



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



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**COMMUNITY RELATIONS / LONG TERM PLANNING
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 @ 6:30PM

- I) Attendance sheet in file
 - A) Committee Members in attendance include: Mohammed Ali, Eleanor Lundeen, Fidel Gomez, Adaline Walker-Santiago, Dustin Engelken.
 - B) Community members / Guests in attendance: Bruce Kaufman, Sheila Sanchez, Anthony Riveccio, George Diaz; Nancy Fernandez, Christian Ramos

- II) Mr. Mohammed Ali, chair of the committee raised four issues that affect the long-term development of the neighborhoods of CB7:
 - A) Crime in some neighborhoods is unstoppable and is discouraging homeowners. Prostitution and vandalism is particularly problematic and the police have been unable to stop these crimes. The Bangladeshi community on the south side of Fordham Road is particularly hard hit.
 - 1) Residents are currently trying to develop street festivals to bring together residents merchants and the new KNIC partnership. It is hoped that knowledge of the neighborhood will bring better services and reduce crime.
 - B) It is suggested that the Community Board offices be relocated in the community space in the Armory. This will bring CB services closer to the neighborhood residents.
 - C) Job development is essential to stabilizing our neighborhoods.
 - D) Media coverage of CB7 neighborhoods is essential to stabilizing our neighborhoods.
 - 1) After brief discussion those present divided into informal discussion groups.

- III) Adjourned at 8:15 PM.