

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
January 3, 2024
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Committee Members Present

Sylvia Alexander, Bob Bender, Kelli Buford, Margaret Della, David Gellman, Rosemary Ginty, Edward Green, Scott Krompinger, Laura Spalter, Debra Travis

Committee Members Approved Hybrid for Extraordinary Circumstances

Julie Reyes, Martin Wolpoff

Committee Members Absent

Dr. Julia Gomez, Robert Fanuzzi, Charles Moerdler, Nicholas Fazio, Sergio Villaverde, Oscar Martinez, Rabbi Bob Kaplan

Staff/Board Members

Farrah Kule Rubin, Ardy Malziu, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Omar Murray, Lee Chong

Chairperson Reyes convened the meeting at 7:03pm with a roll call. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: December 6, 2023

The Committee unanimously approved the December 6, 2023, Executive Committee minutes as amended.

Chairperson's Report

- Irving Ladimer Community Service Award opens in February and will be awarded in May along with the Betty Campbell Adams Most Valuable Merchant Award.
- The next Board meeting will be at In-Tech Academy with limited time. Meeting norms: will enforce 3 min reports. Meeting will be from 7-9pm and we must leave at 9pm.
- Order of committee reports have been readjusted for the Board meeting to ensure discussion on the City of Yes and Resolutions

Treasurer Report

- Presented monthly report
- Budget modification (\$4000) was processed

- \$10,000 buffer still sequestered

District Manager Report

- Would like to maintain newsletter as a quarterly message
- Community coordinator will be taking on committee work and chairs will work directly with him
- Department of Building constituent services meeting held on December 15 and it was well-received. Member asked if there was any predominant issue. DM will review input, again, but nothing stood out.
- Yankee Winter Wonderland: 100 tickets went to Kingsbridge Heights Community Center and transitional housing. Member wanted to clarify that Board members and staff are not allowed to accept tickets.
- Secured all meeting locations for the remainder of the year, to be held in all areas of the district. Be sure to check the calendar for meeting locations.
- Getting ready to post Comeback Kid Award, Yankee Award, Irving Ladimer Community Service Award, Betty Campbell Adams Most Valuable Merchant Award for this year's submissions
- Committees should be comfortable in running their own meetings. Advise CB8 office if you need more training.
- Attended District Service Cabinet meeting. Thank you for your input. Next meeting is on Feb 6th.
- DM has broken ankle and needs surgery. Will need to work remotely next week.

Committee Reports

- Aging - Discussed priorities for the year. Next meeting January 11 at 4pm. Guest speaker from the Mayor's office.
- Budget - Reminded committees to have initial items in January to add in the committee agenda to discuss ideas for FY26. Timeline: February draft, March prioritize, April finalize prioritization. Recommended that committees vote to approve a final prioritized list. Lists due to Budget Chair and Board Chairperson by April 17, 2024.
- Economic Development - None. Joint meeting with Land Use on January 4th.
- Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs - Discussed Mayoral Control of Schools, no quorum in December meeting. Next meeting is January 23rd.
- Environment & Sanitation - No December meeting. Next meeting in January.
- Health Hospitals & Social Services - None. New Vice Chair Josh Land. Discussed priorities for the year and the hate on health. Member asked for hate messages to be removed on signage in the community. DM asking DOT to follow up, asks community to follow up with NYPD and office.
- Housing - City of Yes Resolution calls for no commercial development on campuses and New York City Housing Authority developments. No commercial overlay, concern about truck traffic, removal of refuge, extended hours, signage with/without illumination. Member also mentioned that it also allows greater development if the developer accrues an acre.

- Land Use - None. Joint meeting with Economic Development on January 4th
- Law Rules & Ethics (LRE)- See Extraordinary Circumstance survey, please complete by Jan 7th.
- Parks - No December meeting. Next meeting is January 24th. National Society of Colonial Dames to discuss fundraising, issues of building, finances, etc.
- Public Safety - 5 Resolutions:
 - Renewal Wine/Beer/Cider: Riverdale Steakhouse 5700 Riverdale Avenue - Approved
 - Corporate Change: Mamajuana to Bokagua 3541 Riverdale Ave. - Approved
 - Office of Cannabis Management - New establishment license: Green Healthy Living Social Club LLC, located at 5625 Broadway Unit 8 - Disapproved unanimously as currently operating illegal smoke shop
 - NYC Council 586 legislative bill - expect to provide revised resolution for the Full Board's consideration as circumstances have changed. Bill requires police officers to document Level 1 stops and demographics of persons
- Traffic & Transportation- DOT walk thru with Citi Bikes from November recap provided to office. Chair will review and share with Committee. Chair will follow up on Riverdale Road Diet. December SAPO application SAR Academy to close curb lanes on 259th and Netherland Avenue for 50th celebration (cars can go through but no parking. About 6 spots impacted). Committee approved permit. Next meeting is January 18.
- Youth - None. Next meeting is in February.
- Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) - Working with Health Hospital & Social Services committee on "Hate on Health". Next meeting February 1.
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway - Next meeting Tuesday January 30th
- Special Committee on Veterans Services - None

Old Business

None

New Business

Removal of Board Member Process: A Member has not attended any meetings this term and has not responded to outreach. The Borough President's office reached out to Board Member. Chairperson discussing process with LRE. Member has 30 days to respond and provide reasons why they have not complied. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to initiate the process.

Art 3, Sect 4 Bylaws - Removal of Board members. Members expressed that the Borough President should initiate the process as members are held to the standards set by the Borough President's appointment and guidelines.

Next Executive Committee is February 7th.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:36pm.

Submitted by,
Margaret Della, Secretary