

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON APRIL 9, 2013 AT FORT INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY CENTER, 3350 BAILEY AVENUE

PRESENT: R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, B. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, 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, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

ABSENT: D. Kirksey-Floyd, T. Lim, J. Reyes, P. Reyes

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

GUESTS: J. Dinowitz – Assemblyman
F. Cabrera – Councilman
M. Blaustein – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein
J. DeSio – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.
D. Johnson – rep. Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
A. Sandler – rep. Councilman G. Oliver Koppell
J. Zaccaro – Office of Councilman Fernando Cabrera
D. Johnson – Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
V. Pichardo – rep. Senator Gustavo Rivera
D.I. K. Burke – 50th Precinct, NYPD
P.O. M. Ramos – 50th Precinct, NYPD
J. Apeiman – Brewster
A. Balsh
K. Bethel – VCTC
M. Burke – Save the Putnam Trail
B. Clark – VCTC
R. Conroy – NYBC
D. Dolan
E. Dougherty
J. Dougherty
T. Durham
J. Esteves
M. Franklyn
T. Fuller
L. Giasotti – NYPL
M. Gonzalez-Buitrago – NYPL
C. Gravs
J. Haller
M. Hess
L. Jordan
P. Jordan
T. Kelley – Run Anyway Foundation
J. Leeds – Horace Mann School
P. Le Strange – Save the Putnam Trail
L. Marquez
M. Milan Bethel – VCTC

G. McKeown
 P. Moerdler
 S. Moore – VCTC
 K. O'Brien – Save the Putnam Trail
 T. O'Connor
 J. Owens, Jr.
 L. Paredes – VCTC
 G. Patsalos
 K. Rutledge
 J. Sanchez
 W. Sanchez – Save the Putnam Trail
 R. Shkreli
 M. Soja
 G. Spalter – VCTC
 M. Turov
 C. Warser – NYCC
 N. Weissman
 D. Westphal
 J. Young – Save the Putnam Trail

Chairman Fanuzzi convened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

1. Gallery Session

- A) Jeremy Leeds, Director, Center for Community Values and Action at Horace Mann School announced the 6th Annual All School Service Learning Day taking place April 27th from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. This will be a celebration and culmination of a year of service learning activity in collaboration with Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Marble Hill Community Center, Riverdale Senior Services, Community Board 8, Van Cortlandt Park and other organizations. The opening ceremony and breakfast will occur at Horace Mann, with lunch at the other sites. All are invited to participate. Register at www.horacemann.org/ccva. He thanked Community Board 8 for its overall support.
- B) Jessica Haller announced the following West Bronx Green Candidates Political Education Forums dates: May 6th – Mayoral Candidates Forum and May 21st – City Council Candidates Forum. Events will be held at Riverdale YM-YWHA at 7:30 PM. The forums will focus on environmental education. Discussion will cover the Mayor's sustainability plans, climate change, healthy and sustainable food, fracking, the Putnam Trail, Bronx River and Hudson Greenway link and more. All are invited. To RSVP: <http://bit.ly/WestBronxMayor> <http://bit.ly/WestBronxCouncil>. For more information: NYLCV 212-361-6350 ext. 207, www.nylcvf.org
- C) Michael Burke spoke in opposition to the paving of the Putnam Trail. He made an appeal for maintaining the nature trail that had previously expanded 36 miles. He asked that the \$1 million for paving the trail be spent elsewhere.
- D) Philip Le Strange spoke in opposition of paving the Putnam Trail. He emphasized that it is the last natural trail left. He noted that there are 36 varieties of animals in Van Cortlandt Park, and quoted Van Cortlandt Park administration's protocol concerning its commitment to preserve the Park's natural features. He stated that he hopes that the Park administration will stand by its commitment.
- E) Andrew Balsh advised that he resides in Queens and visits Van Cortlandt Park regularly on Saturdays to lead bird watching walks. He spoke against the paving of the Putnam Trail and in defense of protecting the natural habitat of over 200 bird species. He urged advocacy for keeping the trail in its natural state.

B. Bender explained that the Putnam Trail paving issue had been discussed at four Bronx Community Board 8 Parks & Recreation Committee meetings over the course of a year and a half. He advised that the renovated Putnam Trail must be ADA accessible. Parks argues that paving would be easier to maintain

than other surfaces, which would be too onerous for the Parks Department's maintenance crew. B. Bender stated that Friends of Van Cortlandt Park, an independent community based organization, has not taken a position on the paving. Chairman Fanuzzi closed the Public Gallery session by announcing that out of respect for the speakers' positions, the Parks and Recreation Committee will hold another meeting on May 22nd to allow further and thorough discussion of the issue. He also stated that after the Parks meeting, the Board will resolve the issue.

2. Approval of regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2013.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2013

S. Alexander submitted the following written comments related to the Treasurer's report:

During the Treasurer's report at the Community Board meeting in December 2012 regarding the \$5000 surplus budget item, Sylvia Alexander asked if those funds could be counted to cover office expenses and was told that Councilmen's discretionary funds could only be spent in their Districts. However, at the Executive Committee meeting on April 3, 2013 the following was stated by the District Manager Nicole Stent, in the second paragraph of her report:

The requests were for funding office operational funding to continue board initiatives, programs, public forums, and office operations to inform, educate, outreach and support the community with computer generated flyers and mailings.

The amended minutes were accepted.

4. Chairman invited Deputy Inspector Burke to address the Board.

DI Burke reported on two shootings, March 1st at Land and Sea Restaurant located on Broadway; a suspect was identified through security cameras and traced to New Jersey. The other shooting occurred on March 11th on Broadway and West 230th Street, stemming from an incident at Club Dubai. An arrest was made. A narcotics possession arrest of five individuals was made when 25 pounds of marijuana and \$25,000 cash was seized at 3475 Blackstone Avenue on March 19th. Arrests were made at Bottom Line for underage drinking operation. The house burglaries in North Riverdale occurred four times, the first on March 12th and none since March 21st. A couple of breaks came about through the recovery of a stolen laptop equipped with a security tracking device which was traced to Yonkers. The person in possession of the laptop claimed innocence stating he bought it from two guys on the street. Additionally, a window screen removed from one of the homes is being tested for DNA.

S. Villaverde expressed appreciation to the NYPD 50th Precinct for assisting with the street activity events.

5. Chairman invited Assemblyman Dinowitz to address the Board.

Assemblyman Dinowitz reported that New York State budget for FY2014 had passed. The New York Budget is providing \$364 million to NYC schools. The State Assembly passed the minimum wage bill that will gradually increase to \$9 by the end of 2015. The budget restored ¼ of \$120 million budget cuts to the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities for services provided by nonprofit organizations that serve individuals with developmental disabilities. This will result in cuts to programs.

6. Chairman invited Councilman Fernando Cabrera to address the Board.

Councilman Cabrera advised of his allocation of \$700,000 for the three NYCHA Housing complexes located within his Council District. Additionally he allocated \$400,000 for strategic street security cameras,

of which installations are already paying off with less incidents of crime. The Councilman announced his introduction of a bill in the City Council for "Crime Map" legislation to develop a crime map that will enable New Yorkers to view NYC website crime statistics information. Construction of this website will take six months. The developer of the Kingsbridge Armory is requesting the City fund the ULURP for the development. Councilman Cabrera will sponsor a Tax Lien Workshop on April 11th at the Bronx Regional Library, and the NYC Council has adopted the "Paid Sick Leave" bill.

R. Press asked Councilman Cabrera about Community Board 8's involvement and input with matters dealing with the Kingsbridge Armory considering the Armory's close proximity to the Board's boundaries.

7. Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office – J. DeSio

- Community Board members who have submitted a reappointment application should continue to serve until they receive a letter from the Borough President regarding their status. The terms of community board members who have chosen not to reapply for a new term ended on March 31st.
- Borough President Diaz issued a statement regarding the Marriage Equality/Defense of Marriage Act. He advised that after considerable deliberation and introspection, he supports marriage equality.
- On Sunday, April 14th, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. will join together with thousands of community and clergy members in a "Hands Across the Concourse" in opposition to gun and domestic violence. The event, which is co-produced by the Bronx Reentry Task Force and the Bronx Clergy Criminal Justice Roundtable, involves Bronx residents and other concerned community leaders joining hands in opposition to violence, along the Grand Concourse between West Kingsbridge Road and Mosholu Parkway. Those participating in the event will begin to line up along the route at 3:00 PM, and Borough President Diaz will officially join hands at 4:00 PM at the West Kingsbridge Road location.

Upcoming events:

- 1) Bronx Week 2013, Thursday, May 9th through Sunday, May 19th
- 2) Israeli Independence Day Celebration, Tuesday, April 16th, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Netherland Avenue between West 236th Street and Henry Hudson Parkway

8. Chairman's Report

Chairman Fanuzzi thanked Fort Independence Community Center for hosting the Board meeting. He reported that he and N. Stent, District Manager, presented testimony to NYC Council on Governmental Affairs in opposition to the Mayor's proposed budget cuts to Community Boards. Chairman welcomed the return of Board members S. Balicer, K. Pesce, and S. Villaverde following illness; and congratulated the Riverdale Press for winning 25 state and national awards for its editorial and photographic content.

9. Election of the Nominating Committee

- 1) Before opening the floor for nominations of the Nominating Committee, Chairman Fanuzzi stated that an election of the Nominating Committee would go forth in accordance with Article V, Section 2 of the Board's Bylaws. Chairman then read the guidelines for the Nominating Committee adopted by Community Board 8. The guidelines were also sent to the members in advance of the meeting.
- 2) Chairman called for nominations. The following nominations were made and accepted:

B. Bender, K. Pesce, B. Contant, R. Abbott, X. Sanchez, M. Wolpoff, L. Parker, D. Lennon, M. Heller, P. Mullen, I. W. Stone, S. Balicer

- 3) Chairman called for a vote to elect the Nominating Committee. Paper ballots were cast for the following nominees:

S. Balicer

Vote: 7 in favor

In Favor -

S. Balicer, B. Contant, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, L. Parker

B. Bender

Vote: 15 in favor

In Favor -

R. Abbott, B. Bender, B. Contant, S. Froot, M. Goodman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, P. Mullen, L. Parker, J. Pilsner, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, S. Villaverde

B. Contant

Vote: 11 in favor

In Favor -

R. Abbott, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, M. Khury, S. Marquez, A. Moore, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, L. Spalter

M. Heller

Vote: 19 in favor

In Favor -

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Heller, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

D. Lennon

Vote: 18 in favor

In Favor -

S. Alexander, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, M. Galvin, M. Heller, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, G. Santiago, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

P. Mullen

Vote: 22 in favor

In Favor -

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, B. Bender, A. Cohen, B. Contant, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, R. Ginty, M. Heller, D. Lennon, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

L. Parker

Vote: 10 in favor

In Favor -

S. Balicer, R. Fanuzzi, M. Galvin, M. Khury, A. Moore, P. Mullen, L. Parker, J. Pilsner, X. Sanchez, S. Villaverde

K. Pesce

Vote: 11 in favor

In Favor -

S. Balicer, A. P. Creaney, R. Fanuzzi, B. Fettman, S. Froot, M. Goodman, D. Kornbluh, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, G. Santiago, L. Spalter

X. Sanchez

Vote: 10 in favor

In Favor -

S. Balicer, B. Bender, B. Contant, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, L. Parker, K. Pesce, X. Sanchez, A. A. Spett, S. Villaverde

I. W. Stone

Vote: 18 in favor

In Favor -

R. Abbott, A. Cohen, P. Ellis, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, I. Ladimer, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

M. Wolpoff

Vote: 24 in favor

In Favor -

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, G. Santiago, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

The following members were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee: M. Heller, D. Lennon, P. Mullen, I. W. Stone, and M. Wolpoff.

10. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

Report was distributed. The Mayor's FY 2014 budget cuts were reflected indicating a deficit of \$13,600.

11. Report from the Department of City Planning

No representative present, no report.

12. Committee Reports

A. Environment and Sanitation – S. Marquez

1. Refer to Committee minutes.
2. Cleanup has begun underneath the Promenade apartments building in Marble Hill; and a letter was sent to Metro-North requesting cleanup of debris along the track and roadbed adjoining the gated walkway in the same general area. C. Moerdler advised that he was assured that Metro-North was ordered to do the cleanup.

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

1. At the March Committee meeting, Services for the Developmentally Challenged (SDC) discussed plans for a group home for six residents who have Prader-Willi syndrome. They were considering

3001 Independence Avenue as a suitable location. However, a letter has since been sent to the Board office advising that the property appears to have been purchased by another buyer, and SDC will not go forward at this time.

2. April's Committee meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be held May 20th, Board Office, at 7:30 PM.

C. Housing – S. Balicer

The Committee will meet on April 22nd, Board Office, at 7:30 PM.

D. Land Use – C. Moerdler

The Land Use Committee will meet on April 10th, at the Riverdale YM/YWHA, at 7:30 PM. Discussion will include Hebrew Home's proposal for 5801 Palisade Avenue property. Added to the agenda as an informational item, is the College of Mount Saint Vincent's design of an athletic field on the campus.

E. Law, Rules and Ethics – R. Ginty

1. The Committee did not meet in March.
2. The next meeting will be held on April 25th, Riverdale Mental Health Association, at 7:00 PM.

F. Libraries and Cultural Affairs – R. Abbott

1. Refer to March Committee minutes.
2. NYPL is facing significant budget cuts. Restoration of budget will be discussed at the next Committee meeting on May 9th.

G. Parks and Recreation – B. Bender

1. The next Committee meeting will include a presentation by the Department of Design and Construction on the Mosholu Golf House in Van Cortlandt Park; and a 2nd presentation by the Department of Parks on Ewen Park projects.
2. Ewen Park will be the location for "It's My Park Day" on May 18th, starting at 10:00 AM.
3. The LG Tower proposed for construction along the Palisades will be discussed at the April meeting with the idea of passing a resolution in opposition to the proposal.
4. Friends of Vinmont Park will hold its inaugural meeting on April 11th at Riverdale Neighborhood House, at 7:00 PM.
5. Parks Department maintenance budget for FY 2014 was increased, allowing for hiring of additional workers.
6. The next meeting will be held on April 24th, Board Office, at 7:00 PM.

H. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

1. Discussed the Bottom Line Bar arrests for underage drinking. The underage drinkers were gaining entrance to the bar with fake identification which was not detected by the scanner.
2. At its March 21st meeting, the Committee approved Winners Bar and Lounge application for a liquor license; however, since the meeting, the establishment has been closed by the City Marshall. A letter will be drafted to the State Liquor Authority.
3. A. G. Feldmeier presented the following resolution approved by the Committee:

RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the following **Renewal Application** for liquor license:

WHEREAS, Kelly Ryan Macks Place contributes lively Irish Pub atmosphere to our neighborhood; and appeared and cooperated with the Public Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, the 50th Precinct has reported no problems with this establishment,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 supports renewal of this liquor license.

- Kelly Ryan Macks Place – Macks Place Inc., Kelly Ryan's - 5784-5790 Mosholu Avenue

Vote: 39 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, B. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, 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, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. M. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

B. Fettman

Abstention –

K. Pesce

4. Letters of recommendations for detective promotions will be written for 50th Precinct Community Affairs Officer Migdalia Ramos, and P.O. Brian Iacovides, Auxiliary Coordinator.
5. Detective Luis Rodriguez, 50th Precinct, has retired.
6. The next Committee meeting will be held on April 18th, 50th Precinct, at 7:00 PM.

I. Traffic and Transportation – D. Padernacht

1. Refer to minutes.
2. D. Padernacht presented the following resolutions passed by the Committee:
 - a) **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Traffic & Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves two Street Activity Permit Applications:

SAPO Application (ID# 86506) for Springfest Block Party with full street closure to be held on June 5, 2013 on West 235th Street between Independence and Douglas Avenues. This event has previously been held.

Vote: 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, B. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, 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, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstention –

R. Press

- b) SAPO Application (ID# 85754) for Lag B'Omer Picnic Block Party with full street closure to be held on April 28, 2013 on West 235th Street between Independence and Douglas Avenues. This event has previously been held.

Vote: 41 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, B. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, 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 P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

- c) **WHEREAS**, residents of Bronx Community Board 8 have presented testimony to the Traffic and Transportation Committee regarding safety concerns on Independence Avenue between West 246th Street and West 247th Street;

WHEREAS, with regard to this street, testimony has been presented that there are no sidewalks and curbs and the street is very narrow; that when drivers park their cars on the street it is difficult to get another car through the street; that emergency vehicles are slowed to a stop at certain points of the street when cars are parked which increases the emergency response times to the homes in the area;

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 Parking on the east and west sides of Independence Avenue between West 246th Street and West 247th Street.

Discussion ensued. The following vote resulted:

Vote: 39 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, B. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

P. Friedman

Abstained –

M. Khury

- d) **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 252nd Street and West 254th Street between Sycamore Avenue and Independence Avenue;

WHEREAS, with regard to Sycamore Avenue between West 252nd Street and West 254th Street, testimony has been presented that there are no sidewalks and curbs and the street is very narrow; that when drivers park their cars on one side of the street it is difficult to get another car through the street; that when traffic peaks during morning and afternoon rush times, traffic is often stalled and trucks cause back-ups in the street;

WHEREAS, with regard to Independence Avenue between West 252nd Street and West 254th Street, testimony has been presented that cars parked on the southbound side of the street are parked in the middle of the roadway forcing cars traveling on the road to cross the double yellow line;

WHEREAS, with regard to West 254th Street between Independence Avenue and Sycamore, Avenue testimony has been presented that the section of the street is an unmarked, steep, winding curve with poor drainage which causes the street to be very slippery in wet weather and thereby causes several safety issues;

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 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 West 254th Street between Independence and Sycamore Avenues.
2. A double yellow line be placed on West 254th Street between Sycamore Avenue and Independence Avenue.
3. No Parking on the east side of Sycamore Avenue between West 252nd and West 254th Streets between 7am and 5pm.
4. No Parking on the west side of Independence Avenue between West 252nd and West 254th Streets between 7am and 5pm.
5. No Standing on the east side of Sycamore Avenue at the southwest corner of the intersection of West 254th Street and Sycamore Avenue.
6. No Standing on the south side of West 254th Street at the southwest corner of the intersection of West 254th Street and Independence Avenue.

Discussion ensued.

Vote: 36 in favor, 2 opposed, and 3 abstentions

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, B. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

P. Friedman, D. Lennon

Abstentions –

M. Khury, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Villaverde

J. Youth – L. Parker

1. The Committee did not meet in March.
2. The next meeting will be held on April 24th, at Riverdale Neighborhood House, at 1:00 PM.
3. Plans are being completed for the Youth Committee's 1st Annual Bronx Youth Poetry SLAM taking place on May 23rd, at the Kingsbridge Branch Library.

K. Aging – A. Cohen

1. Thanked P.O. Deno, 50th Precinct for her presentation to the Aging Committee on senior safety.
2. Thanked Hudson House for hosting the Committee at its lovely senior apartment residence and for conducting a tour of the facility.
3. The next meeting will be held on April 23rd at the Atria, at 1:30 PM.

L. Budget – B. Contant

1. Reminded the Committee Chairs to complete budget priorities request for FY 2015 by June.
2. Announced the Riverdale Mental Health Association fundraiser.

M. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

1. The Committee met before the Executive Committee on April 3rd.
2. S. Villaverde presented the following resolution passed by the Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 recommends approval of the following application for Street Activity Permit:

- Kingsbridge Road Summer Kick Off Party on Reservoir Avenue between West Kingsbridge Road and West 195th Street on June 22, 2013.

Vote: 41 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor -

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, B. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, 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, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

3. M. Khury announced that the Bronx Chamber of Commerce will present a Health Care Reform Compliance Strategy Seminar on April 25th, at 5:30 PM, Hutchinson Metro Center, 1200 Waters Place, Bronx. For more information call 718-828-3900 or email Gabrielle@bronxchamber.org. Flyers were provided.

N. Education – S. Alexander

1. Refer to minutes.
2. The Committee is sponsoring a Community Service Forum on May 28th, at Kingsbridge Library, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Letters went out to invite schools to attend.

Chairman called for the Nominating Committee to convene directly following the close of the Board meeting for purposes of setting their initial meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Manning
Community Associate

Reviewed by,

Joyce Pilsner
Secretary