

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
November 1, 2023

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Committee Members Present

Sylvia Alexander, Kelli Buford, Margaret Della, Robert Fanuzzi, David Gellman, Rosemary Ginty, Edward Green, Oscar Martinez, Julie Reyes, Laura Spalter, Martin Wolpoff, Sergio Villaverde

Committee Members Approved Hybrid for Extraordinary Circumstances

Committee Members Absent

Bob Bender, Nicholas Fazio, Charles Moerdler, Dr. Julia Gomez, Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Scott Krompinger, Ramdat Singh, Debra Travis

Staff/Board Members

Farah Kule Rubin

Guests

Karen Argenti, Sue Ellen Dodell

Chair Reyes convened the meeting at 7:00pm with a roll call. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: October 4, 2023

The Committee unanimously approved the October 4, 2023, Executive Committee minutes as amended.

Chairperson's Report

- Reported on the resignation, due to illness, of long time Board member Margaret Donato.
- Thanked all who participated in the New Members/Chair Orientation. A special thanks to Marty Wolpoff who gave a presentation.
- Chair and DM took tour with Senator Rivera in the District
- Board members must disclose basic information to the board office if they are assisting a community member/business owner in the community on an issue in the role as a board member, and/if request the board office to coordinate a meeting between the board member, community member, and an agency to discuss a community member's issue.
- Chair and DM continue to pursue information on available spaces from DCAS and will provide DCAS flyers to local real estate businesses in the event the local realtor has an office space meeting the Board;s requirement.
- Any correspondence to agencies from Board members on behalf of the Board or committee must be reviewed by the Board Chairperson prior to submission.

Treasurer Report

- Report as of 10/24/23
- FY23 computer expenses went unspent as NYC Controller was not able to push expense requests prior to the conclusion of the FY. Funding (\$3525) will be rolled over into FY24 for intended purchases.

District Manager Report

- Zoom 'bombs'/interruptions have been officially reported to elected officials and the NYPD special unit that deals with these matters.
- Reiterated the chair's point on touring for new office space
- Budget priorities for FY25 have been submitted to the City. Chair, Budget Chair and DM are meeting with elected officials to be sure priorities are funded.
- New and existing board member orientation took place last week. Dept of City Planning presented.
- Some board members have not submitted code of conduct. They have been advised and must do so by the next meeting.
- Offer made to a Community Coordinator position
- District service meeting is upcoming. Members are asked to submit any priorities.

Resolutions for Discussion

- Public Safety Committee Resolution - 3 renewals:
- Cocina Chente at 3535 Riverdale Avenue
- Kai Fan at 3717 Riverdale Avenue
- Mamajuana Café Prime located at 3541 Riverdale Avenue

- Corporate change: Tijuana Nites, located at 216 West 242nd Street
- Aging Committee Resolution- NYC City Council to vote out of Committee (Civil Service and Labor) and bring to the floor Legislation 10992023
- Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs Committee Resolution on Van Cortlandt Motel-School Site Resolution
- Land Use Committee Resolutions:
 - 4671 Grosvenor Ave non-ULURP
 - 695 West 246th Street SNAD
 - 680 West 232 St SNAD
 - 331 West 250th Street Landmark Preservation Commission application
 - 4800 Independence Ave SNAD
- Traffic & Transportation postponed

Committee Reports

- Law, Rules, and Ethics (LRE) - Topics of discussion: OML, survey on extraordinary circumstances, CB8 code of conduct
- Parks - none
- Public Safety - Committee passed resolutions advancing renewals and corporate change.
 - Renewal:
 - Cocina Chente Riverdale Ave
 - KaiFan Riverdale Ave
 - Mamajuana Riverdale Ave
 - Corporate change: Tijuana Nites 242nd
 - Legal cannabis application pulled again
- Traffic & Transportation (T&T) - 11/16 next meeting.
- Youth - 10/16 meeting discussing veterans event in Memorial Grove.
- Aging - 11/9 at 4pm next meeting. Resolution asking NYC City Council to vote out of Committee (Civil Service and Labor) and bring to the floor 10992023 legislation for municipal retirees health care options.
- Budget - see DM report

- Economic Development - Walking tour 11/3 3:30pm - 5:30pm with SBS, Bronx DA Office
- Education - SCA attended 10/24. Committee passed a resolution on school at 6393 Broadway. Brief discussion on SLA footprint.
- Environment & Sanitation (E&S) - 10/30 meeting. Residents claimed unsafe conditions at 306 w 232nd re: discharge of water into NYC sewer, permitting. 316 w 232nd receiving flooding due to the construction site.
- Health, Hospitals, Social Services (HHS)- none
- Housing - 10/23 meeting discussed: update housing guide and City of Yes housing/ULURP. 11/27 next meeting.
- Land Use - Noncompliant architect - as a result, all projects voted down. Other requests were approved. Having a joint presentation with Economic Development with City of Yes 11/6.
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway (HRG) - none
- Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) - Meeting 11/2 7pm.
- Special Committee on Veterans Services - Met 10/30. On 11/5 12 pm Veterans event at Memorial Grove. Bronx Historical Society asking for info for Bronx veterans. Link on CB8 website.

Old Business

November is Veterans Month in NYC. The event in Memorial Grove is on Sunday, Nov 5th at noon.

Next Full Board is 11/14

Next Executive Committee is 12/6

New Business

None

Executive Session

Voted to go into session based on Open Meetings Law 105-F governing the Hiring of personnel. d and back out of session was unanimous.

Miscellaneous Business

Discussion at the Executive Session will be brought to the Full Board.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:12pm.

Submitted by,

Margaret Della, Secretary