

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
HELD ON JUNE 2, 2021
VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Committee Members Present (15)

Laura Spalter, Chair	Diomarys Escaño-Bell	Rosemary Ginty	Jyll Townes
Sylvia Alexander	Robert Fanuzzi	Edward Green	Sergio Villaverde
Bob Bender	Nicholas Fazio	Theodore Morris	Martin Wolpoff
Lisa Daub	David Gellman	Omar Murray	

Committee Members Absent (3)

Julia Gomez	Charles Moerdler	Daniel Padernacht
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Staff (1)

Ciara Gannon – District Manager

CB8 & Guests

Camelia Tepelus (CB8), Michael Hinman, Ethan Stark-Miller (Riverdale Press), Community Attendees (1)

Chair Spalter welcomed everyone and convened the meeting at 7:00pm.

L. Daub conducted a roll call and confirmed the quorum.

Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes of May 5, 2021 Executive Committee seconded and approved:
In Favor (15): Alexander, Bender, Daub, Escaño-Bell, Fanuzzi, Fazio, Gellman, Ginty, Green, Morris, Murray, Townes, Spalter, Villaverde, Wolpoff, // Opposed: (0), Abstain (0)

Chair's Report – L. Spalter

- Extension of OML waiver to permit virtual board meetings will be discussed at the June Borough Board meeting.
- DOT informed the board that painted bicycle lanes on Mosholu Avenue, with a section of sharrows, will move forward this summer. This is similar to what happened on Broadway and in other neighborhoods in the city. The chair wrote a letter to express disappointment that the concerns of the community and as reflected in CB8's resolution was ignored. The letter will be sent to executive committee members.
- To facilitate a very full June board agenda, elected officials who do not represent our district will be offered up to 3 minutes to speak at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – D. Escaño-Bell

- From our overall FY21 budget, \$60.8k remains including \$20.7k in OTPS. A budget modification is not needed this month. Note that additional funds are encumbered but not yet reflected in OMB system so is not reflected in this Treasurer's report.

District Manager's Report – C. Gannon

- Graffiti removal event in Marble Hill will take place in June.
- Office will distribute committee sign-up request after board elections and dates are confirmed for our meeting calendar.
- DM was in touch with agencies for guidance to enhance our budget requests,

Pending Committee Approval - Corrected

- Yankees selected all of CB8's Yankee Youth Award nominations. We are waiting for details regarding a ceremony at Yankee Stadium.
- Quality of life issues and complaints from community have greatly increased. Remember to call 311 first and give confirmation code to the office. The office follows up on complaints and keeps people informed.

Committee Resolutions

Chair Spalter called for committee resolutions to be presented at the June Board meeting:

- Public Safety – E. Green
 - 14 liquor licenses presented to get ahead of the summer break. Renewals approved: GameDay Sports Bar, AOYU Sushi, Punto De Sabor Express, Keenans, Liebman's Deli, Kia Fan, Cocina Chente Mexican Cuisine, Silhouette Restaurant Lounge, Downeys Bar and Grill, Tortoise & Hare. Not approved (discussion): Tilila Bar & Grill. New license approved (2am contingency): 216-222 W 242nd St, Caribe Bites Bar & Restaurant, Savor Coffee and More.
 - 6 establishments did not appear at the meeting. Actions will be determined.
- CB8 Board – L. Spalter
 - Resolutions to extend three special committees, (1) Special Committee on Racial Equity, (2) Special Committee on the Hudson River Greenway, (3) Special Committee on Veterans Services. Discussed bylaws re community membership.

Discussion - Capital & Expense Budget Request

Committee reviewed the preliminary draft FY2023 Expense and Capital Budget Requests. Participants discussed the drafts at length, raised concerns and made changes to the positioning of items. This discussion and further edits will continue in September for adoption by the Board following October's hearing.

Update – Special Committee on Racial Equity

J. Townes reviewed recent preparations including the SCRE Report Executive Summary, the report cover and the committee engagement summary that is posted on the website. Expressed her pleasure with the standing committees' support and actions and the support of individual members. This has been an extraordinary and difficult year for everyone.

Issues for Discussion –

- L. Daub – The Irving Ladimer Community Service Awards will be presented in the Fall. The committee selected four (4) recipients that will be briefly announced at the June board meeting.
- N. Fazio – The Economic Development Committee selected two (2) recipients for the Betty Campbell Adams Most Valuable Merchants Award. They will also be announced in June with awards presented in the Fall.
- J. Townes – shared her appreciation for O. Murray's focus on health during the pandemic and touched meeting participants with her personal story.
- R. Ginty – queried status of an issue raised during an executive session.

Follow-up on Outstanding Issues - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 pm by unanimous consent.

Prepared and submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary