

Community Board 7 Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2025

Before the Meeting

Public Comment

- Tomasina Byron and Henry Byron spoke to advocate for traffic safety measures at 7th Avenue and 41st Street. Tomasina stated that her mother died from a hit-and-run at that intersection and presented a petition advocating for changes at the intersection such as a speed camera, red light camera, and more.
- George Cardona spoke about the need for more traffic safety measures throughout the district. For example, bumper guards at 51st St and 7th Avenue could slow turning traffic. Cardona also urged increased enforcement of traffic safety issues throughout CB7.
- Dr. Irwin Shindler provided information about a new behavioral health facility located at 649 39th Street.
- Trey McGee from Target Margin Theater spoke about upcoming events at the theater.
- Roxana Benavides from the Sunset Park Library spoke about library programs and services for adults and children including 1-1 immigrant support, robotics, family animation workshops, and ESL classes.

Adoption of Agenda

- Moved to adopt – *Jerry Chan*
- Seconded – *Pat Ruiz*
 - Passed by unanimous consent.

Adoption of October Minutes

- Moved to adopt – *Pat Ruiz*
- Seconded – *Gladys Bruno*
 - Passed by unanimous consent.

Committee Reports

Education, Health, and Human Services – *Jonathan Martinez and Kay Conti*

- Committee did not have quorum.
- Dr. Rita Yusuf delivered a presentation on co-occurring disorders and treatment at NYU Family Health.
- All members should have received the draft Community Resources list and are encouraged to review, update, and add additional information to it.

Housing

- Tabled

Public Safety – *Jerry Chan*

- Committee met on 11/10 regarding the liquor license for Family Hall Inc. at 201 46th St.
- Chan covered highlights of the committee's discussion, and provided statistics from the 72nd Precinct about 911 calls, 311 calls, and complaints near the business.
- The State Liquor Authority met today and denied the license for this establishment, so they must stop serving alcohol immediately as of 4pm.

Second Roll Call

- Tabled

Elected Officials

These Elected Officials Reported:

- NY City Councilmember Shahana Hanif – *represented by Iqra Shafiq*
- NY State Assemblymember Robert Carroll – *represented by Sean Gurl*
- NY State Senator Andrew Gounardes – *himself, and represented by Francesca Lando*
- Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso – *represented by Miguel Arias*
- NY State Assemblymember Marcela Mitaynes
- NY State Senator Stephen T. Chan – *represented by Ray Morales*
- NY City Councilmember Susan Zhuang – *represented by Fedir Usmanov*
- NY City Councilmember Alexa Avilés – *represented by Rob Aguilar*
- Congressmember Dan Goldman – *represented by Jessica Bravo*
- NYC Mayor Eric Adams – *represented by Anastasia Yaskova*

Chairperson's Report - *Julio Peña III*

- Peña met with the NYC Economic Development Corporation for a monthly meeting.
 - EDC is launching a Request for Proposal for a food services vendor at the MADE café building on 43 St.
 - EDC had no updates on Bush Terminal playground but maintains a goal of starting construction in early 2026.
 - EDC is also doing a swap with Steiner where EDC will complete the playground, and Steiner will undertake a different obligation.
 - EDC launched its new ferry map update. Peña noted the Board's previous concern about the loss of South Brooklyn route in CB7.
 - In the new route update, during weekdays and regular season, Brooklyn Army Terminal (BAT) will still not be connected to the South Brooklyn route, but during summer, peak, and weekends hours, the South Brooklyn route will continue to service BAT.
 - EDC is also exploring an additional landing at the MADE campus.
- CB7 Holiday Party will take place on 12/17.
- Peña yielded to Pat Ruiz for an update on the draft Resource Guide.

District Manager's Report - *Jeremy Laufer*

- Leaf bags are available at Board office.
- Annual CB7 toy drive is collecting new toys for children through 12/17.
- Department of Homeless Services sent notification of a new shelter on 45th St, West of 4th Avenue slated to be implemented in 2028.
- A portion of the CB7 office has been designated staff only to maintain security for staff and records.
- NYC Parks Department is hosting an upcoming virtual input meeting for Martin Luther playground.
- Laufer noted the Resource Guide previously discussed by Pat Ruiz during the Chairperson's report.
- Board has a new website, which includes recordings and minutes going back to beginning of 2023.
- 6 new and renewal liquor license applications, 0 cannabis licenses, and 0 dining out applications have been received. NYPD statistics are also available.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Adjourn