

## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

### MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 AT MANHATTAN COLLEGE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING 3825 CORLEAR AVENUE

**PRESENT:** R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter-Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**ABSENT:** S. Catechis, B. Contant, M. Ginzburg, T. Lim, A. Moore, K. Pesce, H. Young

**STAFF:** N. Stent – District Manager  
D. Bay – Community Associate  
P. Manning – Community Associate

**GUESTS:** J. Dinowitz – State Assemblyman  
M. Blaustein – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein  
J. DeSio – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz  
R. Martos – Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz  
A. Sandler – Office of Councilman G. Oliver Koppell  
Capt. K. Burke – 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct, NYPD  
Det. L. Rodriguez – 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct, NYPD  
A. Antonetty – Department of Youth & Community Development  
A. Assal  
M. Brescia – NYC Clean Heat  
K. Camilleri – NYC Clean Heat  
J. Evelly  
G. Feliciano  
C. M. Giove – New York Post  
D. Jones  
M. Lam – Riverdale Review  
P. Moerdler  
D. Osorno  
T. Shelton - KRVC  
C. Stanton – KRVC  
N. Vacca  
A. Wisnieski – Riverdale. Press

Chairman Fanuzzi convened the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Chairman called for a moment of silence in memorial of 9/11.

#### 1. Gallery Session

- A. Tracy Shelton announced that summer movie nights are continuing with Movie on the River event on Saturday, September 15th at 8:00 PM at College of Mount Saint Vincent, 261st

Street & Riverdale Avenue. The featured movie will be "Night at the Museum." Admission is free and the entire community is invited; The third annual Riverdale Festival of the Arts will be held on Sunday, October 14th, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM, at Riverdale Neighborhood House, 5521 Mosholu Avenue.

- B. Mark Brescia, NYC Clean Heat, announced a special forum concerning the new environmental law requiring elimination of Nos. 6 and 4 heating oil use by 2015 and conversion to Clean Heat. The in-depth information session will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at Jerome Park Branch Library, 118 Eames Place, from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Attendance is encouraged. Handouts were provided. S. Balicer, Housing Chair, informed about the Committee's meetings and forum already conducted on the same matter and invited Mr. Brescia to present to the Housing Committee.
- C. Adel Assal extended gratitude for achieving the goal of shutting down the illegal operation of Broadway Used Tire Shop. He thanked Community Board 8, 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Bronx Borough President Diaz, Assemblyman Dinowitz, Councilman Koppell, Fire Department, News Bronx 12, and the Riverdale Press for their support in this effort.
- D. I. Ladimer announced free activities at the Riverdale Senior Center taking place on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, including flu shots (free with Medicare card); A fair will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and shredders will be available.
- E. Anita Antonetty, Department of Youth and Community Development, informed that community membership is sought for the Neighborhood Advisory Board which monitors neighborhood needs. Meetings are held four times yearly. Youth membership of 18 year olds is also desired. The Board carries 12 members and there are current vacancies.

2. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2012

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Discussion of Executive Board Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2012

Minutes were accepted as written.

4. Chairman invited Captain Kevin Burke to address the Board.

Captain Burke reported that a recent assault on a male individual at 3425 Kingsbridge Avenue ended with the death of the victim. Arrests were made of the two male assailants; A large amount of drugs were found at Dorney and Malone's Bar and the establishment has been closed down pending a hearing on revocation of license; An arsenal of weapons and drugs was discovered at the Marble Hill Deli Garden of Eatin, 5189 Broadway; Police searched an individual, and apartment after witnessing the man discard a marijuana cigarette in front of 3660 Waldo Avenue. Marijuana was found on his person and drugs and cash found in the apartment. Crime stats are down.

5. Chairman invited Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz to address the Board.

Assemblyman Dinowitz announced his annual sponsoring of Free Flu Shots program. Shots will be given on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Saint Gabriel's Rectory, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Riverdale Y, and October 17<sup>th</sup>, at Amalgamated Houses in Vladeck Hall. The time schedule will be from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM for each day. For reservations call 718-796-5345. Flyers were provided. He discussed the Neighborhood Slow Zone which he advocated support, along the schools corridor on Independence Avenue and surrounding streets which has been approved; discussed the Kingsbridge Armory plans of which he is in full support of ice rinks and not a shopping center. He recommended the involvement of Community Board 8 with the Armory as it abuts the district's border.

## 6. Report from the Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. – J. DeSio

- Borough President Diaz along with the Bronx Supreme Court will host “A Day of Remembrance” for 9/11 on September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Lou Gehrig Plaza. All are invited.
- Borough President Diaz has formed a Community Board District Office Management Taskforce, which is designed to examine best practices, policies and procedures on important issues facing the 12 Bronx community boards. An initial meeting was held over the summer and all 12 boards participated. A report will be completed.
- Recently Borough President Diaz and a host of elected officials joined with the New York Rangers’ legend Mark Messier and Olympic Gold Medalist Sarah Hughes to announce support for the Kingsbridge National Ice Center proposal at the Kingsbridge Armory. The City will make a decision before year’s end. An agreement has been received stipulating that living wage salaries will be paid.

## 7. Chairman’s Report

- Chairman welcomed Mark Galvin, new Board member, and offered him the opportunity for self-introduction.
- M. Galvin offered a brief bio. He is a lawyer, former prosecutor, and resides in the district.
- Announced that Edward Corcino had resigned from the Board.
- Chairman asked the Board to join him in sending best wishes to Board Member Herb Young who is convalescing at home from a leg injury.
- Chairman reported the awards of discretionary funds from both Councilman Fernando Cabrera of \$3,000, and Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez of \$3,500 to Community Board 8 earmarked for office use and for each respective Council District. Chairman thanked the Councilmen and expressed appreciation to N. Stent for writing and submitting the applications.
- Chairman presented Resolution No. 1 approved by the Executive Board Committee on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012:

### **Resolution No.1: Special Youth Committee on an Interim Basis**

**WHEREAS**, Bronx Community Board No. 8 (the Board) is committed to improving youth services throughout its neighborhood and continuing relationships with local organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is also committed to maintaining a productive relationship with the Department of Youth and Community Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board’s Youth Committee has played a crucial role in advocating for the preservation and restoration of services that affect the most needy areas of its district; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VI, Section 7(C) of the Bylaws makes reference to an “agreement” between the Board and the Department of Youth Services that no longer serves as the basis for creating a Youth Committee; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 under Article VI, Section 5 shall establish a Special Youth Committee on an interim basis until such time as

the procedures or practices proposed by the Special Committee on the Establishment of a Youth Committee are adopted into the Bylaws; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Special Youth Committee continue to hold public meetings with its current membership, calendar date and appointed chair, until the procedures or practices proposed by the Special Committee on the Establishment of a Youth Committee are adopted into the Bylaws.

Discussion ensued. R. Press informed the Board that there is a Neighborhood Advisory Board of which he is chairman.

R. Press made a motion to table the resolution and refer matter to Law, Rules and Ethics Committee.

Motion to table.

Vote: 0 in favor, 39 opposed, 1 abstention and 1 refusal to vote\*

Opposed –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter-Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, J. M. Reyes, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention –

C. Moerdler

\* R. Press requested that the record reflect his refusal to vote.

Motion to vote on the original resolution as presented carried.

Vote: 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention and 1 refusal to vote\*

In Favor -

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter-Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, J. M. Reyes, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention –

C. Moerdler

\* R. Press asked that the record reflect his refusal to vote.

- Chairman presented Resolution No. 2 reviewed by the Executive Board Committee on September 5, 2012:

**Resolution No. 2: Special Committee on the Establishment of a Youth Committee**

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws, Article VI, Section 7 (C) of Bronx Community Board No. 8 (the Board) makes reference to an “agreement” between the Board and the Department of Youth Services that no longer serves as the basis for creating a Youth Committee; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a Special Committee on the Establishment of a Youth Committee, composed of Joyce Pilsner, Andy Cohen, Xaxia Sanchez, Robert Fanuzzi and chaired by Ms. Pilsner, will research the history, purpose, and possible future form of a Youth Committee for the Board; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Special Committee render its conclusion and recommendations for the establishment of a Youth Committee in the form of a report to be submitted to the Bronx Community Board No. 8 by the October 2012 meeting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if adopted by Bronx Community Board No. 8, the report prepared by the Special Committee would serve as the basis for revisions to the Bylaws governing this committee.

Discussion ensued. I. W. Stone presented a substitute motion, which he later withdrew.

Chairman called for a vote on Resolution No. 2 as presented.

Vote: 37 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter-Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, L. Parker, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, J. M. Reyes, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Opposed –

D. Padernacht

Abstentions –

D. Kirksey-Floyd, I. W. Stone

8. Treasurer’s Report – P. Friedman

- Report distributed. A surplus of \$5,000 is projected by the end of fiscal year 2013.

- The report dealing with research on the establishment of Friends of Community Board 8 has been distributed and reviewed by the Executive Committee. There will be a meeting in the next coming weeks to discuss use of funds deriving from fundraisers.
- R. Ginty presented a motion to clarify the standing of a Friends of Community Board 8 committee as mentioned in the September Executive Committee:

**Resolution: Friends of Community Board 8 Special Committee on an Interim Basis**

**RESOLVED**, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 under Article VI, Section 5 of the By Laws shall establish a Friends of Community Board 8 Special Committee on an interim basis to discuss and decide how best to proceed and prepare a resolution for the board; and

**RESOLVED**, that Maria Khury, Steven Froot, Philip Friedman and Rosemary Ginty will be members of the special committee; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Friends of Community Board 8 Special Committee report to the Executive Committee and Board in November 2012.

- S. Villaverde presented a motion to amend R. Ginty's motion by removing her as a member of the Friends of Community Board 8 Special Committee since she is chair of the of the Law, Rules & Ethics Committee.

S. Villaverde motion failed by a vote of 19 in favor, 18 opposed, and 4 abstentions

Vote: 19 in favor, 18 opposed, and 4 abstentions

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, A. G. Feldmeier, D. Kirksey-Floyd, P. Friedman, R. Ginty, M. Heller, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter-Lowe, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde

Opposed –

A. Cohen, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, B. Fettman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, M. Goodman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, D. McShane, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, L. Spalter, J. M. Reyes, A. A. Spett, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions –

S. Balicer, N. Graham, D. Lennon, R. Press

Chairman called for a vote on the resolution presented by R. Ginty:

Vote: 33 in favor, 0 opposed, and 8 abstentions

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter-Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, J. M. Reyes, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions –

A. Cohen, S. Balicer, A. G. Feldmeier, N. Graham, D. Lennon, R. Press, A. A. Spett, S. Villaverde

1. District Manager's Report – N. Stent

Refer to report in the Executive Board minutes.

2. Committee Reports

A. Environment and Sanitation

1. Refer to Executive Board minutes.
2. The Committee meeting will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> Board Office, at 7:00 PM.

B. Health, Hospitals and Social Services – S. Froot

1. Refer to June Committee minutes.
2. Letters were received over the summer pertaining to openings of two group residences. Episcopal Social Services is proposing operation of an Individual Residential Alternative for 10 people with mental retardation at 2749 University Avenue. There will be a public hearing on October 1. The other notification was received from Lutheran Social Services of New York for a transitional group home at 2865 Kingsbridge Terrace, for up to 10 minor boys who are in custody for having entered the US without legal immigration status.
3. Objection was raised over the Public Hearing date of October 1<sup>st</sup> as it is a Jewish Holiday. S. Froot noted the difficulty in finding an available date to meet the deadline. However he will endeavor to reschedule.

C. Housing – S. Balicer

There will be a community forum on Housing Court procedures. P. Ellis will be conferring with Housing Court Judge Taylor on arranging a panel to address the community.

D. Land Use – C. Moerdler

C. Moerdler presented the following resolution passed by the Land Use Committee on September 10, 2012:

**RESOLVED**, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves Landmarks Preservation Commission application No. 13-5052, Block 5822, Lot 2688, 4750 Iselin Avenue, Fieldston Historic District - A mid-20<sup>th</sup> century Modern style house designed by Nishan Balikjian and built in 1966-69. Application is to construct a rooftop addition to the one story dwelling on a 7,100 sq. ft. lot. No change to the perimeter of the first floor and minimal change to the front facade are proposed. Zoned R1-2/NA-2.

Vote: 41 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter-Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

E. Law, Rules and Ethics – R. Ginty

1. The new time for the Committee meeting is 7:00 PM.
2. I. W. Stone will serve as the Committee's Vice-Chair.

F. Libraries and Cultural Affairs – R. Abbott

The Committee will meet on September 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Riverdale Library, at 6:00 PM.

G. Parks and Recreation – B. Bender

A representative from Ice Rinks will address the Committee on the ice rink in Van Cortlandt Park at the Committee meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>, Board Office, at 7:00.

H. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

1. In view of the illegal activity and quality of life issues involving Dorney Malone bar, a letter was sent from the Board to NY State Liquor Authority in support of revocation of bar's liquor license.
2. The Committee will generate a letter with regard to liquor license applications for signature of applicants.
3. The 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct will encode theft security on laptops.

I. Traffic and Transportation – D. Padernacht

1. The Committee convened over the summer to hear a presentation from DOT on plans concerning traffic safety along the Broadway corridor. Striping will begin in November.
2. The Committee's next meeting will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>, Board Office, at a later time starting at 8:00 PM in consideration of Rosh Hashanah religious observance.

J. Youth – L. Parker

1. Chairman Fanuzzi announced the appointment of Lamont Parker as Committee Youth Chair.
2. The Committee will hold its first meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, Board Office, at 1:00 PM.

K. Aging – A. Cohen

No meeting in September due to religious holidays.

L. Budget

No report.

M. Education – S. Alexander

1. S. Alexander and six other Committee members had a very interesting tour of PS 24 during its Open House held in June.
2. New Vision Charter High School will hold a Public Hearing on the subject of Internet Children Protection Act on September 12<sup>th</sup>.
3. The Committee will not meet in September due to religious observance of Yom Kippur.

N. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

The Committee had a great first meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Manning  
Community Associate