

(Pending Committee Approval)

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
May 3, 2023 via Zoom

Meeting Recording Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bygF7bXPHJQ>

Committee Members Present

Sylvia Alexander, Bob Bender, Lee Chong, Margaret Della, David Gellman, Rosemary Ginty, Julia Gomez, Edward Green, Scott Krompinger, Charles Moerdler, Omar Murray, Laura Spalter, Camelia Tepelus, Debra Travis, Sergio Villaverde, Martin Wolpoff

Committee Members Absent

Kelli Buford, Nicholas Fazio

Chair Spalter convened the meeting at 7:02 with a roll call. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: April 10, 2023

Edit to note that the District Manager (DM) interview date was March 22, 2023. Minutes approved as amended with one opposition by R. Ginty.

Chairperson's Report

- Executive Committee will meet with DM candidate in Executive Session this evening. Request to add to the agenda. Unanimously approved.
- Street naming for former Board Member Bill Stone will be on May 7th at 11am Hudson Manor Terrace and W 237th Street.
- Ask that Committees confirm June dates with the office as soon as possible. The Board meeting June 29th will be moved as to not conflict with Philharmonic performance in Van Cortlandt Park.
- The Mayor's office initiative Quality of Life Neighborhood Support Teams is requesting 'expression of interest' from the District. Deadline is May 31st.
- Placement of 100 Asylum seekers temporarily in the District began last month. Federal government responsible for vetting seekers. The Neighborhood Association for Intercultural Affairs is responsible for contract and services.
- Regarding 6661 Broadway Shelter, it is confirmed that Westhab and DHS will attend the Health, Hospital, and Social Services Committee meeting on May 31, 2023.

- School Construction Authority was invited to the Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs June 27, 2023 meeting and plans to attend unless a lawsuit prohibits them from doing so.
- 160 Van Cortlandt Park South preparing for demolition and neighbors notified.

Treasurer Report—Scott Krompinger

- May Treasurers report reviewed
- Proposed budget modification resolution to spend down unused funds before the end of the FY (Addendum A) \$22,280, most of which would be reallocated to use for supplies/materials, DOITT, and cleaning expenses
- Proposed FY24 Operating Budget modeled after FY23 with increases for supplies/materials and DOITT
- Discussed PEG and whether there may be any future Mayoral funding cuts to CB budgets
- Discussed whether Board Members are allowed to wear identifying clothes or other materials at community events. The Office may not purchase clothing, etc. for Members. Other options such as name tags, etc. will be discussed.

District Manager Search

- DM position was widely advertised and the Search Committee reviewed 22 applications.
- March 22, 2023 committee meeting agreed to meet with four candidates throughout April. Interviews were held in Executive Session for candidates confidentiality.
- There is a final candidate that the Committee will present in the Executive Session following this meeting, who received unanimous support from the Search Committee to advance.

Resolutions for Discussion

- **Housing Committee Resolution on Local Law 152** - Amalgamated Houses attended Committee meeting. 100 residents came to the meeting requesting additional time to be compliant from the City to find an affordable loan. Passed unanimously by the Housing Committee. Edits requested to define 'carve out.'
- **Land Use Committee Resolution on Affordable Housing plus Friendly Amendment** - Resolution calling for the construction of more affordable housing and calling on the Council to review underutilized non-publicly owned housing to be used for affordable housing. Passed by the Landuse Committee. Edits requested to remove HDC paragraph.
- **Hybrid Resolution Renewal** - Revisiting May 2022 Resolution to renew hybrid meeting model (also renewed in November 2022) no later than May 2023. This resolution will be renewed again before May 2024.

- **Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee Resolutions on SAPO Applications** - Amalgamated Nursery School Spring Festival Block Party; Chabad of Riverdale Lag Baomer; Riverdale Y Farmers Market.
- **Traffic and Transportation Committee Resolution on SAPO Applications** - North Riverdale Block Party
- **Public Safety Committee Resolution on SAPO Applications** - James Baldwin Farmers Market. Resolutions will come to the floor since Public Safety recent meeting did not have a quorum. The Chair will also present two new applications and two renewals for liquor licenses. One renewal did not renew their liquor license on time and the Board will have to waive the 30 day notification requirement. NYPD has no issues with any of the applicants.

CB8 recently received a directive that SAPOs for religious institutions no longer need to come before Committees.

Follow-up on Outstanding Issues

- David Gellman reminded Members to review Board budget items.

Executive Session

The Committee voted unanimously to move into Executive Session under Section 105.F of the Open Meetings Law in order to discuss the hiring of the District Manager. The Committee voted unanimously to move out of Executive Session.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:47 pm.

Submitted by,
Margaret Della, Secretary