Statements of Community
District Needs
and
Community Board
Budget Requests

Fiscal Year 2020



Bronx Community District 7

INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter mandates that form an integral part of the City's budget process. Together, they are intended to support communities in their ongoing consultations with city agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders and influence more informed decision making on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. This report also provides a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and may be used by a variety of audiences seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

This report represents Bronx Community Board 7's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the community board, collected through an online form available to community boards from June to November 2018.

Community boards may provide substantive supplemental information together with their Statements and Budget Requests. This supporting material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a web browser, such as Chrome, Safari or Firefox.

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This report is broadly structured as follows:

a) Overarching Community District Needs

Sections 1-4 provide an overview of the community district and the top three pressing issues affecting this district overall as identified by the community board. Any narrative provided by the board supporting their selection of their top three pressing issues is included.

b) Policy Area - Specific District Needs

Section 5 is organized by seven distinct policy areas aligned with the service and program areas of city agencies. For each policy area, community boards selected the most important issue for their districts and could provide a supporting narrative. The policy area section also includes any agency-specific needs and a list of relevant budget requests submitted by the community board. If the community board submitted additional information outside of a specific policy area, it may be found in Section 6.

c) Community Board Budget Requests

The final section includes the two types of budget requests submitted to the City for the FY20 budget cycle; one list for capital and another for expense budget requests. For each budget request, community boards were able to provide a priority number, explanation, location, and supporters. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests submitted to city agencies.





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Budget Requests: Listed for informational purposes only. OMB remains the definitive source on budget requests and budget request responses.

Budget Priorities: Priority numbers apply to expense and capital Budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense and capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 7 of this document.

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Bronx Community Board 7

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2. Community District Profile

Visit the Community District Profiles to view data, maps, and other resources describing New York City's 59 community districts at: https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/

Bronx Community District 7





26%

NYC

20%

of residents have incomes below

the NYCgov poverty threshold.

See the federal poverty rate here.

Neighborhoods1: Bedford Park, Fordham, Kingsbridge Heights, Norwood, University Heights

POPULATION & DENSITY			The same	_ 6	C LAND USE MAP 0.5 Miles
2000²	2010 ³	2000-2010		1	Van Cortlandt Park
141,411	139,286	-2%	7 Ary		BX 12
2012-2016 Est	imate ⁴	129,955		All a	BX 12
Square M	iles	1.9	1 2 200		E DAO SEL
Population D	ensity 7	3,308/sq mi	- End		
COMMUNIT	Y BOARD PE	ERSPECTIVES		% Lot Area	BX 12
Top 3 pressing	issues identif	ied by Bronx	1 & 2 Family Bldgs 1,267	10%	
Community Bo	oard 7 in 2018	3:	Multifamily Walk-up 983	15%	MN 12
1. Affordable h	nousing		Multifamily Elevator 345	15%	
2. Neighborho	od preservati	on	Mixed Use 347 Commercial 230	9% 6%	Wigordham, Rd
3. Schools			Commercial 230	1%	5
			Transportation/Utility 38	3%	Tahama Zi 11
To learn more,			Public/Institutional 164	23%	BX 5
Statements of Community District Needs		Open Space 30	8%	BX 5 8 /	
and Communit		get Requests	Parking 98	3%) ou
for Fiscal Year . Website: www.bro			Vacant 120	6%	Source: PLUTO/18v
Email: info@bronx			Other 14	0%	Click here for a more detailed land use map of Bronx CD 7

A Snapshot of Key Community Indicators

COMMUNITY ASSETS		KENI BOKDEN		ACCESS TO PARKS	
tublic Schools 46 tublic Libraries 4		Bronx CD 7 55%	Bronx 51%	Bronx CD 7	Citywide
Hospitals and Clinics	20	33/0	NYC	98%	Target
Parks 16 Click to visit the NYC Facilities Explorer		more of their income on rent		of residents live within walking distance of a park or open space	85%
MEAN COMMUTE TO WORK ^{4, 8}		LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ⁴		CRIME RATE ⁹	
Bronx CD 7 43	Bronx 44 minutes	Bronx CD 7 35%	Bronx 26%	Bronx CD 7 12.5	Bronx 14.5
minutes	NYC 40 minutes	of residents 5 years or older have limited English proficiency	NYC 23%	major felonies were reported per 1,000 residents in 2016	NYC 11.8
EDUCATIONAL AT	TAINMENT ^{4, 10}	UNEMPLOYM	ENT ^{4, 10}	NYCgov POVERTY	MEASURE ¹¹
Bronx CD 7	Bronx	Bronx CD 7	Bronx	Bronx CD 7	Bronx

¹Neighborhoods may be in multiple districts. Names and boundaries are not officially designated. ²2000 US Census; ³2010 US Census; ⁴American Community Survey 2012-2016 5-Year Estimates, calculated for Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs). PUMAs are geographic approximations of community districts. ⁵NYC Dept of City Planning Facilities Database (2017); ⁶ Differences of less than 3 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ⁷NYC Dept of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (2016). DPR considers wading distance to be 1/4 mile for parks less than 6 acres, and 1/2 mile for larger parks and pools. ⁸Differences of less than 2 minutes are not statistically meaningful. ⁸NYPD CompStat, Historic Complaint Data (2017); ¹⁰Differences of less than 2 percentage points are not statistically meaningful. ¹¹2011-2015 NYCgov Poverty Measure by PUMA. This metric from the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity accounts for NYC's high cost of housing, as well as other costs of living and anti-poverty benefits.

was unemployed on

average from 2012 to 2016

7.5%

NYC

5.5%

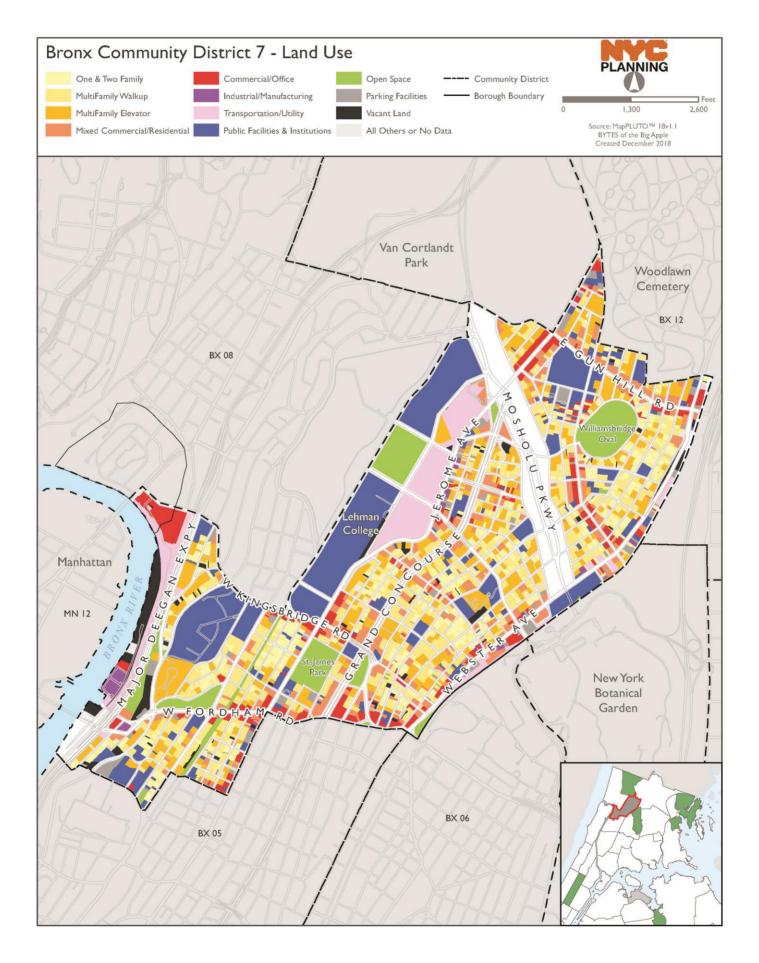
19%

NYC

36%

older have earned a

bachelor's degree or higher



3. Overview of Community District

Bronx Community Board 7 is located in the northwest section of the borough and is comprised of all or part of the neighborhoods of Bedford Park, Fordham, Jerome Park, Kingsbridge Heights, Mosholu, Norwood, University Heights, and a portion of the Marble Hill section of Manhattan. We are bordered by Webster Avenue to the east, Woodlawn Cemetery and Van Cortland Park to the north, Goulden Avenue to the northwest, the Harlem River to the southwest, Hall of Fame Terrace to the south, and Fordham Road to the southeast.

There are many attractions in or near the district that make it desirable to live, shop and visit including the New York Botanical Garden, Van Cortland Park, the Bronx Library Center, the Kingsbridge Armory, the Lehman Center for Performing Arts and the Lehman Art Gallery, the Bronx's Education Mile, the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, Bronx Historical Society, Montefiore Medical Center, and Bronx High School of Science. The district is home to many post-secondary educational facilities such as Lehman College and Monroe College and adjacent to other institutions such as Fordham University and Bronx Community College. The district is also centrally located to major highways and roads, as well as crucial public transportation connections such as both NYCT and Westchester bus lines, trains, and several Metro North Railroad lines.

As per the 2010 census, the district has a population of just under 140,000 persons. With a total land area of 1.9 square miles, the CD 7 is one of the most densely populated community districts in the borough (over 73,600 people per square mile), which is more than double the borough's average population density. As a result of the growing population, multi-story housing development, and limited economic opportunities, these conditions have created a variety of quality of life issues for residents, including overcrowded schools (the district is within School District 10, the most overcrowded district in the Bronx and the 3rd most overcrowded school district in the city), a lack of affordable housing, and overburdened municipal services, to name a few.

4. Top Three Pressing Issues Overall

The three most pressing issues facing Bronx Community Board 7 are:

- Affordable housing
- Neighborhood preservation (development trends)
- Schools

The quality of local schools continues to be a major issue of concern for local residents. The number of schools seats available in our community has not kept pace with our growing youth population and most of our schools are already experiencing overcrowding. As additional development occurs in the district, the problem will only continue to grow more serious. Additionally, our district is home to many immigrant communities which has further strained the ability of our schools to function properly.

CB 7 is in need of more mixed income housing. Housing accommodation's continue to be one of the primary issues facing residents of our district. While the district has some of the most affordable private market rental housing in the city, many rent-stabilized and rent-controlled apartments are disappearing far quicker than new mixed housing units can be constructed. To make matters worse, the district is seeing an influx of new residents who have been priced out of their own neighborhoods in New York City, increasing competition for the affordable units available in the district.

The Bronx has taken on more city-financed supportive housing in the past decade than any other borough and there is a prevailing feeling in our district that we have received a disproportionate share of these developments. In addition to supportive housing facilities, the district is also home to numerous homeless shelters, half-way houses and other special needs housing. While we recognize that these developments provide needed services for special needs population, they are often loosely governed and the source of many quality of life issues in the district.

Quality of Life issues like noise and loitering no longer have a way to be addressed by our enforcement agencies, as they are deemed not to be a priority. Our residents deserve to have these basic needs addressed.





Main Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Services for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers

According to the 2010 census, nearly 71,000 residents, or over fifty percent of the total population, receive some kind of government assistance. Even with existing assistance programs, many of these residents struggle to make ends meet. There is a real need to find additional means of assistance to help improve the quality of life of these residents.

Capital Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/24	DOHMH	Other animal and pest control requests	There is a need for a full-service, full-time animal shelter in the Bronx. Presently, the Bronx has only a part-time service which is insufficient for meeting the needs of the borough.	Community Wide

Expense Requests Related to Health Care and Human Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/25	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	Initiate the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) in our district. To provide resources to help our senior population maintain healthy living in their own apartments.	Community Wide
20/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	According to the most recent Community Health Survey, many residents are either overweight or obese and suffer disproportionately from related diseases such as diabetes. The Department of Health needs to have nutritional education programs for the general public in our schools and Hospitals within our district. The Bronx still has the highest rate of health concerns in the State.	Community Wide
25/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	We need more programs for mental health and substance abuse at North Central Bronx Hospital. The area has seen one of the highest increase in heroine and opioid substance abuse.	North Central Bronx Hospital

Youth, Education and Child Welfare



Main Issue Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

School and educational facilities (Capacity)

CEC 10, which includes most of our district, is the most overcrowded district in the Bronx and is among the most overcrowded districts citywide. As a result, students find themselves trying to learn while jammed into spaces never intended as classrooms, such as libraries, gymnasiums, laboratories, lunchrooms, and even closets. There is substantial evidence that overcrowding, particularly in high-poverty districts such as ours, can have an adverse impact on learning.

Capital Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
1/24	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Currently, eleven out of our fourteen grade schools are operating overcapacity, with several of these schools severely overcapacity. Our community is experiencing a large increase in residential development with hundreds of planned housing units across the district. As a result of these new developments, school overcrowding will continue become a larger issue unless new grade schools are	Community Wide
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermediat e school	Our existing middle schools are over capacity. We are in need of a new middle/intermediate School in the CB 7 district.	3177 Webster Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Youth, Education and Child Welfare

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6- 8)	Few if any of the area students are able to attend Specialized High Schools. Bronx High School of Science is within our area but does not serve students in our district. Test Prep for our resident students is needed to address this issue.	Community Wide
4/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	Providing more Beacon Programs in our district is necessary and a critical tool in keeping kids/young adults off the street and positively engaged. Additional after-school slots are necessary to ensure all children in the district are given the opportunity to utilize these services.	Community Wide
19/25	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Provide funding for the establishment of a Gifted and Talented program in a school within Community District 7.	Community Wide





Main Issue Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Public Nuisance (noise, other disturbances)

Bronx Community Board 7 has seen a dramatic increase in public Nuisances complaints. These complaints all involve our quality of life and safety. We need to have better enforcement methods from the NYPD for noise complaints and loitering. Our community needs more of a police presence in neighborhoods with numerous complaints.

Capital Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
4/24	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub- precinct	The 52nd Precinct has over 300 officers servicing the community. Currently, the Precinct is need of a subprecinct to accommodate the growth. There is vacant space that can purchased by the city across the street at 3041 Webster Ave. In addition, the parking lot at the precinct needs to be renovated to further accommodate the growth.	52 Precinct
CS	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	The 52nd Precinct House is a historic landmark with its trademark Tower Clock, which is not currently operational. The board requests that the Tower Clock be repaired.	3016 Webster Avenue
CS	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Install NYPD Security cameras on Bedford Park and Fordham Road. Surveillance cameras are a valuable crime fighting tool, but there are still many areas in our community that lack camera coverage.	Community Wide

Expense Requests Related to Public Safety and Emergency Services

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/25	NYPD	Assign additional transit police officers	The district is home to three subway lines and there are nine stations in the district. We need officers to address common complaints that include panhandling, card swiping and vandalism. Additional officers would allow these complaints to be addressed more quickly and more efficiently.	Community Wide
14/25	NYPD	Increase resources for vandalism prevention programs, such as anti-graffiti initiatives	These programs will help combat the economic and quality-of-life setback caused by graffiti vandalism. A new initiative will help prevent and abate graffiti vandalism on the local level, resulting in safer, more vibrant communities.	Community Wide





Main Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Cleanliness/trash collection

The office receives a high volume of complaints related to the cleanliness of the district. Specifically, there are a high volume of complaints related to dog waste, illegal dumping and cleanliness of the merchant areas.

Capital Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
7/24	DEP	Investigate and address water pressure complaint at specific address or on specific street segment	Create a jogging path around the Jerome Park Reservoir with an entranceway on Goulden Avenue which would provide easier access to residents in the district. The current plans for the jogging path do not encircle the reservoir and the board has implored the Parks Department and DEP to reopen portions of the reservoir so the Cb#7 residents have easier access to this community amenity.	Jerome Park Reservoir
19/24	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	In addition to repairing catch basins the continuous flooding after storms on both Bainbridge Avenue and Decatur and Van Cortlandt Avenue East needs to be addressed.	Bainbridge Avenue

Expense Requests Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
5/25	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	The district has historically had one of the highest volumes of complaints regarding canine waste. An increase in enforcement activity would be helpful in addressing this long-standing issue.	Community Wide
7/25	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	We need an increase in sanitation enforcement to improve the quality of our commercial corridors. Our shopping districts include: Fordham Road, Kingsbridge Road, Jerome Avenue, 204th Street and Webster Avenue.	Community Wide





Main Issue Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Housing support (including tenant protection)

The residents of Bronx Community Board 7 are constantly dealing with rental issues. Tenants have rights and should be afforded more services to help with rental increases, preferential rent leases and code violations. We see too often how our residents are living in poor conditions. The living conditions can affect your quality of life, your job, your family and your mental health. There is also a need for mixed income housing to accommodate those in different income brackets.

Capital Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
12/24	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	The recent push to create affordable housing has resulted in additional units for low-income residents in our district. However, there has been a severe shortage in the availability of affordable units for middle income residents. We are requesting the Open-Door Program to encourage home ownership in our district.	Community Wide



Expense Requests Related to Housing, Economic Development and Land Use

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/25	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Provide additional Personnel for HPD Inspections. There are many community residents who do not live in quality housing because of non-compliance with housing regulations. The primary cause is not that complaints are not recorded by HPD but the heavy reliance of self-certification for determining compliance. We request that HPD move away from relying heavily on self certification and hire additional enforcement personnel to deal with the large number of outstanding violations.	Community Wide
9/25	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	In CB 7 we only have one Public Housing building which is Bailey Houses. Bailey houses is in need of consistent maintence and cleanliness inside and outside of the building. NYCHA residents deserve to have a clean and environmentally friendly place to live.	Bailey Houses 2663 Heath Avenue
11/25	SBS	Support development of local Storefront / Facade Improvement Program	All of our commercial strips are in need of rehabilitation and faade improvements. Funding is needed to advertise and support businesses.	Community Wide
13/25	EDC	Expand graffiti removal services on private sites	The average wait-time for graffiti removal is far too long and many residents no longer bother to report graffiti under the mistaken belief that it will not be addressed. It is clear additional resources are needed to cut-down wait times and allow for proactive graffiti removal.	Community Wide
15/25	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	The lack of affordable housing and the continuing decline in the number of Section 8 vouchers has made it impossible for many residents to find affordable housing options. Additional rental subsidy programs would also be helpful in creating housing options for these residents.	Community Wide

Transportation



Main Issue Related to Transportation

Traffic congestion

Due to increasing housing, business and service concerns (hospital), CB7 is in the need of additional transportation options for the community. Residents and people employed in the community are finding parking more and more difficult within the area. Ridership on the #D and #4 subway lines is increasing as well as use on the areas buses. A study is need to see when addition services can be provided ie. ferry services on Harlem River. The high population density of the district and ever-increasing development has made traffic congestion an issue of paramount concern in the district.



Capital Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
6/24	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	There is s need for an elevator at the #4 Mosholu train station. Many residents use the 4 train to get to local Hospitals like North Central Bronx and Montefiore. The lack of accessibility is a major problem.	4 Train station Mosholu
10/24	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Requesting the placement of a light which would illuminate the flagpole at the intersection of Jerome and Bainbridge Avenues. (Woodlawn Station) The flagpole serves as a veterans memorial, but cannot be seen at night and is in need of proper lighting.	Bainbridge Avenue Jerome Avenue Bainbridge
15/24	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Build a Municipal Parking Garage for overnight use, merchants, shoppers and residents of Community Board #7. there is a major need for resident and merchant parking in the community. Land is available along Webster Avenue in the Norwood Community.	Community Wide
17/24	DOT	Improve parking operations	DOT should expand the municipal parking garage at East Gunhill Road and Jerome Avenue to allow for more parking availability.	Jerome Avenue East Gunhill Road East 212th Street
22/24	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Provide Time clocks on the 3 busiest buss lines: # 41, 1 and 2.	
CS	DOT	Reconstruct streets	Fund Coles Lane as a Pedestrian Street with ADA accessibility. Coles Lane is a deteriorated street with uneven steps, broken pedestrian pavement and poor drainage. It is not accessible to wheel chair bound residents who are trying to access the Bronx Library Center from Bainbridge Avenue. Instead they must traverse Fordham Road to get to the library. Additionally, Coles Lanes does not have any lighting and is an unwelcoming area after sunset. We request that DOT repair the pavement, convert the steps so that it is ADA accessible and provide upgraded street lighting.	Coles Lane Bainbridge Avenues Coles lane
CS	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	Improved streetscapes can be a vital tool in helping to attract and retain quality businesses and improve public safety. Streetscape investment would be particularly useful in the Webster Avenue area to support the types of development envisioned in the Webster Avenue Vision Plan.	Webster Avenue East Mosholu Parkway North East Fordham Road



Expense Requests Related to Transportation

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
10/25	NYCTA	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance	Major cleaning and rehabilitation are needed at the D and 4 train lines within District 7.	Community Wide
16/25	DOT	Address traffic congestion	As development continues to increase in the district, traffic congestion has become an ever increasing area of concern. The department should explore opportunities for reducing traffic congestion on Mosholu Parkway, Gun Hill Road and Kingsbridge Road	Mosholu Pkwy Gun Hill Rd and Kingsbridge Rd
18/25	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	The Bx41 currently services Webster Avenue, but the service does not extend north of Gun Hill Road. In recent years, the area north of Gun Hill Road has experienced tremendous development with the addition of hundreds of new units of housing. The Bx41 service should be extended to ensure these new residents have access to transit and are connected to the lower portions of Webster Avenue.	Webster Avenue Gun Hill Road East 233rd Street
21/25	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	Several years ago, a plan was approved by the MTA to add a new bus line from Fordham Road to LaGuardia Airport. The funding never materialized and the bus line was never fully implemented. The board continues to believe that this vital bus line will help connect the Bronx and Queens and provide a major link for local residents to connect to the many jobs available at the airport.	Community Wide

Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities



Main Issue Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Quality of parks and park facilities

The district is home to a large number of parks and parkways, making it one of the greenest districts in the city. However, the large amount of parks space has made it very difficult to provide the necessary level of maintenance to keep the parks clean and safe. Additional investment is needed in both maintenance personnel and equipment in the district.

Community District Needs Related to Library Facilities and Programming

According to NYPL statistics (below), in Fiscal Year 2016 the libraries in CB 7 had 908,316 visits.

Branch Visits Program Attendance Bronx Library Center 730,404 95,088 Mosholu
Branch 177,912 19,174 Totals 908,316 114,262 The NYPL libraries within BX CB 7 are used extensively. The community relies on them to provide essential library services, as well as educational programs and community space. Many of the library locations are in need of critical upgrades, including mechanical systems, bathrooms, roofs, facades and ADA upgrades. While other locations are in need of a complete renovation.



Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
8/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Repair the stone stairs at Williamsbridge Oval Park and make it ADA Accessible.	Williamsbridge Oval Park
9/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Repair and reconstruct the retaining wall in St. James Park along Creston Avenue and along 192nd Street. The retaining wall in St. James Park along Creston Avenue has many gaps, cracks and deteriorating masonry along its entire length and is a safety hazard to park goers. The park was recently renovated with Croton Mitigation Funds but repairs to the wall seem to be overlooked.	St. James Park
11/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund repair of the Perimeter fencing at the Williamsbridge Oval Park to address security issues. There are many portions of the current gate surrounding WBO Park where the iron gates are missing or have been compromised. This provided opportunities for individuals to enter the park after dark and cause a variety of disturbances for neighborhood residents or damage to the park's equipment or center. The repair of this fence around WBO Park will restore the first line of defense to the park and serve as a deterrent to vandalism and other quality of life issues.	Williamsbridge Oval Park
13/24	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The board calls for the department to fund the creation of Regatta Park on the waterfront at Fordham Landing. In previous fiscal years, funds had been allocated to start the project, but nonetheless, the project has never gotten off the ground. A renewed effort should be made to turn this eyesore into a park space for community residents. We need access to the waterfront and an update on this project.	Exterior Street West Fordham Road University Heights Bridge
14/24	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	Purchase and install Flash Cam Security cameras throughout the Parks in Community Board #7 to increase security. The community board has requested these cameras over the last five years. Since then there have been several major incidents that had the cameras been installed they would have acted as a deterrent to these crimes or provided evidence that would have aided law enforcement officials. The board requests that Parks purchase and install these cameras to address this increasing public safety issues.	Community Wide



Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
16/24	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Repave sidewalk along the East side of Bainbridge Avenue from the West bound lanes of Mosholu Parkway to Mosholu Parkway North Service Road. The sidewalk is cracked and dangerous for pedestrians.	Mosholu Parkway
18/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	We need funding for a multi-purpose athletic field at Frisch Field.	Frisch Field
20/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate Devoe Park: Recede the curbs, re-pitch the side walks for drainage and update benches.	Devoe Park
21/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate the 2 Playgrounds and play equipment in Devoe Park	Devoe Park
23/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Redesign and repurpose the storage house for public use located in the middle of Devoe Park.	Devoe Park
24/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Devoe Park-Renovate the Basketball Courts to include new Fiberglass backboards. Reconstruct the court area. It is worn and in need of resurfacing. The existing backboards are outdated.	Devoe Park
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The last major rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway took place nearly forty years ago. In the meantime, the park has been allowed to fall apart with an increasing number of benches out of service, stone pillars crumbling and fencing falling apart. The board calls on the department to work with DOT to undertake a total rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway.	Mosholu Parkway



Capital Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Repair the stone pillars on the eastbound and westbound lanes of Mosholu Parkway Main road and service road from Webster to Bainbridge Avenues. Some of these pillars have been damaged by motor vehicle accidents.	Mosholu Parkway Webster Avenue Bainbridge Avenues

Expense Requests Related to Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
3/25	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	The current number of parks personnel assigned to trash removal is insufficient. Additional personnel are needed for trash removal and general upkeep of community park space. A new packer just for District 7 is needed to ensure timely cleanings. The purchase of a mechanical broom, grass cutter, and pickup truck for the Parks Department to address pathway maintenance and ensure frequent garbage collection in Community District #7 parks is needed.	Community Wide
6/25	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Additional PEP officers are needed to patrol our parks and playgrounds to address various quality of life issues including vandalism, illegal barbecuing, etc.	Community Wide
17/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Provide a Gardener for Mosholu Parkway and Williamsbridge Oval. Both Parks have very large park area and in order to keep up with the gardening and maintenance, we feel that there is a need for a dedicated full time gardener.	Mosholu Parkway
22/25	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	Provide additional Funding for Community Boards to fulfill Charter mandated Responsibilities. We are grateful for the recent increase in the budgets of community boards. However, we are requesting that the city increase the community boards budget to \$350,000 each to assure that they can provide the mandated services to the districts.	Community Wide
24/25	DoITT	Telecommunication s related requests	We would like to see a Link-NYC-Kiosk on Mosholu Parkway. Our residents will benefit from having free internet while enjoying the parkway scenery.	Mosholu Parkway

6. Additional Information and Other Budget Requests

Other Capital Requests

Priority	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location
2/24	EDC	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	Allocate funding for a Full Service Community Center to include senior, youth and child care services at the former Bronx Library Center located at 2556 Bainbridge Avenue. Please update on the status	2556 Bainbridge Avenue

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Support (CS)	Agency	Request	Explanation	Location	Supporters
1/24	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Currently, eleven out of our fourteen grade schools are operating overcapacity, with several of these schools severely overcapacity. Our community is experiencing a large increase in residential development with hundreds of planned housing units across the district. As a result of these new developments, school overcrowding will continue become a larger issue unless new grade schools are built immediately.	Community Wide	
2/24	EDC	Make infrastructure investments that will support growth in local business districts	Allocate funding for a Full Service Community Center to include senior, youth and child care services at the former Bronx Library Center located at 2556 Bainbridge Avenue. Please update on the status	2556 Bainbridge Avenue	Community Advocates
3/24	DOHMH	Other animal and pest control requests	There is a need for a full-service, full-time animal shelter in the Bronx. Presently, the Bronx has only a part-time service which is insufficient for meeting the needs of the borough.	Community Wide	
4/24	NYPD	Provide a new NYPD facility, such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct	The 52nd Precinct has over 300 officers servicing the community. Currently, the Precinct is need of a sub-precinct to accommodate the growth. There is vacant space that can purchased by the city across the street at 3041 Webster Ave. In addition, the parking lot at the precinct needs to be renovated to further accommodate the growth.	52 Precinct	
5/24	DPR	Upgrade or create new greenways	There is currently a city-owned vacant lot at Oliver Place between Marion and Decatur Avenues. The site is not only an eyesore for the community, but also has facilitated numerous negative activities including loitering, drug dealing and violent crimes. The site has long been a target for the development of a new park for community residents, but the resources have never been invested to make this plan a reality. The city should make a targeted investment to develop a playground or community garden on the lot to address these outstanding issues.	Oliver Place Marion Avenu Decatur Avenue	Bedford Residents

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6/24	NYCTA	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	There is s need for an elevator at the #4 Mosholu train station. Many residents use the 4 train to get to local Hospitals like North Central Bronx and Montefiore. The lack of accessibility is a major problem.	4 Train station Mosholu	Andrew Cohen
7/24	DEP	Investigate and address water pressure complaint at specific address or on specific street segment	Create a jogging path around the Jerome Park Reservoir with an entranceway on Goulden Avenue which would provide easier access to residents in the district. The current plans for the jogging path do not encircle the reservoir and the board has implored the Parks Department and DEP to reopen portions of the reservoir so the Cb#7 residents have easier access to this community amenity.	Jerome Park Reservoir	Jerome Park Reservoir Advocates; Residents of Community Board #7
8/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Repair the stone stairs at Williamsbridge Oval Park and make it ADA Accessible.	Williamsbridge Oval Park	
9/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Repair and reconstruct the retaining wall in St. James Park along Creston Avenue and along 192nd Street. The retaining wall in St. James Park along Creston Avenue has many gaps, cracks and deteriorating masonry along its entire length and is a safety hazard to park goers. The park was recently renovated with Croton Mitigation Funds but repairs to the wall seem to be overlooked.	St. James Park	North Fordham Residents; Park Advocates
10/24	NYCTA	Other transit infrastructure requests	Requesting the placement of a light which would illuminate the flagpole at the intersection of Jerome and Bainbridge Avenues. (Woodlawn Station) The flagpole serves as a veterans memorial, but cannot be seen at night and is in need of proper lighting.	Bainbridge Avenue Jerome Avenue Bainbridge	

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11/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Fund repair of the Perimeter fencing at the Williamsbridge Oval Park to address security issues. There are many portions of the current gate surrounding WBO Park where the iron gates are missing or have been compromised. This provided opportunities for individuals to enter the park after dark and cause a variety of disturbances for neighborhood residents or damage to the park's equipment or center. The repair of this fence around WBO Park will restore the first line of defense to the park and serve as a deterrent to vandalism and other quality of life issues.	Williamsbridge Oval Park	Residents surrounding Wiliamsbridge Oval Park; Park Advocates
12/24	HPD	Provide more housing for medium income households	The recent push to create affordable housing has resulted in additional units for low-income residents in our district. However, there has been a severe shortage in the availability of affordable units for middle income residents. We are requesting the Open-Door Program to encourage home ownership in our district.	Community Wide	
13/24	DPR	Provide a new or expanded park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The board calls for the department to fund the creation of Regatta Park on the waterfront at Fordham Landing. In previous fiscal years, funds had been allocated to start the project, but nonetheless, the project has never gotten off the ground. A renewed effort should be made to turn this eyesore into a park space for community residents. We need access to the waterfront and an update on this project.	Exterior Street West Fordham Road University Heights Bridge	

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14/24	DPR	Enhance park safety through design interventions, e.g. better lighting	Purchase and install Flash Cam Security cameras throughout the Parks in Community Board #7 to increase security. The community board has requested these cameras over the last five years. Since then there have been several major incidents that had the cameras been installed they would have acted as a deterrent to these crimes or provided evidence that would have aided law enforcement officials. The board requests that Parks purchase and install these cameras to address this increasing public safety issues.	Community Wide	Residents of CB #7; Park Advocates
15/24	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Build a Municipal Parking Garage for overnight use, merchants, shoppers and residents of Community Board #7. there is a major need for resident and merchant parking in the community. Land is available along Webster Avenue in the Norwood Community.	Community Wide	
16/24	DPR	Other requests for park, building, or access improvements	Repave sidewalk along the East side of Bainbridge Avenue from the West bound lanes of Mosholu Parkway to Mosholu Parkway North Service Road. The sidewalk is cracked and dangerous for pedestrians.	Mosholu Parkway	
17/24	DOT	Improve parking operations	DOT should expand the municipal parking garage at East Gunhill Road and Jerome Avenue to allow for more parking availability.	Jerome Avenue East Gunhill Road East 212th Street	
18/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	We need funding for a multi-purpose athletic field at Frisch Field.	Frisch Field	

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19/24	DEP	Evaluate a public location or property for green infrastructure, e.g. rain gardens, stormwater greenstreets, green playgrounds	In addition to repairing catch basins the continuous flooding after storms on both Bainbridge Avenue and Decatur and Van Cortlandt Avenue East needs to be addressed.	Bainbridge Avenue	
20/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Renovate Devoe Park: Recede the curbs, re-pitch the side walks for drainage and update benches.	Devoe Park	
21/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Rehabilitate the 2 Playgrounds and play equipment in Devoe Park	Devoe Park	
22/24	DOT	Other transportation infrastructure requests	Provide Time clocks on the 3 busiest buss lines: # 41, 1 and 2.		
23/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Redesign and repurpose the storage house for public use located in the middle of Devoe Park.	Devoe Park	
24/24	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Devoe Park-Renovate the Basketball Courts to include new Fiberglass backboards. Reconstruct the court area. It is worn and in need of resurfacing. The existing backboards are outdated.	Devoe Park	
CS	SCA	Provide a new or expand an existing middle/intermedia te school	Our existing middle schools are over capacity. We are in need of a new middle/intermediate School in the CB 7 district.	3177 Webster Avenue	Parents of PS 56; Educational Advocates

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CS	NYPD	Provide surveillance cameras	Install NYPD Security cameras on Bedford Park and Fordham Road. Surveillance cameras are a valuable crime fighting tool, but there are still many areas in our community that lack camera coverage.	Community Wide	
CS	DOT	Install streetscape improvements	Improved streetscapes can be a vital tool in helping to attract and retain quality businesses and improve public safety. Streetscape investment would be particularly useful in the Webster Avenue area to support the types of development envisioned in the Webster Avenue Vision Plan.	Webster Avenue East Mosholu Parkway North East Fordham Road	
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	Repair the stone pillars on the eastbound and westbound lanes of Mosholu Parkway Main road and service road from Webster to Bainbridge Avenues. Some of these pillars have been damaged by motor vehicle accidents.	Mosholu Parkway Webster Avenue Bainbridge Avenues	Norwood and Bedford Park residents
CS	DOT	Reconstruct	Fund Coles Lane as a Pedestrian Street with ADA accessibility. Coles Lane is a deteriorated street with uneven steps, broken pedestrian pavement and poor drainage. It is not accessible to wheel chair bound residents who are trying to access the Bronx Library Center from Bainbridge Avenue. Instead they must traverse Fordham Road to get to the library. Additionally, Coles Lanes does not have any lighting and is an unwelcoming area after sunset. We request that DOT repair the pavement, convert the steps so that it is ADA accessible and provide upgraded street lighting.	Coles Lane Bainbridge Avenues Coles lane	Fordham Bedford Housing Corp.; ADA Advocates and neighborhood residents.
CS	DPR	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or amenity (i.e. playground, outdoor athletic field)	The last major rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway took place nearly forty years ago. In the meantime, the park has been allowed to fall apart with an increasing number of benches out of service, stone pillars crumbling and fencing falling apart. The board calls on the department to work with DOT to undertake a total rehabilitation of Mosholu Parkway.	Mosholu Parkway	

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CS	NYPD	Renovate or upgrade existing precinct houses	The 52nd Precinct House is a historic landmark with its trademark Tower Clock, which is not currently operational. The board requests that the Tower Clock be repaired.	3016 Webster Avenue	

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1/25	DFTA	Enhance NORC programs and health services	Initiate the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) in our district. To provide resources to help our senior population maintain healthy living in their own apartments.	Community Wide	
2/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8)	Few if any of the area students are able to attend Specialized High Schools. Bronx High School of Science is within our area but does not serve students in our district. Test Prep for our resident students is needed to address this issue.	Community Wide	
3/25	DPR	Improve trash removal and cleanliness	The current number of parks personnel assigned to trash removal is insufficient. Additional personnel are needed for trash removal and general upkeep of community park space. A new packer just for District 7 is needed to ensure timely cleanings. The purchase of a mechanical broom, grass cutter, and pickup truck for the Parks Department to address pathway maintenance and ensure frequent garbage collection in Community District #7 parks is needed.	Community Wide	
4/25	DYCD	Provide, expand, or enhance Cornerstone and Beacon programs (all ages, including young adults)	Providing more Beacon Programs in our district is necessary and a critical tool in keeping kids/young adults off the street and positively engaged. Additional after-school slots are necessary to ensure all children in the district are given the opportunity to utilize these services.	Community Wide	
5/25	DSNY	Increase enforcement of canine waste laws	The district has historically had one of the highest volumes of complaints regarding canine waste. An increase in enforcement activity would be helpful in addressing this long-standing issue.	Community Wide	
6/25	DPR	Enhance park safety through more security staff (police or parks enforcement)	Additional PEP officers are needed to patrol our parks and playgrounds to address various quality of life issues including vandalism, illegal barbecuing, etc.	Community Wide	
7/25	DSNY	Increase enforcement of dirty sidewalk/dirty area/failure to clean area laws	We need an increase in sanitation enforcement to improve the quality of our commercial corridors. Our shopping districts include: Fordham Road, Kingsbridge Road, Jerome Avenue, 204th Street and Webster Avenue.	Community Wide	

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8/25	HPD	Expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations	Provide additional Personnel for HPD Inspections. There are many community residents who do not live in quality housing because of non-compliance with housing regulations. The primary cause is not that complaints are not recorded by HPD but the heavy reliance of self-certification for determining compliance. We request that HPD move away from relying heavily on self certification and hire additional enforcement personnel to deal with the large number of outstanding violations.	Community Wide	
9/25	NYCHA	Improve public housing maintenance and cleanliness	In CB 7 we only have one Public Housing building which is Bailey Houses. Bailey houses is in need of consistent maintence and cleanliness inside and outside of the building. NYCHA residents deserve to have a clean and environmentally friendly place to live.	Bailey Houses 2663 Heath Avenue	
10/25	NYCTA	Improve bus cleanliness, safety or maintenance	Major cleaning and rehabilitation are needed at the D and 4 train lines within District 7.	Community Wide	
11/25	SBS	Support development of local Storefront / Facade Improvement Program	All of our commercial strips are in need of rehabilitation and faade improvements. Funding is needed to advertise and support businesses.	Community Wide	
12/25	NYPD	Assign additional transit police officers	The district is home to three subway lines and there are nine stations in the district. We need officers to address common complaints that include panhandling, card swiping and vandalism. Additional officers would allow these complaints to be addressed more quickly and more efficiently.	Community Wide	
13/25	EDC	Expand graffiti removal services on private sites	The average wait-time for graffiti removal is far too long and many residents no longer bother to report graffiti under the mistaken belief that it will not be addressed. It is clear additional resources are needed to cut-down wait times and allow for proactive graffiti removal.	Community Wide	

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14/25	NYPD	Increase resources for vandalism prevention programs, such as anti-graffiti initiatives	These programs will help combat the economic and quality-of-life setback caused by graffiti vandalism. A new initiative will help prevent and abate graffiti vandalism on the local level, resulting in safer, more vibrant communities.	Community Wide	
15/25	HPD	Provide or enhance rental subsidies programs	The lack of affordable housing and the continuing decline in the number of Section 8 vouchers has made it impossible for many residents to find affordable housing options. Additional rental subsidy programs would also be helpful in creating housing options for these residents.	Community Wide	
16/25	DOT	Address traffic congestion	As development continues to increase in the district, traffic congestion has become an ever increasing area of concern. The department should explore opportunities for reducing traffic congestion on Mosholu Parkway, Gun Hill Road and Kingsbridge Road	Mosholu Pkwy Gun Hill Rd and Kingsbridge Rd	
17/25	DPR	Other park maintenance and safety requests	Provide a Gardener for Mosholu Parkway and Williamsbridge Oval. Both Parks have very large park area and in order to keep up with the gardening and maintenance, we feel that there is a need for a dedicated full time gardener.	Mosholu Parkway	
18/25	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	The Bx41 currently services Webster Avenue, but the service does not extend north of Gun Hill Road. In recent years, the area north of Gun Hill Road has experienced tremendous development with the addition of hundreds of new units of housing. The Bx41 service should be extended to ensure these new residents have access to transit and are connected to the lower portions of Webster Avenue.	Webster Avenue Gun Hill Road East 233rd Street	
19/25	DOE	Other educational programs requests	Provide funding for the establishment of a Gifted and Talented program in a school within Community District 7.	Community Wide	
20/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs for education and awareness on nutrition, physical activity, etc.	According to the most recent Community Health Survey, many residents are either overweight or obese and suffer disproportionately from related diseases such as diabetes. The Department of Health needs to have nutritional education programs for the general public in our schools and Hospitals within our district. The Bronx still has the highest rate of health concerns in the State.	Community Wide	

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21/25	NYCTA	Provide a new bus service or Select Bus Service	Several years ago, a plan was approved by the MTA to add a new bus line from Fordham Road to LaGuardia Airport. The funding never materialized and the bus line was never fully implemented. The board continues to believe that this vital bus line will help connect the Bronx and Queens and provide a major link for local residents to connect to the many jobs available at the airport.	Community Wide	
22/25	OMB	Other community board facilities and staff requests	Provide additional Funding for Community Boards to fulfill Charter mandated Responsibilities. We are grateful for the recent increase in the budgets of community boards. However, we are requesting that the city increase the community boards budget to \$350,000 each to assure that they can provide the mandated services to the districts.	Community Wide	
23/25	DYCD	Other educational programs requests	CB 7 is requesting a Youth Center at the former Bainbridge Library Center which is a city owned property. Example: YMCA.	Former Bainbridge Avenue	
24/25	DoITT	Telecommunicatio ns related requests	We would like to see a Link-NYC-Kiosk on Mosholu Parkway. Our residents will benefit from having free internet while enjoying the parkway scenery.	Mosholu Parkway	
25/25	DOHMH	Create or promote programs to destigmatize mental health problems and encourage treatment	We need more programs for mental health and substance abuse at North Central Bronx Hospital. The area has seen one of the highest increase in heroine and opioid substance abuse.	North Central Bronx Hospital	