

(Pending Committee Approval)

**Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
December 4, 2024**

Executive Committee Meeting Recording December 2024

Committee Members Present

(12): Sergio Villaverde, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Laura Spalter, Sylvia Alexander (ADA), Bob Bender, David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Oscar Martinez, Ramdat Singh, Deb Travis, Martin Wolpoff

Committee Members Absent

Absent (7): Julie Reyes, Margaret Della, Edward Green, Rhashida Hilliard, Josh Land, Charles Moerdler, Daniel Rowen

Staff/Board Members/Guests

Farrah Kule Rubin

Vice Chairperson Villaverde convened the meeting at 7:05pm and welcomed Board Members and guests.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: November 6, 2024

Minutes unanimously approved. In Favor (10): Sergio Villaverde, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Laura Spalter, Sylvia Alexander (ADA), Bob Bender, David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Ramdat Singh, Deb Travis, Martin Wolpoff

Chairperson's Report

- Committee Chair's- if you haven't selected a Vice Chair, please do so this month.
- Reminder: Moving forward, committee meetings held at the Board office with Zoom capabilities the committee Chair or member will be responsible to work Zoom, staff will likely not be in attendance – Land Use and Aging Committees are the exception. If you believe you need assistance with Zoom, please advise Farrah so you may be trained on the use of Zoom.
- The Board will continue to have the committee's concerned draft criteria for their committee Awards and will bring back to the Board in January/February. Thank you, Marty Wolpoff, for setting guidelines on this issue.
- Next Executive Meeting will be January 8, 2025.

Treasurer Report

- Treasurer presented monthly report - FY25 December
- No budget modifications this month
- Asking OMB to cover intern stipend for November, December and January. Will have their answer in a few days.

District Manager (DM) Report

- Held my monthly District Service Cabinet on 12/4. Next meeting will be on 1/7.
- Reminder: Chairs must give minutes and agendas to the Office within 10-day requirements. If no agenda is received, a generic agenda will be distributed.
- Recent events:
 - New York Botanical Gardens gave 20 tickets to their Nightmare before Christmas Light Path Trail Event to CB8 to distribute to community for 11/7/2024
 - Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway Event 11/25 with 250 turkeys generously donated by the Stagg Group again. Turkeys give to residents and the following organizations: Marble Hill Houses, Ft Independent Houses, St Stephens Church, Riverdale Neighborhood House, Carolina Baptist Church, 50th Precinct, and Theory9. Thank you to Board members and JFK High School volunteers, and office personnel.
- In-Tech Academy invited Board Members to a College event on 12/6. Sent details to anyone interested.
- Office staff working on professional development opportunities recently went to workshop held by Department of Buildings (DOB)
- Please review January calendar and give me your comments in advance. Give agenda and minutes within ten days of meetings.
- CM Dinowitz voting tomorrow on City of Yes and held a community meeting. Please reach out to him before the vote if you have not already done so.
- Working with Department of Transportation (DOT) Henry Hudson Bridge work to understand when signs will be reinstalled.

Committee Reports:

Board Members are reminded to read resolutions prior to meeting. [Board Calendar](#).

- Aging - Nov meeting had presentation from an Elder Law, Estates & Trust attorney. Next meeting 12/12 at Methodist Home.
- Budget - FY27 budget discussions should start in December and be put on your meeting agendas. Recommended to review FY26 requests.
- Economic Development - Next meeting 12/5 and will discuss Skyview shopping center walkthrough.
- Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs - Canceled meetings and rescheduled for 12/11.
- Environment & Sanitation - DEP presented on Flooding, storm water - presentations will be in the minutes. Meeting on 12/6 regarding Unified Storm Water Rule. Next Committee meeting 12/18. Sanitation has organic containers, and the office has leaf bags for those who need them.
- Health Hospitals & Social Services - Presentation from Deputy Commissioner from Department of Health and Mental Health on suicide prevention, and community trainings available. Next meeting will be 1/8.
- Housing - The Housing Committee met on Monday evening (November 25, 2024) from 6:00-7:16pm at the MMCC's Cornerstone Community Center on Bailey Avenue. All committee members were in attendance. We also had CB8 staff Ardy Malziu, and members David Gellman, and Mary Ellen Gibbs in attendance. There were also various members of the community present to hear from HPD's Tenant Engagement Team re: Tenants' Rights and Responsibilities. Though the room was cool, we had a warm

reception from all who were present. We plan to invite the team back in the near future. Our next Housing meeting is on Monday, December 23, 2024, at 6pm (most likely at the HQ.)

- Land Use - Concerns regarding issue with house demolition at 3111 Henry Hudson Parkway and related trees. Issue with same developer at Van Cortlandt Jewish Center. 355 w 246 Street uninhabited, seeking to sell and has made significant changes without proper permit. 4676 Iselin Ave. house seeking retroactive approval on window replacement. Discussed City of Yes implications. Parking around Visitation site is suspended - office received a response and will send around.
- Law Rules & Ethics (LRE)- Reminder on Open Meetings Law rules around criteria to go into Executive Session and protocol on how to go into the session. Chair revisited 'abstentions' and will address at full Board meeting. Discussed award criteria resolution that failed at previous Board meeting. 12/9 next meeting.
- Parks & Rec - Next meeting 12/12.
- Public Safety - Six new resolutions:
 - Renewal: Claudy's Kitchen (5981 Broadway), Santa Fe Grill (6925 Broadway) - unanimously approved
 - New application: Food Court 231 (190 w 231 St), 3611 Grapevine Corp (3611 Riverdale Ave) - unanimously approved
 - New Years Eve special hours: Silhouette (5656 Broadway), Caribe Bites (5586 Broadway) - unanimously disapproved.
- Traffic & Transportation (T&T) - Next meeting 12/16. Resolution: Approved with conditions by committee on Outdoor Dining Sidewalk Application: Tin Marin (3708 Broadway)
- Youth - Next meeting 12/16. Working on a Youth Handbook.
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway - None.
- Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) - None.
- Special Committee on Veterans Services - Deliberating candidates for Veterans Award, looking at plaques for Memorial Grove. 1/23 pending meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Next meeting January 8, 2025. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:19 pm.

Submitted by,
Margaret Della, Secretary