

# Bronx Community Board #2

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Dr. Ian Amritt

Chairperson



## Full Board Minutes

Date: January 24, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Open Arms Circle- 858 Westchester Avenue Bronx, NY 10459

### **Members present**

Evelyn Arauz  
Roberto Crespo  
Altagracia Cruz  
Julia Cruz, LMSW  
John DeRiggs  
Paula Fields-Conyers  
Jazmine Goodwin  
Alexandra Guadalupe  
Yvonne Guillen  
James Hernandez  
Shaquan Hunt  
Barbara Lopez  
Roland Lopez  
Nicholas Madio  
Luis Marrero  
Cedric McClester  
Dondi McKellar  
Rev. Moses Oladosu  
Dr. Francis Onukwe  
Maggie Ortiz  
Sandra Reyes-Collazo  
Marta Rivera  
Larry Robinson  
Peter Rosado  
Glendalys Salgado  
Richard Sherman  
Maria Torres  
John Udo-Okun

### **Members absent**

Kevin Ellison  
Sonya Ferguson  
Lina Lopez  
Felecia Portuondo  
Olga Rosario  
Maryleah Wrotten

### **Excused:**

Jesse Harris

### **Staff Present:**

### **Community Board #2 Officers**

Roberto Crespo, Chairperson  
Julia Cruz, 1st Vice Chair  
Vacant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Paula Fields- Conyers, Treasurer  
Maria Torres, Secretary

# FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday January 24, 2018

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**PLACE:** Open Arms Circle – Westchester Avenue, Bronx NY, 10459

## Agenda

The evening began with Boris of Open Arms Circle, welcoming the community to their space.

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

- Brieyanna Reaves - of Montefiore discussed a community survey that they are doing.
- Liana Acevedo of NYPL discussed their video visitation program, where any relatives can skype with incarcerated family members. She also announced their English conversation classes.
- Shylene Ortega – of Girl Scouts, came to programs.

### **COMMANDING OFFICER REPORT – (41<sup>st</sup> Precinct)**

- Deputy Inspector DeCeglie – announced that there was 1 murder committed that was under investigation. Crime was down 11.9%.

### **II. BUSINESS SESSION: (BOARD MEMBERS)**

A. Roll Call Ms. Maria Torres, Secretary

Quorum was met - 28 present, 6 absent, 1 excused

B. Adoption of Minutes Roberto Crespo, Board Chair

Paula Fields made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Glendalys Salgado second; motion passed with 2 abstentions, Julia Cruz & Maria Torres, the minutes were adopted.

C. Chairperson's Report Roberto Crespo, Board Chair

- Chairman made a request to have Stebbins Hewitt meet with the Housing Committee – their development has been without heating
- Chairman commended Altagracia Cruz & Paula Fields for getting the word out to the community regarding Housing
- The Chairman noted that the Department of Homeless Services – they recently bypassed CB2 and going against board wishes on 985 Bruckner Blvd. The Board objected however, DHS is moving forward regardless.
- Board Resignations - LaShawn Coleman and Israel Roodriguez
  - Removal Lina Lopez – 5 absences from Full Board meetings.

Altagracia Cruz made the motion to remove the above mentioned Board members. Dondi McKellar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. District Manager's Report                      Rafael Acevedo

- Had a meeting with schools – CB2 will have no new schools built or renovated for the next fiscal year

E. Borough President's Report

- F. Elected Officials Report – Councilman Salamanca spoke about the new City Council Speaker Corey Johnson and committee chairs. Councilman Salamanca is now the Chair of Land Use, Councilman Ritchie Torres is head of the Oversight Committee. Discretionary funding for groups and programs will be in February. Groups should reach out to his office.

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Franchise, Licensing, & Permit Committee  
Mr. Peter Rosado, Chairperson

A motion to write a letter to NYSLA requesting approval with stipulations Manta Seafood Restaurant at 1288 Westchester Avenue Bronx, NY 10459 application be approved with the following stipulations.

John Udo Okun stated that there are already too many places that serve alcohol on that block and voiced a concern for the local residents. A discussion was held around the block and the other businesses that served alcohol in the area. A roll call vote was held and the motion was denied. Dondi McKellar made the motion to send a letter to NYSLA not approving the request. Paula Fields seconded it.

B. Economic Development & Municipal Services Committee  
Ms. Maria Torres, Chairperson

C. Youth Services Committee  
Mr. Larry Robinson, Chairperson

D. Housing and Land Use Committee  
Mr. Nicholas Madio, Chairperson

E. Education Committee  
Mr. Cedric McClester, Chairperson

F. Health & Human Services Committee  
Mr. Luis Marrero, Chairperson

G. Special Events  
Ms. Marta Rivera

H. Environmental Committee  
Mr. Roland Lopez, Chairperson

### V. Old Business

**VI. New Business**

**VII. Announcements**

**VIII. Roll Call - Ms. Maria Torres, Secretary**

- Roll Call was conducted; 28 present, 6 absent, 1 excused