

(Pending Committee Approval)

**Bronx Community Board 8**  
**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting**  
**November 1, 2023**  
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**Committee Members Present**

Sylvia Alexander, Kelli Buford, Margaret Della, Robert Fanuzzi, David Gellman, Rosemary Ginty, Edward Green, Oscar Martinez, Julie Reyes, Laura Spalter, Martin Wolpoff, Sergio Villaverde

**Committee Members Approved Hybrid for Extraordinary Circumstances**

**Committee Members Absent**

Bob Bender, Nicholas Fazio, Charles Moerdler, Dr. Julia Gomez, Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Scott Krompinger, Ramdat Singh, Debra Travis

**Staff/Board Members**

Farrah Kule Rubin

**Guests**

Karen Argenti, Sue Ellen Dodell

Chair Reyes convened the meeting at 7:00pm with a roll call. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

**Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: October 4, 2023**

The Committee unanimously approved the October 4, 2023, Executive Committee minutes as amended.

**Chairperson's Report**

- Chair and DM took tour with Senator Rivera in the District
- Board members must disclose if they are working with a client in the community and they ask the Office for help on behalf of that client
- Chair and DM continue to pursue information on available spaces from DCAS and will provide DCAS flyer to local real estate businesses in case they are eligible

**Treasurer Report**

- Report submitted report as of 10/24/23
- FY23 computer expense went unspent as NYC Controller was not able to push expense requests prior to the conclusion of the FY. Funding (\$3525) will be rolled over into FY24 for intended purchases.

### **District Manager Report**

- Zoom 'bombs'/interruptions have been officially reported to elected officials and the NYPD special unit that deals with these matters.
- Reiterated the chair's point on touring for new office space
- Budget priorities for FY25 have been submitted to the City. The Chair, Budget Chair and DM are meeting with elected officials to be sure priorities are funded.
- New and existing board member orientation took place last week. Dept of City Planning presented.
- Some board members have not submitted code of conduct. They have been advised and must do so by the next meeting.
- Offer made to a Community Coordinator position
- District service meeting is upcoming December 5, 2023. Members are asked to submit any priorities.

### **Resolutions for Discussion**

- Public Safety Committee Resolution - 3 renewals:
  - Cocina Chente at 3535 Riverdale Avenue
  - Kai Fan at 3717 Riverdale Avenue
  - Mamajuana Café Prime located at 3541 Riverdale Avenue
  - Corporate change: Tijuana Nites, located at 216 West 242nd Street
- Aging Committee Resolution- NYC City Council to vote out of Committee (Civil Service and Labor) and bring to the floor Legislation 10992023
- Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs Committee Resolution on Van Cortlandt Motel-School Site Resolution
- Landuse Committee Resolutions:
  - 4671 Grosvenor Ave non-ULURP
  - 695 West 246th Street SNAD
  - 680 West 232 St SNAD
  - 331 West 250th Street Landmark Preservation Commission application
  - 4800 Independence Ave SNAD
- Traffic & Transportation postponed.

### **Committee Reports**

- Law, Rules, and Ethics (LRE) - Topics of discussion: OML, survey on extraordinary circumstances, CB8 code of conduct
- Parks - none

- Public Safety - Committee passed resolutions advancing renewals and corporate change:
- Renewal:
  - Cocina Chente Riverdale Ave
  - KaiFan Riverdale Ave
  - Mamajuana Riverdale Ave
- Corporate change: Tijuana Nites 242nd
- Legal cannabis application pulled again.
- Traffic & Transportation (T&T) - 11/16 next meeting.
- Youth - 10/16 meeting discussing veterans' event in Memorial Grove.
- Aging - 11/9 at 4pm next meeting. Resolution asking NYC City Council to vote out of Committee (Civil Service and Labor) and bring to the floor 10992023 legislation for municipal retiree's health care options.
- Budget - see DM report
- Economic Development - Walking tour 11/3 3:30pm - 5:30pm with SBS, Bronx DA Office
- Education - SCA attended 10/24. Committee passed a resolution on school at 6393 Broadway. Brief discussion on SLA footprint.
- Environment & Sanitation (E&S) - 10/30 meeting. Residents claimed unsafe conditions at 306 w 232nd re: discharge of water into NYC sewer, permitting. 316 w 232nd receiving flooding due to construction site.
- Health, Hospitals, Social Services (HHS)- none
- Housing - 10/23 meeting discussed: update housing guide and City of Yes housing/ULURP. 11/27 next meeting.
- Land Use - Noncompliant architect - as a result, all projects voted down. Other requests were approved. Having joint presentation with Economic Development with City of Yes 11/6.
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway (HRG) - none
- Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) - Meeting 11/2 7pm.

- Special Committee on Veterans Services - Met 10/30. 11/5 12pm Veterans event at Memorial Grove. Bronx Historical Society asking for info for Bronx veterans. Link on CB8 website.

### **Old Business**

November is Veterans Month in NYC. The event in Memorial Grove is on Sunday, Nov 5th at noon.

Next Full Board is 11/14

Next Executive Committee is 12/6

### **New Business**

None

### **Executive Session**

Vote to go into session and back out of session was unanimous.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Whatever was discussed, we will bring the issue to the Full Board.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:12pm.

Submitted by,  
Margaret Della, Secretary