

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

Date: March 19, 2019 6:00 pm

Location: BronxConnect – 432 East 149<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY

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**Attendees:**

Perkins Eastman  
Architects DPC

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Bianca Almedina	Councilwoman Ayala's Office
Diana Ayala	Councilwoman
Rev. Wendy Calderon-Payne	Bronx Connect
Ramona Ferreyra	Community Member
John Johnson	Community Board #1
Carmen Pineiro	Bronx Defenders
Althea Stevens	East Side Settlement House
Stephanie Brooks	FHI
Joshua Cortes	CAU
Rebecca Clough	NYC DDC
Eric Fang	PE
Rose Florian	PE
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**MEETING SUMMARY:**

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

- Bronx NAC members agreed the Bronx Guidelines and Principles should include recommending the City commit to establishing a transitioning-out process to stop housing detainees in the Barge. Furthermore, they agreed the City should commit to decarceration to ensure that the number of detainees in New York City’s jails continues to go down. The borough-based jails plan must be accompanied by criminal justice reforms, community-based alternatives to incarceration, elimination of cash bail, and concrete steps towards decarceration.
- For all future affordable housing developments in Mott Haven, NAC members expressed wanting the community to provide the City with guiding principles to establish AMI percentages and distribution.
- NAC member discussed wanting the City to consider a “Land Trust model” for residential properties with significant building violations.
- Some NAC members said the City should identify alternative funding sources and/or reform the ELLA and SARA programs to offer more affordable housing. The City should consider ways of encouraging affordable homeownership.
- NAC members would like to consider developing the NYPD parking lot sat East 139th Street as the site for a potential new Youth Hub.
- There should be restrictions for large trucks driving along 138<sup>th</sup> Street, particularly when there is a lot of traffic on the Deegan Expressway. The area is heavily populated by seniors who complain about the noise levels due to truck traffic.
- Setting-up proper job training programs to ensure that local workers are able to meet the qualifications required for future jobs created through the borough-based jails plan. Give early notice of the types of jobs that will be required so that the community, in conjunction with the City, can begin to create a pipeline of talent among local residents.
- NAC members would like to establish an agreed upon process whereby community members can prioritize and select retailers. Priority should

be given to businesses with a social entrepreneurship component and are committed to give back to the community.

- Incentives should be provided in order to attract food retailers.
- There should be an accountability measure to track retailer's commitments in the long term. In addition, the tracking tool can also be used to track progress on all initiatives related to the borough-based jails plan. Explore something similar to NYC Rezoning Commitment Tracker used in East Harlem.
- The City should issue a study to understand why food prices in Mott Haven are so high.
- Establish sustainable food practices where expired food from supermarkets can be donated for compost.
- Recommendation to develop an all-season market (modeled after La Marqueta in East Harlem) underneath the Major Deegan Expressway to promote access to healthy, affordable food.
- In addition to recommending solar panels and excess grid capacity, the proposed jail should be equipped with a micro grid that can also support the surrounding properties in times of crisis like storms and power outages.
- The City should study best practices for neighborhood-based jails across the country to prevent impingements upon residents' civil liberties through heavy surveillance presence.
- Improvements to Concord Street such as sidewalk repairs, lighting, new fencing, and structural monitoring during construction.
- Include recommendations on strategies to combat gun violence and opioid epidemic (e.g. Crisis Management System).