

(Pending Approval)

**Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
June 7, 2023 via Zoom**

**Meeting Recording Link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bygF7bXPHJQ>**

Committee Members Present

Sylvia Alexander, Bob Bender, Kelli Buford, Margaret Della, Bob Fanuzzi, Nicholas Fazio, David Gellman, Rosemary Ginty, Julia Gomez, Scott Krompinger, Charles Moerdler, Omar Murray, Julie Reyes, Laura Spalter, Debra Travis, Martin Wolpoff

Committee Members Absent

Lee Chong, Edward Green, Sergio Villaverde

Chair Spalter convened the meeting at 7:04 with a roll call. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: May 3, 2023

Minutes approved unanimously.

Chairperson's Report

- Welcome Farrah Kule Rubin to her first Exec!
- Full Board Meeting will be held at the College of Mount Saint Vincent on June 29, 2023:
 - Landuse Committee meeting proposed prior to Full Board is canceled for June. Discussion will be held in September
 - Board members must attend in-person as of June 19, 2023. Community seats available, but the community can join remotely. If you cannot attend, Board Members must put a request in writing to the Chair, and get a response in writing. Board members attending remotely cannot count towards quorum, but are able to participate and vote.
- Irving Latimer Award has chosen its honoree, Karina Munoz, founded the Kari and Pepper Project, which picks up trash in parks, cooks at shelters, volunteers to help pets and vaccination programs. Recognition will be in September.
- The Borough President's (BP) new Code of Conduct rolled out and newly reappointed Board Members have already signed it. Existing Board Members will be expected to sign on by June.
- FOIL request received on May 26, 2023, and it will be responded to.

- Pending question from a previous meeting: whether staff may attend Executive Sessions. Asked for guidance from the Committee on Open Government, which confirmed that staff may attend.

Treasurer Report—Scott Krompinger

- June 2023 Financials
- OTPS remaining is about \$14k, which is out of date considering \$8k purchased for promotional items, laptops, last month. We should have a better picture by June Full Board meeting. Anticipated balance of \$5500, which likely will be unspent since we cannot submit a budget modification at this stage and there are no other OTPS needs.

Report of the District Manager Search Committee was received in the Executive Committee package prior to the meeting and there are no further comments on it.

District Manager’s Report

- Feeling welcomed while technology has been a struggle
- There is a District Service Cabinet meeting planned for June 26th - please send any issues that need to be followed up on.

Resolutions for Discussion

- **Resolution from Joint Meeting: Parks & Recreation and Environment & Sanitation** on the preliminary 75% design of the Tibbetts Brook and Putnam Greenway approved by both Committees. Some Executive Members discussed perhaps changing the scope of the resolution, but suggestions were not germane. No changes to resolution. Resolution proceeds to the full board for consideration.
- **SAPO Resolution from Education, Libraries, and Cultural Affairs Committee (ELCA)** regarding a proposed Library-Hip Hop Celebration for June 28, 2023. SAPO submitted. The event falls before the next Full Board meeting so it cannot weigh in on this SAPO request. ELCA will submit the approved Committee Resolution. Members suggested MTA should be directly advised since this event requires new bus routes. Committee Chair indicated that NYPD50 has approved this event.

Budget Documents on Capital & Expense Budget Request

- Discussed FY25 capital and expenses priorities that will be submitted to City agencies, and shared with the community as well as elected representatives
- No more than 25-30 priorities should be submitted to the BP, acknowledging some priorities remain on the list as they are unfinished
- Board Members urged that NYC will have overall budget cuts and expectations should be set accordingly.
- Upon review of the Budget draft priorities, Executive Members requested that

their Committees' priorities be reinstated. Discussion resolved that the Board Chair, DM, and Budget Committee Chair would meet separately, review Committee priorities and return with a revised prioritized list that more closely reflects Committee submitted lists. This revised document will then be shared with Exec along with respective Committee priority lists so that each Chair can compare its committee priorities against those of other committees. Budget consults will be held in the summer.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:03 pm.

Submitted by,
Margaret Della, Secretary