

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
April 3, 2024

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Committee Members Present

Bob Bender, Kelli Buford, Rosemary Ginty, Edward Green, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Daniel Rowen, Laura Spalter, Sergio Villaverde

Committee Members Approved Hybrid for Extraordinary Circumstances

Julie Reyes, Margaret Della, Charles Moerdler

Committee Members Absent

Sylvia Alexander, Dr. Julia Gomez, Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Oscar Martinez, Nicholas Fazio, Debra Travis, David Gellman, Martin Wolpoff

Staff/Board Members/Guests

Farrah Kule Rubin, Emily Hausman, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Nicholas Stamper - Department of City Planning (DCP)

Chairperson Reyes convened the meeting at 7:06pm and welcomed Board Members and guests.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: March 6, 2024

A quorum not present, approval of the minutes was deferred.

Chairperson's Report

- Non-Executive committee members and the public are not permitted to participate in discussions during the Executive committee meeting.
- The Community is welcome to attend Committee meetings where they will have more of an opportunity to engage in and discuss their issues. Contact the Board office to be put on a mailing list or go onto the Boards website to view the dates of the various committees open to all.
- Approval of Extraordinary Circumstances Participants: Margaret Della, Julie Reyes, Mary Ellen Gibbs. Board members must keep video on and name displayed.
- Vice Chairperson, Sergio Villaverde, will lead the meeting upon completion of the Chair report.
- Welcome new Exec member – Treasurer Joy Campbell Priveterre
- Thank you, Board members, David Gellman & Steven Froot, for participating at PS 360 Civic Week - speakers to the school children.

- Thank you, Marty, Chair of Law Rules, Ethics for scheduling last month's Board meeting speaker Alex Kipp, Director of Education and Engagement, NYC Conflicts of Interest Board.
- Thank you to District Manager Farrah Kule Rubin & Community Coordinator Ardy Malziu for a great job with the new CB8 Winter in Review Newsletter
- Upcoming Board meetings conducted in a timely manner:
 - Please wait to be selected to speak.
 - Committee chairs are to deliver their report within 3 min.
 - Any questions on any of the reports be it the treasurer's report, the committee reports they can contact the board office the committee chair the vice chair if they have minor questions rather than take up meeting time.
 - Resolutions will take additional time.
 - Committee Resolutions should be submitted with committee minutes, and if they are not in by noon the day before the Board meeting, the resolution may be brought from the floor.
- Letter will be re-sent to all elected officials advising them to show their face on zoom, and if possible, advise us prior to meeting so they are not overlooked. Only elected officials to speak and acknowledge representatives – except BP & Mayors office and 50 Pct. - on Agenda.
- Committee Reports & Resolutions will start by 7:45 P.M.
- The Bronx Delegation City Council Members Directory sent to all Chairs/Officers was provided by Karen Argenti.
- Election of Nominating Committee next week. The Nominating Committee meets immediately following the Board meeting.
- Irving Ladimer Community Service Award – Please spread the word.
- Reminder - June meeting Thursday, June 13th at Wave Hill.

Treasurer Report

- The Treasurer requested that, since Board Members receive the report ahead of time, please email any detailed questions to the Treasurer prior to the meeting.
- Treasurer presented monthly Treasurer report - April 2024
- No budget mod currently, but we do expect to submit one in May.
- Two glitches in report that we are working to remove:
 - \$194 WB Mason expenditure
 - \$2042 is rent/energy detail.
- Member inquired about unspent funds. The deadline to submit expenditures is June 1st and DM expects to spend down in April.

District Manager Report

- The office received NYBG tickets received and distributed tickets to the April 6th orchid exhibition to a local shelter, community members, and Riverdale Senior Services (RSS).

- Quarterly Winter review and newsletter was sent to all Board Members. The next one will be distributed in June. Please send any photos you have to the office from attending meetings or events where you participated as a Board Member.
- Thank you again, to Steven Froot and David Gellman for PS360 civic empowerment presentation and discussion
- Reminder to check the agenda for the location for every meeting as locations do change
- Completed review of other CB offices and how they use technology equipment to facilitate meetings. DM has finalized speaker, microphones, camera for the conference room, and other tech equipment to purchase and will work through the procurement process.
- The office will also purchase swag for upcoming tabling events and other needed office supplies.
- Some applications received for the Irving Lattimer Community Service Award. Applications will be shared with the committee when formed.
- April 2nd District Cabinet meeting held. Minutes will be circulated.
- Riverdale Library has eclipse glasses - free with signed waiver.
- Mayor's office requested people sign up for the Neighborhood Support Team.
- Reminder: meeting agendas due 10 days prior and minutes due 10 days after meetings.
- June 13th will be the final meeting of the year.

Presentation

The Department of City Planning (DCP) gave the Executive Board Committee a presentation on Guidance and Best Practices for Community Board Budget Requests. Presenter, DCP Analyst and lead for community district needs process, Nicholas Stamper. He presented on Community Board Budget Requests for annual requests for community district needs. Presentation attached.

Members asked about expenses that are requested/funded by elected officials. Agencies (Parks/NYPD/etc.) still like to receive a capital request via the CBs budget process to inform them and provide key data on their capital requests.

Members asked for the presentation, new members to be trained on this content early in tenure and reminders available to all members at the start of each year. DCP offered to return for future trainings and questions.

DCP will also provide a list of City Agencies and the types of capital and expense requests they accept. Categorized lists will clear up uncertainty between capital and expense requests.

Members asked when an item can be removed from the CB prioritized list. If request partially funded or approved, CBs can mark for 'continued support.' This keeps on list/document and opens up the priority list for another item.

Members reminded that affordable housing (and its maintenance of public housing) is the top priority in the district needs statement. DCP says there is a way to present both and DCP will use that data as part of the follow up system.

There is not a formal budget request process alignment with City of Yes content.

Committee Reports:

Committee Reports: If Committees have a resolution, Committee report will go first. Board Members are reminded to read resolutions prior to meeting.

- Aging - Mary Ellen Gibbs for Oscar Martinez. Next meeting on 4/11 at Riverdale Senior Services 2600 Netherland Ave. Presentation Margie Shustack from RSS Director of Communications and Programming.
- Budget -Reminder on the FY26 Timeline: April finalize prioritization. Recommended that Committees vote to approve a final prioritized list. Each Committee submits 2-3 capital and 2-3 expense requests. Lists due to Budget Chair and Board Chair by April 19, 2024, who will evaluate priorities in context of other issues and will bring back to Committee Chairs for further discussion.
- Economic Development - 4/7 next meeting.
 - Resolutions: North Riverdale Main Streets Alliance Block Party - May 19 11am-8pm. Unanimously approved.
 - Betty Campbell-Adams Most Valuable Merchant Award anonymous nominees selected, vetted, and will be recognized. Applicants were selected based on their demonstrated work and contribution. Nominees will not be publicly recognized until they are approved to receive the award to avoid any perceived unconscious bias, disparagement, etc. in discussion and approval. Discussion moved to May Exec.
- Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs - Presented the Committee's unanimously approved resolutions:
 - SAPO Lag Baomer Picnic. West 235 Street between Independence Avenue & Douglas Avenue. 5/26 9am-4pm, 4pm-10:30pm.
 - SAPO Amalgamated Nursery School Spring Bazaar. 5/19 9am-4:30pm.
- Environment & Sanitation - 4/17 next meeting to discuss budget priorities.
- Health Hospitals & Social Services - 4/10 next meeting.
- Housing - 4/29 next meeting.
- Land Use - 5/6 next meeting.
- Law Rules & Ethics (LRE)- Recommendation to cease Extraordinary Circumstances. Up for renewal in May. State Legislature may decide before we discuss. 4/8 next meeting.
- Parks - 4/24 next meeting. Department of Design and Construction (DDC) coming to present on Mosholu Golf Course driving range and concessions next steps.
- Public Safety - 4/16 next meeting. Resolutions for General Board unanimously approved by Committee:

- Renewal Wine/Beer/Cider: William E. Irwin Jr Post 774 American Legion Inc., located at 3035-37 Corlear Avenue; Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course, located at 115 Van Cortlandt Park South; and Baby Crab Seafood & Grill, located at 5740 Broadway.
- Traffic & Transportation (T&T) - Consult previous minutes and presentation. 4/18 next meeting.
 - Resolution:
 - Henry Hudson Parkway Overpass at W 232nd Street - unanimously approved by Committee.
 - Intersection of Van Cortlandt Park South and Bailey Ave- Committee passed with one abstention.
- Youth - Emily Hausman for Julia Gomez. Will be attending NYC Youth Agenda Policy. 4/15 next meeting.
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway - none.
- Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) - The Committee recommends each Committee should consider taking on 'hate' in some way. SCRE working on helpful resources for the community. Next meeting 4/11.
- Special Committee on Veterans Services - Attended NYC City Council Veterans Committee. Next meeting 4/25 with NYS Commissioner of Veterans Affairs (or her representative).

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Session

None

Next Executive Committee is May 1st.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:33pm.

Submitted by,

Margaret Della, Secretary