

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 8th, 2018 AT RIVERDALE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE, 5521 MOSHOLU AVENUE

Present: S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, L. Daub, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, M. Joyce, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young, R. Zavras

Absent: D. Gellman, D.B. Jackson, I. Ladimer, A.J. Robateau, J. Santiago,

STAFF: D. Bay – Community Associate

Guests: NYPD 50th precinct PO Labianca, NYPD 50th precinct PO Jordan Gallagher, NYPD 50th precinct PO D. Brandon, NYPD 50th precinct PO R. Cintron, E. Thompson – KHNIA, Martha Gonzalez Butraigo – Kingsbridge Library, NYPD 50th Police Precinct, Councilman A. Cohen, A. Toledo rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Hennessy Reyes – NYS Gustavo Rivera, D. Ojeda-Tiru – rep. Congressman Engel, J. Stephenson – office of Councilman Cohen, B. Fitzpatrick – office of Councilman Cohen, rep. F. Rubin – rep. Senator J. Klein, N. Taggart – NY Metro area postal union, D. Travis, I. Christner, G. Turok, J. Catalano, R. Press, M. E. Glob, T. Moultri, E. Ikeda, R. Funai, H. Wind, S. Paulsen, T. Cincione, J. Klein, R. Arriaga, Y. Arriaga, R. Arriaga, Jr., J. Alvarado, M. Delgado, Lizbeth, M. Grant, M. Jefferson, S. Ng, R. Varadi, D. Meenagh, L. Deholgan, V. Cruz, P. Loeser, R.M. Doyle, R. Allman

Chair Ginty convened the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

1. Presentation of the Comeback Kid Certificate of Recognition – L. Parker

This award was created to acknowledge students who have overcome challenges and demonstrated improvement, over a period of time. It is our belief that by recognizing our student participants in committed community centers, we can in some small way reward those youth who are working hard to improve their future and inspire others to follow their example.

This year's recipients of the award are Robert Arriaga, Lizbeth Batista and Michelle Grant.

2. Community Service Award Presentations – L. Daub

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

This year's recipients of the award were Ms. Debra Travis for founding the Jerome Park Friends and Neighbors, Mr. Earl Ikeda for his sacred work at MJHS Hospice & Palliative Care, Ms. Theresa Cincione for bringing joy through music and friendly visits to the Methodist Home residents, Riverdale Senior Services Social Action Committee for taking action to address issues affecting older adults and the broader community and students from SAR Academy's music club, the Music Vs., who frequently share music and visit the Hebrew Home residents.

3. Gallery Session

- Pam Halperin Loeser – Loeser Deli just celebrated 58 years in business. They have the support of 16 businesses to name the North side of West 231st Street to Loeser Deli Place. D. Padernacht, announced that this item will be on the Traffic & Transportation agenda May 17th.
- Sherida Paulsen announced that Skyview will host an informational session about Land Use and the Hebrew Home application on May 11th at 7:00PM in the Skyclub, 5701 Arlington Avenue.

4. Report from the 50th Police Precinct – PO Labianca

- Crime stats 28 day 2018 vs. 2017- murder – 2 vs. 0 - both murderers have been apprehended, rape – 0 vs. 1, robbery – 8 vs. 11, felony assaults – 10 vs. 8, burglaries – 8 vs. 7, grand larceny 35 vs. 50, auto grand larceny 6 vs. 6

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

- Board member reappointment and notification to board members who applied to the board will be mailed in the next 2 weeks.
- Community Board Appreciation event is Thursday, May 10th, 6PM to 8PM at Veterans Memorial Hall – Bronx County Building, 851 Grand Concourse.
- Bronx week is May 11-21. Visit Ilovethebronx.com to see the schedule of activities.

6. Chair's Report – R. Ginty

- A binder of information on the request for a new space was put together for G. Faulkner, Chief of Staff to Councilman Cabrera's so a meeting with DCAS can be held to consider the new space proposal.
- Chair Ginty held a District Service Cabinet meeting on May 1st. Minutes are forthcoming. The next meeting is June 5th and Vice Chair Paul Ellis will lead the meeting.
- The board meeting in June will be held on Monday, June 18th due to the NY Philharmonic concert on June 12th.
- L. Spalter had a nominating committee organizational meeting on April 17th. The board was notified of open positions. Interviews were held on May 3rd. Every office and chair position is open. If interested call the office by May 25th to set up an interview on May 29th.
- The transitional homeless shelter for families on Broadway hold periodic community advisory board (CAB) meetings. In the first 5 months Praxis has moved 14 families out of the transitional shelter and into permanent housing. They're willing to include members of the community board on the CAB. R. Ginty asked the Housing and Health Committees to see if any members of their committees can attend the meetings which are held every 3 to 4 months.

7. Treasurer's report – Treasurer was not present. Report was emailed.

8. City Planning – No City Planning representative was present

9. Committee Reports

A. Traffic & Transportation – D. Padernacht

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, testimony has been presented to the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 regarding safety concerns on West 237th Street and Hudson Manor Terrace; and

WHEREAS, testimony has been presented that a curb cut is located at the northwest corner of this intersection which is a "T" intersection in which cars may park in front of the curb cut; and

WHEREAS, there are two public schools and two religious institutions within close proximity of this intersection; and

WHEREAS, testimony has been presented from community residents who support the installation of a crosswalk at this intersection;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Traffic & Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 requests that the NYC Department of Transportation study the intersection at West 237th Street and Hudson Manor Terrace to determine if a crosswalk can be installed at this location.

Vote:

In favor: 31 Opposed: 1 Abstentions: 0

In favor: S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, L. Daub, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, M. Joyce, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young, R. Zavras

Opposed: Tao Moran

- This summer enhanced crosswalks will be installed on West 235th and Oxford Avenue and Cambridge Avenue, West 238th and Irwin Avenue and West 238th and Waldo Avenue.
- Board members should forward street paving requests to the board office.
- DOT responded to the board's request to put in a sidewalk on West 254th Street from Riverdale Avenue to Railroad Terrace. They suggested that the board submit this as a capital needs request. This will be on the May 17th agenda.
- R. Ginty noted that DOT responded to the board's request to investigate a ponding issue at West 235th Street and Independence Avenue. They suggested the board add this to their capital needs request. This will be added to the May 17th agenda.
- A request to rename the North side of West 231st Street to Loeser Deli Place will be on the May 17th agenda.
- Amber Charter School wants restricted parking in front of their school. This will be on the May 17th agenda.

B. Youth – L. Parker

- Refer to minutes. The next meeting is May 24th, 7:30PM at the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center.

C. Aging – L. Daub

- Refer to the minutes. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 15th, 3:30pm at Schervier Nursing Care & Rehab Center. There will be a speaker from the United Neighborhood Houses giving a special presentation and discussion on civic and community engagement for a better quality of life for older adults.

D. Budget – Paul Ellis, Vice Chair reported on behalf of D. Gellman

- Committee chairs were asked to provide their budget priorities as soon as possible.

E. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

- There will be a meeting the first Tuesday in June.

F. Education – S. Alexander

- Refer to minutes. The next committee meeting is on May 22nd at the board office.

G. Environment & Sanitation – L. Spalter

- Refer to minutes. L. Spalter did a tour with NYC Department of Sanitation Superintendent Agazzi to show him the missing garbage cans in the neighborhood. DSNY reported that some of the locations were being

abused, i.e. people dumping household garbage in these cans. Some cans have been put back. There was a successful rain barrel giveaway.

- The next committee meeting is Wednesday, May 15th in the board office. DSNY will promote how residents, businesses, and nonprofit organizations can use the donate NYC Exchange Program.

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

- The next committee meeting is May 9th in the board office.
- There will be a speaker on Domestic Violence at the June 13th meeting. The meeting is being held on a new day just for the month of June. 30% of the homeless in CB8 is due to domestic violence. Chair Ginty noted that we did receive the statistics on why 380 people in our district became homeless - 30% domestic violence, 30% overcrowding and 20% eviction.

I. Housing – S. Sarao

- The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 30th at 7:30PM in the board office. There will be a discussion on budget requests and issues that relate to eviction.

J. Land Use – C.G. Moerdler

C. Moerdler made a motion to add a resolution of Bronx Community Board 8 re: 4637 Grosvenor Avenue SNAD applicant.

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

In favor: S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, L. Daub, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, M. Joyce, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young, R. Zavras

C. Moerdler offered a resolution that the Land Use Committee act on behalf of the full board for a CPC SNAD application for 4637 Grosvenor Avenue that needs a response from the board before the next June 7th Land Use Committee meeting.

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

In favor: S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, L. Daub, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, M. Joyce, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young, R. Zavras

- The Hebrew Home application was and agenda item at the May 7th Land Use meeting. There will be a presentation by Hebrew Home for the Aged, discussion and questions by CB members, and a vote by board members at the June 7th Land Use meeting.
- Also at the June 7th meeting the Department of City Planning (DCP) will make a presentation on a proposed **zoning text amendment** to establish a new Special Permit under the jurisdiction of the City Planning Commission for new hotels, motels, tourist cabins, and boatels in light manufacturing (**M1**) districts citywide.
- The meeting on June 7th will begin at 6:30PM. Location to be determined.

K. Law, Rules and Ethics – M. Wolpoff

- A meeting will be held on Monday, May 14 in the board office. The following 4 items will be on the agenda; Mayor/City Council Charter Revisions, Land Use Membership/Attendance, Abuse of CB membership and the Mayor's charge that City Council is trying to micromanage.

L. Libraries & Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman

The following resolution was presented:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Street Activity Permit Application be approved:

Summer Reading: Turn It Up - June 7, 2018, sponsored by the New York Public Library Jerome Park Branch to be held on Eames Place between Claflin Avenue and University Avenue. This event has been held before.

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

In favor: S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, L. Daub, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, M. Joyce, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young, R. Zavras

- May is advocacy month for the New York Public Libraries.
- The next meeting is Thursday, May 10, 2018, 5:30PM at the Riverdale YM/YWHA in the board room. There will be a tour of the new art exhibit on display.
- A board member noted that the community board appreciation event was the same time as the Libraries meeting.
- B. Bender requested that this event has been held before be added to the street permit application. Resolution.

M. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

- April minutes have been circulated.
- The next committee meeting is on May 23rd at the Riverdale YM/YWHA in the board room. Councilman Cohen will attend the meeting to discuss the proposed Parks Construction Authority. This is an informational meeting.
- It's My Parks Day will take place on May 12th at Fort Independence Park from 10AM till 2PM.

N. Public Safety – M. Yamagata, Vice Chair

The following resolutions were presented:

❖ **Gaelic Athletic Association, 201 West 240th St.**

Larry McCarthy, GAA Executive Committee represented the restaurant.

WHEREAS, Gaelic Athletic Association, 201 West 240th Street, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on April 17, 2018 seeking committee approval of their application for renewal of their liquor license; and

WHEREAS, no adverse information was presented;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 approves the application.

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

In favor: S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, L. Daub, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, M. Joyce, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young, R. Zavras

❖ **Amor Eterno, 308 West 231st Street**

WHEREAS, Amor Eterno Restaurant, 308 West 231 Street, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on April 17, 2018 seeking committee approval of their application for a new liquor license; and

WHEREAS, Amor Eterno Restaurant agreed that during their first year in business they will close by 2:00 a.m.

WHEREAS, no adverse information was presented;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 approves the application contingent upon meeting the statutory requirement that they are not within 200 feet of a school.

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

In favor: S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, L. Daub, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, M. Joyce, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young, R. Zavras
In favor of approval pending the school distance stipulation:

Abstention: Herb Young

- The next meeting is May 15th.

O. Special Committee on the Greenway – B. Bender

- The final report has been received by Metro North. The committee and some community activists will be meeting to review the report. It is planned to have another public meeting with Metro North consultants in the upcoming months.

10. Social Media Working Group – P. Ellis

- The report will be distributed to board members tomorrow. The committee members are Vice Chair Paul Ellis, Steve Froot, Myra Joyce, Dan Padernacht, and Rosalind Zavras. The working group completed a proposed redesign of the website, and are currently in the process of identifying a vendor to host the new site. A proposed redesign is expected to be presented to the board within the next two months.
- In summary, the working group would like to consider establishing a regular presence on Facebook and Twitter based on the Social Media Guidelines.

11. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2017 – minutes are not complete, awaiting information from a board member and they will be forthcoming.

12. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of April 10th, 2018

- K. Pesce - page 5, 2nd paragraph, change the work verbally to orally.

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

- **In favor:** S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, L. Daub, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, M. Joyce, R. Pochter Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young, R. Zavras

13. Miscellaneous Business

District Manager Selection Committee Report

Chair Ginty read the following:

Section 105 - Under subsection F - reason to go into Executive session is as follows: for the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;

The Chair then made a motion to the board:

I hereby move the board to go into Executive Session pursuant to Public Officers Law, Article 7, Section 105, in order to discuss the matters leading to the employment of District Manager Of Bronx Community Board No. 8.

Motion approved by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Vote: In favor - 33 Opposed – 0 Abstentions – 0

In favor: S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, L. Daub, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, M. Joyce, R. Pochter Lowe, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young, R. Zavras

Chair re-opened the meeting and read the following resolution.

WHEREAS, A District Manager may be employed by Bronx Community Board No. 8 pursuant to the New York City Charter and serves at the pleasure of the Board;

WHEREAS, a Search Committee was established by the Chair of Bronx Community Board No. 8 to recommend a candidate for the position of District Manager, comprised of Board Members Diomarys Escano, Daniel Padernacht and Marty Wolpoff;

WHEREAS, The Search Committee presented a final report to the Community Board outlining their process; and

WHEREAS, the Search Committee has recommended Ciara Gannon to be hired as the District Manager with an expected hire date of June 11, 2018.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bronx Community Board 8 hires Ciara Gannon as the District Manager of Bronx Community Board No. 8.

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

In favor: S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, L. Daub, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, M. Joyce, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, J. Townes, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young, R. Zavras

Opposed: T. Moran

Abstentions: S. Villaverde

Chair presented the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Board Chair recommends that Ciara Gannon's salary be set at \$75,000.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Community Board adopted a resolution on February 9, 2010 that required any decision concerning internal operating budgets be made by the Chair in consultation with the officers and brought to the Community Board for "ratification, modification or rejection".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 ratifies the decision of the Chair to set the salary of the District Manager at \$75,000.00 per year.

Vote: In favor - 33 Opposed – 0 Abstentions – 0

In favor: S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, L. Daub, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, M. Joyce, R. Pochter Lowe, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young, R. Zavras

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Submitted by,

Diane Bay
Community Associate