

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
HELD ON APRIL 7, 2021
VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Committee Members Present (17)

Laura Spalter, Chair	Robert Fanuzzi	Theodore Morris
Sylvia Alexander	Nicholas Fazio	Omar Murray
Bob Bender	David Gellman	Daniel Padernacht
Lisa Daub	Rosemary Ginty	Jyll Townes
Eric Dinowitz	Edward Green	Martin Wolpoff
Diomarys Escaño-Bell	Charles Moerdler	

Committee Members Absent (2)

Julia Gomez	Sergio Villaverde
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Staff (1)

Ciara Gannon – District Manager

CB8 & Guests

Margaret Della, Camelia Tepelus (CB8); Mariel De La Cruz (Office of NYC Comptroller), Ethan Stark-Miller (Riverdale Press), Community Attendees (4)

Chair Spalter welcomed everyone and convened the meeting at 7:05pm.

Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes of March 3, 2021 Executive Committee seconded and approved:
In Favor (14): Alexander, Bender, Daub, Dinowitz, Fazio, Gellman, Ginty, Green, Moerdler, Morris, Padernacht, Spalter, Townes, Wolpoff, // Opposed: (0), Abstain (0)

Chair's Report – L. Spalter

- Sergio Villaverde is a member of Executive as chair of the special Veterans committee.
- Dr. Martin Gluck moved outside the district so resigned from the board. We will miss him.
- Posted CB8 statement against racism and hate on website, newsletter and social media and sent a letter to the Mayor in support of the Asian Hate Crime Task Force.
- Part of Kingsbridge Heights falls in 10468 zip code which was noted in the NYTimes for high Covid rate and potential evictions. Chair Spalter and T. Morris sent a letter on behalf of CB8 to the Mayor to advocate for extending eviction moratorium and funding outreach and legal support to tenants.
- Finalizing procurement for graffiti removers for Marble Hill using CM Rodriguez's funding.
- April board meeting includes selection of nominating committee.

District Manager's Report – C. Gannon

- Nearing completion of the new website.
- Spread the word to encourage nominations for the Betty Campbell-Adams Most Valuable Merchant Award and the Irving Ladimer Community Service Award.
- On April 10th, every NYC police precinct will remove graffiti. 50th precinct is accepting volunteers.
- Training on Statement of Needs will be on May's Executive Committee agenda.
- Commencing walk-up Covid vaccines at Bronx HS of Science on weekends for age 75+ and one accompanying person.

[Approved change to agenda order. See below for T&T report]

Treasurer's Report – D. Escaño-Bell

- In addition to the FY21 YTD report, presented FY22 budget projection. OMB requested moving the projection forward to April. Need adjustments to reallocate FY21 OTPS by expense code.
- Presented a resolution to approve FY21 budget modification and FY22 budget projection.

L. Daub conducted a roll call and confirmed the quorum.

Committee Resolutions

Chair Spalter called for committee resolutions to be presented at the April Board meeting:

- Traffic & Transportation – D. Padernacht
 - Resolution regarding Independence Avenue between West 232nd Street and West 246th Street following additional public input.
 - Resolution requesting that DOT conduct a feasibility study for a traffic light at the intersection of West 237th Street and Independence Avenue
- Public Safety – E. Green
 - Approval to renew beer & cider license for (1) Smashburger and (2) Moss Café.
- Parks & Recreation – R. Ginty
 - Resolution to approve the Seton Park skate park and exercise equipment capital project. The project is fully funded and located at the unused basketball courts.
- S. Villaverde put forward [*Chair presented at end of meeting in S. Villaverde's absence*]
 - Resolution to condemn hate crimes and support Mayor's Asian Hate Crime task force. Discussed.

Issues for Discussion –

- D. Gellman – Refer to email re FY23. Committees prioritize requests. Document in provided format.
- R. Ginty – Inquired if CB8 staff is included in NYC employee return-to-office directive. DM noted that staff cannot fully return or welcome the public since the office does not have windows / ventilation and cannot use HVAC.
- E. Green – Two major issues coming up: (1) NYC Police Reform and Reinvention plan, and (2) Recreational marijuana.
- R. Fanuzzi – Inquired on status of 2395 Palisades. Discussed.
- J. Townes – Noted importance to comment on police reform report. Provided SCRE updates: (1) Report being shortened, added executive summary and photos, (2) Community survey draft, (3) Selecting a forum date.
- M. Wolpoff – Opened committee discussion regarding NYC's recent inclination to bypass community boards / residents on traffic and transportation, land use, buildings and other matters. This is especially concerning when a large portion of the city body is leaving office.

Follow-up on Outstanding Issues - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm by unanimous consent.

Prepared and submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary