

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
March 6, 2024

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Committee Members Present

Sylvia Alexander, Bob Bender, Kelli Buford, Margaret Della, David Gellman, Rosemary Ginty, Edward Green, Debra Travis, Julie Reyes, Sergio Villaverde, Martin Wolpoff

Committee Members Approved Hybrid for Extraordinary Circumstances

NA

Committee Members Absent

Dr. Julia Gomez, Robert Fanuzzi, Charles Moerdler, Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Oscar Martinez, Laura Spalter, Daniel Rowen, Nicholas Fazio

Staff/Board Members/Guests

Farrah Kule Rubin, George Santana, Mary Ellen Gibbs

Chairperson Reyes convened the meeting at 7:06pm and provided guests with meeting rules of engagement. The Chair held a roll call. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: February 7, 2024

The Committee unanimously approved the February 7, 2024, Executive Committee minutes.

Chairperson's Report

- Chair inquired about NYC official email accounts for committee chairs likely still a 'no,' but will follow up.
- Resolution on the Irving Lattimer Community Service Award ad hoc committee established. Applications open until March 15th. Members choose own Chair: Calhoun, Chittilappilly, Gibbs, Kail.
- Resolution on the City of Yes Committee: Members: Chong, Della, Sosa, Ginty, Spalter, Moedler (Chair), Wolpoff. All board members may participate and attend meetings, as necessary. Committee Members may vote. Committee will be dissolved after NYC Council votes on the proposal. Chair will double-check with Landuse, Housing, and LRE Chairs on ULURP and confirm before the Committee meeting. Chair will ensure meetings are public.
- Resolution on the Removal of a Board Member
- Scott Krompinger resigned due to his work position. The March General Meeting Agenda will be amended that there is a vacancy for the treasurer.

- Bob Fanuzzi, past Chair, is not renewing his application, but will remain on the Parks Committee as a community member.
- Chair has Extraordinary Circumstances (EC) at the next Full Board meeting and Vice Chair Villaverde will lead. Please abide by all meeting norms.
- Rosemary Ginty attended the Boro Board meeting on Chair's behalf. Reviewed \$33B NYS budget. Recommended that chairs go to your Committee's section to see where money is going. Ie. Department of Environmental Protection in NYC will replace lead service pipe (homeowner responsibility) for the Kingsbridge/VanCortlandt Park area. Residents must qualify and income limitation for free (approximate \$8k cost. Recommended for CB8 E&S Committee to request presentation)
- We must be civil to each other. Any violations will be reviewed. LRE subcommittee will look into disciplinary actions as well as the Borough President (BP) office. Guidelines/Code of Conduct should be read at the beginning of the year as a reminder.
- Motion to go into Executive Session regarding 105-F (personnel) at end of the meeting. Unanimously adopted to agenda.

Treasurer Report

- District Manager (DM) presented monthly Treasurer report - March 2024
- Spending down funds by the end of the year on office supplies, keys, space reservation expenses for upcoming meetings.
- Budget modification resolution: Transfer \$4k in accruals for community coordinator open position to OTPS expenses
- \$10k cushion remains.

District Manager Report

- Office received more COVID test kits and will be distributed.
- Department of Buildings (DOB) Constituent Services event will be scheduled in March or April
- Opportunity for Members to present at Public School on Civic Empowerment - March 13th - contact office to participate.
- Secured all meeting locations for the remainder of the year. Check the website calendar for locations.
- Office will invest in technology to improve meeting sound and engagement
- Press Releases went out on Community Awards (Irving Lattimer Community Service, Betty Campbell Most Valuable Merchant (MVM)). Youth Committee will push out information on Come Back Kid and Yankee Awards
- Working on District Cabinet meeting minutes
- Reminder: Office to receive agendas 10 days before and minutes 10 days after committee meetings
- CB8 applications extended to new and reapplying applicants extended to March 8th
- DM be away week of March 11
- Permanent outdoor eating rules to be discussed at Traffic &

- Transportation and Economic Development Committee meetings
- June 13th will be final meeting of the year

Reminder for General Board Meeting:

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

Committee Reports:

- Aging - none.
- Budget - Chair and Budget Chair submitted a response to the Mayor's office about the FY25 agency budget responses. All submissions and responses on CB8 website. Office asked for comments. Mayor's office limiting 10 capital and 5 expense requests for FY26 per Community Board. Reminder on the FY26 Timeline: February separate capital/expense lists, March prioritize, April finalize prioritization. Recommended that Committees vote to approve a final prioritized list. Each Committee to submit 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 - Commercial corridor meeting 3/22 - Waldo to 238th Streets. MVM award went out. DOT invited to provide info on permanent outdoor dining, commercial containers.
- Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs - SAPO could not pass, as no quorum, so will put resolution on General Board meeting agenda. Negative declaration School of Construction Authority on Van Cortlandt Hotel. Next meeting 3/28.
- Environment & Sanitation - Resolution comments received and will be relayed to Committee. Next meeting 2/21.
- Health Hospitals & Social Services - None.
- Housing - NYC Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) representative Ted Weinstein presented. 3/25 next meeting - CM Sanchez to attend March meeting. 4/22 hope to reschedule.
- Land Use - Resolution rejects City of Yes and refers to right of further review. Subcommittee met with Hebrew Home re: public access to Hudson Greenway. 3/11 next meeting.
- Law Rules & Ethics (LRE)- Ethical guidance memo on nominating committee calendar revision. May propose vacating EC during review of original resolution on EC. NYS legislature has to renew OML by 7/1.
- Parks - Discussed budget items. Next meeting 3/27.
- Public Safety - Meetings 3rd Tuesday of Month. Agenda: Resolutions: 2 SLA, 1 SLA Corp change, closure 236 and Broadway. Preliminary budget items. 1 Resolutions for General Board:
 - Renewal Wine/Beer/Cider: Caridad Restaurant (135-45 W Kingsbridge Road), Mon Amour (234 W 238th), Tin Marin (3708 Riverdale Ave), Blackstone (3713 Riverdale Ave) - Approved,

- Temporary Retail: Tilila (3648-3650 Bailey Ave.)(Fire, construction, landlord agreement, 2am agreement as a new business required by SLA)
- Cannabis/OCM New Establishment: Frass Box (3633 Kingsbridge Ave). OCM approve application, business seeking approval of commercial space. Business going through DASNY, who grants commercial space license. Landlord will provide conditional lease from landlord if board approves. Business: No on/offsite consumption or delivery
- Traffic & Transportation (T&T) - Next meeting 3/21. NYC and NYS DOT will be present. NYC DOT to follow up on Northbound I-87 Deegan entrance/intersection, NYS DOT to update on Henry Hudson update
- Youth - Refer to minutes. 3/18 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.
- Special Committee on Veterans Services - None. Next meeting 4/24 with NYS Commissioner of Veterans Affairs.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Session

Voted unanimously to go into session based on 105-F regarding personnel. Voted to come back out of session - unanimous.

Next Executive Committee is April 3rd.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:10pm.

Submitted by,
Margaret Della, Secretary