

# Bronx Community Board #2

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Robert Crespo  
Chairperson



Ralph Acevedo  
District Manager

## Full Board Minutes

Date: February 28, 2018

Time: 5:30 pm

Place: Thessalonias Baptist Church- 941 Rev. James A Polite Avenue Bronx, NY 10459

### **Members present**

Evelyn Arauz  
Roberto Crespo  
Altagracia Cruz  
Julia Cruz, LMSW  
John DeRiggs  
Kevin Ellison  
Paula Fields-Conyers  
Sonya Ferguson  
Jazmine Goodwin (late)  
Alexandra Guadalupe  
Jese Harris  
James Hernandez  
Shaquan Hunt  
Barbara Lopez  
Roland Lopez  
Nicholas Madio  
Luis Marrero  
Cedric McClester  
Dondi McKellar  
Rev. Moses Oladosu  
Dr. Francis Onukwe  
Maggie Ortiz  
Marta Rivera  
Larry Robinson  
Peter Rosado  
Glendalys Salgado  
Maria Torres  
Maryleah Wrotten  
John Udo-Okun (late)

### **Members absent**

Yvonne Guillen  
Sandra Reyes-Collazo  
Olga Rosario  
Richard Sherman

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

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

# FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**DATE: Wednesday February 28, 2018**

**TIME: 5:30 PM**

**PLACE: Thessalonian Baptist Church – 941 Rev. James A. Polite Avenue, Bronx NY, 10459**

## Agenda

The evening began with Rev. Watts, welcoming the community to their space and presenting the program for Black History Month.

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

- Liana Acevedo of NYPL discussed their April Job & College Readiness programming for 14-21 year olds.
- Desmond Rosa – of Graham Windham Beacon Program at Bronx academy of Multimedia discussed the after school programs for students and families. Programming includes ESL, GED, Zumba, Yoga and many other activities all week
- Alex of ABC 123 Daycare program discussed their program

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

- Deputy Inspector DeCeglie – announced that on February 7, there was a gang takedown on Fox and Leggett Avenue. It was a 1yr investigation and 20 out of 24 people are now in custody. Crime was down 7% overall

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

A. Roll Call Ms. Maria Torres, Secretary

Quorum was met - 27 present, 6 absent

B. Adoption of Minutes Roberto Crespo, Board Chair

Peter Rosado made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Dondi McKellar second; motion passed, the minutes were adopted.

C. Chairperson's Report

Roberto Crespo, Board Chair

- Chairman opened with a moment of silence for the victims of Parkland Florida.
- The Chairman announced two amendments to the By-Laws –
  - the Chair will review appointment of community members on committees
  - No officer shall sit as a committee chair and the Executive CommitteeJulia Cruz made a motion to accept and Jesse Harris seconded the motion. A discussion was held regarding the amendment for Chairs and the Executive Committee. Marta Rivera made the motion and Jesse Harris seconded that the Board vote on the Amendment to review the appointment of community members and vote on the other amendment next month. Motion passed
- Chairman announced that the Yankee Community Service Awardees will be recognized at the March meeting
- The Chairman noted that Maria Torres has sent her letter of resignation as Secretary of the Board.

D. District Manager's Report

Rafael Acevedo

E. Borough President's Report

- F. Elected Officials Report – Councilman Salamanca spoke about a Housing Forum his office will be sponsoring on March 1, where people can get their credit score. He also discussed his opposition to the proposed the new jail and many other events

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Franchise, Licensing, & Permit Committee

Mr. Peter Rosado, Chairperson

A motion to write a letter to NYSLA requesting that El Valle Restaurant located at 794 Southern Boulevard Bronx, NY 10459 be approved with the following stipulations.

Dondi McKellar seconded the motion. The motion passed with an abstention from Cedric McClester.

B. Economic Development & Municipal Services Committee

Ms. Maria Torres, Chairperson

A motion was made to send a letter of support to the City Council requesting a street co-naming of Intervale and Southern Blvd for Fallen 41<sup>st</sup> Precinct Officer Thomas P. Ruotolo who was shot and killed on February 14<sup>th</sup> 1984. Dondi McKellar seconded. The motion passed with 2 abstentions – Jesse Harris and Roberto Crespo.

C. Housing and Land Use Committee

Mr. Nicholas Madio, Chairperson

A motion to amend a letter of support to Brisa Evergreen LLC increasing unit count at 917 Westchester Avenue and 944 Rogers Place from 72 to 83 units. Original letter of support was issued 7/23/2015.

Motion was made by Altagracia Cruz and seconded by Cedric McClester. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Environmental Committee  
Mr. Roland Lopez, Chairperson
  
- E. Youth Services Committee  
Mr. Larry Robinson, Chairperson
  
- F. Health & Human Services Committee  
Mr. Luis Marrero, Chairperson
  
- G. Special Events  
Ms. Marta Rivera  
Ms. Rivera announced an Easter Giveaway on 3/29
  
- H. Education Committee  
Mr. Cedric McClester, Chairperson

**V. Old Business**

**VI. New Business**

**VII. Announcements** – Bronx Yankee Fund is accepting proposals – check the website, Hank Greenberg Little league is also accepting young people

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

- Roll Call was conducted; 28 present, 5 absent