

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON MAY 10, 2016
AT RIVERDALE YM/YWHA
5625 ARLINGTON AVENUE**

- PRESENT:** S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, Lenora Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, R. Press, A.J. Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young
- ABSENT:** D. Gellman, A. Guzman, S. Marquez, D. McCord, O. Murray, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Rather, J. Reyes,
- STAFF:** P. Manning – District Manager
D. Bay – Community Associate
L. Hernandez – Community Associate
- GUESTS:** Andrew Cohen, Council Member
J. Stephenson – Office of Councilman Andrew Cohen
D. Ojeda-Tiru – rep. Congressman Eliot Engel
C. Lang – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein
T. Miller – rep. State Senator Gustavo Rivera
A. Castano – rep. Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
J. Lugo – rep. Councilman Fernando Cabrera
A. Toledo – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Lt. Foder - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct
R. Cintron - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct
Christina Taylor – Friends of Van Cortlandt Park
John Butler – Friends of Van Cortlandt Park
N.F. Taussig – Friends of Van Cortlandt Park
Jeremy Leeds – The Horace Mann School
Ruth Seligman – The Horace Mann School
Josh Goodstein – The Horace Mann School
Ben Shapiro – The Horace Mann School
Sophia Shapiro – The Horace Mann School
Margarita Ramirez – Marble Hill School of International Studies
Tim Tureski – Spuyten Duyvil Library
Gina Segaric
Julio Segara
Enrique Muriel
Thomas Giallorenzi
Alfredo Soto
Kori Petrovic – GrowNYC
Tracey Shelton – KRVC
Josephine Catalano – Hebrew Home at Riverdale
Matthew Wager
Patsy Smyth

Chairman Padernacht convened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. He thanked Riverdale YM/YWHA for hosting the board meeting.

1. Gallery Session –

- Tracy Shelton of the Kingsbridge, Riverdale, Van Cortlandt Development Corporation (KRVC) announced that they now have 2 newsletters, a Riverdale and a Kingsbridge edition. The Kingsbridge edition will be in 2 locations at newsstands on Broadway and 231 Street and 234 Street. The Riverdale edition will also be in 2 locations at Riverdale Avenue and 236 Street and 256 Street. They have a new office location at 505 West 236 Street. Office hours are Monday thru Wednesday, 11 to 6PM, Thursday, 11 to 2PM and Friday 1 to 4PM. They will also be doing special events on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. The Riverdale Riverfest is scheduled for June 5, 2016 at the College of Mt. St. Vincent. The community board will participate and has a table at this event.
- Kori Petrovic of Grow NYC announced the opening of their Youthmarket at the Riverdale Neighborhood House, West 256 Street and Mosholu Avenue on Thursdays, 2-7pm from July 7-October 27.
- I. Ladimer reported the following:
 - Centenarians were honored by the Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. at the annual Bronx Week Centenarian celebration on Thursday, May 5. Five Aging Committee members attended.
 - On Tuesday, June 23 the Riverdale Senior Center is honoring Charles G. Moerdler, Esq. Tickets are available at the Center.
 - Senator Klein Hosts First Annual Bronx Jewish American Heritage Month Celebration on Sunday May 16 at the Riverdale YM/YWHA.

2. Introduction of Special Guests

Chairman announced Council Member Andrew Cohen, D. Ojeda-Tiru office of Congressman Eliot Engel, C. Lang, office of State Senator Klein, J. Lugo, office of Councilman Cabrera, T. Miller, office of Senator Gustavo Rivera, A. Castano, office of Assemblyman Dinowitz, J. Stephenson, office of Councilman Cohen, A. Toledo, rep. Bronx Borough President and the following from the NYPD 50th Police Precinct, Lt. Foder, P.O. R. Cintron

3. Report from the 50th Police Precinct – Lt. Foder

- Crime stats from April 11 to May 8 – 1 murder vs. 0, rape 2 vs. 1, robberies 12 vs. 8, felony assault 16 vs. 13, burglary 3 vs. 3, grand larceny 6 vs. 6 and grand larceny auto 4 vs. 9. Arrests are up 178 vs. 167, up 6%.
- Tire slashings along Webb Avenue is under investigation.
- The police were asked to monitor late night basketball playing at Ft. Independence Park and Riverdale Playground, behind 141.
- The precinct works in conjunction with the Park Police and the Yonkers police to address issues such as barbequing in areas of Van Cortlandt Park where it is prohibited.
- Crime is going up in the borough. The 50th Precinct will receive 7 new officers in the summer.
- Auto crime is the biggest concern in the district. If you see something suspicious call 911. He advised all to lock their cars.
- The police identified and arrested juveniles in connection with an incident that occurred at the Chinese Restaurant on Sedgwick Avenue. The area is being monitored.
- Areas surrounding our schools are patrolled by the police.

Chairman welcomed Councilman Cohen to address the board

- The City Council Executive budget hearings began on Friday and will continue until the second week in June. There is 10 million dollars in the budget for an animal shelter in the Bronx and in Queens. No site has been identified.
- The participatory budget will include \$100,000.00 for security cameras at the 50th precinct and count-down clocks for the busses.
- Councilman Cohen has been attending Parent Association meetings at PS24.
- The NYC Council voted in favor of the 5 cent fee on plastic bags. The goal is not to collect the fee but to push people into shopping with their own reusable bags. Councilman Cohen voted in favor of

this bill.

- Councilman Cohen supports the Mayor's proposal for neighborhood support teams. He feels this is designed to achieve better integration of city services.

4. Presentation of the Community Service Award – M. Goodman

The Community Service Award was established to acknowledge the many volunteer efforts of groups and individuals within our community. It is the Board's belief that by recognizing our committed community volunteers, we can in some small way reward those most deserving and inspire others to follow their example.

This year's recipients of the award are Erik Maldonado, Georgina Segaric, Nicholas Taussig, Carmelo Velasquez, Horace Mann School – Upper Division Service Learning Team and Marble Hill School for International Studies, Students for Community Services Program. For their full story please read the following Press Release:

[COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD 15-16\CSA 2016\CSA Press Release Winners 2016.doc](#)

Erik Maldonado did not attend the meeting.

5. Chairman's Report – Daniel Padernacht

- In October, Kelly Ryan's notice of renewal to the Community Board and State Liquor Authority was intercepted in the mail and subsequently they received a fraudulent renewal license in the mail. They were unaware it was a fraudulent license until they went to renew their insurance. The license expired on December 31, 2015. When Kelly Ryans learned of the scam it closed down. The matter is currently under investigation by the NYPD. Due to time constraints, the April Parks Committee agenda included Kelly Ryan's request for letter of waiver of 30 day notification to the Community Board, for renewal of their New York State Liquor Authority license. The Committee voted on a resolution in support of the 30 day waiver and a letter was sent to the SLA following the Parks Committee meeting. The letter was signed by Chair Padernacht and Chair Bender. The board will vote on the 30 day waiver tonight. The renewal application for Kelly Ryan's will be on the May Public Safety agenda.
- R. Ginty attended a meeting in April held by the Borough President who wants Community Boards to discuss platforms for veterans affairs within the community boards. Ideas were discussed at the Executive Committee meeting. It was agreed that it was a good idea and the best way would be to form a Special Veterans Committee that might meet two or more times a year to focus on outreach and services. A resolution to this effect will be prepared for the June meeting.
- The Chair has spoken with District Attorney Darcel Clark's office about appearing to speak to the Board. The Chair is waiting to hear back from the DA's office to confirm the date.
- L. Daub and R. Ginty designed bookmarks for the community. They've been printed and are available for the community. The Chair thanked R. Ginty and L. Daub.

6. Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office – A. Toledo

7. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

One of the acquisitions the board is trying to make is the purchase of a microphone and camera system to record the board meetings. Council member J. Vacca introduced a law requiring to amend the New York city charter, in relation to requiring that all community board full board meetings be webcast. Community boards agreed with this but funding was an issue.

8. District Manager's Report – P. Manning

- The social media's internship has concluded.

- The FDNY is inviting all New Yorkers to an afternoon of open houses on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Ladder 52 (Riverdale Avenue) is from 1 to 3PM and Ladder 81 (Bailey Avenue) is from 11 to 1PM.
- OEM called the community boards to report and to see what their needs are. They are also offering to do presentations.

9. City Planning – no representative

10. Committee Reports

1. Law, Rules & Ethics – M. Wolpoff

- There will be an LRE meeting on May 26, 2016 in the board office.
- An email was distributed regarding a meeting to discuss possibilities of CB8 to conduct civics sessions for members of the community. It is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24 at 1pm.

2. Libraries & Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman

- The Libraries are not receiving monies from Councilman Cohen's budget. Chair Goodman will work with the libraries when putting together his budget priorities.
- M. Goodman announced a program at the Riverdale and Kingsbridge Libraries named Picturing the Northwest Bronx. Participants are encouraged to send up to three 11 by 14 digital photographs showcasing the beauty of the Northwest Bronx, no photographs of faces. Contact the library if interested in the above programs.

3. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

Board members were briefed on the circumstances surrounding the following resolution (see Chair report) Comments were made by board members and a vote was taken.

Whereas Kelly Ryan's is a well-known pub located at 5790 Mosholu Avenue; and

Whereas Kelly Ryan's was required as part of its application for a renewal of its liquor license to provide notice of its application to the community board 30 days in advance of application; and

Whereas Kelly Ryan's representative appeared before this committee at its April 27, 2016 meeting to inform the committee that it had sent its form to the community board as required and that this form along with other forms sent to the NY State Liquor Authority had been intercepted in the mail; and

Whereas Kelly Ryan's representative informed the committee that it had been the victim of a scam in which information contained in its application had been used illegally and that this information has been reported to the NYPD; and

Whereas Kelly Ryan's liquor license has now expired, causing the pub to close down; and

Whereas Kelly Ryan's has re-applied for license renewal and has requested from the community board a waiver of the 30-day notice because of the urgency of its situation; and

Whereas the community board agreed to hear Kelly Ryan's request at its next committee meeting, which was the April 27, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting; and

Whereas committee members reviewed the application provided by Kelly Ryan's and found the explanation offered by its representative credible; and

Whereas committee members spoke favorably about Kelly Ryan's contributions to the community; and

Whereas the 50th Precinct reports no complaints against Kelly Ryan's; therefore

Be It Resolved that the Parks & Recreation Committee recommends waiving the 30-day advance notice requirement for Kelly Ryan's application to renew its liquor license.

Vote - 27 Opposed – 2 Abstention: 1

In favor - S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, R. Press, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

Opposed: P. Friedman, S. Sarao

Abstention: R. Press

- The Committee is sponsoring It's My Park Day on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 10am-3pm at Washington's Walk, Reservoir Avenue. Flyers were distributed.
- The Riverfest is Sunday, June 5 from 12-6pm. Volunteers are needed.
- The Chair reminded committee members to turn in their parks inspection forms since there will be a discussion of Parks Inspections by committee members at the May 25 meeting.
- There will be a Special Meeting on the Hudson River Greenway, Thursday May 26, 5:30-7PM at the Riverdale YM/YWHA. Representatives from Metro North will meet to discuss the scope of work funded by Senator Klein.

4. Public Safety – J. O'Brien

The following resolutions were presented:

Whereas, the following establishments appeared at the Bronx Community Board Public Safety Committee on April 21, 2016 for a **NEW** full liquor license; and whereas no adverse information was presented; and whereas the Public Safety committee unanimously approved the application;

Be it resolved that the Bronx Community Board No. 8 approve the following **New** applications for New York State liquor licenses:

Q KACHAPA 5625-6 Broadway

Vote: In favor – 29 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0

In favor: S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, R. Press, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

BACCO - 3525 Johnson Avenue

Vote: In favor – 29 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0

In favor: S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, R. Press, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

Whereas, the following establishments appeared at the Bronx Community Board Public Safety Committee on April 21, 2016 for a **RENEWAL** for a full liquor license; and whereas no adverse information was presented; and whereas the Public Safety committee unanimously approved the application;

Be it resolved that the Bronx Community Board No. 8 approve the following **Renewal** applications for New York State liquor licenses:

COMPASS GROUP - 6301 Riverdale Avenue (College of Mt. St. Vincent)

Vote: In favor – 29 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0

In favor: S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, R. Press, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

THE LOCAL – 171 West 231 Street

Vote: In favor – 29 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0

In favor: S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, R. Press, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION – 201 West 240th Street

Vote: In favor – 29 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0

In favor: S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, R. Press, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

5. Traffic & Transportation – M. Heller

The following resolutions were approved by the Traffic & Transportation Committee on April 19, 2016 and was presented for a board vote:

RESOLUTION FOR PROPOSED STREET NAMING FOR GRACE BELKIN

Whereas, Grace Belkin, former and first District Manager of Bronx Community Board 8 (“BXCB8”), died on June 18, 2013, and this resolution is brought more than two years after her death; and

Whereas, Grace Belkin began her career as Secretary with Community Planning Board 14 that became BXCB8 as established under the New York City Charter in 1977; and

Whereas, Grace Belkin was hired as District Manager of BXCB8 and remained in that role for 30 years becoming one of the original district managers to serve in that capacity; and

Whereas, over the many years of her tenure, she acquired a citywide reputation as one of the foremost leaders in her field; and

Whereas, through her cooperative spirit, she was always ready to assist colleagues and members of the public to address even the most complex issues; and

Whereas, as a result of her policy expertise in the many areas faced by city government, representatives of the city agencies that community boards work with came to rely on her knowledge and value her judgement; and

Whereas, Grace Belkin was a main force in seeking development and funding for BXC8's 197-a Plan that established stable zoning to match the character of our neighborhoods and preservation of the Special Natural Area District; and

Whereas, Grace Belkin, in an attempt to reduce classroom overcrowding, she was a strong opponent to the use of the City's property adjacent to the Kennedy Campus being used for anything other than school construction; and

Whereas, Community Board 8 would not have its own local salt storage for Sanitation's snow crews easy and quick accessibility without Grace Belkin's advocacy and interest of safety for the community; and

Whereas, through her intervention and strong persuasion many capital budget projects reached fruition, which included reconstruction of the Johnson Avenue retaining wall, and the Palisade Avenue retaining wall; and

Whereas, this proposed street renaming comes with the strong support of many community associations such as the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, Riverdale Neighborhood House, Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Association, Riverdale Mental Health Association, and the Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association; and

Whereas, even after her passing, her legacy left in place a strong community board structure that is able to adapt to new issues as they arise, giving local residents the quality local government they demand;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the intersection of West 246 Street and Henry Hudson Parkway should be renamed "Grace Belkin Way."

The resolution was amended to add the southwest corner to the location of the street being renamed.

Vote: In favor – 28 Opposed – 0 Abstention – 1

In favor: S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, R. Press, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

Abstention: R. Fanuzzi

CAYUGA AVENUE SAPO APPLICATION

Bronx Community Board 8 approves the SAPO application for a full street closure for an event entitled "Cayuga Avenue Block Party." June 25, 2016 12-8 PM, on Cayuga Avenue, between West 246 street and dead end. The event has taken place before.

Vote: In favor – 29 Opposed – 0 Abstention – 0

In favor: S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, R. Press, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NYC DOT CROSSWALK PROPOSAL

Bronx Community Board 8 supports installation of a new “Enhanced Crossing,” new marked crosswalks at the intersections of Eames Place & Webb Avenue and Eames Place & Claflin Avenue adjacent to PS 307. The project includes day lighting of the intersections by removing one or more parking spaces to improve pedestrian safety; and proper signage placed nearby.

Vote: In favor – 29 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0

In favor: S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, J. O’Brien, D. Padernacht, R. Press, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

CHANGE IN MUNI-METER HOURS

A resolution asking NYCDOT to change the Muni Meters on Mosholu Avenue from Broadway to Fieldston Road from one hour length to two hour length was tabled. Some board members felt there should be more input from the merchants. Chair Heller will consult with the merchants. The following is the vote to table the resolution:

Vote: In favor – 29 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0

In favor: S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, J. O’Brien, D. Padernacht, R. Press, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

RESOLUTION DENYING LETTER OF NO OBJECTION

Whereas, Bronx Community Board #8 has received a request for a letter of no objection for establishment of a new Car Service Base Station, proposed to be located at 209 West 242nd Street; and

Whereas, The location is immediately adjacent to the 242nd street terminal of the IRT#1 line, serve by the BX9 route and bus routes serving Westchester County – therefore the area is a mass transit hub and public transportation in the area is extensive, and

Whereas, there is no parking in front of 209 West 242nd Street, and it is to be market-rate/affordable housing which will have a minimum amount parking required as per the city's new zoning regulations. The street is narrow with very limited metered parking on the south side of the street; and

Whereas, the company representative’s contention that parking will be available in the new housing parking area across the street, with an unknown completion date, is not deemed credible; and

Whereas, It is well known that protestations to the contrary, taxis frequently park in front of base stations, obstruct traffic and create unruly conditions in the vicinity; and

Whereas, the creation of a new car service car station does not comport with efforts to upgrade the overall attractiveness of the area; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the request for a letter of no objection is denied.

Vote: In favor – 29 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0

In favor: S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, P.

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- The Traffic & Transportation Committee meeting will be on May 17, 2016 in the board office.

6. Youth – No report

7. Aging – L. Daub

- Refer to the minutes for the April meeting.
- There is no May meeting.
- The Aging Committee will meet on June 7 at 3:30PM. This is the **first** Tuesday of the month.

8. Budget – R. Press

- The Community Board's budget priorities were submitted online last year. If Committee Chair's want the papers that were submitted last year contact the District Manager.
- The Budget Chair has to submit committee budget priorities on-line by July 15, 2016.

9. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

- Refer to minutes.
- There is an Economic Development Committee meeting tomorrow at Bronx BBQ OPit on West 233 Street.
- S. Villaverde attended a hearing at the Bronx Supreme Court to support Adam Garcia's family. He was a 28 year old man stabbed to death in the McDonald's parking lot on Broadway near West 236 Street in Kingsbridge.

10. Education – S. Alexander

- Refer to minutes.
- There was an Education meeting on May 3. A representative from the Riverdale Mental Health spoke about bullying in schools and the Bronx Charter School of Excellence came to announce that they submitted an application to the state to open their third school, possibly in the Kingsbridge area. The committee was very impressed with this school.
- The committee discussed the problems at PS24.
- The budget is on the agenda for the May 31 Education meeting.

11. Environment & Sanitation – Vice Chair, L. Spalter

- Refer to the April minutes.
- A free water testing kit can be requested by calling 311. This information will be added to next month's CB8 newsletter.
- Christ Church is holding an environmental forum on Sunday, May 22 from 1-4.
- The next E&S meeting will be on Wednesday, May 18 at Riverdale Mental Health Association. A DEP representative will give a presentation on stormwater management.
- A board member asked how to get curb your dog signs. Vice Chair, Laura Spalter reported that they no longer put up these signs but you can report a problem area to 311.

12. Health, Hospitals and Social Services – S. Froot

- The next meeting is on Monday, May 16 at Citadel Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at 3400 Cannon Place. This was the Kingsbridge Heights Rehabilitation Center, which is under new management. They have also done renovations and will give the committee a report.
- At the next meeting their committee will be looking at the expansion of Mt. Sinai ambulance services to the Bronx and an Affinity Health Plan event proposed for June 25 in Van Cortlandt Park. Another agenda item will be budget priorities.
- ThriveNYC Mental Health Initiative is scheduled for a June forum at Vladeck Hall. The date has not yet been decided.

13. Housing – P. Ellis

- Refer to April minutes.
- At the April meeting there was a presentation by representatives of Bon Secours New York Health System.
- The had a working session on the Housing Resource Guide.
- The May meeting will include budget priorities for FY 2017 for the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) and NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA). Representatives of NYCHA and DOB to be in attendance.

14. Land Use – C. Moerdler

- No report.

15. Approval of Board Minutes of April 12, 2016.

- R. Press amended the minutes - last bullet of Councilman Cabrera's report on page 3 to be changed from Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Association to Kingsbridge National Ice Center (KNIC).

Vote: In favor – 29 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0

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16. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2016.

- No comments.

17. Miscellaneous Business

- No comments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Submitted by,

Diane Bay
Community Associate