

## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 via Zoom Conference

PRESENT (36): S. Alexander R. Bender L. Daub M. Della E. Dinowitz  
M. Donato P. Ellis D. Escano R. Fanuzzi N. Fazio  
S. Froot E. Garcia D. Gellman R. Ginty M. Gluck  
M. Goodman E. Green R. Jacklosky D. B. Jackson M. Joyce  
D. Leverett L. Lopez R. Lowe C. G Moerdler O. Murray  
D. Padernacht K. Pesce J. Reyes G. Santiago L. Spalter  
C. Tepelus J. Townes D. Travis S. Villaverde M. Wolpoff  
R. Zavras

ABSENT (2): J. Gomez T. Pardo

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

GUEST: Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz • Council Member Fernando Cabrera  
Capt. Melendez (50<sup>th</sup> Precinct) • Maris Gelman (NYS Senator Biaggi)  
Patrick Hill (Council Member Cohen's Office) • Patrick Lindo (Riverdale Press)  
Ishrael Gonzalez (Bronx Borough President's Office) •  
Juton Horstman (Department of City Planning)  
Andy Toledo (Office of Civic Engagement)

E. Bell, J. Wacker, J. Martinez, C. Barnes-Watson, K. Brendlen, M. Groarke,  
M. Khury, M. E. Gibbs, O. Ovalles, P. Jacobs, P. Sanchez, R. Spalter, R. Walsh,  
R. Kelly, S. Liedtka, S. Hall, S. Paulsen, S. Morganthau, W. DeBeatham, M.D.  
W. Dannenberg, T. Moran, W. Beltran, J. Schiffman, D. Retter

R. Ginty convened the meeting at 7:08 PM and welcomed all to this month's full Board Meeting.

Chair Ginty read a statement regarding the challenges caused by the pandemic and the cruel murder of George Floyd. "We will each decide in our own way how to respond, how to act, how to participate in this moment in history". She called for a moment of silence for the people who died in the pandemic, to remember George Floyd and to "listen with open heart to all that is being said to us from the streets of our country".

#### 1. GALLERY SESSION:

- Margaret Groarke expressed her support in naming the new Van Cortlandt Park Baseball Field after Joe Coppo. He is a former Manhattan College student and baseball player who perished on

September 11, 2001. Ms. Groarke hopes if the Community Board approved this field naming, then the college will have a strong relationship and commitment to the park.

- Shari Hall, of KRVC, read a letter of support to have the Baseball field named after Joe Coppo.

## 2. REPORT FROM THE 50<sup>TH</sup> POLICE PRECINCT – CAPTAIN EMILIO MELENDEZ

- Captain Melendez reports that there are 17 crimes this month compared to 21 last month, which is a 19% reduction. Burglaries were 6 versus 2 which resulted in arrests. There is a 10.9% increase in crime for the year. This is a downward trend due to COVID-19 and people in quarantine.
- D. Escano inquired about an arrest made of a man with an assault rifle on the East side of Van Cortlandt Park. Capt. Melendez expressed that there was no valid threat. It was a man who wanted to display his weapon to his friends and his friends made a report to the NYPD. This was a 47<sup>th</sup> Precinct arrest.
- B. Bender thanked the police for their presence during the protest at Van Cortlandt Park and asked about nightly fireworks throughout the district. Captain Melendez responded that fireworks are difficult to enforce and urged residents to come forward with addresses where the fireworks are coming from. If the offense is not done in presence of police, it will not lead to prosecution.
- E. Garcia asked Captain Melendez if the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct had any Shot Spotters. The captain responded that the 50<sup>th</sup> has zero shot spotters since it is considered a safe command but informed the Community Board that Shot Spotters are only for gun shots and not for fireworks.
- D. Padernacht asked about street racing taking place on Independence Ave. Captain Melendez informed Mr. Padernacht that this will be something that he will investigate once we return to normalcy.
- E. Garcia informed Captain Melendez of excessively loud music in the community, motor bikes at Van Cortlandt Park and people not following social distance rules and usage of face masks. Captain Melendez explained that the NYPD is not enforcing social distancing at this time. He also stated that he will speak to Parks Borough Commissioner Rodriguez-Rosa to increase presence at the park.

## 3. SYSTEMIC RACISM AND INJUSTICE RESOLUTION

Sergio Villaverde placed a motion to amend the agenda to present a resolution regarding Systemic Racism and Injustice. Mr. Villaverde proceeded to read the resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Slavery/ Holocaust of Humans from Africa and their descendants in North America was legal, sanctioned and pervasive in our country and neighborhood including in what is now our community, the land that is Van Cortlandt Park.

**WHEREAS**, Injustice and systemic racism continue to this day including in our communities;

**WHEREAS**, the death of Mr. George Floyd, another unarmed African American man, has brought these issues to the fore once again;

**WHEREAS**, state sponsored/sanctioned abuse and racism violates International law and the United States Constitution. Such laws include the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, Systemic racism continues and is rarely, if ever, addressed by this Community Board;

**WHEREAS**, failure to address these conditions calls into question the role of this Community Board in government;

**WHEREAS**, Police reform is necessary and an ongoing issue of review for this Community Board and City we recognize that the Police are not the source of systemic racism only a highly visible symptom of same;

**WHEREAS**, we, as a Community Board and Society, need to address disparate treatment in education, justice, economic development, housing, health care and access to the American dream;

**WHEREAS**, Systemic racism continues to be a barrier to trust for a large segment of our community;

**WHEREAS**, the policing is a difficult profession under the best of circumstances and made more complicated by a lack of trust by the communities served;

**WHEREAS**, a lack of equal protection under the law and basic justice is a threat to the victims of such abuses and to the society that permits such conduct;

**WHEREAS**, All lives cannot matter until black lives matter;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board No. 8 calls for all levels of government, including this Board, to not return to business as usual and actively seek and continue to work towards real reform and equality for all members of our society.

R. Fanuzzi seconds the motion to amend the agenda to add the Systemic Racism and Injustice resolution.

L. Daub takes roll call to determine if a quorum is present. L. Daub confirms that there is a quorum present.

Roll Call Vote to Amend the Agenda: IN FAVOR: 30      OPPOSED: 4      ABSTAIN: 1

IN FAVOR:      S. Alexander                      R. Bender              L. Daub              M. Della              E. Dinowitz

Minutes of Bronx Community Board 8 Full Board Meeting held on June 9, 2020

M. Donato	P. Ellis	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio	E. Garcia
M. Gluck	M. Goodman	E. Green	R. Jacklosky	D. Jackson
D. Leverett	L. Lopez	R. Lowe	C. Moerdler	O. Murray
D. Padernacht	K. Pesce	G. Santiago	L. Spalter	C. Tepelus
J. Townes	D. Travis	S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras

OPPOSED: D. Escano S. Froot D. Gellman M. Joyce

ABSTAIN: R. Ginty

This item has been added to the agenda. Board members comments, include:

- C. Moerdler - sentiments expressed are fine but it only represents a fraction of people. It can be seen to suggest or imply that others don't count, e.g., Latinos have been the most discriminated in the subway system.
- B. Bender - while he agrees with the spirit of the resolution, the Be It Resolved clause does not give direction to the board on what to do or not to do.
- D. Gellman - the resolution is worthy consideration, but it was given to the Board too late. He called for a working group to work on this issue.
- D. Travis - supports the idea of such a resolution during this time, but it requires input from the full Board. Ms. Travis expressed that the Board should conduct a public forum during the summer to hear what residents want from committees and agencies.
- M. Wolpoff - a little disappointed due to the timing of this resolution. He mentioned that the idea of this resolution was brought up at the Executive Committee Meeting but never sent to anyone, so he was unable to study it.
- D. Padernacht - defers to hear from others with possible changes to the resolution.
- C. G Moerdler presented a substitute resolution to amend the resolution before the Board.:  
"Whereas, pervasive discrimination particularly against people of color has been demonstrated as has the failure of government at all levels to effectively respond there to. Community Board 8 demands that all levels of government immediately act to holt discrimination based on race, creed, or religion particularly including the systemic and brutal bias against persons of color. And that the penalties therefore be increased to include and authorize incarceration in a state or local penitentiary"
- P. Ellis - agrees with sentiments expressed by Deb Travis and Bob Bender. It would have been great if it would have been presented a bit sooner. Racism is an issue that needs to be addressed. He would prefer to see a working group meet soon after the full Board meeting to discuss the important subject.
- D. B. Jackson - this resolution does not prohibit additional resolutions.
- R. Fanuzzi - expresses his support of the resolution. He feels it is time to make a statement against racism.
- M. Della - now is the time to make a statement regarding the injustices to black communities. She feels it is a strong resolution.
- Dr. Tepelus - members of the community have already expressed their take on this matter by demonstrating in parks. She feels it is time for the Community Board to show the community where it stands.

- D. Gellman - nobody would disagree with the idea of this resolution but explains that it is being brought to the Board's attention too late, and with no opportunity to perfect it. He supports the principal but would like time to craft a much better resolution.
- M. Joyce - objected to the section of the resolution where it states that the Community Board should not return to "business as usual". She agrees that a committee or working group should be created to address the subject, but due to the wording on the current document would leave her no choice, but to vote NO for the current resolution.
- S. Villaverde responded to the opinions given by other Board Members in reference to the resolution. He feels this is something that needs to be addressed now.
- C. G. Moerdler withdraws his substitute resolution.
- S. Froot proposes a friendly amendment and proposed the removal of the following six whereas clauses.

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**WHEREAS**, the policing is a difficult profession under the best of circumstances and made more complicated by a lack of trust by the communities served;

S. Villaverde does not accept the friendly amendment.

Roll call vote to eliminate 6 whereas clauses on the main resolution:

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 7		OPPOSED: 25		ABSTAIN: 3	
IN FAVOR:	S. Alexander M. Joyce	S. Froot K. Pesce	D. Gellman	M. Goodman	E. Green
OPPOSED:	R. Bender D. Escano R. Jacklosky O. Murray J. Townes	L. Daub R. Fanuzzi D. Jackson D. Padernacht D. Travis	M. Della N. Fazio D. Leverett G. Santiago S. Villaverde	E. Dinowitz E. Garcia L. Lopez L. Spalter M. Wolpoff	P. Ellis M. Gluck R. Lowe C. Tepelus R. Zavras
ABSTAIN:	M. Donato	R. Ginty	C. G. Moerdler		

MOTION FAILS to eliminate 6 whereas clauses on the main resolution.

- E. Dinowitz - offers support to the original resolution and believes that this issue should have been addressed a long time ago.
- J. Townes - states support for the original resolution. Each committee should address racism and injustice.
- D. Padernacht - thanks S. Villaverde for bringing the resolution to the floor. He supports the original resolution having not heard any other language to be added to the resolution. He will vote in favor and hopes his colleagues do as well.

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAIN RESOLUTION**

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 28

OPPOSED: 2

ABSTAIN: 5

IN FAVOR:	R. Bender	L. Daub	M. Della	E. Dinowitz	P. Ellis
	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio	S. Froot	E. Garcia	R. Ginty
	M. Gluck	M. Goodman	R. Jacklosky	D. Jackson	D. Leverett
	L. Lopez	R. Lowe	O. Murray	D. Padernacht	K. Pesce
	G. Santiago	L. Spalter	C. Tepelus	J. Townes	D. Travis
	S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras		
OPPOSED:	D. Escano	D. Gellman			
ABSTAIN:	S. Alexander	M. Donato	E. Green	M. Joyce	C. G. Moerdler

#### **4. REPORT FROM THE BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE – Ishrael Gonzalez**

Mr. Gonzalez states that the Borough President's report was sent to all District Manager's earlier in the week. The Borough President's Office has sent out re-appointment letters via email and the physical letter should be arriving in the mail in the next two weeks. For those that did not seek re-appointment, The Borough President thanks them for their service to the community. A virtual memorial will be hosted to honor the victims lost due to COVID-19.

R. Ginty informed the board that members: Carlos Wilcox, Tao Moran, Daniella Fuchs, and Eric Bell were not reappointed to the board, as of April 1, 2020. Chair Ginty thanked them for their work and wished them well.

E. Bell thanked all for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

#### **5. REPORT FROM NYC COUNCIL MEMBER FERNANDO CABRERA**

Council Member Cabrera thanked Board Members for their important discussion. He informed the board that he attended George Floyd's funeral and visited the site where he was murdered. He was touched to be there. CM Cabrera brought before the City Council's Public Safety Committee a resolution that would make chokeholds a Class 1 Felony. His office has distributed non-perishable food, over 15,000 face masks and hand sanitizer throughout his district.

Chair Ginty thanked Council Member Cabrera for all the help his office provides to the Community Board especially on new-leased space. She also thanked him for the funding he allocated to Community Board 8 to translate the Housing Resource Guide into Spanish and print it.

#### 6. REPORT FROM NYS ASSEMBLY MEMBER JEFFREY DINOWITZ

Assembly Member Dinowitz thanked outgoing Board Chair Ginty for her three years of service. He also thanked Council Member Cabrera for all his service to the community. Assembly Member Dinowitz reported that his office has distributed hundreds of face masks and hand sanitizer to organizations throughout the District. He reminded the Board about the June 23<sup>rd</sup> primary election. The demonstrations in response to the murder of George Floyd were peaceful compared to other parts of the city. He also informed that the State Assembly will address legislation on police reform.

#### 7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – ROSEMARY GINTY

Chair Ginty informed the Board that new members will be assigned to the Board in July. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Board Chair. It was an honor. Chair Ginty thanked her Officers past and present for their hard work, the District Manager for all her hard work and the office staff (Tania & Pablo) for all they do as well.

C. G. Moerdler thanked Chair Ginty for her service to the Board.

#### 8. TREASURER'S REPORT – ROSALIND ZAVRAS

- The Board has spent a good portion of its budget, but still has funds in OTPS to allocate.
- In Addendum A: FY 2020 Special Funding Report – We still have \$42,500 to spend. Most of the bigger shifts in fund are for office updates. DM Gannon explains that these updates are for new laptops, conference room equipment, whiteboards, conference room phones, reception area furniture, and personal protective gear for visitors to the office and staff.
- R. Zavras summarized the final budget modification necessary funds out of the 499 holding code.
- R. Zavras presented the 2021 recommended budget. Due to possible budget cuts, she suggested that we allocate only \$25,000 at this time.
- The cleaning service budget is higher than usual, because we must ensure the office is sanitized for staff, Board Members, and the community for when the office reopens. Another item that will be higher than usual will be supplies and materials.

Motion was seconded by D. Gellman.

#### **Resolution to Approve FY2020 Operating Budget Modification**

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer and the District Manager of Bronx Community Board 8 prepared an operating budget including office, conference and equipment upgrades for the Board's expenses for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020.

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer and the District Manager of Bronx Community Board 8 prepared an operating budget for the Board's expenses for Fiscal Year 2021.

**WHEREAS**, in support of the office to manage these budgets, budget modifications have been prepared and are attached to the June Treasurer's Report.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, Community Board 8 approves the operating budgets and the modifications to support them.

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 34

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

IN FAVOR:

S. Alexander	R. Bender	L. Daub	M. Della	E. Dinowitz
M. Donato	P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio
S. Froot	E. Garcia	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	M. Gluck
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ABSTAIN: D. Padernacht

#### 9. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – CIARA GANNON

- DM Gannon stated that the board office condemns the death of George Floyd and is pleased that the Board is discussing this topic and explains that the Board Office will assist any committees if needed.
- Informed that the office is ordering new furniture and will have the office sanitized to make it a safe environment for staff and visitors.
- She offered an update from the most recent District Service Cabinet Meeting.
- Crowds at Van Cortlandt Park were a concern to nearby residents. DM Gannon reported this to the NYPD and The Parks Department.
- The Department of Sanitation asked the District Manager to remind residents of North Riverdale to bring in their organic recycling bins. This program has been suspended until next year.
- DM Gannon reminded Board Members and residents to fill the Census. The neighborhoods in Bronx Community Board 8 have a 57.4 %response, which is higher than the citywide response.
- The committee sign up for Board Members will take place after this meeting. It's important that Board Members sign up in a timely matter.
- C. Gannon provided an update on community outreach. There is an increase of followers on the Bronx Community Board 8 Facebook page. Currently, there are 1,348 followers, which is an increase over the 1,274 followers from last month. We have paid to promote our page and have added important notices to other community Facebook pages. Over 4,000 residents in our District saw our June Calendar.
- The office has been working closely with DOITT to make updates to the website.
- DM Gannon thanked the office staff for all the hard work this year, especially during the pandemic.

DM Gannon thanked outgoing Board Chair Ginty for all her service to the Board and Board Office.



S. Villaverde thanked Board Chair Ginty for her hard work in search of a new office that will be accessible to the entire community.

10. REPORT FROM NYC DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING – No Report

11. REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE – STEVE FROOT

The Nominating Committee submitted a report that was distributed to all Board Members by the Board Office on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The committee held 2 meetings in which interviews were conducted. The following slate is only a recommendation by the Nominating Committee; Nominations from the Floor are accepted.

Chairperson	Laura Spalter
Vice Chairperson	Bob Bender
Secretary	Lisa Daub
Treasurer	Rosalind Zavras

Committee Chairperson

Aging	Eric Dinowitz
Budget	David Gellman
Economic Development	Nick Fazio
Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs	Sylvia Alexander
Environment & Sanitation	Robert Fanuzzi
Health, Hospitals & Social Services	Omar Murray
Housing	Daris Jackson
Land Use	Charles Moerdler
Law, Rules & Ethics	Martin Wolpoff
Parks & Recreation	Rosemary Ginty
Public Safety	Edward Green
Traffic & Transportation	Dan Padernacht
Youth	Julia Gomez

R. Ginty asked if there are any nominations from the floor.

D. B. Jackson nominated S. Villaverde for Board Chairperson.

The following board members made statements in support of S. Villaverde: D.B Jackson, N. Fazio, E. Garcia, M, Della, J. Townes, Dr. C. Tepelus

The following Board members made statements in support for L. Spalter: R. Zavras, D. Leverett, D. Gellman, R. Fanuzzi

Both candidates for Board Chairperson (Laura Spalter & Sergio Villaverde) addressed Board Members.

Chair Ginty stated that voting will follow the same process used in June 2014 elections and discussed at last week's executive committee meeting - with no objection. L. Daub explained the voting procedures for Board Chairperson which are the same as used for the nominating committee election. She asked that usage of the chat function stop because it is a distraction.

S. Villaverde calls for a roll call vote for CB8 chairperson instead of the announced process. D. B Jackson seconds the motion to have a roll call vote. The Board voted:

VOTE:	IN FAVOR: 13	OPPOSED: 23	ABSTAIN: 0		
IN FAVOR:	M. Della D. B. Jackson J. Townes	N. Fazio L. Lopez S. Villaverde	E. Garcia D. Padernacht R. Zavras	M. Gluck J. Reyes	M. Goodman C. Tepelus
OPPOSED:	S. Alexander P. Ellis R. Ginty R. Lowe L. Spalter	R. Bender D. Escano E. Green C. G. Moerdler D. Travis	L. Daub R. Fanuzzi R. Jacklosky O. Murray M. Wolpoff	E. Dinowitz S. Froot M. Joyce K. Pesce	M. Donato D. Gellman D. Leverett G. Santiago

Motion for Roll Call Vote for Board Chair FAILED.

## 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION – CHAIR ROBERT FANUZZI

B. Fanuzzi asked that people refer to his committee minutes for further information. There will not be a June Meeting.

### B. HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES – CHAIR OMAR MURRAY

O. Murray reported that during his May 13 committee meeting a doctor from Montefiore Hospital spoke to provide information on COVID-19. The next meeting is June 25<sup>th</sup> and the committee plans to have someone from the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene speak.

### C. HOUSING – CHAIR DARIS B. JACKSON

D. B. Jackson asked that the Board refer to his May committee minutes. His committee discussed a gas line interruption at Fort Independence Houses and at a building in Marble Hill. There will not be a Housing Committee Meeting in June.

### D. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY – CHAIR BOB BENDER

R. Ginty informed board members that there is a resolution for the continuation of the Special Committee on the Hudson River Greenway. Special Committees must be renewed every year.

## RESOLUTION ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY

**WHEREAS**, residents of Bronx Community Board 8 support a Hudson River Greenway extending from Spuyten Duyvil to Yonkers, providing runners, walkers, people with disabilities, cyclists and others an

enjoyable riverfront experience with a superb view of the Palisades, as well as access to the Greenway to the north and the Greenway to the south, so that a continuous Greenway runs from Manhattan to Westchester;

**WHEREAS**, Bronx Community Board 8 has resolved that consideration of an all-river Greenway route should continue under the auspices of Bronx Community Board 8 in cooperation with local residents, community groups, elected officials, government agencies, the affected rail companies and any other stakeholders;

**WHEREAS**, Bronx Community Board 8 desires to continue the consideration of an all-river Greenway route in an efficient, transparent and inclusive manner;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that THE Special Committee ON THE HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY CONTINUE to hold public meetings and report to the Community Board its findings and recommendations, if any, on the creation of an all river Greenway route;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Special Committee be comprised of three members who shall be Robert Bender, Dan Padernacht and Laura Spalter;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Special Committee shall select a Chairperson by majority vote of its three members;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Special Committee be discontinued immediately following the next Annual Board elections unless it is specifically continued either by resolution of the Board or by public declaration of the newly elected chairperson, which declaration shall be recorded in the minutes.

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 34      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 1

IN FAVOR:

S. Alexander	R. Bender		M. Della	E. Dinowitz
M. Donato	P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio
S. Froot	E. Garcia	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	M. Gluck
M. Goodman	E. Green	R. Jacklosky	D. Jackson	M. Joyce
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D. Travis	S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	D. Padernacht

ABSTAIN:      C. G. Moerdler

E. LAND USE – CHAIR CHARLES G. MOERDLER

Chair Moerdler presents his resolutions to the Full Board for vote.

**WHEREAS**, Applicant seeks a variance from the Board of Standards and Appeals (“BSA”) to permit at 7-15 Terrace View Ave, Manhattan, permission to build a seven (7) story building containing fifty-nine (59) rental units contrary to the provisions regulating a M1-1 Zoning District (BSA Application 2019-66-BZ), with a *BSA Public Hearing to be Held on July 20/21, 2020*;

**WHEREAS**, a preliminary discussion of the issues was had at the May 1, 2020 meeting of the Land Use Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx County (the "Committee") , and the Applicant was requested to respond at this June 1, 2020 meeting to a number of specific questions posed by the application;

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant's counsel responded by letter dated May 20, 2020, together with Exhibits, a copy of each of which was transmitted to each member of the Committee;

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant made a further presentation to the Committee at the Committee's June 1, 2020 meeting and responded to questions posed by members of the Land Use Committee;

**WHEREAS**, members of the Committee have as recently as today inspected the site and are familiar with it;

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of Section 72-21 of the Zoning Resolution require that each of five findings must be made before the BSA may grant this application;

**WHEREAS**, the Land Use Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx County, concludes that Findings (c) and (e) cannot be made and have not here been made:

(c) ... "that the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the **zoning lot** is located; will not substantially impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property; and will not be detrimental to the public welfare;"

(e) ... " that within the intent and purposes of this Resolution, the variance, if granted, is the minimum variance necessary to afford relief; and to this end, the Board may permit a lesser variance than that applied for."

**WHEREAS**, while there clearly are unique physical conditions attendant to the currently vacant lot, including a steep downward grade approximating a 35 degree angle, the balance of Findings (a) and (b) have not been sufficiently made in applicant's submission (i.e., that no enterprise within the specifications of a Manufacturing Zone could develop the site (even using variants the proposed construction methodology proposed by Applicant) in a fashion that would generate a reasonable return for Applicant (e.g., storage, warehousing, parking);

**WHEREAS**, the Committee makes, among others, the following Findings of Fact applicable to the conclusions reached above:

Terrace View Avenue is a narrow street providing one of two entranceways to the Marble Hill community. It is a one-way street that, given parking one side and prevalent illegal parking on the other, supports only tight passageway for motor vehicles and questionable passageway and clearance for trucks and other large vehicles when illegal parking is present. It cannot provide access for, let alone, facilitate construction equipment and vehicles for the proposed construction phase of this project without impeding all emergency and other vehicles.

The traffic problem is exacerbated by Applicant's stated intention not to provide any parking at all for the proposed 59 residential units. The area is already parking starved, with parking on the sidewalks a frequent event. Indeed, with the advent of congestion pricing, it can be readily established that the parking problem

will be exacerbated on both sides of the premises by non-residents parking in order to use the nearby Metro North facility or subway service to downtown Manhattan (commercial off street parking being at a minimum).

While one of the owners of the Applicant LLC represents he can develop a construction plan using the U-Haul site (at the bottom of the hill) to minimize the traffic issues noted above, he also admits that he does not have any binding arrangement with U-Haulm to that end (assuming that use would be permissible). Wishful thinking is not a showing supporting a finding.

The proposed structure would, by reason of height, bulk and character, materially alter the essential character of the Neighborhood and of the Zoning District in which the proposed residential high rise would be located. On the Terrace View Avenue side and in the immediately surrounding area one- and two-family residences abound. To the North, essentially down the hill, structures within the contemplation of a Manufacturing District abound (e.g., a U-Haul facility, gas and automobile repair facilities, a bank, and an educational complex). Indeed, given both the shortage of legal parking and the proximity of mass transit, the site could well accommodate a parking facility. Indeed, the absence of parking was a significant factor in the rejection of a nearby medical facility proposed by a hospital.

**NOW THEREFORE**, upon, *inter alia*, the foregoing and the, it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Land Use Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx County, opposes the application and respectfully urges the Board of Standards and Appeals to **DENY** it.

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 35      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 0

IN FAVOR:

S. Alexander	R. Bender	M. Della	E. Dinowitz
M. Donato	P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi
S. Froot	E. Garcia	D. Gellman	R. Ginty
M. Goodman	E. Green	R. Jacklosky	D. Jackson
D. Leverett	L. Lopez	R. Lowe	J. Reyes
K. Pesce	G. Santiago	L. Spalter	C. Tepelus
D. Travis	S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras
			D. Padernacht
			C. Moerdler

**C. G. Moerdler presented the following resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, the application is stated to be a Minor Modification of a Large-Scale Residential Development at the Delafield Estates, 680 West 246th Street, Bronx, NY. The proposal includes the repositioning of the nineteen unbuilt house sites to allow for all new houses to be freestanding. No changes to the development's overall unit count, floor area, or lot coverage are proposed. Proposal includes two new curb cuts on Douglas Avenue and one on West 246th Street for driveways; and

**WHEREAS**, the application initially came before the Land Use Committee of Community Board 8 ("Board 8") in September 2019 and was then and in successive months adjourned at the instance of the Applicant with the concurrence of the representative Department of City Planning and the Objectants for the stated purpose of permitting the Applicant and the Objectants to conclude a resolution of the pending disagreements of the parties centering, essentially, around (a) jeopardy to the private sewer facilities along the West 246th Street boundary of the premises by reason of the proposed Application's integral request for a curb cut on West 246th Street (the "Sanitary District objections and (b) Neighbors' objections involving traffic and other

concerns, including proposed curb cuts for driveways on Douglas Avenue, all as more fully summarized in Exhibits A and B hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the issues tendered by the Objectants present undeniable issues affecting the public health, safety and welfare of the community ( e.g., the sewer line involved and here at risk services a number of nearby homes that would in its absence be uninhabitable and the curb cuts, including their placement, raise safety concerns); and

**WHEREAS**, in several subsequent meetings of the Land Use Committee the Applicant's representatives stated that discussions were well underway, and a resolution could be expected in the imminent future, while the Objectants generally demurred, noting that progress had been halting; and

**WHEREAS**, despite efforts of the Land Use Committee to advance those discussions, it appears that they have made little progress and no resolution has to date been achieved; neither is there any indication that resolution is imminent (Exhibit C); and

**WHEREAS**, the Land Use Committee has repeatedly made clear that good faith discussion looking toward resolution does not presuppose that one side or another of a controversy will yield on any or all issues but it does presuppose that the parties will discuss or consider the issues in good faith and with a manifest predisposition to resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the record discloses that dilatory conduct has been an essential element of the failure to reach agreement over a nine-month period. The issue appears to have been addressed to date as though it is one in which the concerns of Objectants, the Board and the Community are of relatively minor moment and the application will ultimately be addressed favorably to the Applicant by the City of New York.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Application is DENIED with the observation that the concept of repositioning of up to nineteen proposed new houses to allow all such houses to be freestanding with continuation in some as yet unspecified form of an internal roadway employing only the existing entrance and exit from the premises has not thus far been presented to or considered by the Land Use Committee and may have merit.

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 32

OPPOSED: 1

ABSTAIN: 2

IN FAVOR:

S. Alexander  
M. Donato  
S. Froot  
M. Goodman  
D. Leverett  
K. Pesce  
D. Travis

R. Bender

P. Ellis

E. Garcia

E. Green

L. Lopez

G. Santiago

S. Villaverde

D. Escano

D. Gellman

R. Jacklosky

C. Moerdler

L. Spalter

M. Wolpoff

M. Della

R. Fanuzzi

R. Ginty

M. Joyce

J. Reyes

J. Townes

R. Zavras

E. Dinowitz

N. Fazio

M. Gluck

O. Murray

D. Padernacht

Opposed: R. Lowe

Abstain: C. Tepulus

D. B. Jackson

C. G. Moerdler informed the Board that in 3 instances Building Department inspectors have neglected to give violations. He has asked that the DOB Inspector General investigate into the behavior of the Inspector in question. He visited the site and report that THERE was no people working. Photos showing people working have been seen. A DEP Inspector visited the same site and issued a violation.

C. G. Moerdler report that he is working with other Board Members and Assembly Member Dinowitz in making Web Ave a landmark Kingsbridge area in the next board year. He agrees with Bob Bender in doing a Zoning Study for the entire Community Board District.

F. LAW, RULES & ETHICS – CHAIR MARTIN WOLPOFF – NO REPORT

G. PARKS & RECREATION – CHAIR BOB BENDER

B. Bender informs the Board Members that the resolution is supported by the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, Kingsbridge Riverdale Van Cortlandt Development Corporation (KRVC), and the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality (BCEQ). B. Bender presents the following resolution:

**Whereas**, Manhattan College's baseball team played its home games at the Stadium baseball field in Van Cortlandt Park for many years; and

**Whereas**, Manhattan was no longer able to use the field after it gradually deteriorated and failed to meet NCAA Division I standards; and

**Whereas**, Manhattan College had to relocate its home games to Dutchess County, a considerable distance from its campus in the Bronx; and

**Whereas**, Manhattan College recently undertook a renovation of the Van Cortlandt Stadium ballfield in conjunction with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to restore the ballfield to meet NCAA Division I standards; and

**Whereas**, the ballfield is permitted to Manhattan College during its spring baseball season but is available for community use when Manhattan College is not using the field; and

**Whereas**, Manhattan College would like to name the ballfield after alumnus Joe Coppo, a former baseball team captain for Manhattan College who was killed in the 9/11 terror attack at the World Trade Center; and

**Whereas**, Manhattan College has provided generous assistance to Van Cortlandt Park for many years, including providing engineering support for the water-quality monitoring program there and providing many student volunteers to the park over the course of the academic year, among them work-study students who are paid by Manhattan to work in Van Cortlandt Park; and

**Whereas**, community organizations including the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, Kingsbridge Riverdale Van Cortlandt Development Corporation (KRVC), and the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality (BCEQ) support the naming of the field for Joe Coppo; and

**Whereas**, DPR requires the support of community institutions including the community board in order to name the ballfield as proposed; and

**Whereas**, there are other ballfields in Van Cortlandt Park named after individuals, such as Frank Kelly Field at West 260<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Parks & Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 supports the naming of the ballfield at the Van Cortlandt Park Stadium as Joe Coppo Field.

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 28      OPPOSED: 3    ABSTAIN: 4

IN FAVOR:

S. Alexander	R. Bender	E. Dinowitz	O. Murray
M. Donato	P. Ellis	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio
S. Froot	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	M. Gluck
M. Goodman	E. Green	R. Jacklosky	M. Joyce
D. Leverett	L. Lopez	R. Lowe	J. Reyes
K. Pesce	G. Santiago	L. Spalter	J. Townes
M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	D. Padernacht	C. Moerdler

OPPOSED:    D. Escano , D. Travis, S. Villaverde

ABSTAIN:    M. Della, E. Garcia, C. Tepelus, D. Jackson

Chair Bender informed that there will not be a June meeting. He also thanked everybody for their hard work and acknowledged outgoing Chair Ginty for her service to the Board.

H. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – CHAIR MARGARET DONATO

The committee approved four liquor license renewal applications - presented for board approval:

**Bella Notte, 3524 Johnson Avenue**

**Whereas**, Bella Notte 3524 Johnson Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on May 19, 2020, for renewal of their liquor license.

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

**Whereas**, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approves this application.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

**A1J1 Restaurant, 5977 Broadway**

**Whereas**, A1J1 Restaurant, 5977 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on May 19, 2020, for renewal of their liquor license.

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



**Whereas**, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approves this application.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

**College of Mount St. Vincent, 6301 Riverdale Avenue**

**Whereas**, College of Mount St. Vincent, 6301 Riverdale Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on May 19, 2020, for renewal of their liquor license.

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

**Whereas**, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approves this application.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

**Madison's, 5686 Riverdale Avenue**

**Whereas**, Madison's, 5686 Riverdale Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on May 19, 2020, for renewal of their liquor license.

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

**Whereas**, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approves this application.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 34      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 1

IN FAVOR:

S. Alexander	R. Bender		M. Della	E. Dinowitz
M. Donato	P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio
S. Froot	E. Garcia	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	M. Gluck
M. Goodman	E. Green	D. Jackson	M. Joyce	C. Moerdler
D. Leverett	L. Lopez	R. Lowe	J. Reyes	O. Murray
K. Pesce	G. Santiago	L. Spalter	C. Tepelus	J. Townes
D. Travis	S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	D. Padernacht

ABSTAIN: R. Jacklosky

Chair Donato thanked Outgoing Chair Ginty for her service to the Board.

I. TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION – CHAIR DAN PADERNACHT

D. Padernacht presents the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) recommends changes to the corridor on Sedgwick Avenue that crosses Mosholu Parkway, Goulden Avenue and Dickinson Avenue;

**WHEREAS**, data presented by NYC DOT shows that there have been 40 motor vehicle accidents with 3 injuries in the subject area between 2013 and 2017;

**WHEREAS**, data presented by DOT shows that approximately 3335 vehicles travel this corridor during morning peak hours and approximately 2850 vehicles travel this corridor during evening peak hours;

**WHEREAS**, DOT proposes certain changes to this corridor for safety purposes;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee supports the proposed recommendations by DOT which are:

1. Closing the slip lane from West Mosholu Parkway that runs along Sedgwick Avenue and instead direct cars into a perpendicular intersection at Sedgwick Avenue controlled by a Stop sign;
2. Paint an East-West pedestrian crossing at the new perpendicular intersection at Sedgwick Avenue with a new painted curb extension;
3. Install a painted sidewalk/island extension on the Northeast curb of Sedgwick Avenue at Dickinson Avenue;
4. Install two painted median tip extensions in the mid-street island at Dickinson Avenue and Sedgwick Avenue;
5. Reduce traffic lanes from 2 travel lanes to 1 travel lane on the Eastbound lane of Sedgwick Avenue between Dickinson Avenue and Goulden Avenue;
6. Adjust signal timing at Sedgwick Avenue at Dickinson Avenue and Sedgwick Avenue at Goulden Avenue;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee requests that DOT contact Bronx Community Board 8 at least 30 days prior to the implementation of the changes described in this proposal;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee's approval of these changes are for Paint and Temporary Barriers only and that the Traffic and Transportation Committee does not approve the use of any concrete to implement such changes at this intersection;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee requests that DOT investigate the reduction of the size of the left turn only lane on the eastbound lane of Sedgwick Avenue prior to the intersection at Dickinson Avenue.

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 35

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

IN FAVOR:

S. Alexander	R. Bender		M. Della	E. Dinowitz
M. Donato	P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio
S. Froot	E. Garcia	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	M. Gluck
M. Goodman	E. Green	D. Jackson	M. Joyce	C. Moerdler
D. Leverett	L. Lopez	R. Lowe	J. Reyes	O. Murray

K. Pesce	G. Santiago	L. Spalter	C. Tepelus	J. Townes	
D. Travis	S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	D. Padernacht	R. Jacklosky

Chair Padernacht thanked Outgoing Chair Ginty for her service to the Board and all Committee Chairs.

J. YOUTH – VICE CHAIR SERGIO VILLAVERDE

Vice Chair. S. Villaverde presented the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, New York City has decided to suspend the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) for the Summer of 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Income earned by SYEP participants is crucial to support struggling families, particularly now when so many other jobs have been affected by COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, SYEP provides a wider economic benefit by participants supporting local businesses and eateries; and

**WHEREAS**, SYEP produces social benefits such as decreasing potential contact with negative influences; developing positive work habits and self-esteem; and providing healthy social interaction over the summer; and

**WHEREAS**, City summer programming, swimming pools, and recreational centers have been closed for summer 2020.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That Bronx Community Board 8 calls upon the Mayor and City Council to reinstate and provide adequate funding for SYEP for the summer of 2020 within the current COVID-19 restrictions.

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 35      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 0

IN FAVOR:

S. Alexander	R. Bender	M. Della	E. Dinowitz
M. Donato	P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi
S. Froot	E. Garcia	D. Gellman	R. Ginty
M. Goodman	E. Green	D. Jackson	M. Joyce
D. Leverett	L. Lopez	R. Lowe	J. Reyes
K. Pesce	G. Santiago	L. Spalter	C. Tepelus
D. Travis	S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras
			D. Padernacht
			R. Jacklosky

Vice Chair Villaverde refers all to the Youth Committee Minutes.

K. AGING – CHAIR ERIC DINOWITZ

E. Dinowitz informs the Board that senior centers are reaching out to older adults to talk and to check on their needs. He also thanked outgoing Chair Ginty for her service

L. BUDGET – CHAIR DAVID GELLMAN

D. Gellman reported to the Board that The Youth Committee's resolution might see some light as there are budget discussions happening now.

M. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CHAIR SERGIO VILLAVERDE

S. Villaverde referred all to his committee minutes and presented the following resolution

**WHEREAS**, the Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation (KRVC) has applied to the NYC Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) to operate a Block Festival on Johnson Avenue between West 235th Street and West 236th Street;

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant seeks a permit to operate the Block Festival on September 13, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM (inclusive of set up and breakdown) at this location;

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has held successfully held this event since starting in 2012 and it has become a neighborhood tradition;

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Committee support for the concept and that such an event would bring a needed sense of normalcy during this stressful COVID19 crisis;

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has agreed to the event being subject to all COVID19 restrictions and activities being tailored to provide for the safety of all involved;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Economic Development Committee of Community Board No. 8 approves the SAPO Application, for September 13, 2020, by KRVC subject to the following conditions:

1. The Permit shall be limited subject to compliance with all safety regulations including COVID19 restrictions.

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 36

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

IN FAVOR:

S. Alexander	R. Bender	L. Daub	M. Della	E. Dinowitz
M. Donato	P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio
S. Froot	E. Garcia	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	M. Gluck
M. Goodman	E. Green	D. Jackson	M. Joyce	C. Moerdler
D. Leverett	L. Lopez	R. Lowe	J. Reyes	O. Murray
K. Pesce	G. Santiago	L. Spalter	C. Tepelus	J. Townes
D. Travis	S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	D. Padernacht R. Jacklosky

S. Villaverde stated that New York City Small Business Services attended their last committee meeting to discuss how businesses are handling the pandemic and to provide more details on opening businesses during for Phase 1 and 2.

N. EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS – CHAIR SYLVIA ALEXANDER

The agenda for the June 23 meeting will go out this week.

### 13. ELECTION RESULTS FOR BOARD CHAIRPERSON & ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Board Secretary Lisa Daub reports the results of the election for Board Chairperson.

#### **LAURA SPALTER (25) VOTES**

S. Alexander	R. Bender	L. Daub	E. Dinowitz	M. Donato	P. Ellis
R. Fanuzzi	S. Froot	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	M. Goodman	E. Green
R. Jacklosky	M. Joyce	D. Leverett	R. Lowe	C. Moerdler	O. Murray
K. Pesce	J. Reyes	G. Santiago	L. Spalter	D. Travis	M. Wolpoff
R. Zavras					

#### **SERGIO VILLAYERDE (11) VOTES**

M. Della	D. Escano	N. Fazio	E. Garcia	M. Gluck	D. Jackson
L. Lopez	D. Padernacht	C. Tepelus	J. Townes	S. Villaverde	

Board Chair-elect Laura Spalter thanked fellow Board Members for electing her to the post. Ms. Spalter also thanked outgoing Chair Ginty for her years of service and friendship. Chair Ginty thanked both candidates and all those that spoke.

### ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Dr. C. Tepelus nominates S. Villaverde for Vice Chairperson. S. Villaverde respectfully declines the nomination.

With no further nominations from the floor for Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Chair Ginty calls for a unified vote for the Board Officers.

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 36      OPPOSED: 0      ABSTAIN: 0

#### IN FAVOR:

S. Alexander	R. Bender	L. Daub	M. Della	E. Dinowitz
M. Donato	P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio
S. Froot	E. Garcia	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	M. Gluck
M. Goodman	E. Green	D. Jackson	M. Joyce	C. Moerdler
D. Leverett	L. Lopez	R. Lowe	J. Reyes	O. Murray
K. Pesce	G. Santiago	L. Spalter	C. Tepelus	J. Townes
D. Travis	S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	D. Padernacht
				R. Jacklosky

### 14. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

R. Ginty called for any floor nominations.

Dr. C. Tepelus nominates herself for Chair of the Economic Development Committee C. G. Moerdler nominated S. Villaverde for Chair of the Economic Development Committee. S. Villaverde respectfully declines the nomination.

Both candidates for Chair of Economic Development (N. Fazio & C. Tepelus) addressed Board Members before the Board cast their vote via chat/phone/email.

*[Following Miscellaneous Business]* Board Secretary Lisa Daub reports the results of the election for Chairperson of Economic Development.

**NICK FAZIO (27) VOTES**

S. Alexander	R. Bender	L. Daub	E. Dinowitz	M. Donato	P. Ellis
R. Fanuzzi	S. Froot	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	M. Goodman	E. Green
R. Jacklosky	M. Joyce	D. Leverett	R. Lowe	C. Moerdler	O. Murray
K. Pesce	G. Santiago	L. Spalter	D. Travis	M. Wolpoff	
R. Zavras	D. Escano	N. Fazio	D. Padernacht		

**CAMELIA TEPELUS (4) VOTES**

M. Della	M. Gluck	J. Reyes	C. Tepelus
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**ABSTENTION (2) VOTES**

D. Jackson	S. Villaverde
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*[Following Miscellaneous Business]*

Chair Ginty asks the Board if they approve a unified vote for Committee Chairs.

Daris B. Jackson requests to have separate votes for each Committee Chair position.

On the election of ERIC DINOWITZ for Aging Committee Chair. Deemed approved unanimous by Chair Ginty.

On the election of DAVID GELLMAN for Budget Committee Chair.

Opposed:	Sergio Villaverde
Abstention:	Dan Padernacht
	Daris B. Jackson (for cause)
In Favor:	30 votes

On the election of SYLVIA ALEXANDER for Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs Committee Chair. Deemed approved unanimous by Chair Ginty.

On the election of OMAR MURRAY for Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee Chair. Deemed approved unanimous by Chair Ginty.

On the election of ROBERT FANUZZI for Environment & Sanitation Committee Chair. Deemed approved unanimous by Chair Ginty.

On the election of DARIS B. JACKSON for Housing Committee Chair. Deemed approved unanimous by Chair Ginty.

On the election of CHARLES MOERDLER for Land Use Committee Chair. Deemed approved unanimous by Chair Ginty.

On the election of MARTIN WOLPOFF for Law, Rules & Ethics Committee Chair. Deemed approved unanimous by Chair Ginty.

On the election of ROSEMARY GINTY for Parks & Recreation Committee Chair. R. Ginty asked Chair-elect Laura Spalter to run the Parks & Recreation vote. Deemed approved unanimous by Vice Chair Spalter.

On the election of EDWARD GREEN for Public Safety Committee Chair. Deemed approved unanimous by Chair Ginty.

On the election of DAN PADERNACHT for Traffic & Transportation Committee Chair.

Opposed: David Gellman  
Abstention: None  
In Favor: 32 votes

On the election of JULIA GOMEZ for Youth Committee Chair. Deemed approved unanimous by Chair Ginty.

15. DISCUSSION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2020  
No Discussion

16. APPROVAL OF FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2020

L. Daub noted a correction to the full Board minutes in the Traffic & Transportation section: The Sunday Market will be held in the parking lot of the Riverdale Temple.

No Further Discussion. Chair Ginty calls for vote to adopt the Minutes as amended. Deemed approved unanimous by Chair Ginty.

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Margaret Della read proposed action steps, to include in the minutes. Asks chair to appoint members to address racial equity commencing this summer:

- Establish a process and tools for decision-making within the Executive Committee as well as the entire Board to advance racial equity
- Establish guidelines for what the ENTIRE board will do as in response to racial injustices in our community
- Establish demands for all levels of NY government to address racial inequity and injustice

- Consider how to improve the racial dynamics, tenure, and economic disparities among our neighborhoods into board discussions, decisions and impacts
- Direct each standing committee to propose ways to address racial inequity in respective areas that are informed by those who will be impacted and establish a reasonable timeline to do so
- Conduct assessment of each committee area that minimize unanticipated adverse consequences in a variety of contexts, including the analysis of proposed policies, institutional practices, programs, plans and budgetary decisions
- Consider any additional resolutions to be considered in Sept

Dr. C. Tepelus compliments the Social Media working group 2018 report. She restated comments regarding use of social media and her wish to participate. Chair Ginty restated that she created the Social Media Working Group when she first became Chair with the intention to review their report in a year. Due to timing of the review period and the close of her chairmanship, Chair Ginty will not be assigning any group or individuals to that task. It will be up to new leadership.

Motion to adjourn at 11:56 PM by Chair Ginty and seconded by Martin Wolpoff. Approved unanimously.

Prepared By: PABLO ROMANO, Community Associate

Reviewed by Lisa Daub, CB8 Secretary