



# BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

Minutes ★ Full Board Meeting ★ Tuesday, February 14, 2023

**(PENDING BOARD APPROVAL)**

## PRESENT (28):

S. Alexander  
C. Barnes-Watson  
K. Buford  
C. Calhoun  
L. Chong  
S. Chittilappilly  
M. Donato  
M. Esema  
N. R. Fazio  
S. Froot

D. Gellman  
R. Ginty  
R. Hilliard  
R. Jacklosky  
R. Kaplan  
S. Krompinger  
R. Pochter Lowe  
T. Morris  
G. Santiago  
R. Singh

L. Spalter  
L. Teten  
D. Travis  
M. Wolpoff  
L. Daub  
M. Joyce  
D. Padernacht  
C. Tepelus

## ABSENT (11):

R. Bender  
R. Fanuzzi  
C. G. Moerdler  
S. Vazquez

I. DeLeon  
J. Gomez  
O. Murray  
S. Villaverde

M. Della  
E. Green  
J. Reyes

## STAFF (1):

P. Romano, Community Associate

## GUEST (2):

Ciara Gannon (BxBPO)

Alina Dowe (NYC Mayors Office)

Budget Chair D. Gellman opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM and welcomed all.

**Francis Urroz, Director, Government & Community Affairs, NY Public Library**

- In response to the budget request for FY 24, the NYPL board asked for extended hours in addition to maintaining six-day programs for libraries, looking to get funding restored that the administration, the council, and mayor have cut for FY 24.
- The library systems are receiving a \$36.2 million cut. This current FY 23 year, New York Public Library received a PEG of \$5.9 million.

**Tony Edwards, President, Marble Hill Houses (MHH)**

- Additional Funding requested for much needed scaffolding removal.
- Letters have been sent requesting funding for work to be done on the facade of the buildings.
- MHH is looking to have a larger police presence in the area.
- MHH made a request to get funding to have someone monitor security cameras; the only time that the cameras are viewed is when there's an incident.

**Deirdre Burke, Community Activist**, expressed that Priority number one is enforcement and taking care of the quality of life in the parks because of bad actors, E-bikes, fires, and other malfeasance there.

**Lloyd Alvarez, Treasurer, Tibbet Towers**, Spoke in opposition to the charter school at West 232<sup>nd</sup> Street between Tibbett and Irwin. Concerned because his building was built under Tibbett Brooks, and they experienced flooding .

Public Hearing concludes at 6:55pm

Chair L. Spalter convened the meeting at 7:00 PM and welcomed all.

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

Ursula Jitta, North Side Centers, Office of Mental Health Community Outreach, Mental Health Promotion and Support Team (COMPS Program) formerly Project Help Program.

- The organization has been revived under a different model and a different name but provides the same mental health services.

Barbara Fasciani, Vice President, Tibbett Towers

- Tibbett Towers consists of two buildings, one on Irwin Avenue and one facing Tibbett Ave.
- The charter school is under construction adjacent to one of their very active parking lots that people need access to leave in the morning and upon their return.
- A concern among residents is the possible severe traffic jams on 232<sup>nd</sup> Street between Irwin Avenue and Tibbett Avenue, which is a very narrow street. Among other fears are double parked vehicles on each side of the street and should there be an emergency, there is absolutely no access for the fire department.

Mark Stitz, New York Futures Housing & President, Tibbett Towers expressed his discontent with the approach by the Community Board and elected officials.

Karen Agenti, Community Activist, expressed concerns within the environment and the need for affordable housing.

### **2. REPORT FROM THE BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT OFFICE – CIARA GANNON**

C. Gannon shared that the Community Board Member Application is now live on the Borough President's Website. P. Romano offered Board members assistance completing the online application if needed. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as their District Manager.

### **3. REPORT FROM THE 50<sup>TH</sup> POLICE PRECINCT – NO REPORT**

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

- Refer to Executive Committee Minutes for full report.
- The board will celebrate Ciara Gannon's promotion on February 7th at Yucca Latin Bistro at 6:30 (cash bar). The chair thanked Ciara for her outstanding service to the Board and community, noting the next district manager will have big shoes to fill.

- Captain Srour has been appointed the new Commanding Officer of the 50th Precinct. An introductory meeting has been set up with the chair, Pablo Romano, and Ed Green.
- The District Manager Search committee has been formed composed of Bob Bender (chair), Omar Murray, and Julie Reyes. The position will be widely advertised: City Career System, City & State, Linked In, social media, and newspapers. Anticipate posting for six weeks initially. Process is subject to the Open Meetings Law with balance for candidates need for privacy.
- Moving into executive session tonight to discuss hiring of Community Coordinator position and personnel matters.
- Chair Spalter thanked P. Romano for keeping the office in order during the transition.

## **5. TREASURER'S REPORT – SCOTT KROMPINGER**

- There is a balance of \$115,292 in Personal Services (PS) and a balance of \$29,717 in Other than Personal Services (OTPS).
- Worked with FISA to reduce encumbered funds which has increased our budget
- A budget modification for fy23 was presented and discussed. Resolution allows the board to add or reduce funds in various codes where necessary to support the work of the Board office. For example, advertising budget and security needs have increased, and the need for furniture has decreased.
- The office is purchasing a new doorbell and camera security system. The old antiquated system was destroyed in last year's flood.
- Question raised regarding future treasury reports and bill paying procedures without full staffing. The Chair stated Ciara is serving as acting district manager overseeing the process with the borough president's office until a new district manager is hired.

## **6. ROLL CALL – ROBERT JACKLOSKY**

- A quorum is present with 28 board members in attendance.

S. Krompinger put forth a Budget Modification Resolution for the Boards approval

- WHEREAS, to support the work of the board office, a budget modification for FY 23 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.

**RESOLUTION VOTE – IN FAVOR - 25**

S. Alexander	D. Gellman	L. Spalter
C. Barnes-Watson	C. Tepelus	L. Teten
K. Buford	R. Hilliard	D. Travis
C. Calhoun	R. Jacklosky	M. Wolpoff
L. Chong	R. Kaplan	L. Daub
S. Chittilappilly	S. Krompinger	M. Joyce
M. Donato	R. Pochter Lowe	S. Froot
M. Esema	T. Morris	R. Singh
N. R. Fazio	G. Santiago	

**OPPOSED - 0**

**ABSTAINED - 3**

R. Ginty	D. Gellman	D. Padernacht
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**7. DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – NO REPORT**

**8. REMARKS FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBER JEFFREY DINOWITZ**

- International Leadership Charter School, seeking to build an additional building on West 232nd between Tibbett Ave. and Irwin Ave., is applying to the Department of Education for an amendment to their charter to lower the number of students at their school on West 232<sup>nd</sup> Street. The high school, grades nine through twelve, has lowered the number of students.
- St. Gabriel's school has been in our community for decades. It's our understanding that the Archdiocese is going to announce tomorrow that they are closing.
- The Democratic conference is discussing Governor Hochul’s proposed budget, Particularly the MTA issues, housing proposals, and her plan to significantly increase mental health funding. She is also proposing a significant increase in school funding.
- The budget is supposed to be passed by the end of March, April 1. The assembly, the Senate, will be putting out their own proposals for the budget, and then the two houses and the Governor have to negotiate and come to an agreement by the end of March.

## **9. REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING – NO REPORT**

L. Spalter informed the board that C. Thomas will be inviting the new Bronx Borough Director to the next Full Board meeting.

## **10. ELECTION OF HOUSING COMMITTEE CHAIR**

L. Daub nominates L. Chong. Chair Spalter moves to close nominations. D. Travis places the motion and is seconded by R. Singh.

### **VOTE – IN FAVOR - 29**

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C. Barnes-Watson	C. Tepelus	L. Teten
K. Buford	R. Hilliard	D. Travis
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D. Gellman	D. Padernacht	

### **OPPOSED - 0**

### **ABSTAINED - 0**

Vote was taken.

L. Chong is elected Chair of the Housing Committee unanimously.

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BUDGET – D. GELLMAN**

- We are midway through fiscal year 23 which ends on June 30. Each of the committees have begun to think about their input for fiscal year 25. The budget hearing about fiscal year 24 was held prior to the Board meeting which successfully concluded. Now, going forward, what we're looking at is the fiscal year 2025, which begins July 1. But now is the time when each of the committees should be discussing what they want for their capital and expense budget priorities for that fiscal year.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - N. FAZIO**

- Our last meeting was held on Thursday, January 26, at Home BX Steakhouse on West 238th street. Please refer to our minutes for details. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7, at Montezuma Restaurant, 119 West Kingsbridge Road. We want to thank Maggie Dominguez and the Dominguez family for hosting us.

- Invitees to that meeting will include Tim Gamori, the former executive director of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce and the current CEO of Elevate Digital. Nate Green from EDC will be leading a discussion on the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory and the CEO of the Bronx's very own Universal Hip Hop Museum, Rocky Buchano.
- The Committee will discuss budget items for the Bronx Bucks digital app that the committee has been working on. Our next commercial corridor walk through NYC's Opportunity Fund for small businesses is a new loan program.
- Welcome to Miguel Matos to the Committee as a Community Committee member. Miguel is a small business owner in Community District Eight. He has worked for the Bronx Chamber as an Outreach specialist, and this year he has worked hand in glove with the Committee all year long. He's already a tremendous asset to the community and we are very excited that he is joining the Committee officially.

#### **EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS - S. ALEXANDER**

- Referred all to read the committee minutes. The next meeting is February 28. The agenda will be out shortly.

#### **ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION - C. TEPELUS**

- Due to scheduling, we didn't have a meeting between the two full board meetings because we had one immediately prior and we'll have one immediately after. I want to thank the office and the chair and Pablo for helping us proceed with our resolution and submitting our input to the New York/New Jersey Harbor Tributaries Feasibility Study. We'll catch up on several other projects pending and start discussing the budget as per David's guidance.

#### **HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES – O. MURRAY**

- Our last meeting, we discussed HIV-AIDS. We won't be having a meeting this month, but will reconvene in March, and we will be discussing the budget.

#### **HOUSING - L. CHONG**

- On January 23, there was discussion on the charter school from a resident of Tibbett Towers. The initial discussion of the FY25 budget and updating the guide. Hopefully at the February 27 meeting, we will have two agencies, HPD and Nitro, attend and discuss the budget needs.

#### **LAND USE – M. Wolpoff**

- SNAD stands for the Special Natural Areas Districts. The idea of this is to protect the green environment that is too far lost in the city so that only three places are SNAD districts. The Department of the City Planning tried last year, to get rid of SNAD. They did not succeed.

- In the interim, the Department of Buildings created two years ago the Homeowners Relief Program. This program, in theory, is to protect new homeowners. But in fact, what it's doing, is giving DOB cover over the fact that it's not enforcing SNAD as it should. When people violate the SNAD rules by cutting down mature trees, they will get a 60-day warning from the Department of Buildings, which will tell them the 60 days to rectify the situation.
- Eric Dinowitz has introduced to the City Council legislation that would allow for pictures to be used as evidence for DOB.

## **LAW, RULES & ETHICS – M. WOLPOFF**

### **M. Wolpoff brings forth a resolution related to the Hybrid Procedures:**

In compliance with Public Officers Law (POL) § 103-a(2)(a), the Committee on Open Government ("COOG"), Community Board 8, Bx, following a public hearing, authorized by resolution on May 10, 2022 for the use of video/teleconferencing as described in POL § 103-a.

*The following procedures are hereby established to satisfy the requirement of POL § 103- a(2)(b) that any public body which in its discretion wishes to permit its members to participate in meetings by video/teleconferencing from private locations – under extraordinary circumstances – must establish written procedures governing member and public attendance.*

1. **Meetings held in-person** without video/teleconferencing capability
  - a. All participants, including members, guests, and when needed, CB8 staff, attend in person.
  - b. The venue must have sufficient space/capacity to accommodate participants.
  - c. Audio recording of the meeting will be available on the Board's website within five days for public access. (By the time the mayor's Executive Order is no longer in effect, the Board will need to devise a plan for implementation.)
2. **Meetings held in-person with video/teleconferencing capability.**
  - a. Committee/Board members must attend in person and constitute a quorum. If a board member requests and receives approval for an extraordinary circumstance, the meeting becomes by definition a video/teleconferencing hybrid meeting and the public may also participate, based on established Board/committee rules.
  - b. Guests may participate by attending in-person or by video/teleconference, at the discretion of the Board/committee chair<sup>1</sup>.
  - c. If venue space/capacity is limited, guests can be encouraged to attend virtually.
  - d. Video conference must utilize the CB8 account (currently the Zoom application) and record the meeting to the Cloud account for subsequent viewing availability.



**Extraordinary Circumstances** – In limited, exceptional, pre-approved situations, a Board/committee and community committee member may participate in a CB Hybrid meeting via video/teleconferencing with eligibility to vote after an in-person quorum has been established:

- a. Chairpersons are reminded that, in considering extraordinary circumstances, Chapter 676 of the Laws of 2021 seeks to limit use and a quorum must be the priority. However, a Board/committee member who is participating via video/teleconferencing shall not count toward such quorum.
- b. “Extraordinary Circumstance” includes illness, disability, caretaking responsibilities or other unexpected circumstance.
- c. The member should request pre-approval from the chair in writing as early as possible, no later than noon of the date of the meeting start time, providing the Board/committee chair with the reason for such request. The chair shall confirm in writing, whether the request is approved providing reasonable accommodation. Multiple requests from the same member may be denied.  
The chair must notify The Community Board office to permit the office to maintain on file approvals and denials.
- d. Members approved to participate remotely under “extraordinary circumstances” are required to keep their full names and live video of themselves visible during the meeting.
- e. Members who are not approved under extraordinary circumstances prior to the meeting may participate online as a guest, or if conditions change, attend in-person joining the quorum.
- f. In addition to announcing at the beginning of a meeting which Board members may be participating remotely, meeting minutes must list members who attend in-person as part of the quorum and provide a separate list of members who participated remotely online under extraordinary circumstance. The nature of the circumstance should not be identified.
- g. Attendances and absences at board and committee meetings will be tracked and regularly reported to the Borough President’s office.

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<sup>1</sup> Chairs should utilize the same meeting structure consistently to mitigate confusion or concerns and discuss a planned meeting structure change with their committee and the Board chair.

**VOTE – IN FAVOR - 24**

S. Alexander  
C. Barnes-Watson  
K. Buford  
C. Calhoun  
L. Chong

D. Gellman  
R. Hilliard  
R. Jacklosky  
R. Kaplan  
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D. Padernacht

S. Froot  
R. Singh

**OPPOSED - 1**

**S. Villaverde**

**ABSTAINED - 3**

**C. Tepelus**

**R. Ginty**

**S. Chittilappilly**

**PARKS & RECREATION – D. TRAVIS**

**D. Travis explains the need for a new command station in Van Cortlandt Park.**

**Request for Park Enforcement Patrol Command in Van Cortlandt Park  
from January 25, 2023 Meeting**

**WHEREAS**, effective enforcement of New York City Parks Department park rules is a deterrent to negative park uses, increases safety in often isolated locations, encourages the positive physical and mental health outcomes consistent with the use of public green space and reduces damage to city property;

**WHEREAS**, the New York City Mayor’s Office of Climate & Environmental Justice defines Environmental Justice as “the principle that all people, regardless of race, disability status, age or socioeconomic background, have a right to live, work and play in communities that are safe, healthy, and free of harmful environmental conditions” and according to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Van Cortlandt Park is bordered by Environmental Justice Zones on all four sides;

**WHEREAS**, the three community boards surrounding Van Cortlandt Park, Community Boards 7, 8 and 12, represent a population of 417,226 people which is equivalent to 28 percent of the total Bronx population and encompass 2,000 acres collectively of park land;

**WHEREAS**, the three community boards surrounding Van Cortlandt Park, Community Boards 7, 8 and 12, represent 37 percent of the 728 Violations of Parks Rules 311 complaints in 2022 and have experienced a 55 percent increase in complaints over 2019 levels with chronic and escalating drinking, unpermitted large gatherings, homeless encampments, after-hours noise, motorized vehicles in parks, illegal bbqing, unleashed dogs, double-parking, car burn-outs and “car shows” and other violations of parks rules;

**WHEREAS**, the entire borough of the Bronx currently has four mobile Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) Commands consisting of forty-nine total PEP officers to cover all shifts seven days a week and one mounted PEP command of four officers which can be complemented by volunteer mounted auxiliary officers who patrol five days a week from 9:30am to 3:30pm;

**WHEREAS**, the closest PEP command to Community Boards 7, 8 and 12 is the North Bronx

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Command in Pelham Bay Park, approximately four miles and twenty minutes away by car;

**WHEREAS**, Van Cortlandt Park is the third largest park in New York City with nearly 1,200 acres of public space that is used by nearly three million visitors each year including twenty miles of trails through 600 acres of forest, the Putnam and East Coast Greenways, dozens of pitches, fields, courts and playgrounds, two public golf courses, two gas stations, a skate park, and three public parking lots;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to Van Cortlandt Park and other parks in Community Boards, 7, 8 and 12, the North Bronx PEP Command must patrol Community Boards 5, 6, 10, and 11 which represents 5,734 acres of park land including New York City's largest park, Pelham Bay Park / Orchard Beach, Seton Falls Park, St James Park, Williamsbridge Oval and many other smaller parks with a PEP staff of three supervisors and seven officers over two shifts;

**WHEREAS**, a dedicated PEP command stationed in Van Cortlandt Park would create effective deterrence by having officers consistently in Van Cortlandt Park , provide officers more time to deescalate

sensitive situations and educate the public on parks rules, create a PEP presence on the cross country running trail, nature hiking trails and Putnam Greenway to deter motorized vehicle use, and allow for additional coverage of smaller parks nearby;

**WHEREAS**, PEP officers stationed in the Bronx have stated that an additional command located in Van Cortlandt Park would substantially improve responsiveness to high priority 311 reports, would allow PEP to coordinate with NYPD and the City of Yonkers Police Department on criminal activity in and near Van Cortlandt Park more effectively, and would enable them to focus existing officers on parks in Community Boards 5, 6, 10 and 11 which are closer to the North Bronx Command station;

**WHEREAS**, on October 17, 2022, City Council Member Eric Dinowitz and Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz called on Margaret Nelson the Deputy Commissioner of the Urban Park Service to create a PEP Command stationed in Van Cortlandt Park;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Community Board 8 calls on Mayor Adams and the New York City Parks and Recreation Commissioner and Urban Park Service to formally recognize the need for a new Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) Command stationed in Van Cortlandt Park and to develop a plan which includes officers sufficient to patrol the park and its immediate vicinity seven days a week, including overnight hours as appropriate;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Community Board 8 calls on the New York City Parks and Recreation Urban Park Service to review the compensation of the Parks Enforcement Patrol to reduce substantial and chronic levels of attrition;

**RESOLUTION VOTE – IN FAVOR - 26**

S. Alexander

C. Barnes-Watson

K. Buford

C. Calhoun

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S. Froot  
R. Singh

**OPPOSED - 1**

**D. Gellman**

**ABSTAINED – 1**

**R. Ginty**

**PUBLIC SAFETY – S. KROMPINGER**

**S. Krompinger brought forth 3 resolutions for SLA renewals for the board’s consideration:**

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

**WHEREAS**, Sean Berry, Owner of The Punch Bowl, located at 5820 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to renew this establishment’s liquor license.

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Gino Pacheco, Representative of Spanglish, located at 6697 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to renew this establishment’s liquor license.

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Edward Christ, Finance Officer of Bronx Post 95, War Veterans, located at 3960 Orloff Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to renew this establishment’s liquor license.

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

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

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

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**SLA Renewal Resolution Vote is as follows:**

**RESOLUTION VOTE – IN FAVOR - 28**

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C. Barnes-Watson	C. Tepelus	L. Teten
K. Buford	R. Hilliard	D. Travis
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D. Gellman	D. Padernacht	

**OPPOSED - 0**

**ABSTAINED - 0**

**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION - K. BUFORD**

**K. Buford brings forth one resolution for the Board’s consideration:**

WHEREAS, Alltown Limo Corp. (“Alltown”) came before the Traffic and Transportation Committee on January 19, 2023 requesting a letter of no objection to the NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission for the renewal of its Livery Car Base License;

WHEREAS, Alltown maintains its livery car base station for its radio operations at 206 West 231st Street within Bronx Community Board No. 8;

WHEREAS, Alltown is required to renew its Livery Car Base License every two years;

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board No. 8 has not received any complaints about Alltown’s operation of its livery car base station or its livery operations in the community;

WHEREAS, testimony was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Committee that Alltown provides a valuable service to the community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Bronx Community Board 8 has no objection to the renewal of the Livery Car Base License for Alltown Limo Corp. located at 206 West 231<sup>st</sup> Street, Bronx, New York 10463.

**TLC Renewal Resolution Vote is as follows:**

**RESOLUTION VOTE – IN FAVOR - 28**

S. Alexander	D. Gellman	L. Spalter
C. Barnes-Watson	C. Tepelus	L. Teten
K. Buford	R. Hilliard	D. Travis
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**OPPOSED - 0**

**ABSTAINED - 0**

**YOUTH – NO REPORT**

**AGING – L. DAUB**

**L. Daub referred all to her minutes. The next committee meeting is March 13.**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY – NO REPORT**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY – NO REPORT**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ SERVICES – NO REPORT**

**12. DISCUSSION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
OF FEBRUARY 1, 2023 – *No Discussion***

### **13. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2023**

#### **VOTE – IN FAVOR - 27**

S. Alexander	D. Gellman	L. Spalter
C. Barnes-Watson	C. Tepelus	L. Teten
K. Buford	R. Hilliard	D. Travis
C. Calhoun	R. Jacklosky	M. Wolpoff
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D. Gellman	D. Padernacht	

#### **OPPOSED - 0**

#### **ABSTAINED – 1**

R. Ginty

### **14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

L. Spalter shares a few things she can say publicly about the topic of the new office before going into executive session.

We have a number of issues with our current office. The Lack of windows, frequent flooding, and the fact that we're so far north in the district. Our goal has been to move our office to a more centrally located space in the district, mainly the kingsbridge area.

At 9:45pm, Chair Spalter moved into Executive Session to discuss matters related to 105H and 105F and was seconded by D. Travis.

#### **VOTE – IN FAVOR - 27**

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D. Gellman	D. Padernacht	

#### **OPPOSED - 0**

#### **ABSTAINED – 0**

**L. Spalter moved to leave Executive Session to vote on the two resolutions discussed.**

**VOTE – IN FAVOR - 27**

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R. Ginty

**OPPOSED - 0**

**ABSTAINED – 0**

**Chair Spalter brings forth a resolution to hire a new Community Coordinator:**

WHEREAS, the Community Board appropriately advertised for the position of Community Coordinator and interviewed candidates; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Luke Szabados has been selected to be employed as a Community Coordinator for Bronx Community Board No. 8 (CB #8) with an anticipated hire date of February 21, 2023 pending the full board vote and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board & District Manager recommend that Mr. Szabados salary be set at \$72,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, this decision is concurred by the Vice Chair, Treasurer & Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the Community Board adopted a resolution on February 9, 2010 that required 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, that CB #8 approves this decision.

**VOTE – IN FAVOR - 27**

S. Alexander  
D. Gellman  
K. Buford  
C. Calhoun  
L. Chong  
S. Chittilappilly  
M. Donato  
M. Esema  
N. R. Fazio

D. Gellman  
C. Tepelus  
R. Hilliard  
R. Jacklosky  
R. Kaplan  
S. Krompinger  
R. Pochter Lowe  
T. Morris  
G. Santiago

L. Spalter  
L. Teten  
D. Travis  
M. Wolpoff  
L. Daub  
M. Joyce  
S. Froot  
R. Singh  
R. Ginty

**OPPOSED - 0**

**ABSTAINED – 3**

C. Barnes-Watson

D. Padernacht

C. Tepelus



**Chair Spalter brings forth a resolution for Salary Increase for Community Associate:**

WHEREAS, Mr. Pablo Romano has been employed as Community Associate for Bronx Community Board 8 since December 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Romano's current salary is \$50,198;

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board & District Manager recommend that Mr. Romano's salary be increased by \$2,802 to be comparable with other Community Associate in The Bronx;

WHEREAS, the decision is concurred by the Vice Chair, Treasurer & Secretary;

WHEREAS, the Community Board adopted a resolution on February 9, 2010 that required 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, that Bronx Community Board 8 approves Mr. Romano's salary increase bringing his salary to \$53,000 annually.

**VOTE – IN FAVOR - 30**

S. Alexander  
D. Gellman  
K. Buford  
C. Calhoun  
L. Chong  
S. Chittilappilly  
M. Donato  
M. Esema  
N. R. Fazio  
C. Barnes-Watson

D. Gellman  
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M. Joyce  
S. Froot  
R. Singh  
R. Ginty  
C. Tepelus

**OPPOSED - 0**

**ABSTAINED – 0**

**Mr. Romano's salary increase is approved unanimously.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:21PM**

