

**Pending Committee Approval**  
**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2019**  
**BOARD OFFICE - 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

**Committee Members Present (13)**

Rosemary Ginty, Chair	Margaret Donato	Laura Spalter
Sylvia Alexander	Robert Fanuzzi	Martin Wolpoff
Bob Bender	David Gellman	Rosalind Zavras
Lisa Daub	Julia Gomez	
Eric Dinowitz	Dan Padernacht	

**Committee Members Absent (4)**

Daris Jackson	Omar Murray
Charles Moerdler	Sergio Villaverde

**Staff (1)**

Ciara Gannon, District Manager

**CB8 & Guests (2)**

Ed Green (CB8)	Heather Smith
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Chair Ginty convened the meeting at 7:30 pm

**Minutes**

- Minutes of November 6, 2019 Executive Committee approved:

In Favor (9): Alexander, Bender, Daub, Donato, Ginty, Gomez, Spalter, Wolpoff, Zavras

Opposed: (0), Abstain (0)

**Chair's Report – R. Ginty**

- Shared template for posting event flyers to enhance community outreach. Office will prepare Spanish language version.
- Met with Katrina Asante, new Community Affairs Unit (CAU) representative.
- Recommended Herb Barrett to be CB8's honored veteran at Congressman Espaillat's special luncheon event.
- CSX reports to Federal Railroad Administration, which reports to Transportation Infrastructure Committee. Chair Ginty, L. Spalter and B. Bender met last month with Congressman Espaillat, who is on that committee, and will meet with him again soon for support. DEP has also taken an interest in acquisition for daylighting Tibbets Brook.

**Treasurer's Report – R. Zavras**

- Shared this month's report. Noted that there's a lag between our input and showing up in OMB's report. Expenditures for a few special funding projects are only rough estimates at this point. No budget modifications this month.

## District Manager's Report

- Pleased to announce that the new Community Coordinator and Associate started on Monday. They reached out to their assigned committee chairs. Staff will attend FMS training this Friday and will be scheduled for other trainings.
- Twenty board members have still not completed required sexual harassment training
- DSC meeting was on Tuesday. New staff attended as part of their orientation.
- DEP will work on cave-in on 254<sup>th</sup> street.
- Attended meeting with Dept of Records and Information Services. They are updating retention schedule and digitization policy and can schedule on-site training. They will offer guidance on back-up procedures for digitized files.
- Prepared outreach material bags for each chair to take to meetings and distribute.

## Committee Resolutions

Chair called for committee resolutions to be presented at the December Board meeting:

- Economic Development – J. Gomez for S. Villaverde  
Committee changed language of previously submitted resolution. Request is to hire a consultant with CB special funding to conduct a feasibility study to investigate the establishment or expansion of a BID in area of the Kingsbridge BID. Several chairs raised issues including: (a) BID is already working with owners and tenants to assess interest, (b) BID is already working with the NYC Small Business Services agency on possible expansion, (c) City agencies should not get involved with self-taxing of private entities, (d) hiring consultant would place CB8 as an agent for Kingsbridge BID or new BID. Also noted delays in locating LLC owners, multi-year process to expand BIDs and doing consulting for commercial entities. A suggestion was raised to bring in experts to provide information on BIDs and their formation, but without our being the direct agent. As has been the two-year practice, Committee chair should discuss special funding projects at executive committee. Board only votes on funding if over \$10k.
- Public Safety – M. Donato
  - Committee approved: (a) BBQ Pit - beer & wine renewal, (b) Montezuma Restaurant – liquor renewal, (c) Pizzeria Supreme – corporate change
  - Committee opposed: Silhouette Lounge – night permit for New Year's Eve
  - Resolution to approve failed to pass: Blissful Kreations – new liquor licensePolice noted continuing altercations at Parilla Latina, which is a public safety concern to neighbors.
- Aging – E. Dinowitz
  - Committee is requesting MTA to consider the needs of older adults and people with mobility issues in the final Bronx Bus Redesign plan. CB8's older adults expressed concerns with proposed express bus service cuts.A member raised an objection to presenting a resolution prior to the MTA presentation and T&T committee's resolution. Opinions ranged from including seniors' concerns in T&T's resolution to acknowledging the Aging committee's responsibility to advocate for this age cohort which is best expressed in Aging's resolution that will complement (not conflict with) a T&T resolution.
- Traffic & Transportation – D. Padernacht
  - Resolution regarding changes at Palisades & Kappock requesting (a) DOT to daylight additional parking south of 2727 Palisades, (b) DEP to assess water diversion from intended sewers, (c) DOH to study ponding from water runoff, and (d) DOT to redesign the intersection.

### Pending Committee Approval

Chairs discussed specific concerns, DOT not bringing in DEP initially, process for Greenstreets, and imposition on 750 Kappock to clean and clear large concrete areas. Chair Ginty noted how a small request to add a stop sign for safe crossing turned into massive construction and caused additional problems.

- Resolution to request removal of traffic poles placed on Hudson Manor Terrace at 237<sup>th</sup> street, allowing sanitation trucks to pull in closer to curb and to increase parking spots. Additional Hudson Manor Terrace parking issues will be held over to the January T&T committee meeting. Chairs discussed how this is another example of a small request, to paint a crosswalk, resulted in massive DOT changes.

Board approved no standing on 244<sup>th</sup> street between Tibbett and Waldo from 2pm-4pm to accommodate student pick-ups from Horace Mann School, but DOT placed no standing signs from 7am to 4pm. T&T chair is following up.

### Issues for Discussion

- M. Wolpoff – LRE committee is looking into how the Ethical Guidance manual may change with the addition of disciplinary committee and our obligation, if any, under open meeting law concerning sensitive disciplinary proceedings.
- J. Gomez – Youth committee meetings will move to 7:00PM to enable board members to participate and join the committee.
- D. Gellman – reminder to start FY 2022 capital and expense budget discussions in January. Responses to FY2021 requests are pending.
- M. Wolpoff – distributed October COIB settlements and a file with city council actions to review with committees.
- R. Fanuzzi – Sent a letter to DEP to install rat abatement around construction at Jerome Park reservoir. If it fails, E&S will prepare a resolution to require abatement by contractors. Also sent a letter to DEP regarding daylighting of Tibbett Brook. Will discuss proposed increase to alternate side parking violation fines at next E&S meeting. Public comments due by January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- L. Daub – reminder to change the entity requesting the action on resolutions presented for a full board vote from the committee's name to CB8.
- B. Bender – Investigating processes necessary to transfer street near Brust Park from DOT to Parks Dept. Also noted that the organizer of a proposed 3-day ticketed event in VCP will speak at a gallery session.

### Follow-up on Outstanding Issues - None

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary