

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 via Zoom Conference at 7:00pm

PRESENT (29):

S. Alexander	R. Fanuzzi	C. Moerdler	S. Vasquez
C. Barnes- Watson	S. Froot	O. Murray	M. Wolpoff
B. Bender	D. Gellman	D. Padernacht	
K. Buford	R. Ginty	R. Pochter-Lowe	
C. Calhoun	J. Gomez	J. Reyes	
S. Chittilappilly	E. Green	R. Singh	
L. Daub	R. Jacklosky	L. Spalter	
M. Donato	M. Joyce	C. Tepelus	
M. Esema	R. Kaplan	D. Travis	

ABSENT (7): J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Della, N. Fazio, T. Morris, K. Pesce, G. Santiago, S. Villaverde

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

GUESTS: Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, Lorenzo Manzano (CM Dinowitz Office), Abigail Nehring (Riverdale Press), Adrian Cacho (CM Sanchez Office), Alina Dowe (Mayor's CAU), Officer Cesar Sala (50th Pct), Lt. Tim Haney (50th Pct), Eric Sawyers (Bronx DA's Office), Jamilah S. (CM De la Rosa), Randi Martos (AM Dinowitz)

Chair Spalter welcomed all and convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. GALLERY SESSION:

- Karen Argenti representing Bronx Council on Environmental Quality, daylighting of Tibbets Brook and Putnam Greenway urge a vote in favor of Hudson River Greenway Resolution
- Chauncey Young – On behalf of Harlem River Working Group and member of the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality. Daylighting of Tibbets Brook and Putnam Greenway urged vote in favor of Hudson River Greenway Resolution.
- Joseph Morales, student at John F. Kennedy High School spoke for MTA Student Ridership – advocating for students to swipe their metro cards in order for the MTA to compile accurate information (for future service plans) related to ridership. L. Spalter and J. Gomez encouraged Mr. Morales to engage with the community board and the Youth committee.
- Joseph Riley, Freedom Youth Family Justice Center – new office space at 555 W. 235th Street – working on human trafficking and domestic violence issues trying to increase reach – connected Mr. Riley with Bronx DA's office

2. THE 50th-POLICE PRECINCT – LT. TIM HANEY

- Crime still up, increases not as steep compared to last year.
- Grand larceny and check fraud continue to be the main issues
- Beginning next week, two (2) dedicated officers will be assigned to Van Cortlandt Park from 4pm-midnight Friday, Saturday, and Sundays.
- Intersection of Mosholu & Broadway a serious problem – traffic safety officers will be assigned.

3. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – LAURA SPALTER

- Regretfully informed the Board that the owner of the proposed new office space has chosen to end his negotiations with DCAS. The reason cited was a fire code issue. Chair Spalter read the letter from Department of Citywide Administrative Services. DCAS is providing new sites to explore.
- D. Travis suggested 3874 Sedgwick Avenue, chair Spalter will forward to DCAS.
- Update on Irving Latimer Award thanked R. Jacklosky, S. Vasquez and C. Calhoun for their committee work.
- R. Jacklosky announced the Irv Latimer Award winners: Julie Jenkins; Rita Freed; Danny Monge; the Riverdale Y-Jewish Community Center for their senior meals program; Selma Raven and Sara Allen for the Friendly Fridge at Broadway and 242nd Street.
- MVM Award winners: Bronx Burger House, Laura Levine-Pinedo, Cora Hardware, Jimmy Packes (posthumously), One Yoga for All
- The MVM Award winners are selected by the Economic Development committee, and it is a board-wide recognition for their service. All honorees will be celebrated at the September full board meeting.

4. REPORT FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBER JEFFREY DINOWITZ

- Shredding event success, 2 in CB8
- Met with DOT commissioners regarding Riverdale Avenue Road diet
- Proposed Homeless shelter update: organization has not improved
- Supports daylighting of Tibbets Brook and extension of Putnam Trail
- Re-nominated by a large margin and appreciates all the votes.
- Chair Spalter expressed gratitude for the Assemblyman's June 15 letter along with CM Dinowitz sent to DOT Commissioner Rodriguez requesting the Riverdale Avenue traffic studies and issues with the plan.

5. REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER ERIC DINOWITZ

- Passed a great budget: negotiated more oversight for agencies particularly NYPD, and Department of Corrections, provided cost of living increases for service providers, housing, property tax, CUNY, school funding, federal stimulus
- Locally, Capital allocations for Tibbets Tail, Spuyten Duyvil Shore-side Park, Putnam Trail, Van Cortlandt Park, Wave Hill, \$1.3MM for Community and Senior centers
- Supports the Daylighting of Tibbets Brook
- Commented on the DOT Riverdale Avenue traffic road diet proposal
- Planned Build-a-thon in July
- Outdoor movies at Van Cortlandt Park
- Sign up for newsletter

6. REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER PIERINA SANCHEZ

- Secured funding for Parks
- Education budget situation: continuing to discuss with the administration
- Housing additional funding secured for vouchers
- Secured \$5MM for Kingsbridge Armory – craft a process driven by community. Funding will go towards making emergency repairs for the community to access it.
- Chairing Housing Hearing on Friday July 1st
- Embarking on redistricting process. July 6th Bronx Hearing virtual and in-person option to participate.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT – C. GANNON

- Report based on May OMB report
- Outline of where CB stands.
- OTPS \$12,145 remaining as of a month ago, but as of tomorrow we will have spent down another \$6K
- No budget modifications
- Thank you to Tania Ochoteco. Most bills have been paid. In my 4 years at CB8 we have never been in such good shape at the end of the fiscal year.
- D. Padernacht and C. Tepelus asked about the approval process for expenditures. C. Gannon stated that we go by the Board's procurement guide and suggested it be reviewed.

8. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – CIARA GANNON

- Thanked all volunteers who came out to Marble Hill tabling event
- Will be tabling at several more events over the summer
- Yankee awardees attended a game and received their checks
- Office will be sending committee sign-ups and would appreciate prompt responses

- Transition of many liaisons at city agencies
- Sexual Harassment Training IT issues citywide
- BP's office will offer training – deadline will be extended for SHT

R. Jacklosky roll call

9. REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING – NONE

10. REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE – D. PADERNACHT

- Presented slate for Officers and Committee Chairs up for vote
- No nominations from the floor for Officers
- Chair Spalter thanked all outgoing chairs for their work and dedication

Officers:

Chair	Laura Spalter
Vice-Chair	Bob Bender
Secretary	Robert Jacklosky
Treasurer	Joy Campbell-Priveterre

Committee Chairs:

Aging	Lisa Daub
Budget	David Gellman
Economic Development	Nick Fazio
ELCA	Sylvia Alexander
Environment & Sanitation	Camelia Tepelus
Health, Hospitals & Soc. Serv	Omar Murray
Housing	Stephen Vazquez
Land Use	Charles Moerdler
LRE	Marty Wolpoff
Parks & Recreation	No nomination ¹
Public Safety	Ed Green
Traffic & Transportation	Kelli Buford
Youth	Julia Gomez

1. It is noted that no Board member sought nomination for the Parks and Recreation committee after the sole candidate withdrew his name from consideration

VOTE for Officers slate:

In Favor (29): S. Alexander, C. Barnes- Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Daub, M. Donato, M. Esemá, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Vasquez, M. Wolpoff

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

- No nominations from the floor for Committee Chairs

VOTE for Committee Chairs slate minus Parks committee

In Favor (29): S. Alexander, C. Barnes- Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Daub, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Vasquez, M. Wolpoff

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

- Chair Spalter announced that the Parks Committee will be led by Bob Bender in the Fall until another election is held.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. LAW, RULES & ETHICS – M. WOLPOFF

- Hybrid model requires you must be on camera the entire time of the meeting.
- Requested Board office to send out meeting guidelines and requested comments from the Board.

B. PARKS & RECREATION – R. SINGH

- Introduced Resolution on Van Cortland House Museum fence restoration plan. Accepted amendment from B. Bender

Whereas, representatives from the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) appeared before the Parks & Recreation Committee of Community Board 8 at its meeting of June 22, 2022, to present a proposed design for the renovation of the wrought iron fence around the Van Cortlandt House Museum (VCHM); and

Whereas, the renovation of the badly deteriorated fence, which contains lead paint, has been a priority of the committee and of the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance (VCPA) for several years; and

Whereas, the DPR representatives answered questions from committee members and other attendees regarding the project and assured those in attendance that no lead exposure would take place in the park, and that the Van Cortlandt House Museum and the heavily used pathway adjacent to the fence on the north will remain open during the project; and

Whereas, DPR asked the committee for its support for the project;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the committee supports this project as presented, on the condition that DPR return to the committee if there is any substantive alteration to the design as presented to the community.

VOTE:

In Favor (29): S. Alexander, C. Barnes- Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Daub, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Vasquez, M. Wolpoff

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

- Van Cortlandt Park DEP AND DPR joint resolution
- After discussion, R. Fanuzzi and R. Singh presented the following resolution:
- A friendly amendment was accepted by D. Padernacht

Whereas, the joint New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) are submitting their design, "Daylighting of Tibbetts Brook and Construction of a Greenway, between Hester and Piero's Mill Pond, Van Cortlandt Park, and West 230th Street, Bronx" to the New York City Public Design Commission (PDC) for a Conceptual Level review on July 11, 2022; and,

Whereas, DEP and DPR presented their design for the Daylighting of Tibbetts Brook and Putnam South Greenway to a joint meeting of Bronx Community Board 8 (Bronx CB 8) Environment & Sanitation (E & S) and Parks & Recreation (P & R) Committees on December 17, 2021, and presented "Daylighting of Tibbetts Brook and Construction of a Greenway, between Hester and Piero's Mill Pond, Van Cortlandt Park, and West 230th Street, Bronx", which will be submitted to the PDC for Conceptual Review, to a joint meeting of Bronx CB 8 E & S and P & R committees on May 25, 2022; and,

Whereas, Bronx CB 8's 197-a Plan, adopted by the City Planning Commission and the City Council in 2003, proposed including reuse of the abandoned Old Putnam Line railroad Right of Way (ROW) south of Van Cortlandt Park as an opportunity for the creation of a new multi-purpose linear open space in Kingsbridge, and,

Whereas, on October 12, 2010 Bronx CB8 voted to approve a ULURP application by DPR to amend the City Map in order establish 1). "a park running generally alongside the Major Deegan Expressway, between 230th and Van Cortlandt Park

South” and 2).a park addition to Van Cortlandt Park, between Van Cortlandt Park South and The Bronx-Westchester County Line” and to authorize acquisition of real property (CSX ROW); and

Whereas, on May 13, 2014 Bronx CB 8 passed a resolution adopting the Van Cortlandt Park Master Plan, which presented conceptual plans to construct a mixed-use greenway, utilize green infrastructure, and daylight Tibbetts Brook inside Van Cortlandt Park and along the proposed Putnam South Greenway;

Whereas, Bronx CB 8 unanimously passed Resolutions on April 12, 2016, April 19, 2017, and February 13, 2018 in strong support of the Putnam Greenway and Daylighting of Tibbetts Brook citing their unique recreational, economic, and environmental benefits; and,

Whereas, representatives of Bronx CB 8 attended meetings of the newly formed Tibbett’s Advisory Group (TAG) on March 10 and April 19, 2022 and the TAG site visit on April 21; and,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, Bronx Community Board 8 supports the concept and goals of the DEP and DPR submission, "Daylighting of Tibbetts Brook and Construction of a Greenway, between Hester and Piero’s Mill Pond, Van Cortlandt Park, and West 230th Street, Bronx" that is the subject of a Conceptual Review of the New York City Public Design Commission on July 11; and,

Be It Further Resolved that Bronx Community Board 8’s approval does not constitute approval of designs submitted to PDC for Preliminary review, and that it receive regular updates from DPR and DEP on design changes to the joint Daylighting Tibbetts Brook and Putnam Greenway project for the purpose of review and the consideration of new and separate resolutions pursuant to Preliminary and Final PDC review, as well as any other agency from which they seek approval.

Be It Further Resolved that Bronx Community Board 8 attaches a statement of design priorities and recommendations to this resolution, which may be updated by the consent of the Board, for consultation by DEP, DPR, and DOT in the ongoing design processes and future design modifications.

Be it Further Resolved that Bronx Community Board 8 recognizes the lack of park features in the design presented to PDC for Conceptual review, and calls for DPR to enhance them in future presentations to relevant Bronx Community Board 8 committees and future design submissions to PDC

- Chair Spalter relinquished the chair to comment in support of the project.

DEP and DPR Joint Resolution VOTE:

In Favor (24): C. Barnes- Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Daub, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, J. Gomez, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Vasquez, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (2): R. Ginty, D. Gellman

Abstained (3): E. Green, C. Moerdler, S. Alexander

C. PUBLIC SAFETY – E. GREEN

- Presented the following resolutions: 2 new, 3 renewals
NEW APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Jose Jimenez, a Representative of Estrellita Poblana Taqueria Express, located at 5975 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on May 17th, 2022 to apply for a new liquor license and temporary retail permit.

WHEREAS, the applicant signed a 2AM closing agreement, agreeing to close their establishment no later than 2AM.

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of the establishment.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, James P. Maloney, a Representative of Madison's, located at 5686 Riverdale Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 14th, 2022 to renew the establishment's liquor license.

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct, via email confirmation, prior to the meeting, stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of the establishment.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

In Favor: C. Calhoun, M. Donato, N. Fazio, E. Green, G. Santiago, S. Vasquez

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Ariel Ferreira, a Representative of Blissful Kreations, Inc., located at 6661 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 14th, 2022 to renew the establishment's liquor license.

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct, via email confirmation, prior to the meeting, stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of the establishment.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

In Favor: C. Calhoun, M. Donato, N. Fazio, E. Green, G. Santiago, S. Vasquez

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Satnam Singh, a Representative of The Last Stop, located at 5977 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 14th, 2022 to renew the establishment's liquor license.

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct, via email confirmation, prior to the meeting, stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of the establishment.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

NEW APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Ortencia Jimenez Gomez, a Representative of La Villa, located at 240 West 231st Street, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 14th, 2022 to apply for a new liquor license.

WHEREAS, the applicant signed a 2AM closing agreement, agreeing to close their establishment no later than 2AM.

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct, via email confirmation, prior to the meeting, stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of the establishment.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

VOTE as set:

In Favor (29): In Favor (29): S. Alexander, C. Barnes- Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Daub, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Vasquez, M. Wolpoff

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

- Rise in crime
- Increase community participation
- Hybrid meetings – no confirmation from 50th precinct regarding video equipment

D. TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION – D. TRAVIS

- The following SAPO resolution for JBOLC Farmer's Market was presented:

WHEREAS, the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center presented their plan in support of a partial sidewalk closure for a weekly farmers market on the closed slip lane off of Goulden Avenue at Sedgwick Avenue on Saturdays from June 18, 2022 through October 29, 2022 between the hours of 8am and 6pm including setup and breakdown time;

WHEREAS, this farmers market has occurred at this location during the summer since August, 2020 without any community complaints;

WHEREAS, the JBOLC Farmers Market is a valuable source for the Kingsbridge Heights community of locally grown, fresh vegetables and fruit and features activities that include healthy cooking demos, story reading for children, poetry readings and music performances;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Community Board 8 supports the street activity permit for the partial sidewalk closure on the closed slip lane off of Goulden Avenue requested by the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center Farmers Market.

VOTE:

In Favor (29): S. Alexander, C. Barnes- Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S.

Chittilappilly, L. Daub, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Vasquez, M. Wolpoff

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

- DOT presented on intersection involving pedestrian crossing on Manhattan College Parkway and Goulden Avenue – plan available on our website, provide public comments to the Board office to be relayed to DOT
- Refer to June minutes
- Thanked all T&T members for their hard work

E. YOUTH – J. GOMEZ

- No meeting in June
- Have a great summer, see you in September!

F. AGING – D. PADERNACHT

- No meeting in June, thanked all committee members for all their help
- Good luck to Lisa!

G. BUDGET– D. GELLMAN

- Received our budget, office distributed FY23 budget last Tuesday morning, encouraged everyone to review the document.
- CM Dinowitz supported us on many of our priorities.

H. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – M. ESEMA

- No meeting in June
- Please refer to May minutes
- Thank you to Rafael Roger, Osvaldo Jimenez and J.R. Dorsainvil at SOBRO for their participation and partnership.

I. EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS – S. ALEXANDER

- No meeting in June
- SCA proposal response regarding the visitation school site was received. Land Use will work with Education on this matter.

J. ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION – R. FANUZZI

- No meeting in June
- Thank you all to everyone who participated in debate

K. HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES – O. MURRAY

- No meeting in June
- Next meeting in September

L. LAND USE– C. MOERDLER

- C. Moerdler advised the Board that the Land Use committee will require rigorous work going forward due to proposed or anticipated zoning changes that will have great impact on Community Board 8.
- Update on Stagg by M. Wolpoff, stop work order for the past month, water accumulation, mosquitos, complaints about noise, vested interest is to have building completed. Met with Stagg, they suddenly surprised us with additional 4 stories to the building. In contact with Jay, 2 large pits being created, one for elevator pit, the other for water collection.

M. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY– B. BENDER

- B. Bender spoke in support of special committee renewal for another year
- Met with Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins
- Working more closely with NYC Greenway Coalition
- The following renewal resolution was presented:

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 Bob 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 (27): S. Alexander, C. Barnes- Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Daub, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Gellman, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Vasquez, M. Wolpoff

Opposed: 0

Abstained (1): C. Moerdler

N. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY – B. BENDER

- L. Spalter congratulated SCRE on their report on Capital Projects in the District.
- B. Bender spoke on behalf of the special committee, produced long report on Capital Projects as well as working with other committee chairs on equity issues.
- The following renewal resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 passed a resolution on June 9, 2020, that consideration of systemic racism and inequality should be addressed under the auspices of Bronx Community Board 8; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2020 Bronx Community Board 8 established a Special Committee on Racial Equity to initiate consideration of addressing systemic racism and inequality in a thoughtful, transparent and inclusive manner; and

WHEREAS, a framework is needed in order to research, consider and identify issues of inequity within the purview of Bronx Community Board 8 and its committees that affect our diverse communities and to propose recommendations for addressing such issues; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 reauthorizes the Special Committee on Racial Equity to continue research, consideration, and identification of issues of inequity in Community Board 8, and to make recommendations to the Community Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Committee shall be comprised of Margaret Della, Bob Bender, Bob Fanuzzi, Julie Reyes, Camelia Tepelus and, chair to be elected by committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Committee shall engage members of the Community Board and the community in undertaking its work and shall be inclusive of their expertise, resources, and experience;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the bylaws, the Special Committee be discontinued following the next annual Board election unless it is specifically continued either by resolution of the Board or by declaration of the newly elected Board chairperson, which declaration shall be recorded in the minutes.

VOTE:

In Favor (27): S. Alexander, C. Barnes- Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Daub, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Gellman, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Vasquez, M. Wolpoff

Opposed: 0

Abstained (1): C. Moerdler

O. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON VETERAN SERVICES – J. GOMEZ

- The following renewal resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, currently there are approximately 22 million veterans living in the United States and approximately 33,000 live in The Bronx; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 supports all efforts to assist those who have served in the armed forces of the United States especially those who have returned to be residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, the needs of veterans can involve jobs, education, housing, health and mental health, financial assistance and support services; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York has created a Department of Veterans' Services and the Bronx Borough President has called upon the borough's community boards to form committees to address the needs of our veterans;

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 desires to give consideration to the needs of our veterans in cooperation with community groups, elected officials, government agencies, and any other stakeholders in a public and inclusive manner;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2021 Bronx Community Board 8 passed a resolution to re- establish a Special Committee on Veterans Services;

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 of our By-laws, this Special Committee be reauthorized in order to continue to hold public meetings or informational forums and report to the Community Board its findings and recommendations, if any, on the issues concerning our residents who are United States Veterans;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Committee be comprised of Sergio Villaverde, chair, Julia Gomez, Herb Barret and others to be determined;

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 of the Board, which declaration shall be recorded in the minutes.

VOTE:

In Favor (29): S. Alexander, C. Barnes- Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Daub, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Vasquez, M. Wolpoff

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

10. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2022. - None
11. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2022– unanimously approved.
12. L. Spalter wished everyone a wonderful summer! See you in September!
13. Miscellaneous Business – None. Meeting adjourned at 10:20pm

Prepared By: Tania Ochoteco, Community Coordinator
Reviewed By: R. Jacklosky, Board Secretary