

(Pending Committee Approval)

**Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Board Committee Meeting
September 12, 2023 via Zoom**

Meeting Recording Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qZqkAQoVn8>

Committee Members Present (30 - 2 not present for quorum)

Sylvia Alexander, Jillian Baez, Constance Barnes-Watson, Bob Bender, Carol Blake, Kelli Buford, Chris Calhoun, Margaret Della, Nicholas Fazio, Steve Froot, David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Rosemary Ginty, Dr. Julia Gomez, Edward Green, Emily Hausman, Rhashida Hilliard, Rob Jacklosky, Scott Krompinger, Rita Lowe, Eliana Lobos, Oscar Martinez, Joy Campbell Privaterre, Julie Reyes, Daniel Rowen, Laura Spalter, Jessica Sosa, Debra Travis, Sergio Villaverde, Martin Wolpoff

Committee Members Approved Hybrid(6)

Ingrid de Leon, Barbara Kail, Rabbi Kaplan, Charles Moerdler, Ramdat Singh, Georgia Santiago

Committee Members Absent (9)

Aboubacar Barry, Sebastian Chittilappilly, Lee Chong, Robert Fanuzzi, Margaret Donato, Josh Land, Theodore Morris, Omar Murray

Staff

Farrah Kule Rubin, Pablo Romano

Guests

NYPD 50th Precinct Community Affairs Officers, Karina Muñoz, Oscar Sanchez, Gigi Cuervos, Jared Donato, Representatives from Tree Army, Assemblyman Dinowitz, Councilmember (CM) Dinowitz, and Representatives from Mayor Adams - Alina Dowe, Bronx Borough President-Alexis Ruiz, Bronx District Attorney (DA) Clark-Juanita Escalera, CM de la Rosa-Jamilah Sandoval, and Senators Jackson-Dario Quinsac and Rivera-Brent Schneider.

Chair Reyes convened the meeting at 6:42pm with a roll call. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Award Ceremony

- Karina Muñoz, Irving Ladimer Community Service Award
- Oscar Sanchez, Explorer Program, Comeback Kid Award

- Gigi Cuervos, Explorer Lt, Comeback Kid Award
- Jared Donato, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Comeback Kid Award
- Introduction of Betty Campbell Adams Most Valuable Merchant Award by Brandon Adams and Economic Development Chair Fazio - 2023 Award Honoree Tree Army

Report from the Borough President's Office

Welcome to the new Board Members. Reminder to sign code of conduct. Info session on 'City of Yes' going on now but recording available via YouTube. Event in Plaza tomorrow, September 13, 2023, from 12-2pm.

Report from the Mayor's Office

Mayor is asking for support from the Federal government for the migrant crisis. Be cautious driving as school is back in session.

Elected Official Reports

Remarks from CM Dinowitz: congratulation award recipients, welcomes new Board Members, and discusses ICC proposal, lack of response from DSS on migrants' housing, and affordable housing.

Assemblyman Dinowitz discussed the newly acquired building by Stagg on Waldo Ave., flu shots 10/25 10am at St Gabriels, shredding event in October - date to be announced, and discussed 9/11 event and ICC proposal.

A representative from DA Clark's office mentioned civics and arrest process workshops, court tours, and other ways to connect with the DA office.

Representatives from Sen. Gustavo Rivera and Robert Jackson introduced themselves, CM de la Rosa announced Marble Hill Day in October.

Report from the 50th Police Precinct

Community Affairs Officers of NYPD 50th Precinct reported on their 28 day report up until 9/10/23 which compares this period of time to the same dates last year. Bodily crimes down. Most crimes remain larcenies.

Chairperson's Report

Refer to Executive Committee minutes. The Chair reminded the Committee on Hybrid rules. Requests must come into the office by noon on the day of the meeting. Hybrid rules will be reevaluated in May 2024.

Following July 2023 Special Committee Meeting, ICC just got back to office today indicating that they've received our letters.

Board discussed restarting the search for a new office location.

Treasurer's Report

Discussed FY24 budget and resolution.

District Manager's Report

See Executive Minutes.

We welcome 12 new Board Members to CB8.

Report from the NYC Department of City Planning

None

Roll Call

Completed

Election of Committee Chairpersons – Aging, Environment & Sanitation, Housing Committees

Aging - Oscar Martinez –

Unanimous: In Favor:30

In Favor: Sylvia Alexander, Jillian Baez, Constance Barnes-Watson, Bob Bender, Carol Blake, Kelli Buford, Chris Calhoun, Margaret Della, Nicholas Fazio, Steve Froot, David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Rosemary Ginty, Dr. Julia Gomez, Edward Green, Emily Hausman, Rhashida Hilliard, Rob Jacklosky, Scott Krompinger, Rita Lowe, Eliana Lobos, Oscar Martinez, Joy Campbell Privaterre, Julie Reyes, Daniel Rowen, Laura Spalter, Jessica Sosa, Debra Travis, Sergio Villaverde, Martin Wolpoff

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

E&S - Consider at October meeting

Housing - Consider at October meeting

Committee Reports:

a) Housing - none

b) Land Use- Stagg building on 3801 Waldo Ave. considered for migrant housing, expansion of high school at Riverdale Ave., reviewed three SNAD applications. Land Use Committee Resolution regarding 'City of Yes' - Carbon Neutrality - text changes discussed at meeting in July 2023.

Land Use Committee Resolution: Whereas, prior to and at the July 20, 2023 Special Meeting of Community Board 8 we were advised by the Department of City Planning that the City Planning Commission would not act on the Carbon Neutrality text changes prior to the full Board's September 12, 2023 Meeting and that it therefore was in order for us at that meeting to defer action thereon until the September 12, 2023 Board Meeting; and

Whereas, notwithstanding the above representation on the afternoon of September 11, 2023 the City Planning nonetheless voted on the above measure,

Therefore, for the reason set forth above, the Land Use Committee declines to vote on the proposed text change proposal.

Resolution passed: 28 in favor (F); 5 abstained (A); 0 opposed (O). David Gellman and Rita Lowe had not yet arrived at the meeting.

Sylvia Alexander-F, Jillian Baez-F, Constance Barnes-Watson-F, Bob Bender-F, Carol Blake-F, Kelli Buford-F, Chris Calhoun-F, Ingrid de Leon-F, Margaret Della-A, Nicholas Fazio-F, Steve Froot-F, Mary Ellen Gibbs-F, Rosemary Ginty-F, Dr. Julia Gomez-A, Edward Green-F, Emily Hausman-F, Rhashida Hilliard-A, Rob Jacklosky-F, Barbara Kail-F, Rabbi Kaplan-F, Scott Krompinger-F, Eliana Lobos-F, Oscar Martinez-F, Charles Moerdler-F, Joy Campbell Privaterre-F, Julie Reyes-F, Georgia Santiago-F, Ramdat Singh-F, Laura Spalter-F, Jessica Sosa-F, Debra Travis -A, Sergio Villaverde-A, Martin Wolpoff-F

c) Law, Rules & Ethics- 2 SAPO applications: 9/27 Girl School Kids - application passed unanimously; 9/30 Splish Splash - application unanimously declined. Reiterated Hybrid rules and Code of Conduct.

Unanimous In favor: 30

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Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

d) Parks & Recreation- ICC invited to the next meeting. Concession agreement for Mosholu Golf Course 3 yr extension has been granted. Call for proposals in a few years for

Mosholu, Van Cortlandt Golf Courses. Van Cortlandt Stables up for renewal this year. Snack truck permits offered for 2-year terms at other local parks. Office can put any potential applicants in contact with NYC Parks concession division - permits will be discussed at the next meeting.

e) Public Safety- 9/19 at NYPD 50th Precinct. Eleven renewals to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Renewal Applications: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider Resolutions passed unanimously:

- Downey's Bar and Grill, located at 5790 Mosholu Avenue
- Bronx Steakhouse, located at 222-224 W. 238th Street.

Unanimous In favor: 30

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Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

The Office of Cannabis Management will speak with the Chair about illegal businesses selling cannabis in the district and hope that a new dispensary applicant in the district will be at the next meeting. 6667 Broadway is the location of the potential dispensary. A member noted this is adjacent to the transitional men's shelter at 6661 Broadway.

f) Traffic & Transportation- Refer to minutes. Next meeting 9/21 to discuss Citibike roll out in the district.

g) Youth- Refer to minutes. Next meeting is 9/18 7:30pm

h) Aging- none

i) Economic Development- Next meeting 10/3 at Yukka Bistro 7:30pm. DOT invited to discuss outdoor eating permits, DSNY to discuss trash collection, Discuss redevelopment of Kingsbridge Armory

j) Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs- No meeting in September. Next meeting 10/24. Awaiting SCA 45 day notice.

k) Environment & Sanitation- none

l) Health, Hospitals & Social Services- Seeking to identify primary concerns in the community to plan for the year ahead. Next meeting is 9/13 at 7pm.

m) Budget- Committee composed of chairs of operating committees. Reviewing FY25 budget priorities for capital and expense. October is the official hearing of budget priorities in the district. Afterwhich, priorities are submitted to OMB. In winter, Committee members should begin planning for FY26 budget priorities - deadline is April for respective Committees to vote out priorities and share with Budget Chair, Board Chair and DM.

The board voted to add Treasurer's Resolution on the FY2024 Operating Budget to the agenda, which unanimously passed. The Resolution unanimously passed.

n) Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway- none

o) Special Committee on Racial Equity- Next meeting is 10/5. Seeking additional Board Members.

p) Special Committee on Veteran Services- Seeking additional Board Members who may or may not be veterans.

Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2023

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2023, June 29, 2023 & July 20, 2023

Board passes February and June 2023 minutes: in-favor (F), abstention (A), opposed (O).

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The board unanimously passes a motion to table the July minutes until they can be amended.

Unanimous In favor: 30

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Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

Old Business & New Business

The board took a moment to remember Martin Gluck and Tony Creaney, former Community Board 8 members who passed away.

New Members should visit the website to consult prior minutes to get up to speed on committee priorities.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:24 pm.

Submitted by,
Margaret Della, Secretary