

(PENDING BOARD APPROVAL)

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Held on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023

A recording of the meeting is available at <https://youtu.be/qAYEJzXAaK0>

PRESENT (32):

S. Alexander	M. Donato	R. Jacklosky	L. Spalter
C. Barnes-	M. Esemá	R. Kaplan	L. Teton
Watson	N. Fazio	S. Krompinger	C. Tepelus
B. Bender	S. Froot	R. Lowe	D. Travis
K. Buford	D. Gellman	C. Moerdler	S. Villaverde
C. Calhoun	R. Ginty	O. Murray	M. Wolpoff
S. Chittilappilly	J. Gomez	D. Padernacht	
L. Chong	E. Green	J. Reyes	
M. Della	R. Hilliard	R. Singh	

ABSENT (5):

I. De Leon
R. Fanuzzi
T. Morris
G. Santiago

STAFF: L. Szabados, Community Coordinator

GUESTS: State Senator Robert Jackson, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, Rosie Mendez (Public Advocate's office), Alexis Ruiz (Borough President Vanessa Gibson's Office)

Chair L. Spalter called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Quorum Present

1. GALLERY SESSION:

- Kevin Johns, Board of Directors of Amalgamated Housing Corp, thanked Bronx CB8 for their resolution supporting Amalgamated. They had a meeting on 5/5/23 with elected officials, Department of Buildings, Con Edison, and Amalgamated Cooperators United. It was confirmed that a gas shut off won't be necessary. Mr. Johns raised concerns regarding their collaboration with NYS Department of Housing and Community Renewal.

- Judy Gonzalez spoke about Amalgamated Housing and the challenges they face, thanked CB8 for their support.
- Marjorie Corrasco, spoke about the Westhab contract at 6661 Broadway, contract amount, suggested that the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) should change the type of homeless shelter, called for investigations into alleged conflicts of interest that were reported in the press.
- Tameika Kennie spoke about Young Life, a volunteer-led organization to support highschoolers and youth in the neighborhood and spoke about the work they do.
- Rosie Mendez, representing Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, spoke about legislation that the Public Advocate has recently passed.

2. REPORT FROM THE 50th PRECINCT- Captain Filastine Srour

- Positive changes in the 50th, successes with tractor trailers tickets,
- smoke shop conditions, stolen autos, robberies, burglaries, package theft, and how the precinct has plans in place to get ready for the summer.
- spoke about the precinct's commitment to confiscating illegal scooters

3. REPORT FROM THE BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT OFFICE – Alexis Ruiz

- Reported on Bronx Week events and reappointment emails will go out soon followed by new member appointment emails.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Laura Spalter

- Referred to Executive Committee Minutes for full report.
- Noted that the Board expects to go into executive session tonight to discuss hiring of personnel.
- Spoke about the Westhab contract at 6661 Broadway,
- Brought to the floor a renewal of the Board's hybrid resolution,
 - A motion was made to approve the following renewal of the Board's hybrid resolution:

Whereas, On May 10, 2022, Bronx Community Board 8 passed a resolution (attached) in accordance with New York State's Open Meetings Law that authorizes **Bronx Community Board 8 and its Committees to adopt the Hybrid Model at their discretion** in order to promote public participation via virtual meetings; and

Whereas, this resolution was reviewed and renewed by the Board on November 10, 2022, with the provision that another review and vote take place no later than May, 2023; and

Whereas, under state law the Hybrid Model requires that after the city's Emergency Executive Order ends, board members must attend meetings in person unless qualifying for an exemption under extraordinary circumstances; and

Whereas, the Board passed a resolution on February 14, 2023, approving a Procedures Guide which established guidance and process for members seeking to utilize this exemption; and

Whereas the Board has experienced success in using the Hybrid Model from our office, the ability to fully implement the Hybrid

option in other venues may be hindered by the lack of adequate technology (e.g., Wi-Fi) and technical support at such venues.

Therefore, be it Resolved that Bronx Community Board 8 renews its May 10, 2022 resolution extending our adoption of the Hybrid Model with the condition that the resolution be reviewed within one year but no later than May, 2024 by a vote of the Board.

From May 10, 2022

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has passed, and Governor Hochul has signed, new legislation concerning implementation of the Open Meetings Law, which will remain in effect through June 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Part WW of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 mandates that as of June 9, 2022 all community board members must return to attending meetings in person unless the Board chooses the Hybrid Model option, which allows an exemption with timely notice for Board members with extenuating circumstances, such as illness, disability, caretaking responsibilities, or any other significant or unexpected factor which precludes the member's physical presence at such meeting, to participate via videoconferencing; and

WHEREAS, under the Hybrid Model board members who are exempt from attending meetings in person, may vote offsite via videoconferencing; but will not be counted toward the quorum; and

WHEREAS, a board member appearing virtually must at all times be able to be heard, seen and identified; and

WHEREAS, In the event that a board member attends virtually the name and specific reason for virtual attendance will be noted in the monthly minutes; and

WHEREAS, public engagement has increased significantly over the past two years, and the Hybrid Option allows for full participation at meetings on the part of the public via video conferencing; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 held a duly advertised public hearing on May 10, 2022 as required; and

WHEREAS, the Hybrid Model, which allows for remote public participation presents many technical challenges absent professional Information Technology (IT) support as well as evening staff support; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 8 committees may or may not choose to implement the Hybrid Model at their discretion so long as the public notice specifically advises the community when the hybrid model will be utilized;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 and its committees, at their discretion adopt the Hybrid Model to provide the public, including those with disabilities, the ability to attend and participate remotely with the condition that the Board will review its efficacy after six months when at such time a vote on its renewal will take place.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 will endeavor to implement the Hybrid Model after research, investment in appropriate technology, and training of board members in its use have been completed.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that public meetings of the board or its committees that utilize video conferencing will be appropriately publicly noticed and include physical locations and remote links with directions on how to participate pursuant to the new Open Meetings Law.

VOTE IN FAVOR (31): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, I. De Leon, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esemá, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Lowe, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teton, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff
OPPOSED (0): None

ABSTENTIONS (1): R. Ginty

- The motion passed.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT – S. Krompinger

- Brought to the floor the following (i) budget modification and (ii) resolution with projected spending for the next fiscal year:

- i. **WHEREAS**, the funding from this modification shall be used to (1) purchase office furniture and equipment to support the work of the board office, (2) purchase promotional giveaway items, and (3) pay for contractual cleaning services,

WHEREAS, to support the work of the board office, a budget modification for FY23 has been prepared and is below.

BE IT RESOLVED, Community Board 8 approves the budget modification in order to further support the work of the Community Board Office.

VOTE IN FAVOR (32): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, I. De Leon, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esemá, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Lowe, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teton, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

OPPOSED (0): None

ABSTENTIONS (0): None

- ii. **WHEREAS**, the Treasurer and Chair of Bronx Community Board 8 prepared a projected operating budget(below) for the Board's expenses for FY 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 approves the projected VOTE IN FAVOR (32): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, I. De Leon, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esema, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Lowe, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teton, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff
OPPOSED (0): None
ABSTENTIONS (0): None

- Board members made several comments including suggestions to focus on spending on reusable tote bags and other promotional items; having money left over is not a bad thing.
- Both the budget modification and the projected spending resolution passed.

6. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Chair of the DM Search Committee B. Bender

- Identified and thanked fellow search committee members O. Murray and J. Reyes
- Discussed the committee's anonymized process of reviewing candidates for the District Manager search.
- Spoke about the meetings that the committee had and the process of reviewing/interviewing candidates.
- Noted that they're expected to go into Executive Session later in the meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Aging Committee Chair Election
 - i. Chair L. Spalter opened the floor to nominations for the position of chair of the Aging Committee.
 - ii. There were no nominations from the floor, so the position will go to the Nominating Committee to fill the vacancy.
- Nominating Committee – Chair S. Froot
 - i. Reminded interested candidates to reach out to the nominating committee.
 - ii. Noted that there are several vacant positions, where incumbents are not seeking election:
 1. Vice Chair
 2. Aging Committee Chair
 3. Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee Chair
 4. Housing Committee Chair
 5. Traffic & Transportation Committee Chair
 - iii. Noted that all members are encouraged to submit nominations or self-nominations for all positions

8. REPORT FROM STATE SENATOR ROBERT JACKSON

- Noted that he is observing the proceedings and was listening to concerns of the community

9. REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER ERIC DINOWITZ

- Thanked Senator Jackson for his collaboration on addressing charter school concerns and Amalgamated gas issues.
- Announced Local Law 97 webinar
- Spoke about the NYC Budget negotiations, upcoming events such as a Skate Party and Movie Nights

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

- Environment and Sanitation – Chair C. Tepelus
 - i. Noted that since the last Full Board meeting they had a committee meeting, attended a meeting of the Tibbets Advisory Group, and did a site visit of the proposed Putnam Greenway
 - ii. Announced that there would be a joint meeting of the Parks & Recreation and the Environment & Sanitation Committees.
- Health, Hospitals & Social Services – Chair O. Murray
 - i. Noted that their next committee meeting will include a presentation by the Department of Homeless Services and Westhab on the proposed homeless shelter at 6661 Broadway, noted that the contract amount has changed since the last hearing
- Housing Committee – Chair L. Chong
 - i. Brought forward a resolution that the committee approved at the most recent committee meeting:

WHEREAS, the Amalgamated Houses founded in 1927, is the oldest limited equity housing cooperative in the United States;
WHEREAS, the Amalgamated Houses provides affordable housing and a stable community for 1482 moderate-income families living in eleven buildings within Bronx Community Board 8;
WHEREAS, Local Law 152 of 2016 requires that, commencing on January 1, 2019, building gas piping systems shall be periodically inspected at least once every five years;
WHEREAS, an inspection of certain buildings within the Amalgamated Houses revealed non-emergency deficiencies within their gas-piping requiring repair;
WHEREAS, the President of the Board of Amalgamated Houses appeared at the meeting and stated that the Amalgamated was given notice to repair such deficiencies or turn off the gas to the affected buildings by July 1, 2023;
WHEREAS, nearly one hundred (100) residents from Amalgamated Houses attended the Housing Committee meeting and voiced concerns regarding their need for at least a one year extension to obtain adequate financing to proceed with repairs and renovation in order to be in compliance with Local Law 152 (LL152) (notwithstanding Local Law 97 (LL97), as well);
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bronx Community Board 8 urges the Department of Buildings (DOB) to extend the date for

Amalgamated Houses, as well as any and all other financially potential vulnerable developments, to comply with LL152 for one year provided the developments provide a clear plan to DOB of how it will comply with LL152 within that period;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 asks that our elected officials contemplate legislation of a carve-out in Local Law 152 to address the needs of large-scale limited equity cooperatives, of 1400 units or more, that do not have the financial means to comply with Local Law 152 within six months of notice of non-emergency deficiencies in their gas-piping systems.

LASTLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Bronx Community Board 8 urges all elected officials to aid in securing public financing and preservation for Amalgamated Houses, as well as any and all other similarly impacted developments, through funding sources such as Housing Development Corporation (HDC) and New York State (NYS) Housing, and Community Renewal (HCR).

VOTE IN FAVOR (31): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, B.

Bender, K. Buford, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, I. De Leon, M. Della,

M. Donato, M. Esema, N. Fazio, S. Froot, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E.

Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R.

Lowe, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, R. Singh,

L. Spalter, L. Teton, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

OPPOSED (0): None

ABSTENTIONS (1): D. Gellman

ii. The motion passed.

- Land Use Committee – Chair C. Moerdler

- i. Brought forward a resolution that the committee approved at their most recent committee meeting:

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 (“BxCB8”) supports increased construction of affordable housing throughout the City of New York and in the several communities comprising this Community Board District; and, to that end, BxCB8 urges revision of the current Affordable Housing programs with respect to site selection, acquisition, development and operation so as to ensure that the resultant housing is truly affordable and sustainable, particularly for those low and moderate income earners and families in the greatest need and facilitating their being able to remain in the community;

NOW THEREFORE, BxCB8 calls upon the Governor, the Legislature, the Mayor, the City Council and all relevant elected or appointed officials concerned with residential housing in the City of New York (“City”) to redouble their efforts and goals with respect to the construction and/or redevelopment of truly affordable housing, prioritizing occupancy of such housing for those lower and moderate income earners and families in the greatest need

therefore and, to that end, revising existing policies in, at least, the following respects:

1. The current qualification formulae and references to the Area Median Income (“AMI”) applicable to those seeking privately constructed and owned but publicly-subsidized housing should be published and to the extent appropriate utilized in more relevant localized form. The Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), in conjunction with the Department of City Planning (DCP), should be charged with compiling and making publicly available, on an annual basis, the area median income in the (i) in the respective Community Board Districts in the City; and/or (ii) in each Borough (or County) within the City.
2. During the fiscal years 2024-2026, inclusive, the grant of public assistance or support in the financing of housing construction or redevelopment, whether in the form of interest subsidies, capital grants, land acquisition or disposition or any other form of public aid in the development and construction of housing, should be prioritized for the benefit of such housing developments or projects as shall set aside not less than 15% of all apartments per building for those who, at the time of initial rental, are in the income levels specified as being not more than 50% of the AMI as set forth in the then current year AMI schedule and an additional 25% of all apartments for those that then are in income levels not to exceed 100% of the AMI as specified the then current AMI schedule. 1 The Records of the Department of Buildings, HPD and the Department of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) shall reflect compliance with the foregoing;
3. HPD in its assessments of Affordable Housing should give greater weight to the number of family-sized apartments in the proposed building rather than to (or even by materially diminishing) the number of contemplated single room, studio or like smaller sized units in its financing eligibility or like calculations and shall give appropriate regard to the preservation of essential positive characteristics of relevant neighborhoods;
4. HPD and DHCR shall be charged with examining and publicly reporting at an early date upon the feasibility and terms under which there can be incorporated under an Affordable Housing program the cooperative ownership concepts utilized, for example, in the Amalgamated Housing and Mitchell-Lama developments currently in Community Board 8, Bronx County.
5. The Annual Budget appropriation for HPD shall provide for and HPD shall establish and maintain an adequately staffed Office that shall identify all properties owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the City or any agency or entity thereof (irrespective of the agency or entity currently in possession) and the dates upon which such properties may be or could become vacant,

- vacated or otherwise utilizable for the construction, preservation or redevelopment of Affordable Housing. Such Office in consultation with those agencies charged with the construction, preservation or redevelopment of affordable housing shall prioritize the disposition of such properties for Affordable Housing utilization unless the Mayor shall as to any given property, for good cause, publicly direct otherwise in writing;
6. The above-mentioned Office shall be authorized to identify such non-publicly-owned properties in the City as are, without good cause shown, under-utilized for an extended period of time and could efficiently be utilized for the construction of or redevelopment into Affordable Housing. After consultation with those agencies charged with the construction or redevelopment of affordable housing, as well as the Corporation Counsel, the above-mentioned Office may be authorized to recommend initiation of such proceedings as shall permit the utilization of such premises for the construction of or redevelopment as Affordable Housing, subject to just compensation for the owner or lessor in possession upon such terms as appear appropriate considering their intended use;
 7. HPD in conjunction with the Commissioner of Investigations, to the extent required, shall inquire into and publicly report annually on the number, location, ownership of and reasons for vacant but legally habitable (or which through appropriate action could again be legally habitable) apartments in rent stabilized, rent regulated or New York City Housing Authority apartments and shall make recommendations to the Mayor, the City Council and the State with respect thereto, including, as appropriate, the prompt return of such premises to the rental market (as rent regulated premises if that was their state prior to being vacated) to the end that, to the extent possible, such premises are promptly returned to Affordable housing occupancy in view of and during the continuing housing emergency;
 8. Those agencies charged with the planning, management, financing, construction or redevelopment of Affordable Housing, as well as the Office referenced above, shall on an advisory basis, affirmatively seek at an early stage in the process the advice or comments of the relevant local community-based entities, including the Community Board(s), respecting the location of and any proposed action concerning the construction, redevelopment or rental (including the redefinition of income-eligibility criteria) of Affordable Housing located or to be located in the geographic area actively serviced by such community-based entity or Community Board.

Revised Friendly Amendment from Chair Charles Moerdler to Replace Paragraph #6 (for Discussion): HPD and the New York City Housing Development Corporation shall identify such non-publicly-owned multi-family properties in the City as are, without good cause, under-utilized for an extended period of time and could efficiently be made available for Affordable Housing, and shall propose to the City Council a program to utilize such premises for Affordable Housing upon just and appropriate terms for their intended use;

ii. After discussion, the Board voted on the resolution:

VOTE IN FAVOR (16): B. Bender, K. Buford, I. De Leon, M. Donato, S. Froot, D. Gellman, J. Gomez, R. Jacklosky, S. Krompinger, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. Reyes, L. Spalter, L. Teton, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

OPPOSED (0): None

ABSTENTIONS (16): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, L. Chong, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Esema, N. Fazio, R. Ginty, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Kaplan, R. Lowe, D. Padernacht, R. Singh, C. Tepelus, D. Travis

iii. The motion failed.

iv. The chair noted that the committee is going to receive a land use presentation for a site on Broadway.

v. Chair brought to the floor a Street Activity Permit Office application for the Riverdale Y Sunday Market:

WHEREAS, Shira Silverman appeared before the BxCB8 Land Use Committee on May 1, 2023, and submitted a SAPO Application Event ID 696600 for a farmers' market to be held on July 30, 2023.

WHEREAS, the street closure will take place at Johnson Avenue between West 235th Street and West 236th Street in the Bronx. The event will run from approximately 9:00am to 2:00pm, with setup starting at 7:00am and breakdown occurring by 3:00pm.

WHEREAS, this event has been held successfully in the past. Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Land Use Committee approved this event.

VOTE IN FAVOR (32): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, I. De Leon, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esema, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Lowe, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teton, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

OPPOSED (0): None

ABSTENTIONS (0): None

vi. With no noted opposition or abstentions, the motion to approve the SAPO application was unanimously approved.

- Law, Rules & Ethics Committee – Chair M. Wolpoff

- i. Referenced recent committee minutes for full report.
- Parks & Recreation Committee – Chair D. Travis
 - i. Noted that the NYC Parks Department Concessions Unit came out to their most recent committee meeting to discuss the Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course concession.
 - ii. Noted that the next committee meeting is a joint meeting with the Environment and Sanitation Committee to discuss Tibbets Brook Daylighting Project.
- Traffic & Transportation Committee – Chair K. Buford
 - i. Brought to the floor a Street Activity Permit Office application:
 - WHEREAS**, the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) presented its intent to hold a block party on Riverdale Avenue from W 258th to W 259th Street (the North Riverdale Block Party) on Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 8am – 8pm, inclusive of set up and breakdown; and
 - WHEREAS**, RMSA held a similar event in May 2022 with a sidewalk only closure and is requesting full street closure to host the 2023 event; and
 - WHEREAS**, the applicant will contact the MTA to review request to modify impacted bus operations; and
 - WHEREAS**, the applicant will maintain a 15-Foot emergency lane through the center; and
 - WHEREAS**, the North Riverdale Block Party received favorable feedback from the community in support of the event.
 - THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, subject to the receipt of adequate plans regarding bus operations and rerouting and establishment of a 15-Foot emergency lane, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx, supports the issuance of a permit to the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) to hold a block party on Riverdale Avenue from W 258th to W 259th Street (the North Riverdale Block Party) on Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 8am – 8pm, inclusive of set up and breakdown, for the sole purpose of hosting a one-time block party.
 - In favor:
 - VOTE IN FAVOR (32): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, I. De Leon, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esema, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Lowe, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teton, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff
 - OPPOSED (0): None
 - ABSTENTIONS (0): None
 - ii. The motion to approve the application passed.
 - iii. Board member asked about the closure of 236th Street saying that it's been closed for several years. Chair Buford noted that it has been brought up with the precinct and the Board Office can follow up.

- Youth Committee – Chair J. Gomez
 - i. Noted that the next committee meeting will be a joint meeting with the Aging Committee
- Budget – Chair D. Gellman
 - i. Noted that he received all budget documents from Committee Members
- Economic Development – Chair N. Fazio
 - i. Noted that the committee conducted a walkthrough of local businesses with several city agencies this past month and did not have a formal meeting.
- Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee – Chair S. Alexander
 - i. Referenced recent minutes regarding a citywide botanist vote that is underway.
 - ii. Mentioned that the committee recommended approval of three SAPO event applications. Only two were brought to a vote by the Board because one of the events had already occurred:

WHEREAS Ms. JOHNSON submitted a SAPO Application Event ID 706193 for an event to be held on June 4, 2023 to celebrate Amalgamated Nursery School Spring Festival Block Party. The street closure will take place at Gale Place between Orloff Avenue and Van Cortlandt Park South. The street will be closed from 9:00AM to 4:30PM. This event has been held successfully in the past.

Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee approved this event.

WHEREAS Ms. Johnson submitted a SAPO Application #702575 for an event to be held on May 21, 2023 to celebrate Amalgamated Nursery School Spring Festival Block Party.

WHEREAS the street closure will take place on Gale Place between Orloff Avenue & Van Cortlandt Park South. The street will be closed from 9:00AM to 4:30PM. This event has been held successfully in the past.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee has approved this event.

VOTE IN FAVOR (32): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, I. De Leon, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esemá, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Lowe, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teton, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

OPPOSED (0): None

ABSTENTIONS (0): None

- iii. The motion to approve the two (2) SAPO applications passed unanimously.

- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway – B. Bender
 - i. Noted that the committee was seeking to have a meeting in June and that a date at the time had not been finalized.
- Special Committee on Racial Equity – M. Della
 - i. Noted that the next committee meeting will feature a presentation by Bronx Health Link and that the committee is looking for new members.
- Special Committee on Veterans Affairs – S. Villaverde
 - i. Noted that the committee is looking to have a June meeting.
 - ii. Referred to minutes for the committee's full report.
- Executive Committee
 - i. Chair Spalter asked if there were any questions or comments on the most recent meeting's minutes.
 - 1. Received request for clarification within the minutes regarding the ability to wear identifying clothing.
 - 2. K. Buford noted that she had been erroneously marked absent.
 - ii. Chair noted that the April Full Board minutes have not been distributed due to extenuating circumstances.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Chair Spalter made a motion to go into Executive Session under the Open Meetings Law Section 105.F to discuss the hiring of staff. The board unanimously voted to go into executive session.
- The Board came back from Executive Session at 9:56pm

12. HIRING OF DISTRICT MANAGER FARRAH KULE RUBIN

- The Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution regarding the hiring of Farrah Kule Rubin as the District Manager of Bronx Community Board 8:
 - Whereas** the Community Board appropriately advertised for the position of District Manager and the Board chair established a search committee, comprised of Bob Bender, Omar Murray, and Julie Reyes to interview candidates and make a recommendation; and
 - Whereas**, the Search Committee has recommended Farrah Kule Rubin for the position of District Manager for Bronx Community Board No. 8 with an expected hire date of June 5, 2023 pending the full board vote; and
 - Whereas** the Board Chair and Treasurer recommend that Ms. Kule Rubin's salary be set at \$95,000 per year; and
 - Whereas** Community Board 8 adopted a resolution on February 9, 2010 that requires any decision concerning internal operating budgets be made by the Chair in consultation with the officers and brought to the Community Board for "ratification, amendment or rejection,"
 - Therefore, Be it Resolved**, Bronx Community Board 8 approves the hiring of Farrah Kule Rubin as District Manager and the annual salary of \$95,000 per year.

VOTE IN FAVOR (32): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, K. Buford, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, I. De Leon, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esema, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Lowe, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teton, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff
OPPOSED (0): None
ABSTENTIONS (0): None

13. ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Full Board Meeting of Bronx Community Board 8 was adjourned at approximately 9:58pm.

Prepared By: Luke Szabados, Community Coordinator
Reviewed by: L. Spalter, Chair, Bronx Community Board 8