

**Community Board 7 Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
December 21, 2022

**Opening of the Meeting**

Chair Julio Peña III opened the meeting.

**First Role Call** conducted.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved - Pat Ruiz

Seconded - Beverly Kleinman

Passed by unanimous consent.

**Adoption of Board Meeting Minutes from Sept 21, 2022**

Moved - Pat Ruiz

Seconded - Sam Sierra

Passed by unanimous consent.

**Elected Official**

Alexa Avilés

- This year NYC will have an estimated \$2.3 billion surplus. Mayor is proposing cuts in many areas. Council Member have opposed those cuts in order to keep critical agencies and services operating properly.
- Our community has welcomed migrants from the US border at great financial cost. The Federal government has finally begun reimbursing NYC.
- Negotiations are ongoing regarding BQE, bus route redesign, translation, preservation of industrial zoning and housing/displacement issues.

**Public Comment (1<sup>st</sup> session)**

None

**Committee Reports**

Education & Youth - No Vote Required.

Please see committee minutes.

Public Safety Committee - No Vote Required.

Please see committee minutes and FDNY fire safety handout.

Sanitation & Environment Committee - Vote Required.

CB7 was asked to write a letter of support for "United Redemption" located at 84 18th Street to operate a plastic and can redemption site. The committee added a caveat that the business shall not exasperate traffic, pollution and safety issues already plaguing the neighborhood. Motion passed by Unanimous Consent.

Special Sub-committee on Last Mile Trucking Facilities – No Vote Required

Our recommendations with regard to the “Special Text Amendment” on Last Mile Trucking were incorporated into the proposed amendment.

### Transportation Committee

- John Delooper, chair of our Transportation committee was selected as board representative for the BQE Revisioning Council. The first meeting had to do with the city-owned portion (the cantilever) which will be repaired first. Our portion, “BQE Central” is owned by the state.
- MTA is consolidating bus routes.
  - Workshop January 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Proposed changes to B63, B35 and B70
  - Rider feedback is crucial!

**Second Role Call** conducted.

### **Elected Officials and Representatives**

#### Emmitt Mendoza-Gaspar from Assemblymember Mitaynes’ office

- The state has increased revenue by about 4.5 billion dollars in the past 2 years.
- State was able to designate funds to support immigrants.
- Assemblymember Mitaynes continues to focus on tenant issues like Good Cause Eviction, fighting housing insecurity, and last-mile trucking.
- Working on legislation related to New York Power Authority and how energy is distributed.

#### John Watkins from District Attorney Gonzalez’ office

- Recent gun-buy-back very successful, took 100 guns off the street.
- Memorialized Officers Ramos and Liu.
- Cold case murder from 10 years ago has been solved and the perpetrator convicted.

#### Jessica Borough President Reynoso’s office

- Borough President’s Office is accepting re-appointment and new board member applications until February 14.
- State of Borough address will take place on January 10.
- BP has started a Healthy Pregnancy Initiative and has distributed 500 Baby Boxes with essentials for newborns.

### **Chairperson Julio Peña’s Report**

- Tabled

### **District Manager Jeremy Laufer’s Report**

- We have withdrawn CB7 from the block party approval process due to inconsistencies in city agency’s approval process.
- 6 new/renewal liquor licenses.
- Holiday gift drive is underway, distributing new toys to shelters in our district.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

- Senior center is hosting a Holiday party and clothing drive and will have a Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Three Kings celebration in conjunction with Boricua Festival.
- Equinor Offshore Wind Ecosystem Fund has launched, these are funds our district can make good use of. Applications due in February.
- Sunset Park Lions Club having Three Kings Day celebration January 7<sup>th</sup>. Families welcome.

## **Public Comment (2nd Session)**

John Santore recommended:

- That CB7 review procedures regarding committees.
- All CB7 documents should be available to the public.
- All city data should be available to the public.

## **Meeting Adjourned**