

## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2020 AT HORACE MANN SCHOOL, FISHER HALL (2<sup>ND</sup> FL), 231 W. 246 STREET

**PRESENT:** S. Alexander      B. Bender      L. Daub      M. Della  
E. Dinowitz      M. Donato      P. Ellis      R. Fanuzzi  
N. Fazio      S. Froot      E. Garcia      R. Ginty  
J. Gomez      M. Goodman      E. Green      R. Jacklosky  
D. Jackson      M. Joyce      D. Leverett      L. Lopez  
T. Moran      O. Murray      D. Padernacht      T. Pardo  
J. M. Reyes      G. Santiago      L. Spalter      C. Tepelus  
J. Townes      D. Travis      S. Villaverde      M. Wolpoff      R. Zavras (33)

**ABSENT:** E. Bell      D. Fuchs      D. Gellman      C. Wilcox  
M. Gluck      R. Pochter Lowe      C. G. Moerdler      K. Pesce (9)

**STAFF:** C. Gannon, District Manager; P. Romano, Community Associate

**GUESTS:** Andrew Hoyles, NYC Department of Sanitation; Priya Varanasi, NYS Senator Biaggi Office; Patrick Hill, NYC Council Member Cohen Office; Peter Lewicki, NYS Assembly Member Dinowitz Office; Ishrael Gonzalez, Bronx Borough President Office; Marilex Santana Tavarez & Michelle Villaverde, Bronx District Attorney Office; Brian Polanco, NYC Public Advocate Office; Captain Emilio Melendez, NYPD 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct; Orlando Ovalles, NYS Assembly Member De La Rosa Office; Mariel De La Cruz, NYC Comptroller Office; Katrina Asante, NYC Mayor Office; Doris Ojeda Tiru, Congressman Engel Office; Moses Esena; Deirdre Burke, Broadway Community Alliance; Marcia Henne, RAIN Alzheimer's Caregiver Link Program; Tania Brito; Daniel Nunez & Joel Bruno, The Last Stop; Chris Calhoun; Tom Russell, Founders Entertainment; Abigail & Aaron Hart, Ramdal Singh, Gabriel Metzger

R. Ginty convened the meeting at 7:38 P.M. and welcomed all.

R. Ginty informed new Community Board applicants that the Borough President's Office requires them to attend 1 community board meeting. She requested that any applicant present bring their attendance sheet at the beginning of the meeting and that she would sign at the end of the meeting.

#### 1. Gallery Session –

- Marcia Henne, Program Manager for RAIN Alzheimer's Caregiver Link Program, provided an outline of the free services provided to caregivers of persons with Dementia or Alzheimer's disease. The organization provides caregivers with the knowledge on how to deal with dementia, Alzheimer's disease, the challenging behaviors and how to communicate better with persons with Dementia and understanding how the stages will look like. These trainings are also provided in-home. Among other services are Wellness Sessions, Yoga, and Meditation.

- Andrew Hoyles, Senior Manager, Organic Outreach, NYC Department of Sanitation, provided information on the campaign Make Compost Not Trash. The program involves residents helping with outreach to promote composting. Food waste collected turns into compost and clean energy. These are given back to neighborhood groups. The department's mission is to reduce waste and rodents.
- Deirdre Burke, representative for the Broadway Community Alliance, requested that the Parks & Recreation Committee and Board support the NYC Parks Department's decision to deny the permit to the organizers of the Governors Ball Concert at Van Cortlandt Park. Mrs. Burke provided details on set up and concert dates + the volume of people that would attend this event.
- Stephanie Coggins, local resident, submitted the nomination to the Board for the co-naming of Bradley Terrace, integrating "Villa Rosa Bonheur" and "John J. McKelvey, Sr." into the existing name.

## 2. Report from the Office of the Bronx Borough President – I. Gonzalez

- Information Session on Changes to Rent Laws will be held on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- City Planning Training exclusively for Community Board Members on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Announced that anyone interested in joining any Community Board can visit the Borough President's Website to get the application.

## 3. Report from the 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct – Captain Melendez

- 28 Grand Larceny crimes versus 30 to last year
- Senior Citizens continue to be targeted by Phone Scams/Robo Calls. Two instances in which seniors have had someone knocked on their door to accept money.
- The new Bail Reform may not impact the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct. Police Officers will continue to arrest those causing crime in the community.
- The Governors Ball Concert sponsors provided a Parking Plan that meets the requirements, but it does not mean it was approved by NYPD or Captain Melendez. His letter only confirms that a plan was submitted.
- R. Ginty inquired if there were any Hate Crimes in the Precinct. The response was that Swastikas were painted on the Putnam Trail in Van Cortlandt Park. It was also reported that a local resident had received hate emails. They are being investigated.

## 4. Chair's Report – R. Ginty

- Second request for Community Board Applicants to bring up Attendance Forms to be signed
- Next Meeting is Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at St. Patrick's Home
- R. Ginty reported on the 1<sup>st</sup> Civic Engagement Commission meeting she attended with C. Gannon. The meeting included Bronx Board Chairs and District Managers. The commission's three mandates are Participatory Budgeting, Interpreters at Polling Sites, and Strengthen connectivity between the community and the Community Board. This Commission was adopted by ballot and are part of the City Charter. They are just starting. More information will be forthcoming.
- Sharon Paige resigned from the Community Board. We wish her + her family well.
- Bill Stone passed away, and notice was sent to all Board Members. Many members of this community board worked with Bill Stone since 1980. He served as Board Chair, served on numerous committees and was a member for over 40 years. R. Ginty expressed that Bill was a gentleman, great community board member and will be sorely missed.

## 5. Treasurer's Report – R. Zavras

Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed. R. Zavras asked Board Members to refer to the Executive minutes for more details. The board has allocated 110,000 to 111,000 of an estimated 300,000 budget. No budget modifications are needed at this time. There is \$42,500 available in the special funding code. Board Members with ideas on how to use the fund can approach the Board Treasurer.

## 6. District Manager's Report – C. Gannon

- C. Gannon asked members to refer to the Executive minutes for more details.
- Expressed the importance of calling 311 for issues or complaints. City agencies require a reference number before they investigate the issue.
- C. Gannon provided an update on the Outreach Plan that consisted of Flyers being posted for the December Traffic & Transportation Committee Meeting and Environment & Sanitation Committee Meeting, P. Romano created a list of Management companies that includes supers, Meeting with ARC for February to discuss ways to partner for outreach efforts. Vice Chair Spalter also has provided a list of community organizations to partner for more outreach.
- D. Gellman has requested that all Committee Chairs add Budget into their upcoming meeting agenda.
- C. Gannon thanked the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct (Cap. Melendez, Officer Cintron, and Officer Sala) for assistance in controlling traffic for the Funeral of Bill Stone.

## 7. Department of City Planning – No Report- Not in attendance

## 8. Committee Reports

- A. **Youth** – J. Gomez – The next meeting is January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 730pm at the Board Office.
- B. **Aging** – E. Dinowitz – Reported on the December 2019 meeting which included a discussion by Officer Cintron on Phone Scams. The next meeting will be January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm at the Board Office.
- C. **Budget** – D. Gellman – No Report- Not in attendance
- D. **Economic Development** – S. Villaverde - The next meeting will be January 29<sup>th</sup> at Land and Sea Restaurant. The Committee Chair reports that he has 2 nominees this year for the Merchants of the Year award.
- E. **Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs** – S. Alexander – No meeting was held in December. The next meeting will be January 28<sup>th</sup> at 730pm at the Board Office.
- F. **Environment & Sanitation** – R. Fanuzzi – The Chair explained the resolution being brought forth to the board is result of the emails and news related to the Jerome Park Reservoir. He congratulated the community for its activism. The current proposal by DEP to keep the reservoir empty will have the big impact on the environmental life around the Reservoir. Some of these are Disturbance of wildlife, alteration of bird habitats, invitation to mosquitoes, and new sightline of exposed concrete. DEP needs to conduct a new environmental analysis of its new operational policy for the Croton Filtration, for the Public Design Commission to revisit their approval.

The following resolution was presented for the Modified Declaration for the Jerome Park Reservoir and Aqueduct Rehabilitation (JRAQ-REH):

**WHEREAS**, the Modified Negative Declaration for the Jerome Park Reservoir and Aqueduct Rehabilitation (JRAQ-REH) issued by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on October 22, 2019 reaches a “*Determination of Non-Significance*” for changes to the plans for the rehabilitation of the reservoir’s east wall that will leave the north basin permanently empty and leave the modified construction material for the liner of the east wall, sprayed concrete, “*routinely exposed . . . instead of . . . below the water line*”;

**WHEREAS**, the Modified Negative Declaration concludes that leaving the north basin of the Jerome Park Reservoir empty and the sprayed concrete “below the water line” will not have “adverse impacts . . . on historic and archeological resources; urban design and visual resources,” although the Reservoir, as fully filled and lined with stone, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places;

**WHEREAS**, the statement in the Modified Negative Declaration that the “*north basin has been typically drained as a failsafe measure in the event of an unplanned emergency shutdown of the CFP [Croton Filtration Plant]*,” constitutes a new decision and is not based on any previous plans, modifications of plans, or alternative analyses for JRAQ-REH, and is included among the modifications for the east wall reconstruction that are not related to that decision;

**WHEREAS**, the Modified Negative Declaration does not present an explanation, legal requirement, or data as to the need or reason for this decision with regard to the Croton Filtration Plant, and does not provide an alternative analysis that establishes the site—the Jerome Park Reservoir north basin—and method chosen to manage the “unplanned or emergency shutdown of the plant” as the least impactful action;

**WHEREAS**, DEP has not provided to the relevant Bronx Community Boards or the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee a full and complete presentation and review of the operational expediency or requirement to keep the north basin of the Jerome Park Reservoir empty, and has not made public any alterations to the original plans and environmental reviews for the Croton Filtration Plant or the 2017 JRAQ-REH environmental reviews;

**WHEREAS**, the communities surrounding the Jerome Park Reservoir will be deprived of the beauty of the fully filled Jerome Park Reservoir in perpetuity because of the stated plans for the Croton Filtration Plant and have stated the environmental impacts of the proposed changes in the Modified Negative Declaration at two public meetings of the Environment and Sanitation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Bronx Community Board 8 rejects the Modified Negative Declaration for CEQR No. 17DEP022X as an incorrect assessment of environmental impact insofar as it fails to measure the impact of the draining of the Jerome Park Reservoir on the surrounding community, incorporates a major modification—keeping the north basin “typically unfilled”—which is unrelated to the subject rehabilitation of the east wall, and constitutes an improper protocol for establishing operational changes to the Croton Filtration Plant, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that DEP undertake an alternative analysis of its new operational policy for the Croton Filtration Plant and make all required changes to its original environmental impact statements, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Bronx Community Board 8 calls upon the Public Design Commission to review and reconsider its prior approval of JRAQ-REH in light of the stated modifications to the east wall construction plan and new operational policies for the Croton Filtration Plant as stated in the Modified Negative Declaration of October 22, 2019

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the New York State Historic Preservation Office explain and account for its conclusion that the modifications to historic Jerome Park Reservoir described in the Modified Negative Declaration of October 22, 2019 have no “No Adverse Effect on historic resources,” as stated in its letter of June 7, 2019

<b>IN FAVOR (32):</b>	S. Alexander	B. Bender	L. Daub	M. Della
	E. Dinowitz	M. Donato	P. Ellis	R. Fanuzzi
	N. Fazio	S. Froot	E. Garcia	R. Ginty
	J. Gomez	M. Goodman	E. Green	R. Jacklosky
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**OPPOSED (0):** None

**ABSTENTION FOR CAUSE (1):** D. Padernacht

Vice Chair L Spalter prior to Board Vote indicated that this body had approved DEP’s Jerome Reservoirs Projects two-three years ago based on the facts provided to CB8 by SHPO (New York's State Historic Preservation Office), DEP, and never was it included the empty north base which was a shock to many. Vice Chair Spalter commended Committee Chair Fanuzzi and committee. She seconded this motion to approve.

D. Padernacht asked for further clarification on the resolution. Chair Fanuzzi responded that due to the excavations the aqueduct is not destroyed. The rehabilitation would not be simple to fix but would require to start from scratch.

D. Travis commented that residents in her building have expressed their opposition through a petition and letter.

C. Gannon expressed that the Board Office had received numerous emails regarding the Jerome Reservoir.

R. Ginty commended the Committee Chair and its Committee Members for their work on this issue and their drafting this resolution.

Regarding DEP work on Sedgwick, R. Fanuzzi informed the Board that a letter would be written to DSNY requesting Alternate Side Parking regulations be suspended. C. Gannon informed the board that DDC got their permit from the Parks Department to start working on tree guards and are taking the Boards concerns with staging and storage on the street seriously. DDC seems to have found a storage location.

- G. **Health, Hospitals & Social Services** – O. Murray – Committee Chair Murray informed the board about the Rats Infestation spoken in the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. The Department of Health invited CB8 to co-sponsor a “Rat Academy” on February 8<sup>th</sup>. CB-8 will additionally host a Rat Academy sometime in May or June. The next meeting will be on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee will reach out to Assembly Member Dinowitz to have someone attend to speak about Vaccination exemptions.
- H. **Housing** – D. Jackson – The committee did not meet in December. The next meeting is January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Marble Hill Community Center.
- I. **Land Use** – C. Moerdler – No Report - Not in attendance
- J. **Law, Rules & Ethics** – M. Wolpoff – No Report
- K. **Parks & Recreation** – B. Bender – In regard to the Governors Ball Concert, there is no approved permit at this time. The Parks Department has denied the permit. Nonetheless, the Parks Committee will discuss the Governors Ball Concert at their January meeting and expect to pass a resolution supporting the decision of the Parks Department to deny the park permit.

T. Moran stated she understands the contentions people have about the event but we need to think about ways to address the issues to best utilize this park because of the current parking, transportation issues. She expressed this park should find a way for people to come but not at this scale or half the scale. Parks Chair responded that the scale proposed is a big negative since it would bring 50,000 people a day for 3 days. Making it difficult for those that use the park for cricket and/or soccer. Parks Chair Bender expressed that the committee would listen and discuss any event proposal that comes to CB-8, but that Governors Ball is just not an event the community can handle. C. Tepelus inquired about the Community Boards role being advisory and asked if permit process could change with political input. Parks Chair Bender responded that the only scenario would be if the Parks Department is overruled. That would have a big impact on the community which would lead to a large opposition.

D. Travis expressed that this plan was sketched to see what the Community Board response would be. She noted that a \$500,000 parks fee should not be easily dismissed.

Vice Chair L. Spalter informed that the promoters appeal to the Parks Department on Friday had been denied due to the negative impact on users. Randalls Island is the only location that allows for a 3-day event. The community response is to avoid any damage to the park. Profits to local stores would be minimal since all Alcohol and food would be sold by the event because attendees can't leave the event. So, all profit goes in-house.

The School Construction Authority is going to do work at PS 81. As part of the work, they want to revert water that is flooding the basement at PS 81 to adjacent ball field at Vinmont Park installing two retention tanks. There is no opposition to that proposal. But at the Parks Committee meeting, the Little League representatives expressed their concerns. Council Member Cohen listened to the community concerns and sent a letter asking that the project be delayed until after the little league season. The recent update on the project is that it will be delayed until after the Little League Season.

Parks Chair Bender responded to D. Padernacht's question stating that reconstruction on the ballfield was done about 10 years ago.

The Parks Committee will meet on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Mosaic Mental Health in the Conference Room.

- L. **Public Safety** – M. Donato – The following resolution was presented for a new New York State liquor license.

**Whereas**, Claudy's Gourmet LLC, 5981 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on December 17, 2019 for a new liquor license for Beer, Wine and Cider.

**Whereas**, the agreement to a 2AM closing for the first year in business was signed.

**Whereas**, the Principal's signature was omitted on the application.

**Whereas**, the committee voted to approve the application contingent upon submission of the signed application. (as per Pablo Romano, the signed application is on file.)

**Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Public Safety Committee approves this application contingent upon receipt of the signed application.

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**OPPOSED (0):** None

**ABSTENTION (0):** None

A second Public Safety resolution was presented for a Sidewalk Café renewal application required by the Department of Consumers Affairs.

**Whereas**, Tin Marin Bar & Lounge has been at that location for a decade, and has operated with the sidewalk café,

**Whereas**, there have been no issues at this location.

**Whereas**, the committee voted to approve the application.

**Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Public Safety Committee approves this application.

**IN FAVOR (32):**

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**OPPOSED (0):** None

**ABSTENTION (0):** None

M. **Traffic & Transportation** – D. Padernacht – The following resolution was presented regarding 3755 Henry Hudson Parkway West:

**WHEREAS**, testimony has been presented to the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 that a dangerous condition exists by virtue of the hidden driveway leading to the garage entrance at 3755 Henry Hudson Parkway West;

**WHEREAS**, testimony has been presented to the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 that this hidden driveway is located on a sharp curve of a roadway that is heavily traversed by vehicles and located on a bus route;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 requests that the NYC Department of Transportation investigate the benefits of placing a “Hidden Driveway” sign at this location to warn drivers of oncoming vehicles from the driveway.

**IN FAVOR (32):**

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**OPPOSED (0):** None

**ABSTENTION (0):** None

A second resolution was presented regarding Cannon Place and Orloff:



**WHEREAS**, testimony has been presented to the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 that the intersection at Cannon Place and Orloff Avenue is a wide intersection with no median;

**WHEREAS**, testimony has been presented to the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 that there is no safe pedestrian crossing at the intersection at Cannon Place and Orloff Avenue;

**WHEREAS**, testimony has been presented to the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 that vehicles speed through the intersection at Cannon Place and Orloff Avenue;

**WHEREAS**, testimony has been presented to the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 that vehicles frequently make illegal U-turns in the middle of the intersection at Cannon Place and Orloff Avenue;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 requests that the NYC Department of Transportation perform a feasibility study for traffic calming measures and speed camera at the intersection of Cannon Place and Orloff Avenue;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, after such feasibility study is completed, and prior to initiating plans to make alterations to this intersection, the NYC Department of Transportation present the results of the feasibility study and possible traffic calming alternatives to the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8.

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**OPPOSED (0):** None

**ABSTENTION (0):** None

A third resolution was presented regarding the Bronx Bus Redesign:

**WHEREAS**, the MTA/New York City Bus has undertaken an exhaustive process of redesigning the Bronx Bus system;

**WHEREAS**, the MTA has been conducting outreach throughout the Borough of the Bronx seeking input from residents, businesses and other stakeholders to inquire about the wants and needs of bus riders;

**WHEREAS**, the MTA appeared at the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 on April 11, 2019 to present the Bronx Network Existing Conditions Report;

**WHEREAS**, the MTA published its Proposed Bronx Bus Redesign Final Plan ("Proposed Final Plan") in November 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the MTA does not plan to implement its Bronx Bus Redesign Plan until Fall 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Proposed Final Plan is still subject to comment and change by the MTA prior to its implementation;

**WHEREAS**, the Proposed Final Plan calls for the reduction of downtown BXM1 Express Bus service from Riverdale to Manhattan such that Weekday service will be reduced to the hours of 5:30am - 4:45pm; Saturday service of 6:30am - 6:30pm; and Sunday service of 8:30am - 5:30pm;

**WHEREAS**, the Proposed Final Plan calls for the reduction of uptown BXM1 Express Bus service from Manhattan to Riverdale such that Saturday service will be reduced to the hours of 8:00am - 12:00am; and Sunday service of 10:00am - 10:00pm;

**WHEREAS**, the Proposed Final Plan calls for the reduction of downtown BXM2 Express Bus service from Riverdale to Manhattan such that Weekday service will be reduced to the hours of 6:00am – 3:00pm; Saturday service of 6:30am - 5:30pm; and Sunday service of 7:30am - 1:30pm;

**WHEREAS**, the Proposed Final Plan calls for the reduction of downtown BXM3 Express Bus service from Riverdale to Manhattan such that Weekday service will be reduced to the hours of 5:30am – 1:45pm; Saturday service of 6:30am - 2:30pm; and Sunday service to be eliminated.

**WHEREAS**, the Proposed Final Plan calls for the reduction of uptown BXM3 Express Bus service from Manhattan to Riverdale such that Weekday service will be reduced to the hours of 3:00pm – 12:00am; Saturday service of 3:15pm - 12:15am; and Sunday service to be eliminated.

**WHEREAS**, the Proposed Final Plan calls for the downtown BXM18 Express Bus service from Riverdale to Manhattan to change frequency of service from 15 minutes to 20 minutes;

**WHEREAS**, many individuals within Bronx Community Board 8 rely upon Express Bus service to and from Manhattan;

**WHEREAS**, Bronx Community Board 8 has predominantly hilly terrain;

**WHEREAS**, the Express Bus service provides an accessible and nearby means of public transit to Manhattan for seniors, people with disabilities and parents traveling with children;

**WHEREAS**, many individuals use Express Bus service to travel to medical appointments in Manhattan;

**WHEREAS**, local realtors in Bronx Community Board 8 market the availability of Express Bus service to prospective homeowners and renters, thereby having an affect on our housing market;

**WHEREAS**, residents in Bronx Community Board 8 use Express Buses to commute to and from work at various hours of the day and night;

**WHEREAS**, Bronx Community Board 8 believes that limiting Express Service will decrease ridership;

**WHEREAS**, Bronx Community Board 8 supports the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through strategic planning and public transit initiatives;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 strongly opposes the cuts in service to the BXM1, BXM2, BXM3 and BXM18 Express Bus service;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 recommends the restoration of Express Bus stops (northbound and southbound) at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 recommends initiatives by MTA to increase the reliability of Express Bus service to increase ridership;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 recommends studying the feasibility of alternating articulated buses in late evening and early morning hours with regular or electric buses on select routes to decrease emissions and noise in communities;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 recommends a pilot program of Rail Link service on weekends to increase availability to the Metro North Railroad.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 recommends expanding the discount program on the Express Bus for all riders during off-peak hours.

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**OPPOSED (0):** None

**ABSTENTION (1):** R. Fanuzzi

#### 9. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – No Discussion

<b>IN FAVOR (32):</b>	S. Alexander	B. Bender	L. Daub	M. Della
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**OPPOSED (0):** None

**ABSTENTION (0):** None

10. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of January 9th, 2020 – No Discussion

**OPPOSED (0):** None

**ABSTENTION (0):** None

11. Miscellaneous – None

A motion was made and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pablo Romano, Community Associate

Reviewed by, Lisa Daub, Secretary