

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
September 6, 2023 via Zoom

Meeting Recording Link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRWcRF8db9M>

Committee Members Present

Sylvia Alexander, Bob Bender, Kelli Buford, David Gellman, Nicholas Fazio, Dr. Julia Gomez, Edward Green, Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Scott Krompinger, Charles Moerdler, Julie Reyes, Laura Spalter, Debra Travis, Martin Wolpoff

Committee Members Approved Hybrid for Extraordinary Circumstances

Margaret Della

Committee Members Absent

Sergio Villaverde, Robert Fanuzzi, Ramdat Singh

Staff/Board Members

Farrah Kule Rubin, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Oscar Martinez, Joy Campbell- Priveterre, Jessica Sosa

Guests

Debby Allan, Brent Costello

Chair Reyes convened the meeting at 7:25pm with a roll call. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: June 7, 2023

The Committee unanimously approved the June 7, 2023, Executive Committee minutes.

Chairperson's Report

- Reminder that the office is understaffed and Chairs should do as much as they can to support the staff. (ie send report, agenda, etc to office)
- Chairs are expected to briefly report at each Executive Committee meeting and should not exceed three minutes in their remarks. If there is nothing new from what minutes state, just give the date of the next committee meeting. Send bullet points of your remarks to the Secretary.
- Chair will attend committee meetings but will reserve the right to vote at the

Full Board meetings.

- To participate via Hybrid option, board members should consult the rules. It is the Member's responsibility to submit formal request and receive an approval in writing from the Chair for exceptional circumstances.
- Unfortunately, the office received notice that its potentially new location is not zoned for our purposes. The office will continue to follow up with DCAS. Please make recommendations of commercial space in the district.
- Office sent a letter of support to the Van Cortlandt Alliance for potential funding regarding the Enslaved Peoples Project
- Office provided testimony 8/14 at the Public Design Commission to approve submission by DEP & DPR for Tibbetts Brook Daylighting & Putnam Greenway Project. It was approved.
- Walking tour of MTA property with regards to the Harlem River Greenway will be hosted by the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality on September 7, 2023
- Chair and DM attended Bronx Borough President orientation and swearing in of New Members at Lehman College
- Comptroller's office registered 6661 Broadway contract to provide temporary housing for 140 males until June 30, 2025 for \$290m
- After the July 20 Special Meeting, attended by 160 attendees, office gave International Cricket Council (ICC) feedback on community opposition to proposal and invited them back. Office has not heard back from the ICC. As a recap, on July 18, the office sent a letter to Mayor on this issue. ICC came to office after the meeting, and the office recapped this discussion with letter to the ICC on August 7. Elected officials have not received a response from the Mayor. ICC were invited to the upcoming Parks Committee.
- Chair and DM met with Acting/Interim 50th Commanding Officer Pierce and P.O. Sala
- Office and Board attended National Night Out, Marble Hill family Day, North Riverdale Assoc. Fair
- Chair and DM met with the Borough President's Office meeting on the 'City of Yes' -Vote on Carbon Neutral ULURP - Abstain since the Board has not taken position – Land Use Agenda this month.
- Chair and DM will be meeting with Council Members on budget items and community needs
- Dr. Martin Gluck passed away
- Next Full Board meeting 9/12 starts at 6:30pm on Tuesday since we have award presentation

Treasurer Report—Scott Krompinger

- Seeks Board approval of Resolution of the Budget for FY24 is \$261,432, of which \$30,966 approximately for OTPS.

District Manager Report

- Working on new office space
- Community coordinator position needs to be filled. The DM is reviewing applications
- Spent much time to find accommodating sites for our Full Board meetings
- Met new board members at swearing in ceremony
- District Cabinet meeting coming up September 15th. Advise if any issues should be addressed

Resolutions for Discussion

- None

Committee Reports

- Budget - Reviewed capital list for FY25 and expense list will be discussed at a future date. Dec committees to start thinking about FY26. Vote on priorities in Committee by April and then send to Budget Committee
- Economic Dev - 9/12 award ceremony. 10/3 7:30pm next meeting at Yukka Bistro
- Education - September meeting canceled, no response from SCA, next meeting will be last Tuesday in October
- HHS- Borough President Healthy & Hospitals presentation
- Landuse - 9/11 meeting 7pm: Three upcoming SNAD applications, Stagg purchase at 3801 Waldo Avenue
- LRE - 9/7 meeting - Borough President Board Code of Conduct, Statement on Civility for CB8 further review needed, New member integration and transition between new and old leadership.
- Parks - 9/27 meeting. Hopes International Cricket Council (ICC) will attend. School supply giveaway on 9/7 in Jerome Park.
- Public Safety - 9/19 meeting 7pm at 50th Precinct. 11 SLA renewals, 1 Corporate Change application, and Legal Cannabis applicant regarding 6677 Broadway. Will bring SLA from the floor at the next Board meeting: 1)The Bronx Steakhouse; 2) Downey's.
- T&T 9/21 7pm. DOT presenting Citibike roll out in the district. DOT gave notice of a new traffic light at Reservoir and Webb Aves before the end of the year.
- Youth - 9/18 meeting
- HRGW - No date for meeting. Attended a meeting this summer on Environmental Bond Act.
- SCRE - 10/5 meeting 7pm Proud of work we did in highlighting work needed in community to improve equity and access including in interim report, mapping budgeting requests and supporting conversation around equity in how we recommend the city use its money, highlight all the work we do in each of the standing committees to enhance equity in the district.

This last year focused on health care access especially for Black and brown women who disproportionately receive worse services and experiences that impacts their long-term health. SCRE needs new members to keep continuity of work. Meet 4 times a year.

New Board Member Introduction

The Committee welcomed Jessica Sosa, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Oscar Martinez, Joy Campbell- Priveterre.

New Business

At the Full Board meeting, we will be voting on Aging, E&S, Housing Chairs.

Board discussed the timing of Full Board meetings. Polled time as to when the Exec meeting should begin. Majority indicated they prefer 7pm. LRE Chair reiterated the New York State community board guidelines.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:02 pm.

Submitted by,
Margaret Della, Secretary