke about the upcoming application period for new board members which will be opening February 27th, 2020 and she also spoke the mandated sexual harassment training.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Franchise, Licensing, & Permit Committee

Ms. Stephanie Portillo, Chairperson

1. A motion to write a letter of support to the New York State Liquor Authority for San Marcos Café located at 949 A and B Ave, Bronx, NY 10459 Motion to approve was seconded by Jesse Harris and 1 abstention by Cedric McClester. The motion passed.
2. A motion to amend the letter from Oct's vote for Exito Bar & Lounge located at 960 East 165th Street, Bronx, NY. The motion was second by Sherman and 2 abstentions, from Cedric McClester and Paula Fields Conyers. Motion passed.
3. A motion to write a letter of support to the New York State Liquor Authority for El Valle's Restaurant located at 794 Southern Blvd. The motion was second by Luis Castillo and 1 abstention from Cedric McClester. Motion passed

- A. Housing and Land Use Committee
Mr. Nicholas Madio, Chairperson
- B. Health & Human Services Committee
Mr. Luis Marrero, Chairperson
- C. Youth Services Committee
Mr. Larry Robinson, Chairperson
- D. Education Committee
Mr. Cedric McClester, Co-chairperson & Yvonne Guillen Co-chairperson
- E. Economic Development and Municipal Services
Ms. Maria Torres, Chairperson
- F. Environmental Committee
Mr. Roland Lopez, Chairperson
- G. Special Events Committee
Viancey Taveras

Old Business

Submission of bylaws

New Business

CB2 & Baldor are having a turkey giveaway event on 11/23 from 12-2pm at The Point. R.S.V.P is required. If anyone needs a turkey please reach out to CM Salamanca's office for assistance.

VIII. Roll Call - Ms. Yvonne Guillen, Secretary

- Roll Call was conducted; 30present, 4absent, 1excused
- The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM