

Re: **Borough-Based Jails Neighborhood Advisory Committee
(NAC) Bronx - Sixth Meeting**

Date: March 5, 2019 6:00 pm

Location: BronxConnect – 432 East 149th Street, Bronx, NY

Prepared by: Rose Florian, Arnold Bloch, Kristina Pecorelli

Attendees:

Perkins Eastman
Architects DPC

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Clarisa Alayeto	Community Board #1
Bianca Almedina	Councilwoman Ayala's Office
Ramona Ferreyra	Community Member
Princella Jamerson	Community Member
John Johnson	Community Board #1
Loretta Lipford	Bronx Connect
Carmen Pineiro	Bronx Defenders
Diana Rodriguez	East Side Settlement House
Althea Stevens	East Side Settlement House
Arnie Bloch	FHI
Joshua Cortes	CAU
Rebecca Clough	NYC DDC
Eric Fang	PE
Rose Florian	PE
Chatodd Floyd	MOCJ
Patrick Gallahue	MOCJ
Joseph Thomas	CAU
Nicole Torres	MOCJ

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ACTIONS ITEMS:

- Final NAC meeting to be scheduled for the week of March 18th.
- City to send NAC members an updated Bronx Draft Guidelines and Principles before the final NAC meeting.
- City requested NAC members provide last round of edits and/or feedback on the updated Bronx Draft Guidelines and Principles.

MEETING SUMMARY:

Perkins Eastman team (PE) reviewed an updated draft Guidelines and Principles. Below is a summary of the Bronx NAC discussion.

- NAC members agreed the phrase “Mott Haven neighborhood” identifies their area of interest and would be better than including specific geographic boundaries to define the scope of the Matt Haven community.
- NAC member cited that close to 50% of the Mott Haven community lives under the poverty level. NAC members discussed specifying the neighborhood average median income (AMI).
- NAC members identified HPD’s ELLA housing as needing to be a priority in the neighborhood.
- NAC members acknowledged there is a need for affordable housing for a range of income levels.
- NAC member suggested any new affordable housing development on the western portion of the Bronx site provide underground parking.
- Providing better contracts for youth service providers and providing physical improvements to existing youth centers are two key areas.
- Youth programming should include meditation practices.
- The Guidelines and Principles should list all community centers, schools, playgrounds that need improvement.
- All transportation-related improvements are important. The subway station at 138th Street and 3rd Avenue is a transportation hub, but its infrastructure does not reflect this. NAC member suggested a new Metro North station at 138th Street as part of Penn Station Access.
- Shuttle bus from the proposed facility to the Bronx Courthouse is needed.

- NAC members discussed improvements needed for buses, including the BX17, BX19, and BX33 all needing to have transit signal priority. Also discussed the SBS routes being piloted in BX17, BX19, and BX33 routes.

NAC's DISCUSSION OF THE CITY'S PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY:

- The City provided information requested during the fifth NAC meeting. Specifically, NAC members requested the Mayor's Office provide an update on the public communications strategy for the City's plan to close the jails on Rikers Island and replace them with a borough-based jails system.
- NAC members encouraged the City to raise awareness through social media and inform the public that this effort stems from different community-based organizations in favor of justice reform.