

## **BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8**

### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 via Zoom Conference**

#### **PRESENT (39):**

S. Alexander	N. Fazio	M. Joyce	J. Reyes
R. Bender	S. Froot	R. Kaplan	G. Santiago
C. Dartis-Galvin	D. Gellman	D. Leverett	R. Singh
L. Daub	R. Ginty	L. Lopez	L. Spalter
M. Della	M. Gluck	C. G. Moerdler	C. Tepelus
M. Donato	J. Gomez	T. Morris	D. Travis
P. Ellis	M. Goodman	O. Murray	J. Townes
D. Escaño-Bell	E. Green	D. Padernacht	S. Villaverde
M. Esema	R. Jacklosky	K. Pesce	M. Wolpoff
R. Fanuzzi	D. B. Jackson	R. Pochter-Lowe	

#### **ABSENT (4):**

J. Campbell- Priveterre  
E. Dinowitz  
E. Garcia  
T. Pardo

#### **STAFF:**

P. Romano, Community Associate  
T. Ochoteco, Community Coordinator  
C. Gannon, District Manager

#### **GUEST:**

Council Member Fernando Cabrera, Council Member Vanessa Gibson, Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz, Sam Liedtka (AM Dinowitz's Office), Carlos Muñoz (Senator Rivera's Office), Miguel Rondon (Mayor's Office), Angela Conley & Emily Vasquez (Sen. Biaggi's Office), Eric Sawyer (BX DA Office), Assembly Member Nathalia Fernandez, Ish Gonzalez (BX BP Office), Mariel De La Cruz (Comptroller's Office), Deborah Johnson, Karen Argenti, Jodie Colon

Chair Spalter convened the meeting starting with the award ceremony at 6:00 PM and welcomed all.

## **Presentation of the Irving Ladimer Community Service Award & Most Valuable Merchant Award**

Chair Spalter gave a brief introduction to the awards and thanked N. Fazio, S. Villaverde and the Economic Development Committee for their efforts. Irving Ladimer was a beloved Community Board member whose passion was civics and volunteering in so many capacities for the community.

The first annual Most Valuable Merchant Award was presented to:

- Orlando Kross of Flowers by Zenda, a founding member of the Marble Hill Merchant Association, for outstanding service to our community.

The Irving Ladimer Community Service Award (CSA) was presented to:

- Margaret Groarke for civic activism including tenant education, voter registration, and other actions to improve the lives of Bronxites.
- The Riverdale Neighborhood House Telephone Reassurance Program volunteers for committed and consistent service to the homebound senior citizens of our community.
- Consuelo Hernandez for initiatives to improve the health and welfare of the Kingsbridge community with the Church of the Mediator's Green Team.
- Luciana Pepenella for outstanding dedication in supporting essential services at Riverdale Senior Services and improving quality of life for older adults.
- Stephanie Coggins for her efforts to educate the public about the history of Spuyten Duyvil and to inspire preservation of local landmarks and parks.
- Nick Dembowski for his research into the enslaved people at the Van Cortlandt plantation, leading to the Enslaved Peoples Project to publicize this important history.

### **1. GALLERY SESSION:**

- Deborah Johnson - Northwest Bronx Food Justice Coalition spoke about the coalition's mission particularly food equity issues and the need for funding/re-sources.
- Karen Argenti - Bronx Council on Environmental Quality urged the community to reject the ZCFR text amendment and provisions.
- Jodie Colon - Friends of Spuyten Duyvil echoed Ms. Argenti's sentiments and offered support for the Land Use resolution to vote no on ZCFR.
- Mariel De La Cruz - Comptroller's Office greeted the Board and thanked C. Gannon for keeping her abreast of community issues. She spoke about the Comptroller's role on recommendations to support capital sustainability projects citywide. Ms. De La Cruz discussed a survey on Work/Life balance to understand and better service the community during the pandemic.

### **2. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – LAURA SPALTER**

- Chair Spalter referred to her report in the Executive Committee minutes.

### **3. TREASURER'S REPORT: DIOMARYS ESCAÑO-BELL**

- The Board incurred the same basic expenses this month.

- OMB cleared up most of the ghost charges and no budget modifications to report.
4. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – CIARA GANNON
- Referred to this month's Executive minutes.
5. REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER FERNANDO CABRERA
- CM Cabrera congratulated CM Cohen on his judge appointment
  - Through discretionary funding donated 1300 Turkeys in the community including Marble Hill and Independence House, Discretionary funding applications will be available in January.
  - Spoke about the devastation that took place in Honduras and encouraged the community to donate towards a canned food and water drive.
  - E-Scooter ride share program will begin in March.
6. REPORT FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBER JEFF DINOWITZ
- Assembly Member Dinowitz thanked the community for their vote on election day.
  - His office was helpful in restoring the kosher Grab 'n Go meals at PS24.
  - Thanked BCEQ, Karen Argenti and Jodie Colon for their statements made during the Gallery session.
  - Focusing on eviction prevention "Tenant Safe Harbor Act",
  - Encouraged the community to get vaccinated for COVID-19.
  - Acknowledged and thanked CM Cohen for his service.
7. REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE – ISH GONZALEZ
- Latest BP newsletter was sent to members
  - BP Website includes info on COVID updates
  - Partnered with Department of Health for At-Home COVID testing for homebound residents
  - Community Board applications on BP's website being accepted through February 25, 2021
  - Best wishes for Happy & Healthy Holiday Season and thanked everyone for their support during this difficult time.
  - I. Gonzalez clarified that last year's CB membership applications will be held for one more year.
8. REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING – **NONE**
9. REPORT FROM THE 50<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT – CAPTAIN MELENDEZ
- 40% increase in Burglaries – 132 vs 94, 9.4% increase in assaults due to domestic violence 151 vs 138, 67% increase in Grand Larceny Autos 139 vs 83, 25% drop in robberies, Rapes 11 vs 14, 1 Homicide, Shootings 6 vs 5

- Quality of life violations, drag racing, speeding and loitering are the biggest complaints. The Captain took questions from Board Members regarding quality of life complaints.
- L. Spalter wished Captain Melendez a speedy recovery and Happy Holidays on behalf of the Board.

*Secretary Daub Conducts Roll Call. A quorum is present with 36 board members.*

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION – CHAIR DAN PADERNACHT

- NYC Department of Transportation Commissioner Polly Trottenberg will be stepping down on Friday, December 11. An interim Commissioner has been selected.
- Con Edison is looking to complete the gas main work on Fieldston Road between 260<sup>th</sup> and 261<sup>st</sup> Streets before the end of the month. Con Ed will attend the T&T meeting in February for an update on all of their gas projects within the community board.
- Next T&T meeting is next Thursday, December 17, will discuss possible street changes to Independence Avenue. Working Group will be giving a report.

B. YOUTH – CHAIR JULIA GOMEZ

- Referred members to the committee minutes
- Next meeting Monday, December 21
- Working on two projects: Youth meeting to encourage youth participation plus representation from community centers and Resource Fair Networking Event

C. AGING – **NO REPORT**

D. BUDGET – CHAIR DAVID GELLMAN

- FY22 budget requests were submitted
- We will be starting the cycle next month for FY23 Capital and Expense items

L. Daub made a motion to add the SAPO Resolution to the agenda for the Menorah lighting since it could not be first conducted at the committee level. D. Padernacht seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. EDUCATION, LIBRARIES, CULTURAL AFFAIRS – CHAIR SYLVIA ALEXANDER

- Rabbi Shemtov of the Chabad Riverdale submitted the SAPO application. He requested a street closure on the triangle on 239<sup>th</sup> street Henry Hudson Parkway temporarily from 3:45pm-5:00pm on December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- L. Spalter made a motion to vote on the resolution for the Menorah Lighting.

❖ RESOLUTION FROM THE EDUCATION, LIBRARIES, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Be it resolved, Rabbi Shemtov-Chabad of Riverdale has requested a street closure on December 13, 2020. The event is the Chanukah Menorah lighting and the street closure will be at the triangle at West 239 Street between Riverdale Avenue and Henry Hudson Parkway at the discretion of the NYPD. The area will be closed from 3:45PM to 5:00 PM.

**VOTE:**

**In Favor (39):** S. Alexander, B. Bender, C. Dartis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño- Bell, M. Esema, B. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklowsky, D.B. Jackson, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, D .Leverett, L. Lopez, C. G. Moerdler, T. Morris, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Pochter- Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**Oppose: (0)**

**Abstain: (0)**

**F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CHAIR NICK FAZIO**

- N. Fazio thanked S. Villaverde for his work in establishing the Most Valuable Merchant Award as well as the office Staff for their support in facilitating the presentation.
- Please refer to November 12 minutes
- Chase Bank announced it will remain open until May
- Commercial Lease Assistance program is available, please help spread the word.
- Complaints about illegal street vending to be discussed at December 29<sup>th</sup> EDC meeting.
- Congratulations to Mr. Orlando Kross for being our first Most Valuable Merchant Award recipient.

**G. ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION – CHAIR ROBERT FANUZZI**

- Thanked N. Fazio for being the eyes and ears of our business community.
- The next meeting will be December 16 will be addressing snow removal for restaurants, DSNY will attend.
- Department on Design & Construction looking for final comments on watermain replacement in Fort Independence neighborhoods, please send comments to the committee. Thanked D. Padernacht for his work and advocacy as well.
- Northwest Bronx Collective Food & Clothes drop off notification will be posted on FB.

H. HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES – CHAIR OMAR MURRAY

- Representatives for Moderna, Dr. Patricia Novy, Senior Director of Medical Affairs and Vaccines and Pfizer, Faith Walters, Resource Specialist and Team Leader will attend tomorrow's HHSS meeting to discuss their respective vaccines.
- Healthcare workers and the most vulnerable will receive the vaccines first.
- Invited the public to attend this important meeting.

I. HOUSING – CHAIR DARIS JACKSON

- The Housing Committee did not meet in November.
- D. Jackson thanked T. Morris for attending the December Executive Committee meeting on behalf of the Housing Committee.
- The next Housing meeting will be on December 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

J. LAND USE – CHAIR CHARLES MOERDLER

- Last night the Land Use committee approved a draft resolution on the proposed ZFCR
- R. Ginty, L. Spalter and C. Moerdler have spent countless hours going over hundreds of pages of proposed resolution language and maps that are not clear.
- R. Fanuzzi proposed an amendment that has to do with the role of this zoning resolution to the city's overall sustainability goals and water management policies from the Department of Environmental protection.
- R. Fanuzzi requested a friendly amendment and was accepted and included in the third Whereas clause listed below.

❖ C. Moerdler moved the question and L. Spalter called for a vote on the following **resolution**:

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Planning N210095 ZRY there has been proposed a Citywide text change in the Zoning Resolution with respect to Coastal Flood Resiliency ("ZCFR") and a public hearing thereon was duly noticed and conducted by the Land Use Committee of Community Board No. 8, Bronx, County ("Land Use" and "Board 8," respectively) on November 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, in addition to previously providing a copy of the proposed ZCFR and of links to the relevant Board 8 maps, representatives of the Department of City Planning ("DCP" or "City Planning") at the November 30, 2020 public hearing made a detailed presentation, having previously and thereafter provided additional mapping and other information to Members of Land Use and of the public in response to questions raised by them;

WHEREAS, ZCFR does not contribute to citywide sustainability goals or improve water management in FEMA-designated floodplains by failing to incorporate, through regulation, incentive, or example, building modifications, designs, and natural features that effectively manage flood and storm water and mitigate the impact of storm surges and coastal flooding on floodplain properties and communities

WHEREAS, upon the totality of the presentations made and data provided as noted above, as well as independent research by members of Land Use, the following appear:

1. ZCFR and its mapping data and conclusions appear based on 2007 Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") data and maps, which are currently scheduled to be revised and updated in 2021;
2. The maps provided to date indicate the specific properties included for coverage under ZCFR by a colored line only and without specificity, some of which was, however, obtainable by inquiry of City Planning representatives and an online link causing at least some meaningful burden to property owners seeking to determine whether their property is or is not included;
3. The language of the proposed ZCFR is cumbersome, if not confusing, as to the bases for action by City agencies in the grant or denial of applications thereunder, let alone the applicable standards governing determinations respecting grant or denial; what specific regulations are superseded, and to what extent and under what specific circumstances;
4. The presentations made expressly stated that the proposed ZCFR is intended to and would or could be used under so-called Emergency Declarations to afford remedies or permit governmental action wholly outside issues related to Coastal Flood Resiliency (e.g., Covid-19 circumstances were specifically cited) or even Zoning, but no standards, guidelines, scoping or management were presented respecting the circumstances surrounding invocation of the Emergency, its duration, its scope or remedies and the like.

WHEREAS, after due consideration and debate the Land Use Committee of Board 8 makes the following factual findings based upon the totality of the record before it:

1. Climate change and attendant issues, including Coastal Flooding, their impact and the need for governmental and public response, are undeniable matters of substantial public importance, as is the need that such responses be deliberate, reasoned and as soundly predicated as circumstances and available knowledge permit.
2. The proposed ZCFR is premature and ill-considered in view of the fact that the underlying FEMA maps and data are scheduled for change in less than a year and there presently exist interim regulations and procedures covering most, if not all, the issues and matters proposed to be made "permanent" (the term used by City Planning) by ZCFR;

3. The proposed ZCFR is, according to City Planning, intended to be and can be applied beyond Zoning concerns and even Coastal Flooding and Environmental concerns to as yet unspecified “emergencies,” the nature, temporal and substantive scope of which are unspecified, as are the procedures for the implementation and management of which, thereby affording an unacceptable “blank check” to government that is both legally and philosophically unacceptable in a democratic society;
4. The bases for action and standards upon which decisions are to be rendered on applications under ZCFR are unspecified and thus leave room for unbri-dled arbitrary and capricious action (for example, the jurisdiction of the Board of Standards and Appeals – which is an agency with significant zoning au-thority – is inappropriately extended well beyond circumstances involving flood elevation without a showing of justifiable circumstance);
5. The proposed ZCFR permits the superseding of various unspecified regula-tory controls with respect to not just zoning but to non-zoning matters and matters unrelated to flood control matters and does not clearly establish cir-cumstances for the temporal or substantive need therefore, the term thereof, the attendant scope, management or governing standards applicable thereto, etc (to illustrate, Special Natural District requirements and zoning provisions designed to facilitate the construction of affordable housing are among the potential casualties of the overly broad provisions here proposed);
6. The proposed ZCFR relegates to at best afterthought basic zoning con-cepts—the juridical and practical basis of the Zoning Resolution (e.g., Use, parking, side yard and other concerns underlying the Zoning Resolution).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Land Use Committee of Com-munity Board 8, Bronx County, rejects and votes “NO” on the proposed ZCFR Citywide Text Amendment and all of its provisions, without prejudice to a duly no-tice future timely and appropriate submission.

**VOTE:**

**In Favor (39):** S. Alexander, B. Bender, C. Dartis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño- Bell, M. Esema, B. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklowsky, D.B. Jackson, M.Joyce, R. Kaplan, D .Leverett, L. Lopez, C. G. Moerdler, T. Morris, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Pochter- Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**Oppose: (0)**

**Abstain: (0)**

- C. Moerdler provided an update about the cracked retaining wall on the Henry Hudson Parkway. The homeowner corrected the problem and C. Moerdler encourages community members to continue to reach out to the office with any complaints or concerns.

**K. LAW, RULES & ETHICS – CHAIR MARTIN WOLPOFF**

❖ **Marty Wolpoff presented the following resolution with regards to the Nominating Committee (changes underlined):**

**1. Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee is subject to the Open Meetings Law.

In addition to the Bylaws, which specify the structure and duties of the committee, the following procedures are to be followed pursuant to resolutions adopted by the community board on February 14, 2012, November 13, 2012, and April 14, 2015.

- (a) Officer nominations: A member of the Nominating Committee may not be nominated by the Committee for election to an officer position.
- (b) Committee Chair nominations: A member of the Nominating Committee may be considered for nomination for election to a committee chair position, but shall recuse him/herself from all interviews, discussions and votes concerning that position.
- (c) In the event of a tie vote in the Nominating Committee, both candidates shall be presented to the Board.
- (d) The Nominating Committee must complete its activities and present its slates at least two calendar weeks before the June meeting at which the election will take place.
- (e) When the Nominating Committee is elected, there will be a statement that all officer and committee chair positions are to be considered open and available for nominations, and the following guidance to the Committee will be read aloud:

“Board Members who are putting together a proposed slate should make their choice bearing in mind that it is both good policy as well as conducive to the smooth functioning of the Board to strive for a Nominating Committee and a slate of proposed Officers and Committee Chairs who represent diversity in geographic areas within the Board, communities, ethnic and racial groups, professional and work backgrounds and ages. The choices made should also consider the experience of any nominee as a Board

Member and the extent of the interest shown by any such nominee in participating in Board matters. These factors, while not meant to impel any particular individual choice, should always serve as general guidance.”

- (f) Within five (5) business days of the formation of the Nominating Committee, each current officer or committee chair must notify the Committee of his/her intention either (i) not to be considered for nomination, or (ii) affirmatively to seek nomination to his/her current position. The Nominating Committee will then promptly notify all board members of those positions as to which the Committee has received notification that the incumbent officer or chair is not seeking nomination. In the event, if a current officer or committee chair does not provide the required notification, the Nominating Committee may deem such officer or committee chair not to be seeking the nomination for that position. A member of the Board may seek to be considered by the Nominating Committee for nomination for election to only one position.
- (g) The Nominating Committee shall interview (i) all candidates for an officer or chair position who have not previously occupied the position sought and (ii) all candidates for an officer or chair position where more than one candidate is seeking the Committee’s nomination for that position, irrespective of incumbency. The Committee may in its discretion interview any candidates seeking nomination who currently occupy the officer or chair position sought, giving due consideration to the length of the candidate’s tenure in the position.
- (h) Open Meetings Law -
  - (i) The actions of the Nominating Committee are subject to the Open Meetings Law: meeting notice must be given; meetings are open to the public; and minutes must be taken, including the recording of votes taken.
  - (ii) The Nominating Committee may go into executive session if it is to discuss the “medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular individual.” It is recommended that, if interested, the Committee establish a question schedule that includes such questions. If that is the case, a motion must be made to go into executive session and a recording of the votes on the motion be recorded. While in executive session, there are no minutes, votes or discussion relating to the selection of a slate. Such discussions and votes must be made in open session with minutes taken and votes recorded
  - (iii) Consistent with the requirements of the New York State Open Meetings Law in order to provide sufficient public notice of the meetings of the Nominating Committee and to provide sufficient meeting time for the Committee to complete the required organizational tasks, while accounting for possible scheduling conflicts, the following Nominating Committee initial meeting dates shall be noticed at the same time public notice of the April meeting of the Community Board is provided:
    - immediately follow upon the adjournment of the April Board meeting;

- the day immediately following the April Board meeting;
  - the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) business day following the April Board meeting; and
  - the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) business day following the April Board meeting.
- (iv) The newly elected Nominating Committee members shall select one of the above publicly noticed dates and, by public notice, announce cancellation of the others.

A discussion of the resolution followed. Several Board Members questioned h.iii and h.iv of the resolution. A vote was taken to remove those sections from the resolution and vote separately. The vote is as follows:

**VOTE:**

**In Favor (19):** D. Travis, L. Spalter, G. Santiago, R. Pochter- Lowe, K. Pesce, O. Murray, T. Morris, D. Leverett, R. Jacklowsky, E. Green, R. Ginty, D. Gellman, N. Fazio, B. Fanuzzi, M. Esema, D. Escaño-Bell, P. Ellis, L. Daub, C. Dartis-Galvin

**Oppose: (12)** M. Wolpoff, S. Villaverde, C. Tepelus, J. Reyes, D. Padernacht, C. Moerdler, L. Lopez, M. Joyce, M. Goodman, S. Froot, M. Della, B. Bender

**Abstain (6):** R. Singh, R. Kaplan, D. Jackson, J. Gomez, M. Donato, S. Alexander

Lisa Daub did a roll call to approve everything excluding the dates (resolution minus items h. iii and h. iv)

**VOTE:**

**In Favor (28):** D. Travis, C. Tepelus, L. Spalter, R. Singh, G. Santiago, R. Pochter- Lowe, K. Pesce, D. Padernacht, O. Murray, T. Morris, D. Leverett, R. Kaplan, M. Joyce, R. Jacklowsky, E. Green, M. Goodman, R. Ginty, S. Froot, N. Fazio, B. Fanuzzi, M. Esema, D. Escaño- Bell, P. Ellis, M. Donato, L. Daub, C. Dartis-Galvin, B. Bender, S. Alexander

**Oppose (10):** M. Wolpoff, S. Villaverde, J. Reyes, C. Moerdler, L. Lopez, D. Jackson, J. Gomez, M. Gluck, D. Gellman, M. Della

**Abstain: (0)**

D. Padernacht made a motion to add h.iii and h.iv to the ethical guidance manual within this procedure, J. Gomez seconded the motion

**In Favor (30):** M. Wolpoff, D. Travis, C. Tepelus, J. Townes, L. Spalter, R. Singh, G. Santiago, J. Reyes, R. Pochter- Lowe, K. Pesce, D. Padernacht, O. Murray, T. Morris, D. Leverett, R. Kaplan, M. Joyce, R. Jacklowsky, D. Jackson, M. Goodman, S. Froot, D.

Gellman, M. Gluck, L. Lopez, C. Moerdler, M. Esema, D. Escaño- Bell, P. Ellis, M. Donato, C. Dartis-Galvin, B. Bender, S. Alexander

**Opposed (7):** M. Della, B. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, S. Villaverde

**Abstained (2):** L. Daub, D. Jackson

❖ **Marty Wolpoff presented the following resolution with regards to the Street Renaming Guidelines:**

Whereas, CB 8, Bronx has established a mandatory procedure for the naming of a street or park or park subdivision in memory of individuals who have provided service to assist the Community Board 8 community;

Whereas, there is currently no provision for procedures for the honorific street

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board No. 8 modifies the Standards for Street Name Changes to include the appropriate honoring of sites or buildings that are representative of the history of Community Board 8;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Bronx Community Board 8 street co-naming guidelines be amended as follows:

**Community Board No. 8 Standards for co-naming of a street, or park (or part thereof):**

The guidelines herein shall be used by Bronx Community Board 8 in determining its support for co-naming a street or park (or section thereof) in honor of a person or site/building of historical significance.

**A. Community Board Mandatory Standards for co-naming streets and parks (or sections thereof) in honor of a natural person**

1. Honoree must be deceased.
2. Honoree must be nominated by 3 or more organizations which are on the list required to be kept by the Community Board under the new City Charter.
3. Honoree must have demonstrably benefited the community as, for example;
  - i. Time: if honoree has devoted time to assist the community, a significant portion of such time should have been devoted on a volunteer basis, without remuneration; or

ii. Creativity: if honoree was a creative or artistic person, honoree must have been identified with community so as to increase local pride in the creative works of the honoree; or

iii. Heroics: if honoree places himself or herself in significant physical danger, above and beyond the call of duty to benefit or protect this community district and/or its inhabitants; or

iv. Elected Officials: honoree may be an elected public official, whose constituency included all or part of the Community Board district, in which case standard 3 (i) may be considered satisfied, because of the extensive nature of community involvement by public officials. (For more guidance on this standard, see Discretionary Standard No. 3).

4. At least 2 years must have elapsed between decease of the nominee and the final vote by Community Board No. 8.

5. The location bearing the name change should have a specific connection to the life or work of the honoree.

6. The name change should not engender confusion (i.e., too many other similar names in the vicinity).

**B. Community Board Mandatory Standards for co-naming a street or park (or section thereof) in honor of site or building of historical significance (adapted criteria from the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission)**

The site or building must be at least 30 years old.

The site or building must have a special character or special historical or aesthetic interest or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the community district, city, state or nation.

The site or building must be nominated by 3 or more organizations which are on the list required to be kept by the Community Board under the new City Charter.

The location bearing the name change should have a specific connection to the site or building.

The street co-name change should not engender confusion (i.e., too many other similar names in the vicinity)

**C. Community Board Discretionary Standards**

In addition to the mandatory standards contained herein, the Community Board may look to the following discretionary standards in determining whether to support the co-

naming of a street or park (or section thereof) in honor of a person or in honor of a site/building of historical significance:

1. Honoree's impact should be on widest possible cross-section of the community (i.e., benefiting a neighborhood rather than a single building).
2. The nominating organizations should reflect the diversity of the community district.
3. The honoree should be associated with creation of specific neighborhood project (a park, a youth program, tenants group, etc.) or with aid to those in need (youth, elderly, the poor, the disabled, etc.) or with work which has bettered the lives of a wide population and has reflected credit on this community district, or has demonstrated exceptional valor and heroism beyond the call of duty.
4. Special consideration will be given where honoree's death was untimely or occurred in the course of honoree's work on behalf of the community.

#### D. Procedure

1. Upon nomination by 3 or more community groups, the proposed name change will be referred, in the case of a street co-naming, to the Traffic and Transportation Committee, and, in the case of a park (or section thereof) co-naming, to the Parks and Recreation Committee, which will, upon written notice, consider the proposal within the next 90 days and recommend acceptance or rejection.
2. The Executive Committee, at its first meeting following the vote on the proposal by the Traffic and Transportation Committee, or the Parks and Recreation Committee, will consider the proposal upon written notice, and may recommend acceptance or rejection of the name change. Minutes of Bronx Community Board No. 8 Meeting held on February 11, 2020
3. After the first approval by a Committee of the Community Board, but, in any event before the vote of the full Board, consent to the proposal must be obtained from the family of the honoree (usually, through the next of kin). After eliciting consent, the process may continue.
4. Any Committee vote shall also include the reasons for approval or rejection, under these standards.
5. Following the vote by the Executive Committee, any of the following may place the matter on the agenda of the next meeting of Community Board No. 8:

- I. The Traffic and Transportation Committee in the case of a street co-naming,
- II. the Parks and Recreation Committee in the case of a park (or section thereof)
- III. co-naming,
- III. the Executive Committee.

6. Once added to the agenda, upon written notice to the members, the proposal will be submitted to a vote at two successive Board meetings (unless it is defeated at the first vote of the Board). Two successive affirmative results are necessary (one at each of two monthly meetings) to approve the name change.

7. The above schedule may be extended whenever any committee, or the Board, decides it needs further information. In such case, consideration of the proposal, may be tabled month-to-month, until such information is obtained.

A discussion occurred: B. Fanuzzi asked whether or not L. Daub's question raised at Executive Committee had been answered. L. Daub confirmed, the question relating to institutions has been eliminated.

#### **VOTE:**

**In Favor (37):** S. Alexander, B. Bender, C. Dartis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño- Bell, M. Esema, B. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklowsky, D.B. Jackson, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, D. Leverett, L. Lopez, C. G. Moerdler, T. Morris, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Pochter- Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**Oppose (2):** R. Ginty, M. Della

**Abstain: (0)**

#### **M. PARKS & RECREATION – CHAIR ROSEMARY GINTY**

- At Parks meeting problems of ATVs and E-bikes in VCP newly renovated Putnam were discussed. Please refer to minutes to find out what the Van Cortlandt Alliance and NYPD had to say about the issues.
- Next meeting January 27, 2021; presentations on three (3) capital projects to be listed on agenda.

#### **N. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHAIR ED GREEN**

- ❖ Chair Green presented the following resolutions:

**RENEWAL APPLICATION:** Wine, Beer & Cider.

**WHEREAS**, George Tsikis, owner of Dale Diner, located at 189 West 231<sup>st</sup> St., appeared before the Public Safety Committee on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to renew the establishment's liquor license.

**WHEREAS**, Representatives of NYPD's 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints about this establishment.

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

**RENEWAL APPLICATION:** Beer & Cider.

**WHEREAS**, Shamsom Alfalahi, owner of Riverdale Gourmet, Inc., located at 3543 Riverdale Ave., appeared before the Public Safety Committee on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to renew the establishment's liquor license.

**WHEREAS**, Representatives of NYPD's 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints about this establishment.

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

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**RENEWAL APPLICATION:** Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

**WHEREAS**, Representatives of Las Palmas Restaurant 2 Inc., located at 240 West 231<sup>st</sup> St., appeared before the Public Safety Committee on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to renew the establishment's liquor license.

**WHEREAS**, Representatives of NYPD's 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints about this establishment.

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

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**RENEWAL APPLICATION:** Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

**WHEREAS**, Representatives of Yukka Latin Bistro, located at, 5684 Riverdale Ave., appeared before the Public Safety Committee on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to renew the establishment's liquor license.

**WHEREAS**, Representatives of NYPD's 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints about this establishment.

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

**NEW APPLICATION:** Wine, Beer & Cider.

**WHEREAS**, Manos Orkanopoulos, owner of Greek Express, located at 3733 Riverdale Ave., appeared before the Public Safety Committee on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to apply for a new liquor license for his establishment, that previously did not serve liquor.

**WHEREAS**, Representatives of NYPD's 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints about this establishment.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Orkanopoulos signed a 2AM closing time agreement for the first year of operation.

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

#### **COLLECTIVE VOTE ON ALL (4) RESOLUTIONS:**

**In Favor (38):** S. Alexander, B. Bender, C. Dartis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño- Bell, M. Esema, B. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklowsky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, D. Leverett, L. Lopez, C. G. Moerdler, T. Morris, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Pochter- Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**Oppose: (0)**

**Abstained: For Cause - (1):** D. B. Jackson \*present but not eligible to vote\*

Chair Green thanked Assemblyman Dinowitz, Councilman Cohen, the representative from Assemblywoman Biaggi's office, and the Comptroller's office for attending Public Safety committee's last meeting. The topics discussed included vehicle noise, potential

legislation, inspection and measurable decibel levels from vehicles to assist with enforcement.

O. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY – DARIS B. JACKSON

- The last meeting was December 3, 2020 where D. Jackson was elected as Chair of SCRE
- SCRE Report was finalized and will be shared with minutes.

11. DISCUSSION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2020 – **NO DISCUSSION**

12. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020

- Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Ramdat Singh
- Seconded by Marvin Goodman

**VOTE:**

**In Favor (39):** S. Alexander, B. Bender, C. Dartis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño- Bell, M. Esema, B. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklowsky, D.B. Jackson, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, D .Leverett, L. Lopez, C. G. Moerdler, T. Morris, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Pochter- Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**Oppose: (0)**

**Abstain: (0)**

13. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – **NO DISCUSSION**

Motion to Adjourn at 10:00PM, seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

Prepared By: Tania Ochoteco, Community Coordinator

Reviewed By: Lisa Daub, CB8 Secretary