

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
HELD ON MAY 5, 2021
VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Committee Members Present (17)

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

Committee Members Absent (1)

Charles Moerdler

Staff (1)

Ciara Gannon – District Manager

CB8 & Guests

Julie Reyes, Camelia Tepelus (CB8), Chris Polack (DCP), Michael Hinman, Ethan Stark-Miller (Riverdale Press), Community Attendees (2)

Chair Spalter welcomed everyone and convened the meeting at 7:05pm.

Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes of April 7, 2021 Executive Committee seconded and approved:
In Favor (12): Alexander, Bender, Daub, Escaño-Bell, Fanuzzi, Gellman, Ginty, Gomez, Green, Morris, Spalter, Wolpoff, // Opposed: (0), Abstain (0)

Chair's Report – L. Spalter

- This is a brief report to accommodate an executive session prior to the close of tonight's meeting.
- Explained concerns about potential impacts of ending the Open Meetings Law waiver that allows Community Boards to meet virtually. We are dependent on local venues that may not accommodate public gatherings in the near future. Will write to officials.

Treasurer's Report – D. Escaño-Bell

- From our overall FY21 budget, \$76.4k remains including \$20.9k in OTPS. A budget modification is not needed this month.

District Manager's Report – C. Gannon

- No formal report tonight to allow time for our speaker, Chris Polack, Planning Coordination with the Department of City Planning. Mr. Polack provides us with support on district needs and budget requests. He is here tonight to review the role of community boards in the budget process, timelines and answer questions.

DCP Planning Coordination Presentation – Chris Polack, DCP

- Statement of Community District Needs & Community Board Budget Request Process
 - Role of district needs in budget process – first step in NYC's adopted budget. Also used as a planning tool by CBs to advocate for constituent needs.
 - Elements of district needs and what they inform – a) top 3 needs with narrative for context, b) most important issue within policy issue, c) Prioritized budget requests for services and infrastructure investment.

- DCP online resources – various to support district needs, budgets and ongoing work.

Meeting participants appreciated the presentation that contained a wealth of information. The office has a copy of the presentation.

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

Committee Resolutions

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

- Public Safety – E. Green
 - Approval to renew liquor license for (1) Blue Bay, (2) Bronx Ale House, (3) New Tokyo House, and (4) Siam Square Thai Cuisine.
- Traffic & Transportation – E. Green for D. Padernacht
 - Resolution in opposition to the DOT Traffic Calming Plan on Mosholu Avenue
 - Resolution requesting DOT further review of north-south crossing safety measures on Mosholu Avenue and Liebig, Huxley, Spencer and Post.
- Parks & Recreation – R. Ginty
 - Resolution to approve the Strong Street Playground capital project.
 - Resolution to approve the VCP Classic Playground exercise equipment project.

Issues for Discussion –

- R. Ginty – Parks & Recreation is partnering with the newly formed Friends of Van Cortlandt Tail for It's My Park Day with Parks Dept. on May 15th from 10am to noon. Please join in to clean up and paint benches. Location: Broadway and W. 240th St.
- E. Green – Public Safety meeting is cancelled in May due to holiday conflict. June meeting will include several SLA renewals coming due this summer and will be held on June 1st.
- D. Gellman – Distributed initial FY23 priorities. Please review for any corrections. Review it holistically. This will be discussed at the June meeting.
- R. Fanuzzi – May E&S meeting is cancelled.
- L. Daub – 1. Aging Committee will meet on May 10th. DFTA representatives will review several new initiatives. 2. Nominations for Irving Ladimer Community Service Award and Betty Campbell Adams Most Valuable Merchant Award are due May 15th.
- T. Morris – Raised preliminary Q&A on budget request ranking and by agency.

Chair called for an **executive session per §105.h of the Open Meetings Law** at which a “proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property” would substantially affect the value.

A motion to go into executive session was made, seconded and adopted

In Favor (14): Alexander, Bender, Daub, Escaño-Bell, Fazio, Gellman, Ginty, Gomez, Green, Morris, Murray, Spalter, Wolpoff, Villaverde // Opposed: (0), Abstain (0)

Motion to End Executive Session – Motion passed by unanimous consent.:

Follow-up on Outstanding Issues - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm by unanimous consent.

Prepared and submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary