

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 12, 2019 AT RIVERDALE YM/YWHA

- PRESENT:** S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, P. Ellis, M. Frishman, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Genao-Mejia, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T. Pardo, L. Parker, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, R. Zavras
- ABSENT:** E. Bell, M. Donato, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, D. B. Jackson, L. Lopez, P. Mullen, K. Pesce, S. Sarao, M. Yamagata
- GUESTS:** Councilman A. Cohen, A. Toledo – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Doris Ojeda Tiru – rep. Congressman Engel, M. Gelman - rep. State Senator Biaggi, Captain Melendez – NYPD 50th Police Precinct, Det. Ramos – NYPD 50th Police Precinct, F. Klein – rep. – Assemblyman Dinowitz, R. Barbier – NYPL Riverdale M.E. Gibbs, H. Barret, M. Paul – NYSNA, C. Dobbins – NYSNA, J. Nolan – Stewards of Brust Park, P. Smyth – Stewards of Brust Park, L. Garrido, M. Calderon, J. Camagong – NYSNA, G. Diaz – NAACP, M. McHugh, C. Pappas, P. Moerdler,
- STAFF:** C. Gannon – District Manager
D. Bay – Community Associate

Chair Ginty called upon Budget Chair, D. Gellman to conduct the Public Hearing on Responses from City Agencies on the Capital/Expense Budget Priorities for FY 2020 at 7:00PM.

D. Gellman welcomed the public first and then board members for their comments. There were no comments from the public.

- S. Alexander noted that the City's response to the Education Committee requests was that a portion will be funded and asked the Budget Chair if he knew the specifics. The Budget Chair will inquire.
- The Board's comments on the agency responses will be submitted at the end of the week.
- D. Gellman reminded Committee Chair's to develop their budget priorities for FY 2021 this month and submit them to the office by the end of next month.

Chair Gellman closed the budget hearing at 7:20PM.

Chair Ginty convened the meeting at 7:30 P.M and welcomed all.

1. Gallery Session –

- H. Barret asked for support in getting appropriate identification for the Memorial Grove located in Van Cortlandt Park. He is hoping to get weather resistant signs noting the history of the grove, the restoration of the grove from 2012 to the present time and the names of the individuals and groups that the grove is honoring. He's hoping this signage will be placed on Broadway and at the East fence.
- P. Smyth spoke on behalf of the Stewards of Brust Park. They're a volunteer organization committed to the maintenance and improvement of Brust Park.
- M. Paul of the NYS Nurses Association is seeking support from the community. Healthcare administrators are forcing nurses to take on 9 or more patients at once. The community can reach out to Hospital CEO's and let them know they deserve a fair contract. Chair Ginty will relay this information to the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee Chair.

2. Report from the Office of the Bronx Borough President – A. Toledo

- A construction trade's job fair will be held March 13th at the Supreme Court Building at the Rotunda between 10am and 5pm.
- St. Patrick's Celebration will be held on March 14th at the Rambling House from 5:30PM to 8:30PM.
- New training from DCAS will begin in July.
- Sexual Harassment training will be between May and August of 2019.

3. Report from the 50th Police Precinct – Captain Melendez

- There is an uptick in crime. Grand larcenies are up. There's an initiative to inform the public to be aware of this by distributing flyers along the corridors. The Captain reminded all not to leave anything in the car like laptops, phones, etc. Burglaries are also up. A group of individuals have been going into Rite Aid, Walgreens and stores along the Broadway corridor. These individuals have been given barring notices that bans them from the stores. If they do go into the stores they will receive a burglary charge. Robberies are up in Kingsbridge. Property is being stolen late at night. Arrests have been made.
- A male entered an apartment through a firescape window in a building on Johnson Avenue. After hearing a person in the house he left and entered another apartment and burglarized it. The first burglary attempt captured pictures on a nanny cam. The Captain urged the public to view the pictures.
- There is a Broadway Corridor initiative to monitor crime and traffic conditions.
- It was noted that kids are loitering near a bus stop around Land & Sea Restaurant. The police have seen them and have asked them to move on. No crimes are being committed. This bus stop was previously located at the Post Office. Congressman Engel's office reported that the MTA will not move it back to that location. The Traffic & Transportation Committee will discuss moving this bus stop to a different location.
- Air bags are being stolen out of Honda's. The criminals are working out of a white van.
- Year to date - there are no reported hate crimes.
- 120 summonses were issued along the Broadway Corridor.
- NCO's have taken three guns off the street and over 4 kilos of cocaine and heroin.

4. Chair Report – R. Ginty

- See Executive minutes.
- M. Yamagata and S. Sarao have not reapplied for membership to the board. As of April 1st they will no longer be on the board. Chair Ginty thanked them for their work.
- The June 11th Board meeting will be rescheduled since it conflicts with the New York Philharmonic that is held in Van Cortlandt Park.
- The nominating committee will be selected next month.
- A description about the FOIL request from the Riverdale Press in is the Executive minutes. The final response was submitted on March 1st.
- L. Daub reported that the members of the Community Service Award, now called the Irving Ladimer Community Service Award consists of M. Goodman, S. Paige, E. Dinowitz and D. Leverett. Nominations are due back on April 12th. The awards will be presented at the May board meeting. The Press Release will be going out this week and it will be posted on Facebook. Committee Chairs were asked to announce this at their upcoming meetings.

Chair Ginty welcomed Councilman Cohen to address the board

- A few months ago the Councilman requested more staffing at the 50th police precinct. An additional five officers are assigned to the precinct. They begin in mid-April.
- The Councilman met with the Bronx Parks Commissioner to discuss upkeep in the Parks this summer. B. Bender thanked the Councilman for having this discussion.
- There was a scoping meeting for Ewen Park for fitness equipment.
- Thanked C. Moerdler for attending the Public Hearing on 5278 Post Road.
- Councilman Cohen and Assemblyman Dinowitz are committed to solving a solution to problems on Old

Albany Post Road. It is a State owned street and their goal is to get City control of that street.

- The Councilman just received the applications for appointments to the board.

5. Treasurer's report – R. Zavras

- The Treasurer reviewed the Treasurer's report. Budget modifications were processed in order to pay bills from last fiscal year. The report no longer in the negative.
- Technical equipment will be purchased.
- Special funding is to be put aside for committee events.
- R. Zavras is awaiting a scope of work for a merchant consultant requested by the Economic Development Committee.
- A detailed budget modification was sent to OMB for fiscal year 2019 (see page 7).
- As part of a general process another budget will be submitted for FY 2020.
- If there is money left over furniture will be bought for the office.

The following resolution was presented to approve the budget modifications:

Whereas, the Treasurer and the District Manager of Bronx Community Board 8 prepared an operating budget for the Board's expenses for Fiscal Year 2019.

Whereas, in support of the office to manage this budget two budget modifications have been prepared and are attached to the March Treasurer's Report in addendum B.

Be It Resolved, Community Board 8 approves the operating budget and the modifications to support it.

Vote: In favor: 34 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

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6. District Manager's Report – C. Gannon

- See Executive minutes.
Senator Biaggi held a meet & greet with Community Boards. Chair Ginty, Vice Chair L. Spalter and District Manager C. Gannon attended. A presentation was prepared which included issues with the Broadway corridor, overdevelopment/ changes to SNAD, CSX/Tibbets Brook Daylighting, Hudson River Greenway, & Domestic Violence. The Senator was interested in these issues.
- The office received new internet installation. New phones and emails will be complete in the next few weeks. The office number now working is 718 884-7895.
- The Comptroller's Office organized a meeting with Bronx District Managers and the Parks Department. The Bronx has the least amount of complaints to the forestry division. Please call 311 if you have any.
- Please call potholes into 311.
- DOHMH is actively grading street vendor carts like they do restaurants. This should take approximately 2 years.
- MTA Update: After months of workshops, public meetings and surveys, the MTA released an existing conditions report. Please go to new.mta.info/bronxbusredesign.

7. Report from the Department of City Planning – No representative

8. Committee Reports

A. Environment & Sanitation – M. Della reported for Chair Fanuzzi

- A joint meeting with the Economic Development Committee meeting was held on March 5th. The

minutes are forthcoming.

- I. Terranova, our Department of Sanitation Community Affairs liaison reported on the commercial waste zone program. It is a new way of allocating waste collection contracts with a goal to improve service to business and reduce the amounts of trucks. Mr. Terranova is retiring from the DSNY.
- There was a discussion on waste collection on Broadway. The Kingsbridge BID and the KRVC is working with the merchants with a goal to ensure more baskets and maintenance. KRVC is working with the Marble Hill merchants and merchants along West 242nd Street.
- Sites where people are littering from their cars were submitted to DSNY
- Sites for Water on the Go program were submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection.
- The Bronx Council Environmental Quality (BCEQ) is having a meeting on environmental issues on April 10th, 2019 from 6pm to 9pm at Manhattan College.

B. Health, Hospitals and Social Services – O. Murray

- The next meeting is March 13th at the 50th precinct at 7:30pm. There will be a discussion on the proposal for a drug clinic at 5622 Broadway and there will be a speaker on domestic violence.

C. Housing – D. Leverett – reported for D.B. Jackson

- At the Marble Hill Town hall NYCHA maintenance issues, cameras and security issues were discussed. They will reach out to the NYCHA representative to discuss these issues.
- The Committee will reach out to NYCHA and DOB to get their budgetary needs. C. Moerdler reported that in the past monies given to NYCHA for a specific purpose had not been used. He suggested compiling a list of the problems that we have in our area NYCHA facilities so the monies can be targeted where they can do the most good.
- The next meeting is on March 25th at 7:30pm.

D. Land Use – C. Moerdler

- 5278 Post Road – The developer is attempting to try and take a rock strewn area and build a 9 story building. Chair Ginty, C. Moerdler and D. Padernacht attended a public hearing at the Board of Standards and Appeals last week. The developer was seeking a variance. The board submitted a brief in opposition of this application. The developer asked for an adjournment until June, 2019.
- The developers of the Villa Rosa and the community have been meeting to discuss concerns.
- A meeting was held with the Fieldston Property owners and Horace Mann regarding traffic issues.
- Schervier does not have a master plan on file despite repeated requests.

Being that there was no quorum at the Land Use meeting of February 4, 2019, a motion was made to add the following resolution:

- ❖ Be it Resolved That DCP Application (N 190245 ZAX) submitted by NYC DDC pursuant to Sections 105-91 of the Zoning Resolution, for the grant of a commission certification for special district designation on public parks in order to modify an existing parking lot, build a new pedestrian path, erect a new visitors kiosk and build a new pedestrian gate on the Wave Hill Gardens at a site located at 675 West 252nd Street (Block 5937, Lot 208) within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2), within Community District 8, Borough of The Bronx be approved.

Vote: In favor: 33 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, P. Ellis, M. Frishman, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, M. Goodman, E. Green, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Genao-Mejia, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T., Pardo, L. Parker, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, R. Zavras

Opposed: J. Gomez

The following vote is on the above resolution:

Vote: In favor: 28 Opposed: 6 Abstentions: 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, P. Ellis, M. Frishman, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Genao-Mejia, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T., Pardo, L. Parker, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, R. Zavras

Opposed: M. Della, D. Gellman, J. Gomez, E. Dinowitz, T. Moran, S. Villaverde

A motion was made to add the following resolution:

- ❖ 4637 Grosvenor Ave- Be it Resolved that DCP Application (N 190239 ZAX) submitted by Claud Pappas pursuant to Sections 105-432 of the Zoning Resolution, for the grant of an authorization for a modification of yard, height and setback regulations, and parking location regulations to facilitate a 453 square foot vertical enlargement to an existing single family residence, on a site located at 4637 Grosvenor Avenue (Block 5822, Lot 2750) within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2), within Community District 8, Borough of The Bronx be Resolved.

Vote: In favor: 33 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, P. Ellis, M. Frishman, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, M. Goodman, E. Green, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Genao-Mejia, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T., Pardo, L. Parker, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, R. Zavras

Opposed: J. Gomez

The following vote was on the above resolution:

Vote: In favor: 31 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 1

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, P. Ellis, M. Frishman, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Genao-Mejia, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T., Pardo, L. Parker, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, J. Townes, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, R. Zavras

Opposed: J. Gomez Abstentions: J. Townes

A motion was made to add the following resolution:

- ❖ 5011 Waldo Avenue - Be it Resolved That Landmark Preservation Commission Application (LPC-19-32730) Submitted by Raphael Inzlicht including a new two-story addition to the main house that is connected to the existing garage by a one-story connector and enclosing the North and South roofed porches, with All materials matching the existing materials including brick at the first floor, stucco at the second floor, cedar shingles at the new dormers, and a slate roof be approved.

Vote: In favor: 33 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, P. Ellis, M. Frishman, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, M. Goodman, E. Green, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Genao-Mejia, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T., Pardo, L. Parker, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, R. Zavras

Opposed: J. Gomez

The following vote was on the above resolution:

Vote: In favor: 30 Opposed: 4 Abstentions: 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, E. Dinowitz, P. Ellis, M. Frishman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, M. Goodman, E. Green, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Genao-Mejia, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T., Pardo, L. Parker, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, R. Zavras

Opposed: M. Della, D. Gellman, J. Gomez, C. G. Moerdler,

A motion was made to add the following resolution:

- ❖ 5011 Waldo Ave- Be it Resolved that DCP Application (N 190271 ZAX) drawings submitted by Raphael Inzicht pursuant to Sections 105-421 of the Zoning Resolution, for the grant of an authorization for modification of topographic features on a Tier I site to facilitate an enlargement to an existing single family residence, on a site located at 5011 Waldo Avenue(Block 5828, Lot 3597) within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2), within Community District 8, Borough of The Bronx be approved.

Vote: In favor: 33 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, P. Ellis, M. Frishman, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, M. Goodman, E. Green, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Genao-Mejia, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T., Pardo, L. Parker, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, R. Zavras

Opposed: J. Gomez

The following vote was on the above resolution:

Vote: In favor: 33 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, P. Ellis, M. Frishman, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, M. Goodman, E. Green, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Genao-Mejia, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T., Pardo, L. Parker, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, R. Zavras

Opposed: J. Gomez

- The next Land Use meeting will be on April 1st.

E. Law, Rules and Ethics – M. Wolpoff

- A resolution will be presented next month to change the bylaws specifically to the Land Use Committee. The question is to keep it a committee as a whole or make it a standing committee. Chair Ginty's goal is to finalize this by June when board members sign up for committees.

F. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

- February minutes have been circulated.
- The next meeting is March 27th. B. Bender thanked T. Moran for giving a report at the scoping meeting held on Ewen Park fitness equipment.

G. Public Safety – M. Joyce reported for Chair M. Donato

The following resolutions were presented.

- ❖ Whereas, The Punch Bowl, located at 5820 Broadway, appeared before the committee on January 15, 2019 seeking approval for the RENEWAL OF THEIR LIQUOR LICENSE.
Whereas, the committee voted to approve the application.
Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Public Safety Approves this application.
- ❖ Whereas, Bronx Post 95 War Veterans. Located at 3960 Orloff Ave, appeared before the committee on January 15, 2019 seeking approval for the RENEWAL OF THEIR LIQUOR LICENSE.
Whereas, the committee voted to approve the application.
Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Public Safety Approves this Application.
- ❖ Whereas, Mr. McGoos, located at 5602 Broadway, appeared before the committee on February 19, 2019 seeking approval for the RENEWAL OF THEIR LIQUOR LICENSE. WHEREAS, the committee voted to approve the application.
Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Public Safety Committee Approves this application
- ❖ Whereas, P&K's, located at 170 West 231 Street, appeared before the committee on February 19, 2019 seeking approval for the RENEWAL OF THEIR LIQUOR LICENSE.
Whereas, the committee voted to approve the application.
Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Public Safety Committee Approves this Application.
- ❖ Whereas, Blue Bay Diner, located at 3533 Johnson Ave., appeared before the committee on February 19, 2019 seeking approval for the RENEWAL OF THEIR LIQUOR LICENSE.
Whereas, the committee voted to approve this application.
Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Public Safety Committee Approves this Application.
- ❖ Whereas, Wave Hill, located at 675 West 252 Street, appeared before the committee on February 19, 2019 seeking approval for the RENEWAL OF THEIR LIQUOR LICENSE.
Whereas, the committee voted to approve this application.
Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Public Safety Committee Approves this Application.

All the above Public Safety resolutions had the following vote:

Vote: In favor: 32 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

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- Given the interest expressed by Board Members in the appearance of a State Liquor Authority representative to speak about the license approval process, Chair Ginty suggested that portion of the meeting be filmed or recorded.

H. Special Committee of the Hudson River Greenway – B. Bender

- B. Bender and Chair Ginty will meet with Senator Biaggi to discuss getting help on raising funds for the Hudson River Greenway study.

I. Special Committee on Veterans Services – no report

J. Traffic & Transportation – D. Padernacht – Chair

The following Resolutions were presented, including the 2nd required vote for a street co-naming:

1. WHEREAS, William J. Scribner died on September 16, 2016 and this resolution is brought more than two years after his death; and

WHEREAS, William J. Scribner has been nominated for the honor of this proposed street co-naming by the Bronx Arts Ensemble, Friends of Van Cortlandt Park and the Amalgamated Housing Corporation, which are three community organizations that are active in Bronx Community Board 8 and as such, are on the list required to be kept by Bronx Community Board No. 8 under the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, William J. Scribner received a B.Mus. in Music Education from the University Of Michigan School Of Music in 1961, and went on to become one of New York's busiest freelance bassoonists, performing with the Brooklyn Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic, and Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. American Symphony, Long Island Philharmonic, New Jersey State Opera Orchestra, Pittsburgh Symphony, the Bolshoi Ballet Orchestra, Royal Ballet Orchestra, Royal Danish Ballet Orchestra and also performed in many Broadway productions; and

WHEREAS, William J. Scribner was on the faculties of University of CT at Storrs, Rutgers University (Newark) and Queens College and was also a member of the Advisory Board of Hostos Community College and Board of Bronx Council on the Arts.

WHEREAS, the evidence and testimony presented to Bronx Community Board No. 8 has demonstrated that William J. Scribner has benefited a cross-section of Bronx Community Board No. 8 and the Borough of the Bronx and the City of New York;

WHEREAS, in 1972, answering the need for arts instruction which had been decimated in New York schools, Bill founded the Bronx Arts Ensemble, and guided that organization from its beginning as a wind quintet to its present status as the preeminent performance group in the Bronx, becoming one of the most acclaimed arts-in-education programs in the city, with instruction in music, visual arts, drama, dance and such innovative areas as capoeira, Latin and African drumming and electronic media, employing teaching artists in schools and a Residency at Fordham University comprising free concerts for campus and community and free summer programs.

WHEREAS, under William J. Scribner's leadership, the Bronx Arts Ensemble championed new and little-known repertoire for both performance and recording, developed the works of little-known Latino composers, and compiled an impressive CD list for the Bronx Arts Ensemble, and which now performs over 50 annual live concerts and family theater in Bronx neighborhoods and parks, including Bronx Community Board 8 and that teaches 14,000 art classes annually in 45 Bronx public schools; and

WHEREAS, William J. Scribner has shown his creativity, and helped mold the creativity of performers across the Borough of the Bronx and the City of New York through his arts-in-education programs and has brought notoriety to the Borough of the Bronx; and

WHEREAS, this street has a specific connection to William J. Scribner as it is the location of the headquarters of the Bronx Arts Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, the name change will not engender confusion as there are no other streets with similar name in the vicinity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the northwest corner of Van Cortlandt Park South and Hillman Avenue be co-named William J. Scribner Way.

Therefore: Be it Resolved that Bronx Community Board 8 approves the resolution.

Vote: In favor: 32

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

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2. Be it Resolved that the following Street Activity Permit Applications be approved:

Israeli Independence Day Event. Sponsor is the Bronx Borough President's Office. Event date is May 9, 2019. Street closure on half of block on Netherland Avenue between Henry Hudson Parkway East and West 236th Street. Closure from 12:00pm to 9:00pm. Event previously held.

Vote: In favor: 32 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

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3. WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board No. 8 has numerous step streets, also known as sidewalk staircases, with the Community District; and

WHEREAS, it is difficult to identify the location of these staircases to NYC 311 and NYC 911 operators;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, NYC Department of Transportation investigate the feasibility of creating identification names and/or numbers for step streets in our Community District in order for individuals to easily identify the particular step street; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, NYC Department of Transportation post the identification name or number of the step street on each side of the step street; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, NYC Department of Transportation use the corresponding street names to identify the step streets to the extent practical.

Vote: In favor: 32 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

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- The next meeting is on Monday, March 18th at P.S. 81 at 7:00PM. They will be dealing with changing parking regulations on the south side of the street at West 256th Street between Riverdale and Mosholu Avenues, a request for a left turn signal on Riverdale Avenue and West 256th Street and installation of a sidewalk at West 254th Street.
- A board member was advised to call 311 to report a defect in the street.

K. Youth – L. Parker

- The next Youth Committee meeting will consist of a career fair to be held on March 28th at Kingsbridge Heights Community Center at 6:30pm.

L. Aging – E. Dinowitz

- There will be a speaker on Human Rights at the March 19th meeting at 4:00 pm at Riverdale Senior Services.

M. Budget – D. Gellman

- Comments should be submitted to the Chair by tomorrow for the FY 2020 budget.
- April 29th is the deadline for submission of budget requests for FY 2021. He reminded Chairs to put the name of the agency on each request.

N. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

- Refer to minutes.

The following resolution was presented:

Whereas, the NYC311 system, launched March 9, 2003, provides access to nonemergency City services and information about City government programs. NYC 311 is available online and by phone and is the largest municipal service help lines in the United States;

Whereas, merchants and other community stakeholders make personal and financial investments in the well-being of our neighborhoods;

Whereas, the efficiency of the 311 system is an issue of interest to all members of our community and reducing the time of calls would result in a savings of resources;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that New York City DOITT in conjunction with our elected officials, stakeholders and Bronx Community Board 8 work together to consider issuing Community Stakeholder Numbers to merchants and other community stakeholders that would eliminate the need for identification of the caller during each 311 call.

Vote: In favor: 30 Opposed: 2 Abstentions: 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, P. Ellis, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Genao-Mejia, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T., Pardo, L. Parker, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, R. Zavras

Opposed: D. Gellman, T. Moran

O. Education – S. Alexander

- Refer to minutes.
- The next meeting is March 26th.

9. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2019

The minutes were amended to change the Veterans Committee to no report.

Vote: In favor: 32 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, P. Ellis, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Genao-Mejia, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T. Pardo, L. Parker, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, R. Zavras

10. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2019 - None

11. Miscellaneous Business

T. Moran asked who was in charge of running the Women's Suffrage event. S. Alexander is holding this event.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:26PM.

Vote: In favor: 32 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, P. Ellis, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Genao-Mejia, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T., Pardo, L. Parker, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, R. Zavras

Submitted by,

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Reviewed by Lisa Daub, Secretary