

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY (SCRE)
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members Present: J. Townes, Chair, B. Bender, G. Santiago, J. Reyes, R. Singh

Committee Members Absent: M. Della, R. Fanuzzi

CB8 Guest: L. Spalter (CB8 Chair), N. Fazio, C. Tepelus, M. Wolpoff, J. P Campbell Priveterre, and T. Ochoteco

Community: Sabrina Campbell (CM Dinowitz), Stephen Vazquez, Jade, Shajada Brown, and Araceli F.

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by Committee Chairperson Jyll Townes. The Chair informed audience of Agenda items.

1. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND GUESTS

The meeting began with an introduction of the Special Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 8, 2021 were reviewed and approved by B. Bender, J. Reyes, R. Singh, and J. Townes approved. G. Santiago abstained.

3. CHAIRS REPORT

The Chair thanked the Board Chair, staff, and committee members for the work done thus far wit SCRE. Recommends the committee keep working in hand with all committees

B. Bender gave a detailed synopsis of the presentation given at the Parks committee regarding the Van Cortlandt Park Enslaved People's Project. Anyone who is interested in more information may email the Board for the minutes of the Parks Committee and the video of the presentation. It was highly recommended that all to committee member view the presentation.

4. UPDATE OF SCRE ON UPCOMING AGENDAS OF STANDING COMITTEES

N. Fazio advised - Emergency Broad Band Communication has list of federal services and benefits. Program benefits were rolled out on 5/11/21. Discussion had on this issue. Question raised if people do not have Wi-Fi and/or computer how they will receive this valuable information. Consideration to have the elected officials put the information in

their news pamphlets, flyers, word of mouth, school notices, House of worship, mass Board email etc.

5. UPDATE OF SCRE COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT LIST

J. Reyes reviewed and advised of updated suggestions made to the Bronx Community Board 8 committee activities list focused on advancing racial equity. Continued edits will be made to the report.

6. 197-A plan

B. Bender advised the Land Use (LU) committee is working on the 197-A Plan. The LU Chair has asked all Board members to review the plan and submit suggestions and/or edits. Discussion was had on various issues that may be investigated, as well as suggestion made that each committee review sections in the 197 A Plan that pertains to their committee and give input.

7. OLD BUSINESS

B. Bender discussed how the subgroup of himself, B., Fanuzzi, and R, Singh are working on collecting and formulating template to create a profile of an Economic profile on community. The work will be time consuming and will be worked on during the upcoming months.

Discussion was had on requesting the emails of participants in the draft community engagement survey. It was agreed to not distribute the survey without requesting email addresses.

8. NEW BUSINESS N/A

9. COMMUNITY INPUT N/A

10. ANNOUNCEMENT

The next committee meeting will take place Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 7:00pm. Review and edits to the committee report will be conducted and submitted to the Executive Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Recorded by,

Julie Reyes
SCRE, CB8

Respectfully submitted,

Jyll Townes
Chairperson, SCRE CB8