

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2014
SCHERVIER NURSING CARE CENTER, 2975 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE**

- PRESENT:** S. Balicer, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, L. Spalter, D. Toledo, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young
- ABSENT:** S. Alexander, L. Baez, A. Fella, A. G. Feldmeier, M. Felix, D. Fuchs, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, J. O'Brien, J. M. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, J. Rather, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, I. W. Stone, M. Zegarra-Soja
- STAFF:** N. Stent – District Manager
D. Bay – Community Associate
P. Manning – Community Associate
- GUESTS:** J. Dinowitz, Assemblyman
A. Cohen, Councilman
M. Blaustein – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein
J. Demko – Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
T. Edwards – rep. Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez
D. Greenblatt – rep. Congressman Eliot Engel
A. Sandler – Office of Councilman Andrew Cohen
A. Toledo – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.
I. Christner – Bon Secours
P. Moerdler
E. Tineo

Chairman Padernacht convened the meeting at the meeting at 7:15PM.

1. Gallery

Speaker not present. Motion was made to table the Gallery to allow the speaker time in case they arrive later.

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

1. Community Board Membership applications are now available. There is a change to the application requiring that new and reappointment applications be notarized. Applications will be made available on the Borough President's website, Council, and community board offices.
2. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. will host his annual Chanukah Celebration on Thursday, December 18, at 1:00 PM and Menorah Lighting Ceremony in the rotunda of The Bronx County Building. Those interested in attending should send rsvp. Flyers left on table.

3. Extended Borough President Diaz' appreciation to the Board Members and staff alike for their hard work all year, and likewise he looks forward to another good year in 2015.
3. Chairman's Report
 - Chairman explained the new schedule with emailing board mailings of minutes, agendas, and like items. Mailings will go out on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and as needed. The change is for purpose of improving efficiency.
 - The Board's written FOIL policy has been submitted to the Law, Rules & Ethics Committee for review.
 - The website has been updated with the addition of some new items including the Greenway Special Committee.
 - The newly developed Board Newsletter is now sent to subscribers. It is designed with individual committee links for clicking onto agendas and minutes.
 - Chairman's full report is contained in the December meeting minutes of the Executive Committee.
 - At the November Board meeting, Chairman was asked to look at forming a "Special Committee" for dealing with the Bylaws revisions. Chairman stated that in his opinion the bylaws revisions are best left within the Law, Rules and Ethics Committee, with the working group. Chairman further noted similar practice with other committees that have "working groups."
4. Treasurer's Report
 - Salary increases for some staff members were previously confirmed. There was a budget modification in November that will probably occur in January at the same time when the next quarterly report is due.
5. District Manager's Report
 - The report is covered in Decembers' Executive Committee minutes.
 - Through the help of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, the Board office will be reconfigured with new equipment and furniture.
 - The Community Board Membership application is linked to the Board's Newsletter.
6. Chairman welcomed Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz; Councilman Andrew Cohen, Michael Blaustein, representing State Senator Jeffrey Klein; Justin Demko, Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz; Tony Edwards, representing Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez; David Greenblatt, representing Congressman Eliot Engel; Andrew Sandler, Office of Councilman Andrew Cohen; Andy Toledo, representing Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.
7. Chairman invited Assemblyman Dinowitz to address the Board.

Assemblyman Dinowitz discussed the collaboration between his office and Community Board 8 with efforts to urge MTA to increase bus service in the district. Discussion on needed changes took place at the Board's Traffic & Transportation Committee meeting. Permanent additions are needed on the No. 7 and 10 buses to avoid long waits at 231st Street; He warned about the scams prevalent especially around the holidays; Wished all a Happy Holiday.

8. Chairman invited Councilman Cohen to address the Board.

Councilman Cohen related that he is heading toward serving $\frac{1}{4}$ of his term at the end of the year. It has been a good year and he is pleased with Speaker and Mayor's support of the Council. He has moved to a new office which is centrally located at 277 West 231st Street and invites all to stop by for any reason at all. He assured that his staff would be helpful and he complimented Andrew Sandler for his work with constituents. Wished all a Happy Holiday.

The Board applauded Councilman Cohen's new office Ribbon Cutting.

9. Committee Reports

A. Land Use – C. Moerdler

1. The Committee met on December 8, 2014.
2. Discussed the Bloomfield applications for construction of 3 new houses in Fieldston Historic District. There was an agreement to request lay-over until January. C. Moerdler presented the following resolution passed by the Committee:

RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board No. 8 request that the Landmarks Preservation Commission Public Hearing be **laid over** until January 2015 for Application No. 09-6026, 4680 Fieldston Road, Fieldston Historic District – Block 5819, Lot 2166, Zoned R1-2 for proposed new construction of three houses.

Vote: 29 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Balicer, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, R. Fanuzzi, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, L. Spalter, D. Toledo, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

3. Discussed the application for zoning variance for 6033 Huxley to permit construction of a detached two-family residence. C. Moerdler presented the following resolution passed by the Committee and he noted that his vote at the Land Use Committee was recorded incorrectly as "in favor," whereas, he had abstained:

RESOLVED, Because a showing of special circumstances has been made and without prejudice and without creating any precedential effect, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the Authorization by the City Planning Commission to permit the construction of a two-family residence on the project site located at 6033 Huxley Ave (Block 5875, Lot 927), within Community District 8, Borough of The Bronx. The applicant is seeking an authorization pursuant to Section 22-43 of the Zoning Resolution to waive the requirements of Section 22-43, to allow the construction of a detached two-family residence with less than 75 percent of the floor area of one dwelling unit located above or below the other.

Vote: 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 7 abstentions:

In Favor –

S. Balicer, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, B. Fettman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, L. Spalter, D. Toledo, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions –

R. Fanuzzi, P. Friedman, M. Khury, C. G. Moerdler, R. Press, J. Reyes, M. Goodman

4. C. Moerdler advised about other pending projects expected to be submitted to the Board: SAR, Riverdale Country School.
5. It was agreed between the Land Use Committee and Bloomfield that a tour of the Bloomfield property with CB8 Board members would be conducted on Sunday, January 11, 2015. N. Stent is setting up the tour.
6. Additionally, C. Moerdler discussed the City Planning Commission's Affordable Housing applications coming up.
7. M. Heller presented the following resolution from the Selhelp Working Group passed by the Land Use Committee indicating a revision to the 6th "Whereas"* clause:

Whereas, at the meeting of the Land Use Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 ("Board 8") held on September 15, 2014, a working group consisting of members of Board 8 and other community members (the "Selfhelp Working Group") was formed in order to address questions and issues raised by the community with Selfhelp Community Services, Inc. ("Selfhelp") in connection with the project Selfhelp is developing at 6469 Broadway (the "Project");

Whereas, the Selfhelp Working Group sent letters on September 29th to both the NYC Department of Buildings ("DOB") and the City Planning Commission ("CPC") asking for clarification regarding the application of the Zoning Resolution as far as allowable FAR, impact of commercial space, acceptable use of lift parking, and other issues relating to the size and density of the project;

Whereas, it is the position of DOB and CPC that Selfhelp is required under the Zoning Resolution to provide 19 parking spaces in connection with the Project;

Whereas, Selfhelp is proposing to provide 13 of those 19 spaces via lift parking;

Whereas, lift parking, which is not currently being used anywhere in Community Board 8, would result in noise and a commercial appearance to the Project which is not appropriate for the surrounding residential neighborhood;

Whereas, we are informed that it is the opinion *of officials in the

Bronx office of DOB, that if the required parking for the Project is to be satisfied with lift parking, then in order to comply with the Zoning Resolution, such parking must be attended 24x7x365 by dedicated personnel with no other responsibilities in the Project and that the Project must include a booth for the parking attendants;

Whereas, the Project is not currently in compliance, as personnel are only to be available to operate the lift parking from 7 am until 11:30 pm, those personnel are intended to have responsibilities beyond operating the lift parking, and plans for the project do not include a booth for parking attendants; and

Whereas, DOB has already permitted a reduction in the required square footage per parking spot from 300 sq. ft. per parking spot to 200 sq. ft. per parking spot, which allowed Selfhelp to construct a larger, taller building that is out of context with and opposed by residents of the surrounding community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board is opposed to the use of lift parking in connection with the Project, given the proximity to private homes and the adjacent senior living facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if DOB elects to allow the use of lift parking despite community and Board opposition, DOB should require Selfhelp to provide a 24x7x365 dedicated parking attendant, an attendant parking booth and any and all ancillary facilities necessary to support such operations as required by New York City code, the Zoning Resolution and other guidelines and as established by DOB through precedent for similar buildings in similar settings throughout New York City (collectively, "Laws and Guidelines"), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board calls upon DOB to take such actions as are necessary to stop construction of the Project until such time as DOB determines that the Project is in compliance with the Laws and Guidelines.

Vote: 28 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor –

S. Balicer, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, R. Fanuzzi, B. Fettman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, L. Spalter, D. Toledo, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstention –

P. Friedman

M. Wolpoff commended P. Ellis for the countless hours and effort he has been contributing to the issues related to the Selfhelp development along with the work of the Land Use Committee's Selfhelp working group.

B. Law, Rules & Ethics – M. Wolpoff

1. The Bylaws Working Group met and the Draft Minutes were sent to the working group members for review before general distribution is done per new Executive Committee guidelines.
2. M. Wolpoff asked that anyone with ideas with items in the bylaws to please contact him.
3. R. Fanuzzi recommended that the Bylaws Working Group add a process for amending the bylaws.

10. At this juncture D. Toledo called for a motion to amend the Board Agenda. He stated his intention to bring a resolution to the floor calling for the establishment of a special committee to research, amend and tailor the bylaws if possible. Discussion ensued. The question was called on the motion to amend. The motion was defeated by a vote of 13 in favor, 17 Opposed, and 0 Abstentions.

In Favor –

S. Balicer, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Donato, R. Fanuzzi, B. Fettman, S. Froot, M. Khury, L. Parker, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, D. Toledo, S. Villaverde

Opposed –

A. P. Creaney, P. Friedman, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, L. Spalter, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

C. Libraries & Culture Affairs – M. Goodman

1. Refer to minutes.
2. M. Khury informed about a City Council hearing scheduled for December 11th concerning library funding, resources, etc. M. Goodman is unable to attend but asked if anyone else would be available. He further informed about the funding process and the very active Libraries Defenders Committee that works very hard in support of the New York Public Library.

D. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

1. The next meeting is December 29th. The Committee will take up planning for It's My Parks Day.
2. B. Bender announced that DEP has agreed to fund the replacement of trees that were removed from the perimeter of Jerome Park Reservoir having to do with the Croton Filtration project. Therefore, the Department of Parks & Recreation is going to begin a tree planting program in spring 2015. DPR is asking for a list of up to 100 locations for tree plantings. He asked that the recommended sites be submitted to the Board office with the name of the street as well as the cross streets by Friday December 12th, or by early the following week of December 15^h at the latest. Empty tree pits are an excellent location for new plantings, even if there is a stump in the tree pit. He asked that the Board participate in helping to get the message out to the public.

3. Chairman Padernacht advised that he had approved the appointment of Christina Taylor as a Committee Community Member to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

E. Public Safety – R. Press, Vice Chair

1. The incident of assault that occurred on Johnson Avenue and witnessed and called into 911 by P. Friedman while in progress was discussed. 911 had refused to respond stating that such reporting must be made by victim. 911's handling of these types of calls will be taken up at a Public Safety meeting. Lt. Foder of Special Operations presented to the Committee. Lt. Foder mentioned crime prevention tips on burglar proofing your house. Lights, dogs, limiting visitors you don't know, i.e. delivery and service people. Do not advertise that you are going away on social media, do not leave a house key in easy to find areas, keep car doors locked, and a light on in the garage when parking. He stressed not to confront a burglar who just wants to run away from you. Call the police and let them do their job.
2. The applicant for the Sante Fe Grill liquor license did not appear at the meeting. They will be notified for the December meeting.
3. R. Press presented the following liquor license resolutions passed by the Committee:

I. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the following NY State Liquor License **RENEWAL** applications:

1. Ibiza Lounge - 220 West 242nd Street
2. Raine Lounge - 170 West 233rd Street

Vote: 29 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Balicer, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, L. Spalter, D. Toledo, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

B. Fettman

II. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the following NY State Liquor License **RENEWAL** application:

1. Mr. Vigg's – 5670 Mosholu Avenue

Vote: 27 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention, and 1 abstention with cause

In Favor –

S. Balicer, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M.

Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, L. Spalter, D. Toledo, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

B. Fettman

Abstention –

K. Pesce

Abstention With Cause –

R. Press

III. BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the following NY State Liquor License **NEW** applications:

1. Gleason's Sports Bar Inc. - 6115 Broadway
2. Villa Ole – 218 West 242nd Street
3. Asian Tokyo – 4685 Manhattan College Parkway
4. Moss Café, LLC - 3260 Johnson Avenue

Vote: 26 in favor, 3 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor –

S. Balicer, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, L. Spalter, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

B. Fettman, K. Pesce, D. Toledo

Abstention –

I. Ladimer

F. Traffic & Transportation – M. Heller

1. The November meeting was very good and there were high level representation from the Transit Authority. The representative of the Bus Division ranked No. 2.
2. The next meeting will be held on December 16th, at Manhattan College, at 7:30 PM. The agenda will include several SAPO applications; and a review of outstanding requests for lane markings, speed humps, lane reversals, etc.

G. Youth – L. Parker

1. Committee met in November.
2. Looking into a cleanup operation with Riverdale Neighborhood House and In-Tech Academy.
3. C-Ball Tournament Championship was held on December 6th at Lehman.
4. Planning and seeking location for the 3rd Youth Poetry SLAM for 2015.

5. Committee's Vice Chair is Demetrius McCord.
6. Committee is conducting a youth needs assessment in District 8.
7. There will not be a December meeting.
8. The Youth Committee selected the following five nominees as this year's recipients for the NY Yankees Youth Leadership Awards: Waleed Aberaddo, Musllima Adams, Christopher Sanchez, Raimundo Sanchez, and Brian West. All are from the local neighborhood Community Centers.
9. The December 24th meeting is cancelled due to approach of the Christmas holiday.
10. Chairman Padernacht explained that because of the tight deadline with the turnaround of the Youth Committee receiving the NY Yankees Youth Leadership nominees there was insufficient time to bring list of recipients to full Board. However the Executive Committee voted to ratify the nominations at full Board meeting. Chairman called for a full Board vote to ratify the recipients.

Vote: 31 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Balicer, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, L. Spalter, D. Toledo, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

H. Aging – K. Pesce

1. The Committee will meet at an earlier time of 2:30 PM because of the shorter winter daylight hours.
2. The next meeting will be held on December 16th, at Fiver Star Premier Residence. There will be a presentation on "virtual dementia."

I. Budget

No report.

J. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

1. The Committee had a very good meeting at Montezema Restaurant. Discussed Arizona divestment and the committee are deciding whether or not to bring a resolution.
2. Discussed the Montefiore development to gage where the community is with regard to support or not.
3. Refer to minutes that are forthcoming.

K. Education – R. Pochter Lowe

1. The Committee's December meeting is cancelled.

L. Environment & Sanitation – R. Fanuzzi

1. The Committee had a very productive meeting.

2. Starting January 2015, there will be a ban on electronic waste collection on curbside. The Department of Sanitation is targeting waste reduction aggressively. Starting March 2015 every household will receive containers for the Organics Recycling program. The containers are rodent proof and is seen by the Department of Health as a rodent reducing measure. Information on both programs will be sent out. Any questions refer to minutes.
3. Discussed school recycling and litter around schools perimeter. This will be taken up at the next meeting hopefully with Sanitation DOE representatives attending.
4. The next meeting will be held on December 17th, at Riverdale Jewish Center at 7:00 PM.
5. A meeting will be held on December 10th at Hostos Community College on DEP's plans regarding Combined Sewer Overflow. This will be discussed at next Committee meeting. R. Pactor Lowe advised of her role with CERT to keep drains clear of leaves and debris.

M. Health, Hospitals & Social Services – S. Froot

1. Next meeting will be held on December 15th, at Schervier Apartments, at 7:30PM. S. Froot urged members' attendance.
2. Refer to minutes.

N. Housing – P. Ellis

1. Committee met in November at NYCHA's Fort Independence Community Center. It was a good meeting with 25 residents in attendance. Heard a lot of concerns. Will follow-up by attending the next Tenants Association meeting as well as a meeting with management. Thanked S. Marquez, R. Palmer, and L. Mercado for arranging the meeting.
2. Met at the 50th Precinct to discuss security issues at Marble Hill. Was joined by A. G. Feldmeier, T. Edwards, and P.O. Ramos. Also working on illegal dumping problem in Marble Hill.
3. The next meeting will be held on December 22nd, at Riverdale Mental Health Association, at 7:30 PM. Will discuss illegal conversions, and Code Enforcement.

11. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2014

- M. Khury corrected page 6 regarding the vote on Villanova to reflect that she had abstained for cause.
- M. Khury referred to page 7, under Law, Rules & Ethics. She stated that comments made by her concerning her request to M. Wolpoff to serve on the Special Committee for the Bylaws were left out. She made a motion that the minutes be amended to include her statement. Discussion ensued. Question was called on the motion to amend.

Vote: Motion defeated by a vote of 10 in favor, 4 opposed, and 17 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Balicer, B. Bender, M. Donato, S. Froot, R. Fanuzzi, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, J. Reyes, D. Toledo, S. Villaverde

Opposed –

A. Creaney, C. Moerdler, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions –

L. Daub, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, L. Spalter

- B. Press corrected page 7, No. 5, last sentence to “*Chairman Padernact*” will take under advisement.

Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes as corrected.

The minutes were approved by a vote of 24 in favor, 1 opposed, and 6 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Balicer, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, L. Spalter, S. Villaverde, H. Young

Opposed

J. Reyes

Abstentions

M. Khury, C. Moerdler, L. Parker, X. Sanchez, D. Toledo, M. Wolpoff

12. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2014.
 - Chairman advised that the Executive Board has made the following changes regarding disseminating minutes. The minutes must be approved by Committee before posting to website. When Chair submits minutes to the Board Office, the Board will send to committee members for review. Chair will have 48 hours to advise Board. If response not received from Chair, minutes will be disseminated to full Board. Executive minutes are exempt from this policy. R. Press advised that he opposes new policy.
 - J. Reyes referred to Chair’s Report. She asked about inserting the “Member’s” name. J. Reyes referred to page 3, 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence, under “Issues raised by Committee Members for Discussion.” She discussed the omission of names and actual number of members referred to. The following members agreed to list their names: B. Bender, R. Fanuzzi, J. Reyes, and S. Froot.
 - J. Reyes discussed the memo sent earlier from Chairman Padernacht concerning the 2014 Grow NYC Contract. R. Fanuzzi spoke and asked that the matter closed out. He conveyed his appreciation to Chairman Padernacht for his thoroughness with the report. He expressed his hope that the Board will now move forward; and he is grateful for the new changes with the dissemination of minutes.
13. Information/FOIL request office process and procedure (By Request of Sergio Villaverde) – Matter over taken by events
14. Community member non-approval policy (By Request of Sergio Villaverde) – Policy mailed out.

15. Open meeting law requirements and applicability (By Request of Sergio Villaverde) – M. Wolpoff wrote to Committee, received two comments, waiting for response from COOG.
16. Committee meeting locations (By Request of Sergio Villaverde) – Withdrawn
17. Establishment of a Diversity committee (By Request of Sergio Villaverde) – Discussion ensued. Decision made to discuss at Executive Committee.

Meeting adjourned 10:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia Manning,
Community Associate