

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 10, 2014
AT RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4765 HENRY HUDSON PARKWAY**

PRESENT: S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

ABSENT: S. Balicer, B. Contant

STAFF: N. Stent – District Manager
D. Bay – Community Associate
P. Manning – Community Associate

GUESTS: M. Blaustein – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein
J. Demko – rep. Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
J. DeSio – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.
G. Faulkner – rep. Councilmember Fernando Cabrera
D. Greenblatt – rep. Congressman Eliot L. Engel
R. Martos – rep. Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
A. Sandler –Office of Councilman Andrew Cohen
P.O. Cordero – NYPD, 50th Police Precinct
M. Gonzalez – Kingsbridge Library
F. Anelante – Riverdale Spuyten Duyvil Coalition
J. Allstan – Pan African Culture
C. Anton
H. Barret
A. Diacou
T. Durham
G. Feliciano
T. Giallorenzi
J. Gomez
J. Goris – Ibiza Lounge
J. Lehunt
M. Lopez
P. Lopez
L. Menchini
P. Moerdler
C. O'Brien – Nature Group VCP
G. Ortega
A. Rauch
S. Shahrigian
J. Sierra
J. Young

T. Shelton – KRVCCD

Chairman Fanuzzi called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

1. Gallery Session

- A. Tracy Shelton, discussed river access along the Hudson River and displayed post cards signed by supporters; urged support of the Riverfest event on June 15th, on the grounds of the College of Mount Saint Vincent. Referred to the supplement in the Riverdale Press “Riverdale Station Park – Start of Something Spectacular.” Amongst other information in the article, there is mention of river access through a tiny park through the Metro North West 254th Street Station. It is a beautiful little park with breathtaking views of the Hudson River. KRVC is committed to the expansion of this park to the north into Yonkers and to the south into Manhattan for a continuous riverfront greenway in this community that connects up and down the Hudson River.
- B. Frank Anelante, Chair, Spuyten Duyvil River Coalition, listed recommendations for the Board to consider in its Hudson River Greenway resolution for riverfront access relative to the NYMTC plan as follows: no cantilever on the Henry Hudson Bridge; streets should not be disturbed, but remain as they are; no widening streets to their mapped but unbuilt portions; and no reduction of traffic lanes or street parking on Riverdale Avenue, or anywhere else in Community Board 8; “Forever Wild” Riverdale Park should continue as such, totally undisturbed; no going through the Park, no constructing of mixed use bicycle paths, ramps, and/or bridges through either it or the Palisade Avenue right of way from Spaulding Lane to West 254th Street; access to the waterfront and link should be at West 254th Street only. Additionally, he asked that the Board continue community involvement with the process.
- C. Jorge Sierra, presented information on the Bronx LGBTQ Center, a New York State membership-based, not-for-profit corporation working to build a new community services center for LGBTQ and supportive individuals in the Bronx, lower Westchester, and upper Manhattan. It offers supportive services such as free legal clinics and workshops, youth and women's support groups, social and recreational events, arts and cultural programming, and support for businesses. The Center is partnering with other community-based organizations to provide clinical and health-related services to the community. The new Bronx LGBTQ Center will present its 2014 Bronx LGBTQ Pride & Health Fair on Saturday, July 19th from 12-6 PM at Crotona Park's amphitheater in the Bronx. This will mark the 2nd anniversary of a longstanding event organized under their leadership, with community support. Last year, nearly 2,000 attendees participated in an event that celebrated LGBTQ pride and equality. For further information, email info@bronxlgbtqcenter.org, call 347-542-8291, or visit online at <http://bronxlgbtqcenter.org>.
- D. Herb Barret described unsafe traffic conditions in the Kingsbridge section, mainly in the areas of Kingsbridge Avenue, West 231st and 232nd Streets. He strongly recommended the presence of a police officer at the corner.

Chairman directed Mr. Barret to confer with P.O. Cordero, 50th Precinct, Community Affairs, who was in attendance and to be in touch with the Traffic and Transportation Committee.

2. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2014

- R. Ginty referred to the resolution regarding the funding contract with GrowNYC for youthmarkets, Page 5, after “Discussion ensued.” She proposed the following language be added relative to comments made during discussion: “After several suggestions for further analysis by the Board or establishing a subcommittee at the beginning of the year or in the fall to review the practice and process for this contract and with the understanding that this will be done, the question was called.”
- M. Wolpoff added his name to page 6, item 10, to reflect his member participation with the Community Service Awards presentations.
- M. Goodman corrected Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee report, page 11, item 4, to reflect that the June 5th meeting location is at Van Cortlandt Branch Library.

The minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed - J. Pilsner and 1 abstention – P. Friedman.

3. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2014

Minutes will be adopted by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

4. Chairman welcomed and invited P.O. Steve Cordero, 50th Precinct to address the Board.

P.O. Cordero reviewed the year to date crime statistics for the 50th Precinct: current year versus (vs) last year: murder 0 vs 1, rape 9 vs 0, robbery 59 vs 58, felony assault 55 vs 57, burglary 62 vs 61, grand larceny 162 vs 171, grand larceny auto 44 vs 42, transit 13 vs 4, housing 25 vs 18, and shooting victims 2 vs 5. The Greendot Money Pak card scam is still prominent with three incidents occurring within the 50th Precinct as recent as May. Chase Bank, 3775 Riverdale Avenue was target of a high tech ATM card skimming. Criminals place skimming devices at bank door entrance and ATM machine and pin numbers are being recorded. An information sheet for safeguarding against ATM skimming was passed out.

B. Bender conveyed thanks to D.I. Rasa for attending a meeting and discussing the situation with ATVs in Van Cortlandt Park.

5. Chairman welcomed Councilman Andrew Cohen and invited him to address the Board.

Councilman Cohen thanked Chairman Bob Fanuzzi and Bob Bender for joining him at the press conference held to announce the City Council Resolution 251 being brought by himself and colleagues Councilmen Mark Levine and Ydanis Rodriguez regarding the LG Tower. Councilman Cohen stated he has been at the City Council working on the City Budget.

6. Report from the Office of the Bronx Borough President – J. DeSio

Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and State Senator Jeff Klein were joined by Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and a host of community activists as well as Chairman Fanuzzi near the Jerome Park Reservoir to introduce new legislation intent on designating Jerome Park as parkland of the City of New York. The bills, A 9681 and S 7467, would set in motion a public process by which most or all of what is known as Jerome Park can either become designated as parklands or lands that can be readily

accessible to the general public for recreational use. The space could also be used as an urban wildlife or nature sanctuary.

- **Upcoming Events**

- **Old School Game Day**

- Saturday June 14, 2014, 11:00am -3:00pm
 - Stickball Boulevard at Randall Avenue

- **Caribbean Heritage Month Celebration**

- Thursday June 19, 2014, Noon- 2:00pm
 - Bay Eden Senior Center 1220 East 229th Street
 - RSVP to 718-590-3522 or lroldan@bronxbp.nyc.gov

- **LGBTQ Pride Month Celebration**

- Wednesday June 25, 2014, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
 - Bronx Museum on the Arts – 1040 Grand Concourse
 - RSVP dmcall@bronxbp.nyc.gov

7. Chairman's Report

- Applauded Councilman Andrew Cohen for the very acute Resolution 251, introduced to the City Council calling on the Borough of Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey to withdraw the variance issued to LG Corporation to allow its headquarters to exceed the 35 feet height limit for its tower along the Palisades. He spoke about Community Board 8 being the first to pass a resolution opposing the LG tower. Chairman then made a motion to add a resolution to the Agenda from the floor in support of Resolution 251. The motion was seconded. The resolution passed unanimously by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

- Recognized B. Bender, who moved the following resolution from the floor:

Whereas, Councilmembers Andrew Cohen, Mark Levine, and Ydanis Rodriguez have introduced Resolution 251 in the City Council calling on the Borough of Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, to withdraw the variance it issued to the LG Corporation that would allow LG to build its new headquarters to exceed the 35-foot height limit established in the Borough's zoning laws and previously respected by other builders in the Borough; and

Whereas, the LG Corporation to date has refused to lower the height of its proposed new headquarters from 143 feet, which would alter the view of the Palisades north of

Fort Lee, New Jersey, and set a dangerous precedent for future development along the Palisades; and

Whereas, the Palisades of the Hudson River are a National Historic Landmark and a National Natural Landmark and have been designated a National Treasure by the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and

Whereas, Bronx Community Board 8 in May 2013 unanimously passed a resolution urging the LG corporation to re-configure its headquarters to respect the historic status of the Palisades and calling on our elected officials to take appropriate action in support of that resolution;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Bronx Community Board 8 supports Resolution 251 as introduced by Councilmembers Cohen, Levine, and Rodriguez, and thanks for them for taking action to help preserve the beauty and integrity of the Palisades.

Following discussion, the question was called and the resolution passed unanimously by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

- Reported on the April 2014 meeting of the Croton Water Filtration Plant Monitoring Committee. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) delayed a proposed limited public access plan for Jerome Park Reservoir until construction is completed on the east wall of the Reservoir. A proposal was made to DEP that in the event construction did not affect the Reservoir's entire perimeter that the public should be given provisional limited access, as proposed by CFMC. DEP has taken this under advisement. DEP is refusing to pay for restoration of trees taken down by DEP around Jerome Park Reservoir. To that end, Comptroller Stringer has written a letter to DEP Commissioner Lloyd inquiring about plans to replace the trees.
- Chairman extended great thanks to the Board office staff and District Manager for their hard work this past year and during his three year tenure. He especially thanked N. Stent for her counsel. He discussed his three year tenure and reviewed Board challenges and successes. He noted expansive economic growth along Broadway, enhanced street activities, creation of youth farmer's markets, new annual youth events which include Poetry Slams, Golf Day, Youth Ice Skating Day in Van Cortlandt Park, extensive land use matters with development, affordable housing, and more. In the area of Parks, there has been a development of a Master Plan for Van Cortlandt Park, and there has been much work and effort with proposed plans for the Hudson River Greenway and Putnam Trail.

8. Treasurer's Report

The report is submitted quarterly. Reviewed Board finances on May 29th and filed report with the Officers.

9. District Manager’s Report – N. Stent

- The Board Office will once again be a drop-off site this year for Operation Backpack. Operation Backpack 2014 is sponsored through Volunteers of America-Greater New York to support homeless children. Last year 65,000 backpacks were collected. The backpacks can be dropped off starting July 1st through July 31st.
- N. Stent thanked Board office staff members Diane Bay and Patricia Manning for their performance with the work of the Board.

10. Report of the Nominating Committee – M. Wolpoff

M. Wolpoff wrote to the State Committee on Open Government to ask for a review of the Nominating Committee process and received their decision on June 9, 2014 which was distributed to the full Board in advance of the Board meeting. He noted the need for possible changes to the committee as result of the correspondence.

M. Wolpoff presented the following Report of the Nominating Committee:

OFFICERS:

Chairperson	Maria Khury Daniel Padernacht
Vice-Chair	Rosemary Ginty
Treasurer	Philip Friedman
Secretary	Joyce Pilsner

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Aging	Karen Pesce
Budget	Brendan Contant
Economic Development	Sergio Villaverde
Education	Sylvia Alexander
Environment and Sanitation	Robert Fanuzzi
Health, Hospitals and Social Services	Steven Froot
Housing	Paul Ellis
Land Use	Charles Moerdler
Law, Rules and Ethics	Vacant
Libraries	Marvin Goodman
Parks and Recreation	Bob Bender
Public Safety	Arlene Garbett-Feldmeier
Traffic and Transportation	Michael Heller
Youth	Lamont Parker

M. Wolpoff also noted the vacancy for Law, Rules and Ethics.

Chairman opened the floor for discussion. D. Lennon, a member of Nominating Committee, expressed concerns about the process and voting procedures within the committee. After discussion and questions, Chair referred the issue of the Nominating Committee and OML to the Law, Rules, and Ethics Committee.

Chairman Fanuzzi advised that the voting would be in two parts, starting with the Officers. He asked for any additional nominations for each of the Officers from the floor. X. Sanchez nominated S. Froot for Vice-Chair. S. Froot declined the nomination for Vice-Chair. Chairman called for a vote on the positions for Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Vote for Vice Chair : 38 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, M. Galvin, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

J. Reyes

Abstentions –

S. Froot, D. Lennon

Vote for Treasurer and Secretary: 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, M. Galvin, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Chairman opened the floor for 1 minute comments for those wishing to give support for either of the two candidates for Board Chairperson. Following these comments, each candidate was given unlimited time to address the board on their own behalf. The Chairman called for a vote for the Chairperson. The Board voted on paper ballots that were counted by a group of 3 board members comprised of A. Moore, J. Rather and J. Pilsner. This group was selected by the Chairman. The following vote tally resulted:

Maria Khury: 16 in favor, 1 abstention

In Favor -

B. Bender, M. Donato, R. Fanuzzi, B. Fettman, S. Froot, M. Khury, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, L. Parker, J. Pilsner, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, L. Spalter, S. Villaverde

Abstention -

L. Daub

Daniel Padernacht: 24 in favor, 1 abstention

In Favor -

S. Alexander, A. Creaney, P. Ellis, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, P. Friedman, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstention -
L. Daub

Chairman extended congratulations to D. Padernacht as new Board Chair.

Chairman opened the floor for additional nominations on the Committee Chairs and for the vacant nomination for Committee Chair of Law, Rules and Ethics. S. Piscitelli nominated M. Wolpoff for Law, Rules and Ethics Chair and Mr. Wolpoff accepted. A. G. Feldmeier nominated R. Press for Environment and Sanitation Committee Chair and Mr. Press accepted. A vote was called for the slate of Committee Chairs, not including the vote for Environment and Sanitation Chair, which would be conducted separately.

Vote on Committee Chairs (excluding Environment and Sanitation) 41 In favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions

In Favor -

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Chairman Fanuzzi's name had been placed in nomination for Chair of the Environment and Sanitation Committee by the Nominating Committee, and he therefore turned the chair over to Vice Chair Khury for the election of the chair for that Committee.

Vice Chair Khury opened the floor for comments for those wishing to give support for either candidate, Robert Fanuzzi and Robert Press. After which, both candidates addressed the board on their own behalf. Vice Chair Khury called for a vote. Paper ballots were issued. The following vote resulted for the Committee Chair of the Environment and Sanitation Committee:

Robert Fanuzzi: 23 in favor

In Favor -

R. Bender, A. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Fella, S. Froot, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, S. Villaverde, H. Young

Robert Press: 18 in favor

In Favor -

S. Alexander, A. Garbett Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff

11. Committee Reports

A. Aging – L. Daub, Vice Chair

1. Refer to minutes.
2. The Committee is working on a Resource Directory.
3. The next meeting will be held on June 17th at Bon Secour/Schervier, at 3:30 PM.

B. Budget

No report.

C. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

1. The Economic Development Committee, Councilman Andrew Cohen, and the Department of Consumer Affairs will host an informational forum regarding the new Paid Sick Leave law on June 18th, at the Kingsbridge Library, at 5:30 PM.

D. Education – S. Alexander

1. Refer to minutes.
2. This year the budget priorities request letters brought in responses from two new schools, MS 244 (formerly MS 143) and Marie Curie High School for Medicine. Additionally, as in past years, responses were received from PS/MS 37 and PS 81.

E. Environment and Sanitation – S. Marquez

1. Refer to minutes.
2. The Committee will hold its next meeting on June 18th, at the Board Office, at 7:00 PM. The Department of Environmental Protection will discuss budget priorities and present on the Jerome Park Reservoir Gatehouse project.

F. Housing – P. Ellis, Vice Chair

1. Committee did not meet in May.
2. Next meeting will be held on June 23rd, at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, at 7:00 PM. The Committee will meet with representatives from NYCHA, NYPD 50th Precinct, and Sanitation in preparation for a forum in early fall regarding the NYCHA Marble Hill Houses.

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

1. Committee met on May 19th and heard presentations from Urgent Care which is located in the Skyview mall and Nurse Family Partnership, a federally funded program for first time mothers. A nurse is assigned to the mother post birth through age two of the child. The program is economically based and does not exist in zip codes of Community Board 8, but it exists in most areas of the Bronx.
2. The next meeting will be held June 16th, at Manhattan College Resource and Learning Center, at 7:30 PM. The manager of Montefiore's Office of Community Relations will present. He urged attendance as it could be an opportunity to get

answers on how Montefiore make determinations on sites and their long range plans.

H. Land Use – C. Moerdler

1. The Committee met on June 9th.
2. C. Moerdler presented the following resolutions passed by the Land Use Committee:

- I. **RESOLVED**, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves Department of City Planning Application No. N 140384ZAX for the grant of authorizations involving a development, enlargement, or site alteration on a Tier I zoning lot and modification of botanic environment and tree preservation and planting requirements, on a property located 4601 Fieldston Road (Block 5821, Lots 2910, 2920), in the Special Natural Area District (NA-2), in the Borough of the Bronx in Community District 8. The request will facilitate the addition of an attached 2-car garage and connecting mud room, to an existing single-family house.

Vote: 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, M. Galvin, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstention –

P. Friedman

- II. **RESOLVED**, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approved authorization to appear on behalf of Appellant in Fort Independence appeal.

Vote: 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, M. Galvin, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, A. Moore, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions –

P. Friedman, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht

- III. **RESOLVED**, Community Board No. 8 Bronx **OPPOSES** NYC Housing & Preservation Development 421-A Application for Preliminary Certificate of Eligibility for Partial Tax Exemption 6155 Broadway, Block 5814, Lot 1191, in Bronx, NY.

Vote: 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, M. Galvin, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

- IV. RESOLVED**, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves Landmarks Preservation Commission Docket No. 15-7425, Block 5939, lot 395, for 5288 Sycamore Avenue – Riverdale Historic District, Certificate of Appropriateness for a house originally built in 1937 and altered in the Modern style by Alton L. Croft and Ludwig P. Bono in 1955. Application is to legalize the installation of a glass railing in non-compliance with Certificate of No Effect 13-8180.

Vote: 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, M. Galvin, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstention -

P. Friedman

- V.** C. Moerdler made a motion for authorization for the Land Use Committee to act as Community Board 8 as a whole if necessary over the summer.

The motion carried unanimously in favor.

Vote: 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

In Favor –

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3. C. Moerdler, R. Fanuzzi, and R. Ginty met with the Department of City Planning June 6, 2014 regarding zoning changes in central Riverdale and it was a very good meeting. C. Moerdler expects follow-up from City Planning sometime in July. Additionally, the Mayor's mandate identifying areas for affordable housing was also discussed. C. Moerdler stated that Community Board 8 must help City Planning find sites in this district.
 4. Montefiore was represented by the Assistant Vice President of Government Relations at the Land Use Committee meeting who reported that they are looking at a variety of options, but have no plans for the proposed building at 3741/35 Riverdale Avenue and 3644 Oxford Avenue. However, C. Moerdler received information from the news media earlier that Montefiore has now mentioned building a 3-story structure that would spread across a much wider area. C. Moerdler has asked Montefiore to meet with neighbors.
- I. Law, Rules and Ethics – R. Ginty
1. There was no meeting in May.
 2. The Committee will hold its next meeting June 26th.
- J. Libraries and Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman
1. Refer to minutes.
 2. The Committee will hold its next meeting on June 12th at Van Cortlandt Library, at 6:30 PM.
 3. Library material was left on back table.
- K. Parks and Recreation – B. Bender
1. B. Bender referred to the Hudson River Greenway resolution that was tabled by the Board for 60 days at the April Board meeting. He made a motion to take the original resolution off the table. The motion was passed unanimously by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Vote: 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, M. Galvin, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

B. Bender then made a motion to put an amended resolution on the table. The motion was seconded and was passed unanimously by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Vote: 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, M. Galvin, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D.

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B. Bender discussed the meeting held with the MTA and the subcommittee on the Greenway matter, and a large part of the amendments came about as a result of comments by the MTA. Discussion and friendly amendments were offered and accepted. The question was called. A motion was made and seconded to vote on the following resolution:

WHEREAS, residents of Bronx Community Board 8 support a Hudson River Greenway extending from Spuyten Duyvil to Yonkers, providing runners, walkers, people with disabilities, cyclists and others an enjoyable riverfront experience with a superb view of the Palisades, as well as access to the Greenway to the north and the Greenway to the south, so that a continuous Greenway runs from Manhattan to Westchester;

WHEREAS, residents of Bronx Community Board 8 have advocated locating the Greenway route along the Hudson River in the 1998 report of the Bronx Advisory Committee to the Hudson River Valley Greenway;

WHEREAS, the 2003 197-a Plan of Bronx Community Board 8 supports a Greenway along the Hudson River and enhanced riverfront access for the community;

WHEREAS, local elected officials support a Hudson River Greenway and riverfront access for the community;

WHEREAS, the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC), with funding provided in part by Senator Charles Schumer, presented to the Parks & Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 and most recently to a joint meeting of that committee and the Traffic & Transportation Committee, a conceptual study of a proposed Hudson River Greenway route connecting the Manhattan and Westchester portions of the Greenway, which includes a short-term inland route from the Henry Hudson Bridge to the city line at Riverdale Avenue and a long-term waterfront route from the Henry Hudson Bridge to Yonkers along the Hudson River;

WHEREAS, Metro-North has identified stabilization and bolstering of the embankment that protects the shoreline from flooding on its tracks as priorities on the Hudson Line through Riverdale;

WHEREAS, Metro-North has represented that Track 6 of the Hudson Line through Riverdale is necessary for its operations, the stabilization and bolstering of the embankment on the shoreline and to accommodate anticipated growth in ridership in present routes and possible Penn Station access on the Hudson Line in the future;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This resolution supersedes the May 2012 resolution of Bronx Community Board 8 regarding the Hudson River Greenway.
2. Bronx Community Board 8 supports an all-river Hudson River Greenway.
3. Bronx Community Board 8 rejects the NYMTC proposal to widen streets to their un-built width, remove trees, reduce traffic and/or parking lanes on local streets, construct a cantilever mixed-use attachment to the Henry Hudson Bridge and build mixed-use bicycle paths, ramps or bridges through Riverdale Park.
4. That engineering and other feasibility studies be performed by the appropriate agencies along the length of the proposed Greenway in Riverdale to determine the best location for an all-river Greenway located west of the Metro-North tracks with the goals of minimizing costs of construction and operation without inhibiting and, if possible, enhancing Metro-North's stabilization and bolstering of the riverfront embankment.
5. That NYMTC engage Metro-North to discuss modifications to the NYMTC proposal based on Metro-North's plans for stabilizing and bolstering the riverfront.
6. That engineering and other feasibility studies be performed by the appropriate agencies to evaluate the connection of the Hudson River Greenway from Manhattan to the Bronx across the Harlem River at Spuyten Duyvil, via the Amtrak swing bridge or on a new purpose-built swing bridge.
7. That initial access to the Greenway be implemented by using either of the existing bridges to cross the Metro-North tracks at West 254th Street or the Riverdale train station overpass and that the first segment of the Greenway be constructed on the west side of the Metro-North tracks from West 254th Street to Yonkers while other access points to the Greenway are investigated.
8. That until a Spuyten Duyvil Greenway connection can be implemented, a traffic study be performed in cooperation with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to assess whether traffic lanes on the lower level of the Henry Hudson Bridge can be reconfigured to create a larger pedestrian and bicycle pathway across the bridge.

9. That our elected officials assist in obtaining funding for the feasibility studies and in addressing any concerns about the Greenway raised by Amtrak and the MTA.
10. That further consideration of an all-river Greenway route should continue under the auspices of Bronx Community Board 8 in cooperation with local residents, community groups, elected officials, government agencies, the affected rail companies and any other stakeholders.

Vote: 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, M. Galvin, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions –

C. G. Moerdler, R. Press

2. Reminded everyone of the Riverfest on Sunday, June 16th.
 3. New York Philharmonic will perform in Van Cortlandt Park on July 15th.
 4. Extended congratulations to R. Fanuzzi on his chairmanship. The Board joined in with applause.
 5. Refer to minutes.
- L. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier
1. Refer to minutes.
 2. A. G. Feldmeier presented the following resolution approved by the Committee:

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

Renewal Application:

- Compass Group USA, Inc. – 6301 Riverdale Avenue, Administrative Building

New Application:

- Gil's Pizza Restaurant Corp. – 3535 Riverdale Avenue

Vote: 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, M. Galvin, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D.

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Abstention –
J. Pilsner

M. Traffic and Transportation – D. Padernacht

1. The Committee met on May 20th.
2. D. Padernacht presented the following resolutions approved by the Committee:

- I. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the following Street Activity Permit Application be approved:

Request for Street Activity permit for Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association, 2014 Health Fair– Neighborhood Health Fair, Full Street Closure on September 20, 2014 to be held on Reservoir Avenue between West 197th Street and University Avenue. This event has been held previously.

Vote: 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, M. Galvin, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

- II. **WHEREAS**, residents of Bronx Community Board 8 have presented testimony to the Traffic and Transportation Committee regarding safety concerns on the streets in the area of West 254th Street between Palisade Avenue and Independence Avenue;

WHEREAS, with regard to West 254th Street between Independence and Sycamore, testimony has been presented that the section of the street is an unmarked, steep, winding curve with no sidewalks, poor visibility and poor drainage which causes the street to be very slippery in wet weather and thereby causes several safety concerns;

WHEREAS, West 254th Street is a major artery to and from the Riverdale Metro North Station and the streets referenced in this resolution about the SAR Academy School;

WHEREAS, testimony has been presented that the morning and afternoon rush is the highest density of traffic and the times when residents state that safety issues are alarming;

WHEREAS, this Committee is cognizant of the shortage of parking in the community board and desires to maintain as much street parking as possible;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traffic & Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 supports the following parking restrictions to the NYC Department of transportation:

1. No Stopping, No Standing and No Parking on the south curb of West 254th Street between Independence and Sycamore Avenues;
2. Parking be restored on the north curb of West 254th Street between Sycamore Avenue and Palisade Avenue with alternate side parking restrictions.

Vote: 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, M. Galvin, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

- III. WHEREAS**, the New York City Department of Transportation has presented information to the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 indicating that there have been six severe pedestrian injuries and one pedestrian death at the intersection of Albany Crescent and Bailey Avenue between 2007 and 2011;

WHEREAS, testimony has been presented that more than 200 people cross the intersection at peak hours;

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Transportation has presented various changes to the intersection to increase the safety of the intersection;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 supports the following safety measures presented by the NYC Department of transportation:

1. The crosswalk connecting the southeast side of the intersection to the southwest side of the intersection shall be removed;
2. The installation of a concrete traffic island in the middle of the easterly side of the intersection at Albany Crescent and Bailey Avenue;

3. A crosswalk be installed from the new traffic island at the east of the intersection which shall connect to the southwestern corner of the intersection;
4. The painting of parking lines on the west curb of Bailey Avenue between Albany Crescent and West 231st Street;
5. The painting of parking lines on the north curb of Albany Crescent between Bailey Avenue and West 231st Street;
6. The direction of Albany Crescent be changed/reversed to travel westward towards West 231st Street;

Discussion ensued. S. Villaverde made motion to table the resolution. The motion was seconded by M. Khury.

Vote to table resolution: 5 in favor, 3 abstentions, 31 opposed

In Favor –

M. Donato, M. Khury, D. Lennon, L. Parker, S. Villaverde

Opposed –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, P. Ellis, M. Galvin, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions –

R. Fanuzzi, B. Fettman, X. Sanchez,

The resolution was presented to the board:

Vote on resolution: 31 in favor, 1 opposed, 7 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, M. Galvin, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. Rather, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

L. Parker

Abstentions –

M. Donato, M. Khury, D. Lennon, J. Pilsner, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, S. Villaverde

3. The Committee passed a resolution on the Street Naming for former Board Member Debbie Bowden. D. Padernacht yielded presentation of the resolution to Education Committee Chair S. Alexander.

4. S. Alexander presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Debbie Bowden died on January 30, 2012, and this resolution is brought more than two years after her death;

WHEREAS, Debbie Bowden has been nominated for the honor of this proposed street change by the Riverdale Neighborhood House, The Riverdale Community Center and The Bayit Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, 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 new City Charter;

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

Specifically, Debbie Bowden served on Bronx Community Board No. 8 for 25 years and 17 years of that time she served as chair of the Education Committee. Debbie was involved in the fight to keep housing off the empty land directly in front of JFK High School. She was involved in organizing an all-night vigil at City Hall to participate in the fight against Mayor Koch's desire for the housing instead of the Educational Park it was intended to become. Later, MS/HS 368 and PS37 were built there to complete the Educational Park.

Debbie lobbied against the reduction of NY Public Libraries cuts of hours which many Mayors put in their proposed budgets and the City Council usually restored. She was determined that it was very important for students to have adequate access to libraries to be able to do research and school projects. This was before computers were available.

Debbie led the fight to retrieve the annex for PS24 after DOE allowed "out of district" schools to use it, creating overcrowding in the main building.

Debbie was a member of a community committee to fight for the creation of the high school at JHS 141 which was later named Riverdale/Kingsbridge Academy.

In the interim, she served as co-chair of the Parents Association at PS 24. She brought about many new programs for the students at the school. She brought about hiring a reading teacher from PA funds to be a resource and offer remediation for students. She also brought about a dance program from PA funding which enabled students to pursue future careers in the arts.

WHEREAS, this street has a specific connection to the life of Debbie Bowden as it is the street in front of P.S. 24;

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 Independence Avenue between West 235th Street and West 236th Street shall be renamed to add the name Debbie Bowden Way.

Vote: 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, M. Galvin, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstention –

S. Villaverde

N. Youth – L. Parker

1. There was no meeting in May.
2. The 2nd Annual Poetry Slam held in May drew 70 participants.
3. The 2nd Annual Golf Day will be held on July 16th.
4. Bronx District 8's C-Ball tournament is scheduled for September 6th, at Marble Hill Playground.
5. The Committee's next meeting will be held on June 25th, Board Office, at 1PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Manning
Community Associate

Review by,

Joyce Pilsner
Secretary