



Fiscal Year 2017 Statement of Community District Needs and
Community Board Budget Requests
for
Brooklyn Community Board 7



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INTRODUCTION

The annual Statements of Community District Needs (CD Needs Statements) and the Community Board Budget Requests (Budget Requests) are Charter requirements and an integral part of the City's budget process. When developed through informed planning and careful consideration, CD Needs Statements and Budget Requests can play an important role in consultations of community boards with agencies, elected officials and other key stakeholders on a broad range of local planning and budget priorities. These tools also provide a valuable public resource for neighborhood planning and research purposes, and are used by a wide audience seeking information about New York City's diverse communities.

This year, for the first time, community boards electronically submitted a CD Needs Statement combined with their Budget Requests. The goal of these improvements is to simplify preparation of both documents for the community boards and to make the information community boards provide more easily accessible for City agencies and other stakeholders. Simplified and more efficient processes will allow all parties involved in the budget process to consider budget decisions more thoroughly, with better results for all New Yorkers.

This report represents Brooklyn Community Board 7's Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017. This report contains the formatted but otherwise unedited content provided by the Community Board which is displayed in italics.

Some community boards provided substantive supplemental information. This supportive material can be accessed by clicking on the links provided in the document or by copying and pasting them into a browser.

1. COMMUNITY BOARD INFORMATION

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2. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT

Brooklyn Community Board 7 provided the following overview of their district:

Community District 7 is a mixed residential, industrial and commercial community. Home to an ethnically and economically integrated population, the District is comprised of two main communities: Sunset Park and Windsor Terrace. Other community identities have gained popularity and become more established recently, including Greenwood Heights and South Park Slope. Sunset Park consists of a strong residential community, two viable commercial strips, 5th and 8th Avenues and a large industrial area. It is bifurcated by the Gowanus Expressway and is bordered to the south by the Long Island Rail Road cut. The 23-acre facility, Sunset Park, has an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a recreation center and a large open space with spectacular views of the harbor. Windsor Terrace and the northern part of the district consist of a smaller residential community with three commercial strips on 5th and 7th Avenues and Prospect Park West. Windsor Terrace is surrounded by the natural boundaries of Prospect Park and Green-Wood Cemetery. The Gothic Brownstone "gatehouse" at the cemetery's entrance is a New York City landmark and the most widely known symbol of the community. The District has been home to generations of immigrants, Irish and Italian and Scandinavian in the early 20th century and before. Mid-century saw an influx from Puerto Rico, then immigrants from the Dominican Republic and from central and South America. The 1980s saw a large increase in residents from China and the 90s began an influx from Mexico and, to a lesser extent, the Middle East. Our community is extremely diverse (thirteenth of the fifty-nine Community Districts, according to the New York University Wagner School) and yet our populations live mostly in peace, making for a family-friendly neighborhood. The residents have learned to organize to fight for resources and demand change and our collective action have produced positive results. We defeated a floating power plant in 2004 that would have been taller than any building in the area and longer than the Titanic. We rezoned most of our residential community in 2005 and 2009. After a 40-year effort, we finally built a local high school in 2009 and followed that up the next year with a new elementary school. Our waterfront park should be open within weeks. We finished our 197-a Plan, which calls for the enhancement of our industrial waterfront, improved environmental performance and additional recreation opportunities on our waterfront and it was passed by the City. New businesses are bringing investment and jobs to our waterfront. The Community Board, along with six community organizations, negotiated a reduction in emissions from two of our local power plants. We are home to a bio-technology center, enormous economic development investments at Industry City, Liberty View Plaza, the Brooklyn Army Terminal, Bush Terminal and the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal and we have the capacity to continue to grow our industrial sector with good-paying jobs for local residents. We have led the local effort to improve pedestrian safety and redesign our streets for safety and mobility improvements. Clearly, positive changes and investments are being made in our community, but more needs to be done for a community that had been left behind in the past. Our Board has been forward-looking and aggressive in our pursuit of investments and infrastructure improvements that will enhance the lives and livelihoods of our residents, workers and business owners. However, there continue to be sections of our community that have not received sufficient investments and improvements and this continues to leave some of our residents behind. Our community has overcrowded schools, an insufficient amount of parkland, second oldest housing stock in NYC according to NYU, and not nearly enough affordable and senior housing units. Our waterfront access is extremely limited. Many of our streets remain dangerous to cross and have crumbling infrastructure. Public transportation does not extend far enough and is in need of upgrades. We do not have fiber-optic cable and more than 20% of households in Sunset Park do not have internet service, according to a recent survey. The Gowanus Expressway is under constant construction and continues to bring 50 million emission-spewing vehicles through our community every year.

3. MAIN ISSUES

As part of this year's process, community boards were asked to select from a list the three most pressing issues facing their district. Brooklyn Community Board 7 identified the following three issues:

- *Schools*
- *Traffic*
- *Connecting local residents to the jobs that are being created along the waterfront, including training for specific skills.*

Brooklyn Community Board 7 provided the following explanation for their choices:

Schools – Despite the construction of four new schools since 2009, CB 7 still lacks an adequate number of seats and facilities, particularly for pre-k students. The district lacks space of appropriate size for additional school development and we must think creatively to find new spaces. Traffic – Pedestrian safety must be paramount, especially with schools, senior housing and other sensitive sites located on or near major roadways and truck routes. CB 7 is pleased with the changes made to 4th Avenue and eagerly awaits changes to Caton Avenue. We would like to see similar safety enhancements made to 3rd, 5th and 8th Avenues in Sunset Park, as well as Prospect Park Southwest and McDonald Avenue. Other – Billions of dollars in public and private development is being invested in the Sunset Park waterfront, potential creating thousands of new jobs with good wages. CB 7 has long sought to protect its industrial community because of the economic benefits that can come. However, there are negatives associated with proximity to industry, including heavy truck traffic and emissions. We believe the residents who must endure these hardships should be prioritized when it comes to reaping the benefits of these investments.

4. SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT NEEDS AND COMMUNITY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS

Community Boards were asked to identify their district's needs related to the following seven policy areas:

- Health Care and Human Services;
- Youth, Education and Child Welfare;
- Public Safety;
- Core Infrastructure and City Services;
- Land Use, Housing and Economic Development;
- Transportation; and
- Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities.

Based on the needs identified, community boards then had the opportunity to make budget requests to address these needs.

The following sections describe the specific needs and budget requests of Brooklyn Community Board 7 for FY 2017.

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Other|The merger of Lutheran Medical Center with NYU Langone is our top issue. It is unknown at this time what impact it will have on the community.

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

The recently announced merger will have an unknown impact on the local community as it is the largest healthcare provider and the largest employer in the community. Will the merger lead to reduced local services and employment? Will the important social services provided through Lutheran Family Health Services be reduced or eliminated? Will the cultural understanding and sensitivity gained over years of painstaking outreach be lost on a new corporate, non-local culture? And how will this impact healthcare in a largely immigrant, and often undocumented, population?

Community District Needs and Requests:

4.1.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Health Care Facilities and Programming

At this time, the community board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this needs category.

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

4.1.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Under the FY16 Capital Priorities for the Board, our members call for an increase in programmatic funding for existing senior centers in the district. Our members are concerned about the proliferation of for-profit adult day services around the city and believe the city's senior centers provide a much higher level of service and more opportunities for seniors. Unfortunately, the city centers are not eligible for the Medicaid funding and therefore are not playing on an even field. CB 7 believes the city should provide additional funds to allow for the centers to increase the number of seniors they serve.

The Community Board provided the following Budget Requests:

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Expense Requests related to Facilities and Programming for Older New Yorkers (as provided by the Community Board) Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
20	DFTA	Senior center programs	Enhance educational and recreational programs	CB 7 believes city senior centers are now in competition with for-profit facilities that have access to federal reimbursement. Programs at city facilities should be enhanced in order to compete.		

4.1.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Facilities and Services for the Homeless

At this time, the community board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this needs category.

4.1. Health Care and Human Services Needs and Requests

4.1.4. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

CD 7 has a high rate of poverty (28.7% according to NYU) and a very large foreign-born population (47.2% - NYU) so it could be argued that all services provided are for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers

The Community Board provided the following Budget Requests:

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Expense Requests related to Services and Programming for Low-Income and Vulnerable New Yorkers (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
15	HRA	Services to support low-income New Yorkers	Provide, expand, or enhance job training	CB 7 believes community-based employment training programs for special needs populations should be restored.		
09	HRA	Services to support low-income New Yorkers	Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults	Given the Board's large foreign-born population and low rate of high school graduation, board members feel it is essential to increase programmatic funding for adult ESOL, literacy and education programs in the local community.		Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow

4.2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Capacity of educational facilities

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

This year will mark the fourth new school opening in our community since 2009 and still our schools are extremely overcrowded. The lack of space is exacerbated by few development parcels of appropriate size in the community and an influx of additional students through universal Pre-K. CB 7 approved a site for a new school this year at an acknowledged dangerous intersection, but we have few choices for new sites, even when we have a budget for a new school.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.2.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

CB 7 has worked recently collecting sites for future school construction. Recent school construction belies the fact that our schools are overcrowded for lack of appropriate planning in the past as our community's population has grown 50% in 20 years. Our lack of seats in public schools and the closure over the past decade of private schools at OLP, St. Michael's and Bishop Ford, put additional pressures on our existing facilities but also creates opportunities for our not-for-profits. The overcrowding makes the search for additional school sites even more urgent and we believe some of the smaller sites we have identified may be appropriate for Pre-K programs and perhaps even charter schools, which can alleviate the overburden on existing facilities. We recognize the importance of early childhood education and this deficit of seats leaves our children, who are mostly poor and/or from immigrant families, at a terrible disadvantage. New seats also sometimes have negative consequences, as well. The new PS 516 opened in the building that previously held the Sunset Park Head Start program, which had to move and whose 400 student population was cut in half. With the ever-growing and diverse immigrant populations within our community, there is an immediate need for augmented bilingual/ESL education for our Latino, Asian, Middle Eastern and Eastern European populations. Additionally, English proficiency programs, perhaps through our schools using the very students who are mastering language skills, for older residents would serve a great need for our community. Work skills and experience programs, such as SYEP and internships, must be expanded to prepare our students for the job market. We are very pleased that our high school's curriculum embraces such learning outside the classroom and that two AmeriCorps programs serve our community through the Red Hook Community Justice Center and Lutheran Family Health Care.

The Community Board provided the following Budget Requests:

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Capital Requests related to Educational Facilities and Programs (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
05	SCA	Schools and educational facilities	Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school	Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new Early Childhood Learning Center to serve the students of the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace communities.		

4.2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare Needs and Requests

4.2.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Capital Requests related to Educational Facilities and Programs (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
37	SCA	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing high school</i>	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction of a new high school in CD 7. Sunset Park High School opened in 2009, the only HS in the district, and is beyond capacity, as are the school in neighboring communities. It took 40 years of effort to get Sunset Park HS. The CB feels it is necessary to start the process again, given the time scale.</i>		
03	SCA	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide new, expand, or upgrade other school facilities, such as playgrounds, libraries, or athletic fields, technology</i>	<i>Replace playground equipment at PS 971 with age-appropriate equipment. The school was built as an early childhood center but has a population up to grade 5, As such, the playground equipment is inadequate for the older children.</i>	<i>PS 971 6214 4th Avenue, Brooklyn</i>	
02	SCA	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>Allocate funds for site acquisition, design and construction for a new elementary school in the Sunset Park/Windsor Terrace community.</i>		

Expense Requests related to Educational Facilities and Programs (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
05	DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Improve school safety</i>	<i>Allocate funds for additional training for school safety officers specifically serving District 75 students. A few high profile incidents in the past two years of special needs students leaving their schools unnoticed, including one incident in our community, makes our board members question whether standard training is appropriate when dealing with special needs populations.</i>		

4.2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare Needs and Requests

4.2.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Educational Facilities and Programs

Expense Requests related to Educational Facilities and Programs (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
28	DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>Allocate and ensure funding for afterschool music and arts programs citywide. These programs are several underfunded and not available at all schools.</i>		

4.2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare Needs and Requests

4.2.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

The population of the District has a large percentage of young people (30% under age 19) and programs for youth are greatly needed. Since our District has a minimum of public recreation space our children must rely on afterschool and other community-based programs for arts, entertainment, sports and academic help. Many of our residents fall beneath the poverty line and parents often have to work more than one job to support their families. These programs are vitally important to the life, learning and social skills of our youngest residents. The City must do more to support our children and our community-based organizations by providing additional funds. We must consider the need for afterschool and vacation care for children whose parents work. Additional funds must be available to support organizations that provide these services to create more day care slots for the local community and facilities. This could have an added benefit of creating jobs. Our local SYEP program is run through a program located at our high school and the school has an aggressive internship program for upperclassmen, but these options are not enough for a community with such a large youth population. The approximately 1600 SYEP slots are the same amount we had a decade ago, when our population was smaller. When the economy turned bad, there was increased competition from older workers for precious few jobs, increasing youth unemployment. These programs provide some of the few opportunities our young people have to gain work experience. CB7 held two gang awareness forums for youth and parents to make people aware of the local gangs in the community and alternatives. NYPD and former gang members provided dozens of people with stark information. Awareness, avoidance and alternatives are keys to combating this problem in our community.

The Community Board provided the following Budget Requests:

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Expense Requests related to Services for Children and Child Welfare (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
04	ACS	Foster care and child welfare	Ensure adequate funding for preventative and child protection services	Increase funding for preventive protective services for children.		
10	ACS	Juvenile justice programs and preventive services	Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services	Increase programmatic funding for youth-oriented diversion programs concerning drugs, crime, alcohol and gangs in CD 7.		
02	ACS	Child care	Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Day Care Slots and Head Start Programs	Increase ACS funded day care slots in CD 7. The community's need has increase significantly, but we have lost seats to do competition for space. Sunset Park Head Start had to move for the new PS 516, but lost half of its slots in the process. The popular BAT Kids contract was not renewed and the space		

4.2. Youth, Education and Child Welfare Needs and Requests

4.2.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Services for Children and Child Welfare

Expense Requests related to Services for Children and Child Welfare (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
				<i>was reused for Pre-K seats.</i>		
03	ACS	Child care	Other child care requests	Initiate an RFP to provide additional day care services in CD 7.		

4.2.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Youth and Community Services and Programs

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this needs category.

The Community Board provided the following Budget Requests:

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Expense Requests related to Youth and Community Services and Programs (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
14	DYCD	After school programs	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students	Allocate and ensure funding for afterschool music and arts programs city-wide.		
27	DYCD	After school programs	Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students	Allocate and ensure funding for afterschool music and arts programs city-wide.		
26	DYCD	Literacy Programs	Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services	Increase funding for adult ESOL, adult literacy and adult education programs in CD 7.		

4.3. Public Safety Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Police-community relations

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

CB 7 is a relatively low crime community, with (9.4/1000 residents for serious crimes), ranking in the top third. However, recent high profile events over the past two years have reopened a rift between some parts of the community and the 72nd Precinct. We acknowledge that the precinct and Brooklyn South have been working diligently to overcome this divergence. We believe improved community relations will enhance the effectiveness of our local force.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.3.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Policing and Crime

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Of course, police-community relations are the top concern moving forward as high-profile incidents over the past two years have threatened the relationship between parts of the community and its police force. CB 7 is pleased that the NYPD recognizes this problem and is working to address it, but positive relations and interactions must be an ongoing priority, not just something to be addressed when there are negative incidents. However quality-of-life concerns are the most frequent constituent complaints addressed through the Community Board. The top QOL complaints we recent include: • Double-parking. Changes to 4th Avenue have highlighted the need for vigorous double-parking enforcement, which will only be exacerbated when the median is fully built-out; • Noise. Noise complaints, which are most prevalent in the summer, include residential, but usual concern noise and illegal behavior at businesses (particularly one's with liquor licenses); • Prostitution. We have seen recent spike in our prostitution complaints, particularly on 39th Street, at or near newly built hotels in the manufacturing district; • Vagrancy/public drunkenness: We have also seen an uptick in complaints about vagrancy/public drunkenness, particularly in or near parks. The recent introduction of a homeless population to the district through hotels in the manufacturing zones may have led to this increase. Pedestrian safety is also a top concern and we are trying to address this issue through DOT, however, it is vital that appropriate NYPD resources be made available, including an increase in the number of school crossing guards allocated to our community. We have new schools, annexes, pre-K facilities and charters in the past 20 years, as well as a burgeoning population but have not seen an increase to crossing guards in decades. Several children have been injured or even killed in our district in the past years making this an essential need.

The Community Board provided the following Budget Requests:

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Capital Requests related to Policing and Crime (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
15	NYPD	NYPD facilities and equipment	Provide surveillance cameras	Add security cameras outside of all subway stations in CD 7		
44	NYPD	NYPD facilities	Provide	Allocate funds for security cameras inside all	All subways	

4.3. Public Safety Needs and Requests

4.3.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Policing and Crime

Capital Requests related to Policing and Crime (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
		<i>and equipment</i>	<i>surveillance cameras</i>	<i>subway stations in CD 7.</i>	<i>stations located within CD 7</i>	

Expense Requests related to Policing and Crime (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
07	NYPD	<i>NYPD programs</i>	<i>Other NYPD programs requests</i>	<i>Increase and sustained truck enforcement. CD 7 has an inordinate number of trucks due to a large industrial area and poor highway access. Truck traveling off-route in a dangerous manner (such as speeding) have been an increasing concern for residents.</i>		
25	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Increase patrolman service at 72nd Precinct. We commonly hear from constituents that there are only two or three cars patrolling, particularly on weekends. A smaller police force, special assignments and borough-wide agencies have contributed to a steep decline of local officers in the past decade.</i>		
01	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional crossing guards</i>	<i>Increase school crossing guard personnel in CD 7. Our population has grown by 50% in two decades and we have many more schools, charters and pre-K programs, but our crossing guard personnel has remained at 40 throughout. Several children have been hit at unguarded crossing in the past few years in this community, with at least four deaths. The allocation formula has never been explained.</i>		<i>Councilman Brad Lander</i>

4.3.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Emergency Services

At this time, the community board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this needs category.

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Cleanliness/trash collection

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

All of the above choices are of great concern, however street cleanliness ratings in the Sunset Park portions of our community have dropped severely in the past three years after street sweeping was reduced to two days a week. DSNY has suggested increasing sweeping in the community, but that would be unacceptable to the residents and would lead to additional problems, such as increase emissions as vehicles have to be moved more often. Alternatives must be found to increased street sweeping.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.4.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

The sewers, watermains and catch basins in this community are among the oldest in Brooklyn. There are a number of sewer collapses and undermined roadways reported to the Board each year. Several street reconstruction projects have been on our roster of Capital Budget requests for more than twenty years. The heavy volume of traffic, particularly on 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th and Caton Avenues, major thoroughfares and truck routes, causes severe wear and erosion on these streets and off-route trucks put an additional heavy burden on our side streets, which were not meant to accommodate such heavy vehicles. Our old streets and infrastructure are crumbling and additional contracts and resources must be made available for trenching activities. While the City occasionally paves streets, we are fearful that the underlying causes of the street degradation are not being addressed and repaving merely covers over the problems. We believe that DOT and DEP must address these concerns much sooner and more comprehensively, otherwise it may simply be a waste of funds as streets keep sinking despite new asphalt. Last year, a pipe thirty feet below 43rd Street broke leaving residents and businesses on the block without water, sewer and other city services, months of construction and a lack of access, as well as other hardships, on the block. This year, a street collapse on 64th Street prevented travel on the heavily-used Fifth Avenue, including the rerouting of the bus for several days, causing hardships and loss of revenue for residents and businesses, alike.

The Community Board provided the following Budget Requests:

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Capital Requests related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
31	DEP	Sewage and flooding	Build new, expand or repair storm sewers	Rehabilitate sewers at Windsor Place between 11th Avenue (both sides) and Prospect Park Southwest.	Windsor Place 11th Avenue Prospect Park Southwest	
04	DEP	Water supply system	Replace or upgrade water mains	Establish a design and reconstruction contract for 5th Avenue between 34th and 65th Streets, including sewers, mains, pedestrian plazas, historic lighting and other public	5th Avenue 34th Street 64th Street	

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

4.4.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection

Capital Requests related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
				<i>amenities and include an incentive clause for early completion. This project was supposed to start in 1988. It has been repeatedly delayed to (now) 2022. DOT blames DEP's lack of a budget.</i>		
40	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>Add additional drainage west of 3rd Avenue, north of 39th Street, to the district's boundary</i>	<i>West of 3rd Avenue from 39th Street north to the district's border</i>	
42	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales</i>	<i>Repair/replace sewer on 4th Avenue between 33rd and 34th Streets and add bio-swale.</i>	<i>4th Avenue 33rd Street 34th Street</i>	
21	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>Repair/replace sewer on 4th Avenue between 33rd and 34th Streets and add a bio-swale on both sides of 4th Avenue. This section of 4th Avenue floods whenever there is a heavy rain. It is also the point where Green-Wood Cemetery's drainage systems meets the city's sewer.</i>	<i>4th Avenue 33rd Street 34th Street</i>	

Expense Requests related to Water, Sewers and Environmental Protection (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
11	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Clean catch basins</i>	<i>Increase funding for sewer and catch basin maintenance in CD 7.</i>		
12	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	<i>Study water and sewer problems in area bounded by Kermit Place, East 7th Street, East 17th Street and Caton Avenue</i>	<i>Bounded by Kermit Place, East 7th Street, East 17th Street and Caton Avenue</i>	

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

4.4.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Sanitation Services

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Community District 7 continues to host more than its fair share of sanitation facilities. In addition to numerous private carters and recyclers, we are also home to the SIMS Municipal Recycling Facility, which will take most of NYC's metal and plastic recyclables; the garage for BK-7 and BK-10 (which serves CB10); the Hamilton Avenue Marine Transfer Station, which is expected to reopen in 2015; IESI, a private company that takes 1000 tons of city residential trash. We will soon be home to an industrial grease recycling facility, as well. All these facilities require additional trucks in our community and, unfortunately, sometimes we are taken advantage of. Many of the private municipal waste truck drivers take liberties by parking beneath the Gowanus Expressway, along 3rd Avenue or next to Green-Wood Cemetery. This illegal, and potentially health-hazardous behavior, must be curtailed by vigorous and sustained enforcement. We also acknowledge that a change in City leadership and policy could result in DSNY not fulfilling its promises to our community. Just four years ago, DSNY threatened a change in the City's Solid Waste Management Plan during budget negotiations which would have meant delaying some new sanitation facilities in other parts of the City while moving full steam ahead on the Hamilton Avenue MTS in our district. This would have meant even more garbage for our community as the City would have been forced to continue to send residential garbage to private facilities, such as IESI, while bringing the MTS back online. While this did not come to be, we do not appreciate being used as a pawn by DSNY during negotiations. Our community deserves better from DSNY. We endure enough from this agency.

The Community Board provided the following Budget Requests:

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Capital Requests related to Sanitation Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
35	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling infrastructure	Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure	Acquire site to relocate and construct a new BK-7 garage. CB 7 strongly believes the sanitation garage should not be located on a waterfront property. Additionally, BK-10's garage, currently housed in the same building as BK - 7, should be located in its home district.		

Expense Requests related to Sanitation Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
16	DSNY	Garbage collection and recycling	Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-	Restore 5 day-a-week pick up at all schools district-wide. Most schools do not have appropriate facilities to store garbage for several days and often end up storing		

4.4. Core Infrastructure and City Services Needs and Requests

4.4.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Sanitation Services

Expense Requests related to Sanitation Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
			<i>up for schools and institutions</i>	<i>curbside 7 days a week.</i>		
19	DSNY	<i>Street and lot cleaning</i>	<i>Other cleaning requests</i>	<i>Allocate additional personnel for manual street sweeping in CD 7 on commercial streets.</i>		
17	DSNY	<i>Street and lot cleaning</i>	<i>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</i>	<i>Increase funding for corner basket pick up. Corner baskets in CD 7 are overflowing and BK - 7 has responded, in part, by reducing the number of baskets. CB 7 believe more frequent pick ups can alleviate the problem.</i>		

4.5. Land Use, Housing and Economic Development Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Real estate development

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

There is a rising concern that new housing development is not affordable for local residents, those specifically designated affordable, as the median income in CB 7 is approximately \$43,000/year, while the standard for affordability includes the median income from more affluent communities. Additionally, affordable units that are mandatory within a project that includes developer incentives need to include family-sized units and not just studio and one-bedroom units. Finally, unlike DCP's recent characterization at a presentation on the Mayor's affordability plan, our experience is poor people do own cars and the plan should reflect that reality.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.5.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Land Use

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

CB7 is greatly concerned that hotels are allowed as-of-right in manufacturing districts, as we believe this is a back door way to promote housing expansion. We have spent almost two decades promoting and trying to safeguard our industrial waterfront, through our 197-a study and plan, and wish DCP would close this loophole, which could have devastating consequences for businesses and local employment if additional hotels are allowed to open in our manufacturing area. The most recent hotels built in our community are either being used for homeless shelters (49th Street in the manufacturing district) or prostitution (39th Street, also in the manufacturing zone). We are concerned these uses may one day make our manufacturing zones unaffordable, opening the door for housing, and throwing thousands of local residents out of their jobs. This as-of-right loophole for hotels in manufacturing zones must be closed.

The Community Board provided the following Budget Requests:

At this time, the Community Board does not have any budget requests for this needs category.

4.5.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Housing Needs and Programming

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this needs category.

4.5. Land Use, Housing and Economic Development Needs and Requests

4.5.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Economic Development

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Our Board welcomes economic development along our waterfront, but insists that any development immediately adjacent to the water be limited to water-dependant and community uses. Our waterfront is our greatest physical asset with spectacular views and large areas ripe for development. We strongly believe that any development in our community must be sensitive to our current residents and businesses. Should businesses be required to move as part of a major development, priority should be given to relocating the businesses within the community. Our priority is to bring additional jobs to the community, not to force some businesses to leave. Our community has seen much of its potential wasted in the past from the placement of negative-impact facilities, such as the Metropolitan Detention Center, power plants and waste transfer stations. The community has received a disproportionate number of these facilities while many of the other neighborhoods in the City receive money to lessen the impact of such facilities or relocated them altogether. In the interest of equity of City services, we must insist that a moratorium on such negative-impact facilities be placed in the community so that we have the opportunity to determine how we may best develop some of our assets in the interest of the community and City. We must insist that fair-share principles are respected and that a local public hearing must take place and community benefits agreements are negotiated for each proposed facility before any new facilities are allowed.

The Community Board provided the following Budget Requests:

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Capital Requests related to Economic Development (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
13	EDC	Economic development investments	Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Allocate funds for a bathroom on the BAT campus adjacent to the 58th Street Pier and available to the pier's patrons.	58th Street Pier/Brooklyn Army Terminal Pier 4	
01	EDC	Economic development investments	Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront	Full funding for construction of Bush Terminal Park through Phase 2, including playground, environmental center and pier 5. Although the park is open, EDC has not provided all the amenities promised to this community.	Bush Terminal Park	

Expense Requests related to Economic Development (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
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4.5. Land Use, Housing and Economic Development Needs and Requests

4.5.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Economic Development

Expense Requests related to Economic Development (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
22	EDC	<i>Economic development investments</i>	<i>Expand public programming and activation of public spaces on City-owned sites</i>	<i>Allocate funds for security in off-peak hours in order to maintain public access at BAT Pier 4</i>	<i>58th Street Pier/Brooklyn Army Terminal Pier 4</i>	

4.6. Transportation Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Other/Pedestrian safety. DOT has done an excellent job of improving the pedestrian experience on 4th Avenue, widening the medians and reducing through lanes, but with minimal impact on travel time. Many more streets in the community need similar treatment as they are home to sensitive facilities such as schools, senior centers and housing, libraries, parks and transportation hubs. These streets include 3rd, 5th and 8th Avenues in Sunset Park and Caton Avenue (underway), McDonald Avenue and Prospect Park Southwest in Windsor Terrace.

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

This issue includes many of the other issues listed, including the bicycle network, pedestrian ramps, truck routes, enforcement, access, traffic, street lighting and public transportation. Pedestrian safety is multifaceted and not just physical changes and capital outlays. It also includes NYSDOT (and other agencies) as the Gowanus and Prospect Expressways have a significant impact on safety issues.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.6.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Transportation issues are amongst our most pressing. This is because we are home to two major highways, a large industrial area that requires trucks and because transportation issues have a strong impact on public safety and the quality-of-life in our community. State DOT also plays a crucial role in how trucks access our community as most come via the Gowanus and Prospect Expressways. Unfortunately, constant repair of the Gowanus and terrible traffic on both highways encourages drivers to get off the highways and travel local streets. In addition, a lack of appropriate highway entrances and exits, coupled with our large industrial area, mean that we constantly have problems with off-route trucks looking for ways to get around traffic. These additional trucks on our streets, with more coming due to welcomed economic development along our waterfront, mean additional conflicts with and dangers for pedestrians. City DOT, however, has recognized these conflicts and has worked with the Community Board and others to develop a traffic and pedestrian safety plan for 4th Avenue that has reduced the number of traffic lanes from three to two (north and south), widened the pedestrian medians and vehicle turning lanes, added high visibility paint and plastic bollards and promises aesthetic enhancements in the near future. We have been pleased with the rapidity in which changes were implemented, after a year of community workshops and study and ultimate approval by our Board. Now more than a year after these changes to 4th Avenue, we were pleased to learn that these infrastructure improvements have reduced speeding by 38%, pedestrian injuries by 29%, total crashes by 13% and crashes with injuries by 8%. This has been accomplished with minimal increases in travel time. Although we believe additional improvements can be made for safety and mobility, these statistics are encouraging.

The Community Board provided the following Budget Requests:

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Capital Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
06	DOT	Transportation Repair or infrastructure	provide new street lights	Add shorter street lights on Prospect Park Southwest between Bartel Pritchard Square and Park Circle on the residential side	Prospect Park Southwest Bartel Pritchard	

4.6. Transportation Needs and Requests

4.6.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Capital Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location Square Park Circle	Supporters
45	DOT	Transportation Reconstruct infrastructure streets		Establish a design and reconstruction contract for 5th Avenue between 34th and 64th Streets, including sewers, mains, pedestrian plazas, historic lighting and other public amenities and include an incentive clause for early completion. This project was supposed to beginning in 1988. It has repeatedly been delayed to (now) 2022.	5th Avenue 34th Street 64th Street	
08	DOT	Transportation Repair or infrastructure provide new street lights		Rehabilitate lights beneath the Gowanus Expressway and add shorter street lights to 3rd Avenue	3rd Avenue 15th Street 65th Street	
09	DOT	Transportation Reconstruct infrastructure streets		Establish a design and reconstruction contract for the 20th Street - McDonald Avenue truck route between 4th Avenue and Caton Avenue to make the entire corridor safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and cars/trucks	20th Street - McDonald Avenue 4th Avenue Caton Avenue	
41	DOT	Transportation Upgrade or infrastructure create new greenways		Allocate funds for the reconstruction of the 4th Avenue medians	4th Avenue 15th Street 65th Street	
27	DOT	Transportation Reconstruct infrastructure streets		Fund the reconstruction of 39th Street from 2nd Avenue to the Western Terminus	39th Street 2nd Avenue bulkhead line	
43	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming	Add safety bollards to the ends of 4th Avenue medians immediately adjacent to all cross streets	4th Avenue 15th Street 65th Street	
18	DOT	Transportation Reconstruct infrastructure streets		Rehabilitate 41st Street between 3rd and 5th Avenues	41st Street 3rd Avenue 5th Avenue	

4.6. Transportation Needs and Requests

4.6.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure

Capital Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
12	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	Rehabilitate 2nd Avenue between 29th and 42nd Streets and remove unused rail. EDC was supposed to have done this in a 2005 project but removed it without community	2nd Avenue 29th Street 42nd Street	
33	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads	Replace sidewalks on Ft. Hamilton Parkway between East 5th Street and the foot bridge over the Prospect Expressway	Ft. Hamilton Parkway East 5th Street Prospect Expressway	
34	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads	Replace sidewalks and curbs on East 4th Street between Ft. Hamilton Parkway and Caton Avenue at the community garden	East 4th Street Ft. Hamilton Parkway Caton Avenue	
28	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Reconstruct streets	Allocate funds for the design and reconstruction of 3rd Avenue from 65th to 17th Street, to include all service roads, with safer pedestrian crossings and improved lighting at every intersection	3rd Avenue 17th Street 65th Street	

Expense Requests related to Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
24	DOT	Transportation infrastructure	Resurface roads or repair potholes	Increase funds for pothole repair in CD 7		
23	DOT	Traffic and traffic flow	Improve parking operations	Allocate funds to study the lack of parking throughout CD 7 and examine options for increasing parking availability district-wide		

4.6. Transportation Needs and Requests

4.6.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Transit Services

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this needs category.

The Community Board provided the following Budget Requests:

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Capital Requests related to Transit Services (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
36	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Add 3 elevators and make 15th Street/Prospect Park station on the F line handicap accessible	15th Street/Prospect Park subway station	
19	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.	Add 3 elevators to the 59th Street subway station for handicap accessibility	59th Street subway station	
20	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Add new benches to all subway stations in CD 7		
39	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Reopen 7th Avenue entrance to the 8th Avenue(N line) subway station	7th Avenue 61st Street 62nd Street	
32	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing	Add 3 elevators and make 36th Street station on the N/R line handicap accessible	36th Street subway station	

4.6. Transportation Needs and Requests

4.6.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Transit Services

Capital Requests related to Transit Services (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request <i>elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
11	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure	Create secondary entrances/exits at all subway stations in CD 7. This is necessary for mobility and public safety reasons		
14	NYCTA	Transit Infrastructure	Other transit infrastructure requests	Add security cameras inside all subways stations in CD 7.		

Expense Requests related to Transit Services (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
08	NYCTA	Transit Service	Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation	Restore full funding for the B-37 bus to 3rd Avenue in CD 7, with 24 hour service		

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

Main Issue

Quality of parks and park facilities

The Community Board provided the following explanation for the above issue:

While some of our parks have undergone rehabilitation recently, many remain in need of upgrades, including: • Rainbow playground • Martin Luther Playground • John Allen Payne Park (half funded) • D’Emic Park • Pena-Herrera Park • Sunset Park Recreation Center Bush Terminal Park opened last year, but we still only have the park the community was promised. In a community that has less than half of the city’s standard for parkland per capita and where nearly 25% of our population is more than ¼ mile from a park, it should stand to reason that the few facilities we have should be kept in top condition.

Community District Needs and Requests

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

The Community Board provided the following high level comments and background on the District's needs:

Our parks are oases within the concrete City where people of all generations, socio-economic statuses and ethnic and national backgrounds can gather, relax, play or simply enjoy a more pastoral setting within the City. They are for mental rejuvenation, physical fitness and stress relief. However, during difficult economic times our parks see an increase in use because of limited personal recreation funds, but often experience a decrease in programming and upkeep. Together these facts spell trouble for our parks as overused equipment falls into disrepair or natural settings are overtaxed. Unfortunately for local parks, the City’s main parks seem to get all the attention while our facilities become eyesores. Facility upgrades are left to our Councilmembers’ discretion and ability to negotiate and while our elected officials have done a great job bring these funds to the community, we believe it is unfair to them to have to concentrate funds in parks that should be funded directly by the agency. As such, we call upon the City to establish a capital program for local parks that does not rely on limited discretionary funds from elected officials.

The Community Board provided the following Budget Requests:

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Capital Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
26	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility	Improve access and add trees and amenities including a spotlight on the monument around the center of Bartel Pritchard Square	Bartel Pritchard Square	
07	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground	Reconstruct Rainbow Playground	Rainbow Playground	
16	DPR	Park facilities and access	Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility	Replace all windows in the Sunset Park Recreation Center	Sunset Park Recreation Center	

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Capital Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
30	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Rehabilitate Sherman Street Park at Ocean Parkway</i>	<i>Sherman Street Park</i>	
17	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Rehabilitate D'Emic Playground</i>	<i>D'Emic Playground</i>	
23	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Rehabilitate Pena-Herrera Park</i>	<i>Pena-Herrera Park</i>	
25	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Rehabilitate the portion of John Allen Payne Park that has not already been funded, including the comfort station and horseshoe court</i>	<i>John Allen Payne Park 3rd Avenue between 64th and 65th Streets</i>	
22	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Rehabilitate Martin Luther Playground</i>	<i>Martin Luther Playground</i>	
24	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Rehabilitate basketball and handball courts at Greenwood Park</i>	<i>Greenwood Park</i>	

Expense Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
21	DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	<i>Increase Parks Department budget by 5% for maintenance personnel in CD 7</i>	<i>All CD 7 parks</i>	
06	DPR	<i>Park programming</i>	<i>Other park programming</i>	<i>Allocate resources to bring "Playground in a Box" to Sunset Park during the entire period</i>	<i>Sunset Park near 6th Avenue</i>	

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

4.7.1. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming

Expense Requests related to Parks and Recreational Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board) Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
			<i>requests</i>	<i>when the playground is under construction. The community has precious few playgrounds and the loss of the major playground at Sunset Park during construction would be intolerable.</i>	<i>entrance at 44th Street</i>	
29	DPR	<i>Street trees and forestry services</i>	<i>Plant new street trees</i>	<i>Increase funding for street tree pruning and planting district-wide in order to expedite schedule</i>		
18	DPR	<i>Street trees and forestry services</i>	<i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i>	<i>Increase funding for tree planting and pruning district-wide in order to expedite schedule</i>		

4.7.2. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Cultural and other Community Facilities and Programming

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments or budget requests for this needs category.

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

4.7.3. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Library Facilities and Programming

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this needs category.

The Community Board provided the following Budget Requests:

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Capital Requests related to Library Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

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Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
38	BPL	Library facilities, equipment and programs	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Replace HVAC system in the Sunset Park branch library	Sunset Park Branch Library	
29	BPL	Library facilities, equipment and programs	Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library	Allocate for acquisition, design and construction of an additional library in Sunset Park adjacent to 7th or 8th Avenues		

Expense Requests related to Library Facilities and Programming (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to expense budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of expense budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.2. of this document.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
13	BPL	Library facilities, equipment and programs	Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs	Maximize library hours in CD 7	Sunset Park and Windsor Terrace Branch libraries	

4.7. Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities Needs and Requests

4.7.4. Community District Needs and Requests Related to Community Boards

At this time, the Community Board does not have any high level comments for this needs category.

The Community Board has provided the following Budget Requests:

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Capital Requests related to Community Boards (as provided by the Community Board)

Priority numbers apply to capital budget requests from all policy areas. A complete list of capital budget requests by this Board sorted by priority can be found in Section 5.1. of this document. CS in the priority column indicates the Board's Continued Support for a fully or partially funded project.

Priority	Agency	Need	Request	Request Explanation	Location	Supporters
10	DCAS	Community board facilities and staff	Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment	Rehabilitate Community Board 7 office, meeting room, rest rooms, lobby and security. CB 7, despite being in a city-owned building, is not ADA-compliant.	Community Board 7 office 4201 4th Avenue, Brooklyn	

5. SUMMARY TABLES OF ALL PRIORITIZED BUDGET REQUESTS

5.1. Table of All Capital Requests (Prioritized)

Budget Requests are listed for informational purposes only. OMB maintains the definitive list that may have more updated information on request for agencies, published in its Register.

Priority No. / Continued Support (CS)	Agency	Need	Request	Policy Area
01	EDC	<i>Economic development investments</i>	<i>Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront</i>	<i>Land Use, Housing and Economic Development</i>
02	SCA	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>Youth, Education and Child Welfare</i>
03	SCA	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide new, expand, or upgrade other school facilities, such as playgrounds, libraries, or athletic fields, technology</i>	<i>Youth, Education and Child Welfare</i>
04	DEP	<i>Water supply system</i>	<i>Replace or upgrade water mains</i>	<i>Core Infrastructure and City Services</i>
05	SCA	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing elementary school</i>	<i>Youth, Education and Child Welfare</i>
06	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Repair or provide new street lights</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
07	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
08	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Repair or provide new street lights</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
09	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
10	DCAS	<i>Community board facilities and staff</i>	<i>Renovate, upgrade or provide new community board facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
11	NYCTA	<i>Transit Infrastructure</i>	<i>Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
12	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
13	EDC	<i>Economic development investments</i>	<i>Invest in piers or other capital projects to improve access to the waterfront</i>	<i>Land Use, Housing and Economic Development</i>
14	NYCTA	<i>Transit Infrastructure</i>	<i>Other transit infrastructure requests</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
15	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	<i>Public Safety</i>

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16	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
17	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
18	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
19	NYCTA	<i>Transit Infrastructure</i>	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
20	NYCTA	<i>Transit Infrastructure</i>	<i>Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
21	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>Core Infrastructure and City Services</i>
22	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
23	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
24	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
25	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
26	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a parks facility</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
27	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
28	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
29	BPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and programs</i>	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
30	DPR	<i>Park facilities and access</i>	<i>Reconstruct or upgrade a park or playground</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
31	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>Core Infrastructure and City Services</i>

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32	NYCTA	<i>Transit Infrastructure</i>	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
33	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
34	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Repair or construct new sidewalks, curbs, medians, pedestrian ramps or bus pads</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
35	DSNY	<i>Garbage collection and recycling infrastructure</i>	<i>Provide new or upgrade existing sanitation garages or other sanitation infrastructure</i>	<i>Core Infrastructure and City Services</i>
36	NYCTA	<i>Transit Infrastructure</i>	<i>Improve accessibility of transit infrastructure, by providing elevators, escalators, etc.</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
37	SCA	<i>Schools and educational facilities</i>	<i>Provide a new or expand an existing high school</i>	<i>Youth, Education and Child Welfare</i>
38	BPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and programs</i>	<i>Create a new, or renovate or upgrade an existing public library</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
39	NYCTA	<i>Transit Infrastructure</i>	<i>Repair or upgrade subway stations or other transit infrastructure</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
40	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Build new, expand or repair storm sewers</i>	<i>Core Infrastructure and City Services</i>
41	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Upgrade or create new greenways</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
42	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Provide new or expand green infrastructure, e.g. greenbelts, bio swales</i>	<i>Core Infrastructure and City Services</i>
43	DOT	<i>Traffic and traffic flow</i>	<i>Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, including traffic calming</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
44	NYPD	<i>NYPD facilities and equipment</i>	<i>Provide surveillance cameras</i>	<i>Public Safety</i>
45	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Reconstruct streets</i>	<i>Transportation</i>

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01	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional crossing guards</i>	<i>Public Safety</i>
02	ACS	<i>Child care</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance funding for Day Care Slots and Head Start Programs</i>	<i>Youth, Education and Child Welfare</i>
03	ACS	<i>Child care</i>	<i>Other child care requests</i>	<i>Youth, Education and Child Welfare</i>
04	ACS	<i>Foster care and child welfare</i>	<i>Ensure adequate funding for preventative and child protection services</i>	<i>Youth, Education and Child Welfare</i>
05	DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Improve school safety</i>	<i>Youth, Education and Child Welfare</i>
06	DPR	<i>Park programming</i>	<i>Other park programming requests</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
07	NYPD	<i>NYPD programs</i>	<i>Other NYPD programs requests</i>	<i>Public Safety</i>
08	NYCTA	<i>Transit Service</i>	<i>Expand bus service frequency or hours of operation</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
09	HRA	<i>Services to support low-income New Yorkers</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance educational programs for adults</i>	<i>Health Care and Human Services</i>
10	ACS	<i>Juvenile justice programs and preventive services</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance preventive services</i>	<i>Youth, Education and Child Welfare</i>
11	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Clean catch basins</i>	<i>Core Infrastructure and City Services</i>
12	DEP	<i>Sewage and flooding</i>	<i>Other sewer maintenance requests</i>	<i>Core Infrastructure and City Services</i>
13	BPL	<i>Library facilities, equipment and programs</i>	<i>Extend library hours or expand and enhance library programs</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
14	DYCD	<i>After school programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for middle school students</i>	<i>Youth, Education and Child Welfare</i>
15	HRA	<i>Services to support low-income New Yorkers</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance job training</i>	<i>Health Care and Human Services</i>
16	DSNY	<i>Garbage collection and recycling</i>	<i>Provide more frequent garbage or recycling pick-up for schools and institutions</i>	<i>Core Infrastructure and City Services</i>
17	DSNY	<i>Street and lot cleaning</i>	<i>Provide more frequent litter basket collection</i>	<i>Core Infrastructure and City Services</i>
18	DPR	<i>Street trees and forestry services</i>	<i>Forestry services, including street tree maintenance</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>

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19	DSNY	<i>Street and lot cleaning</i>	<i>Other cleaning requests</i>	<i>Core Infrastructure and City Services</i>
20	DFTA	<i>Senior center programs</i>	<i>Enhance educational and recreational programs</i>	<i>Health Care and Human Services</i>
21	DPR	<i>Park maintenance and safety</i>	<i>Other park maintenance and safety requests</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>
22	EDC	<i>Economic development investments</i>	<i>Expand public programming and activation of public spaces on City-owned sites</i>	<i>Land Use, Housing and Economic Development</i>
23	DOT	<i>Traffic and traffic flow</i>	<i>Improve parking operations</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
24	DOT	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i>	<i>Resurface roads or repair potholes</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
25	NYPD	<i>NYPD staff and training resources</i>	<i>Assign additional uniformed officers</i>	<i>Public Safety</i>
26	DYCD	<i>Literacy Programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance adult literacy programs services</i>	<i>Youth, Education and Child Welfare</i>
27	DYCD	<i>After school programs</i>	<i>Provide, expand, or enhance after school programs for elementary school students</i>	<i>Youth, Education and Child Welfare</i>
28	DOE	<i>Educational programs</i>	<i>Other educational programs requests</i>	<i>Youth, Education and Child Welfare</i>
29	DPR	<i>Street trees and forestry services</i>	<i>Plant new street trees</i>	<i>Parks, Cultural and other Community Facilities</i>