

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAY 8, 2012  
AT THE RIVERDALE TEMPLE  
4545 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE**

- PRESENT:** R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, E. Corcino, A. P. Creaney, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Heller, M. Khury, G. O. Koppell, I. Ladimer, T. Lim, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Reyes, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young
- ABSENT:** S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, M. Ginzburg, L. Parker, L. Spalter
- STAFF:** N. Stent – District Manager  
D. Bay – Community Associate  
P. Manning – Community Associate
- GUESTS:** J. DeSio – rep. Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.  
J. Doyle – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein  
T. Edwards – rep. Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez  
R. Fedderman – rep. Congressman Eliot Engel  
R. Martos – rep. Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz  
A. Sandler – rep. Office of Councilman G. Oliver Koppell  
J. Sonett – rep. State Senator Adriano Espaillat  
Capt. K. Burke – 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct, NYPD  
N. Danyluk – Department of City Planning  
Det. L. Rodriguez – 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct, NYPD  
M. Allina – Friends of Van Cortlandt Park  
P. Downes - Friends of Van Cortlandt Park  
C. Dubin - Friends of Van Cortlandt Park  
I-CL-Engel – Bronx Council on Environmental Quality  
G. Feliciano  
A. Figueroa – Harlem River Working Group  
C. Flynn – College of Mount Saint Vincent  
P. Gourdine – KRMH Food & Hunger Program  
M. Lam  
Y. Levy  
D. La Porte – Wave Hill  
J. Leeds – Horace Mann School  
P. Moerdler  
T. Shelton – KRVC Development Corporation  
K. Schimmel – Wave Hill  
F. Segan - KRMH Food & Hunger Program  
C. Taylor - Friends of Van Cortlandt Park  
L. Tejada – Harlem River Working Group  
F. Watson – - Friends of Van Cortlandt Park  
C. Young – - Harlem River Working Group  
E. Zappi

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

1. Public Gallery Session

- Chauncey Young, Harlem River Working Group. Advised of meetings and efforts by HRWG to develop connections to, and along the Harlem River for water access and activities. He invited all to attend the next meeting held on June 11, 2012 at the Bronx Museum of the Arts from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Agenda topics include presentation of Pratt Institute's Community Vision of the Harlem River. Flyers were left on the table.
- Tracy Shelton, KRVC Development Corporation informed of the successful Riverdale Arts Festival held May 6<sup>th</sup> which had a large turnout with a great amount of media coverage. She thanked the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct for their support, and expressed appreciation to each of the sponsors. Chairman Fanuzzi congratulated KRVC on the third successful Riverdale Festival of the Arts in one year and on its 30<sup>th</sup> year of KRVC's operation.
- Yael Levy announced the third annual Riverdale RiverFest 2012 celebration scheduled for Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> admission is free and flyers are available at the front desk. There will be food, music, exhibits, crafts and boat rides. She added that last year's event had over 3000 participants. Ms. Levy urged promotion of the event and asked that volunteers sign up at [www.riverdaleriverfest.org](http://www.riverdaleriverfest.org). The event is hosted by the College of Mount Saint Vincent.
- Jeremy Leeds, Horace Mann, spoke in support of the restoration of youth funding to the Out of School Time (OST) program for the Marble Hill Community Center's Children's Arts and Science Workshops (CASW) after school program which was in jeopardy of closing under the Mayor's fiscal year 2013 budget. The closing would affect over 100 children ages 5 to 12 years old. He informed the Board of the Horace Mann Service Learning Team program that has supported the program for the last 2 years providing weekly homework help and tutoring for the children at the center. He asked for Community Board No. 8's support on this important issue.
- Tony Edwards, representing Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez, announced the following meetings sponsored by the Councilman: Employment and Small Business Opportunity Expo, May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00AM to 2:00PM; New Balance Track & Field Center, Fort Washington Armory on the Hudson, 216 Fort Washington Avenue, Manhattan; and a Town Hall Discussion on the Mortgage Crisis, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00PM, at Water of Life Pentecostal Church, 168 West 225<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx.

## 2. Approval of regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2012

The minutes were approved unanimously.

## 3. Discussion of Executive Board Committee Minutes of May 2, 2012

The following comments and corrections were made: Under District Manager's report, S. Alexander asked for the minutes to reflect the Economic Development Committee hosted the Noise Compliance Workshop. M. Wolpoff requested a change noted under Public Safety the date for Board presentation of the resolution should be May 8<sup>th</sup>; S. Froot commented that the Public Safety minutes statement concerning a traffic study should state that a traffic study was requested; and in the Health, Hospitals and Social Services minutes the word "screening" should be added to health screening paragraph.

Chairman invited Captain Burke to address the Board:

- Captain Burke reported on the arrests of two local males being held with no bail, in relation to the April 19, 2012 murder of Hwang Yang who was killed for his iPhone at West 232<sup>nd</sup> Street and Cambridge Avenue. Detectives made the arrests one week later and written confessions were taken. A nuisance abatement occurred on May 7, 2012 for Garden of Eden and a \$1500 fine was issued; The New Healing Touch business will have a nuisance abatement hearing for prostitution on May 9, 2012; nine new police officers have been assigned to the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct.
- Chairman Fanuzzi thanked Captain Burke for the speedy arrests in the iPhone case.
- Captain Burke responded to questions from the Board relating to traffic safety concerns and vehicular accidents. B. Press recommended a review of the area around at PS 24 and RKA

MS/HS 141 schools and B. Bender relayed concerns with the frequency of motorist/pedestrian accidents at Broadway and Mosholu Avenue. Captain advised of measures being taken to counteract the concerns.

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

- Mr. DeSio discussed the recent tragic car accident on the Bronx River Parkway where seven people lost their lives when the vehicle plunged over the embankment. The State Department of Transportation has installed jersey barriers and other precautionary work is being done along that roadway.
- Bronx Week kicked off May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Community Board members seeking reappointment should continue to serve until receipt of notice. March 31<sup>st</sup> ended the term for members who elected not to re-apply for community board membership appointment.

Chairman Fanuzzi invited Councilman Koppell to address the Board.

Councilman Koppell thanked the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct for the arrests concerning the iPhone murder case. He discussed the City budget and advised of some budget cuts will be restored and schools would not be adversely affected. He added that he feels strongly that the Council will not vote for a budget without restoration of youth funding; cultural institutions will still be threatened, however New York Public Library funding will be restored through the Council and the City is in reasonable good shape with regard to the budget. Councilman Koppell's living wage bill passed the Council, although the Mayor is expected to veto the bill and the Council will override.

#### 5. Chairman's Report

- Chairman enthusiastically announced the news of community boards' fiscal year (FY) 2013 budget restoration. He thanked the Mayor for the restoration and read the letter from that was received from the Office of Council Member Gale A. Brewer, "Thanks to the leadership and advocacy of Speaker Christine Quinn and Council Finance Director Preston Niblack... Under the FY13 Executive Budget released by the Mayor on Thursday, May 3, the proposed 6% cut for Community Boards has been restored. Further, this restoration has been baselined in the out years (FY14, FY15, FY16)." The Chairman thanked the Mayor, the City Council and the Bronx district managers for their advocacy in restoring the budget.
- Chairman Fanuzzi thanked L. Spalter for the great work achieved at Endor Garden with the for Earth Day cleanup event.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report

- P. Friedman referred to the distributed report. The projected surplus is \$2,200 as of April 30, 2012. M. Wolpoff advised that there appears to be a discrepancy with OTPS and surplus figures. P. Friedman will review for accuracy.
- Friends of Community Board No. 8 report: Received over 500 pages of data from the Conflict of Interest Board which he is reviewing in preparation for questions to ask the NYC Conflicts of Interest Board.
- W. Stone requested surplus monies include purchase of portable microphone for use at Board meetings. S. Balicer requested purchase of PDF software to be used by the Board office to communicate with CB 8 Members and others. Chairman asked that all requests be submitted in writing to the Board office.

## 7. District Manager's Report

No report.

## 8. Department of City Planning – N. Danyluk

No report.

## 9. Presentation of Community Service Awards (CSA)– R. Abbott

Chairman Fanuzzi thanked the members of the Community Service Award Committee: R. Abbott committee chair, M. Wolpoff, for initiating the program in 1992 to formally thank and recognize members of the community for outstanding acts of volunteerism, as well as B. Bender, S. Froot, L. Parker, and X. Sanchez for their service.

R. Abbott announced the Community Service Awards were 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. He proceeded to call upon the members of the committee to present to the honorees of the CSA for 2012.

The following honorees were called forward for presentation of the Award:

- Dr. Frances Segan accepted on behalf of the **Kingsbridge, Riverdale, Marble Hill Food and Hunger Project (KRMH)**. Kingsbridge, Riverdale, Marble Hill Food and Hunger Project (KRMH) was honored for its 30 year program which works on a voluntary basis to provide food for needy families and elderly by collecting and distributing non-perishable food items for the KRMH Food Pantry located at the Church of the Mediator. The program also packs bags of groceries each month at the Riverdale YM-YWHA for the homebound elderly; provides holiday bags for children at Kingsbridge Heights Community Center and other places and conducts fundraising activities to continue stocking the food pantry.

Community Service Award Inscription: Bronx Community Board No. 8 honors your 30 year commitment to providing food for needy families and elderly in the community and for your innovation, compassion and dedication to serving those with dignity.

- **Deirdre La Porte**, the recipient started volunteering at Wave Hill 13 years ago generating over 1,400 hours of her time. Her work includes participating as a member of a group of highly trained garden enthusiasts known as "Garden Guides", and conducting Wave Hill's public and group tours. Ms. La Porte's special focus has been on the history of Wave Hill – the architecture of the landmark buildings as well as the noted people who have occupied them – including Teddy Roosevelt and Mark Twain. She is considered the "in-house" historian, and has brought Wave Hill to life for numerous visitors over the years. She is recognized as one of the treasures of Wave Hill.

Community Service Award Inscription: Bronx Community Board No. 8 honors your contributions to the community in offering voluntary service and historic expertise to Wave Hill and for your dedication and enthusiasm in bringing joy to visitors and neighbors to this unique community site.

- Christina Taylor accepted on behalf of **The Friends of Van Cortlandt Park** which was founded in 1992 in response to a declining Parks Department budget and the expected impact that would have on Van Cortlandt Park. Bringing together neighbors and friends, FVCP has grown to play an increasing role in maintaining natural areas, youth education and employment, and community programming. Each year, the Friends generate

thousands of volunteer hours to maintain trails and forests while providing educational and employment opportunities to neighborhood young people. The Friends of Van Cortlandt Park offers: environmental internship programs for high school students; after-school programs for middle-school students; volunteer and stewardship programs; teacher workshops; and community programs such as hikes, eco-crafts, and gardening activities

Community Service Award Inscription: Bronx Community Board 8 congratulates the Friends of Van Cortlandt Park on this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and applauds the organization's leadership for initiatives that permit the community to fully enjoy this remarkable public space.

- The organizers of **Riverdale Riverfest** Yael Levy and Paul Elston and host Mount Saint Vincent President Dr. Charles Flynn each received a CSA award. They were honored for their commitment to creating, organizing, implementing and promoting this annual community event celebrating the Hudson River and the Greenway in Riverdale. The College of Mount Saint Vincent was recognized for its continuing its tradition as a good neighbor that has hosted the Riverdale Riverfest each year and welcomes the community to the campus with hospitality. The event brings thousands of community residents together for a celebration of the town and river. The organizers and host have volunteered for this event and have brought identity, community pride and fun to Riverdale each year for the enjoyment by all. The first in 2010 attracted more than 3000 people; in 2011 the Riverdale Riverfest grew in popularity, attracting more local sponsors, local elected officials and an overwhelming number of community institutions. Riverfest's advocacy for a Hudson River Greenway and has become a cornerstone of our community's celebration of its neighborhood and the Hudson River.

Community Service Award Inscription: Bronx Community Board 8 thanks Yael Levy and Paul Elston and all the volunteers who make the annual Riverdale Riverfest celebration so successful. This joyful event brings people together to appreciate the natural beauty of the northwest Bronx, in particular the majesty of the Hudson River, and to advocate for greater access to this resource that literally defines our community. Bronx Community Board 8 thanks the College of Mount Saint Vincent for hosting the Riverdale Riverfest. This joyful event brings people together to appreciate the natural beauty of the northwest Bronx, in particular the majesty of the Hudson River, and to advocate for greater access to this resource that literally defines our community.

Each Award was signed by the Chairman of the Board, Robert Fanuzzi, and Nicole Stent, District Manager. The honorees expressed their gratitude to the Board for recognition of their service and good works.

## 10. Committee Reports

### A. Education – S. Alexander

1. Refer to minutes.
2. New Visions Charter School and the Marble Hill School for International Studies presented at the April meeting.
3. The principal of PS 24 will present at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. This has been long awaited and the Committee is looking forward to hearing from Principal Connelly.

### B. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

1. Refer to minutes.

2. The Committee hosted a Noise Reduction Workshop given by DEP and 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct, NYPD on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Kingsbridge Library for the benefit of certain types of businesses; i.e. bars and restaurants.

C. Environment and Sanitation – R. Ginty

A warm Happy Birthday was extended to S. Villaverde.

1. The Committee met at Saint Stephen's Church. The venue was very comfortable.
2. June 9<sup>th</sup> is the Community Clean-up Day event for Marble Hill which is co-sponsored by BXCB 8 and Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez.
3. The next meeting will be held at Manhattanville Health Care Center, at 7:00 PM.
4. Due to a conflict of interest, R. Ginty recused herself from the following item. P. Reyes presented the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, In its Fiscal Year 2013 Executive Budget, the NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) has proposed charging a fee to not-for-profit organizations and charities for their solid waste collection and disposal as part of its new Institutional Waste Fee Program; and

**WHEREAS**, at the March 21, 2012 meeting of the Bronx Community Board No. 8 Environment and Sanitation Committee, there was unanimous agreement that imposing fees would prove onerous and detrimental to the functioning and critical services provided by our not for profit organizations and charities such as churches, synagogues, colleges, private schools, libraries, group homes, community centers, and cultural institutions in Community Board 8; and

**WHEREAS**, our not-for-profit organizations and charities have already been severely impacted by the recession and cutbacks in funding and fundraising; and

**WHEREAS**, Int. No.792, a local law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to the collection of waste and recyclables from not-for-profit corporations by the DSNY has been introduced in the New York City Council and has the support of a majority of its members; and

**WHEREAS**, Int. No. 792 seeks to prevent the DSNY from charging collection and disposal fees from any building owned by a not-for-profit corporation as defined by New York State not-for-profit corporation law;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Environment and Sanitation Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 opposes the proposal by the NYC Department of Sanitation to charge not- for- profit organizations and charities fees for their garbage removal; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Environment and Sanitation Committee of Community Board No. 8 supports the passage of Int. No. 792 in the New York City Council, currently in the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management.

Vote: 34 in favor, 0 opposed, and 4 abstentions with cause

In Favor -

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, E. Corcino, A. P. Creaney, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Goodman,

N. Graham, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, T. Lim, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, R. Press, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions With Cause –

R. Ginty, M. Heller, C. G. Moerdler, A. Piscitelli

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

1. Blood Pressure screenings were held at Riverdale Festival for the Arts event.
2. There will be a Health and Nutrition Fair at P.S. 7 held on June 9<sup>th</sup>. N. Stent is involved with planning and coordinating with the various agencies.
3. S. Froot made a motion to amend the agenda to present a resolution in support of restoration of OST funding for the Marble Hill Community center after-school program. The motion was seconded and carried with 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention with cause.

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, E. Corcino, A. P. Creaney, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, T. Lim, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstention With Cause –

R. Press

4. The following resolution was presented:

**Whereas**, in the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2013 Executive Budget, severe funding cuts for the Out of School Time (OST) program have been proposed; and

**Whereas**, the aforementioned cuts would result in the closing of the OST-funded Children's Arts and Science Workshops, Inc. (CASW) after-school program at the Marble Hill Community Center; and

**Whereas**, the Marble Hill Community Center CASW after-school program currently serves approximately 110 children between the ages of 5 and 12 years old; and

**Whereas**, the CASW after-school program at Marble Hill Community Center has attracted the volunteer efforts of local area secondary schools, including the Horace Mann School Service Learning Team;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that Community Board No. 8 Bronx recommends, in the strongest possible terms, that the Mayor and the

City Council act with dispatch to restore the funds cut from the OST program to enable the Marble Hill Community Center CASW after-school program to remain open in the next year and permit the program to continue its good work.

Vote: 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention with cause

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, E. Corcino, A. P. Creaney, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, T. Lim, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstention With Cause –

R. Press

E. Housing – T. Durham

1. Refer to minutes.
2. The Committee's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> due to Monday being a holiday. Foreclosures will be addressed. A representative of NYS Department of Housing will be present.
3. T. Durham took part in Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Association's bike tour supporting the neighborhood's Historical Designation application.

F. Land Use – C. Moerdler

1. City Planning presented the Revised Waterfront Revitalization Program, Environmental Assessment Statement. The Land Use Committee decided to revisit the item at the next meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>. C. Moerdler urged members to review the plans which will be sent to all board members.
2. It has been settled that Manhattan College will provide community access to its parking garage during construction of the College's Student Center. Manhattan College has been invited to the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide details.
3. The Committee took up discussion on several local laws and agreed to draft a resolution at the May 8, 2012 full Board meeting:

**Resolved**, Community Board No. 8 Bronx endorses and urges an action by the New York City Council regarding:

- A local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to requiring reports to the City Council of any variance or special permit granted despite the community board's recommendation of disapproval or approval with conditions. **Int 0078-2010**
- A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to expiration of variances granted by the Board of Standards and Appeals. Int 0650-2011
- A Local Law to amend the New York City Charter, in relation to community involvement in decisions of the Board of Standards and Appeals. Int 0678-2011

Vote: 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor -

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, E. Corcino, A. P. Creaney, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, T. Lim, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli,



R. Press, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstention –

A. Moore

- **Resolved**, Community Board No. 8 Bronx **DISAPPROVES** Int 0680-2011 Local Law to amend the New York City Charter, in relation to the creation of a community advisory review panel for zoning variance and special permit applications.

Vote: 33 in favor, 3 opposed, and 2 abstentions

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, E. Corcino, A. P. Creaney, N. Graham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, T. Lim, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, A. A. Spett, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

T. Durham, S. Froot, J. Pilsner

Abstentions –

A. Moore, I. W. Stone

G. Law, Rules and Ethics – I. Ladimer

1. There was no meeting held in April.
2. The next committee meeting will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup>, Board Office at 7:30 PM.

H. Libraries and Cultural Affairs – R. Abbott

1. Refer to minutes.
2. The Committee will meet on May 10<sup>th</sup>, Board Office, at 7:00 PM.

I. Parks and Recreation – B. Bender

1. Refer to minutes.
2. B. Bender presented the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Senator Charles E. Schumer provided \$1 million to plan the Hudson River Greenway Link between Manhattan and the Westchester Greenway in Yonkers;

**WHEREAS**, the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) was designated by the State to manage the planning process and intends to complete the plan by the end of 2012;

**WHEREAS**, the NYMTC has released its preliminary choice for the preferred route that includes more than a 2-mile stretch that is on the waterfront;

**WHEREAS**, the Riverdale community has repeatedly supported “access to the waterfront” as one of its priorities;

**WHEREAS**, NYMTC recommends that the Henry Hudson Bridge (Bridge) be utilized for the Greenway to cross the Harlem River, and reports that the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) has a conceptual design for a cantilever off of the west side of the lower level of the Bridge that would carry the Greenway and accommodate a standard sized walking and biking trail – and that the MTA estimates a cost of \$15 million to build the cantilever;

**WHEREAS**, NYMTC recommends that the MTA consider a NYMTC plan to improve the Henry Hudson Bridge crossing for bikers and walkers for the period prior to the construction of the cantilever by eliminating the breakdown lane on west side of the lower level of the Bridge and enlarging the walking and biking route across the Bridge;

**WHEREAS**, the Henry Hudson Bridge is eligible for listing on the register of historic places and the addition of the cantilever will be subject to review by the State Historic Preservation Office;

**WHEREAS**, NYMTC recommends that the preferred route should go from Palisade Avenue at West 232nd Street through Riverdale Park to a new bridge that will cross the railroad tracks and land on the waterfront on the west side of the tracks;

**WHEREAS**, NYMTC recommends a careful study of the Riverdale Park between West 232nd Street and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) pumping station located approximately 150 yards north of West 232nd Street to identify the route that would have the least damaging effect on the natural resources of the Park;

**WHEREAS**, Riverdale Park is designated a “natural resource area” and “forever wild” by the City;

**WHEREAS**, the Bronx Community Board No. 8 believes that the Hudson River is one of the greatest natural resources of the community and that connecting Riverdale Park to the waterfront will materially improve the natural resources of the Park and provide public access to those natural resources;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Bronx Community Board No. 8:**

1. supports the NYMTC choice of its preliminary preferred route, particularly because it provides generous public access to the waterfront;
2. supports the use of the Henry Hudson Bridge as the Greenway route and the proposal to build a cantilever off the west side of the lower level to carry the Greenway;
3. supports the plan to improve the Henry Hudson Bridge crossing for bikers and walkers for the period prior to the construction of the cantilever by eliminating the breakdown lane on the west side of the lower level of the bridge and enlarging the walking and biking route across the bridge;
4. supports the NYMTC recommendation that the preferred route go from Palisade Avenue at West 232nd Street through the Riverdale Park to a new bridge that will cross the railroad tracks and land on the waterfront on the west side of the tracks;

5. supports the NYMTC efforts to study the area between West 232nd Street and the pumping station in order to design a route that will have the least damaging effect on the natural resources of the Park;
6. urges the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation to recognize natural resource enhancement of Riverdale Park that results from the connection to the waterfront.

Vote: 35 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention with cause

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, E. Corcino, A. P. Creaney, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, T. Lim, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

R. Ginty

Abstention With Cause –

C. Moerdler

3. It's My Park Day will be held Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at Fort Four Park, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to participate in the spruce-up / greenup of the park.

J. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

1. Refer to minutes.
2. A. G. Feldmeier advised that A. Creaney will chair the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting in her absence. The meeting will be held at the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct, at 7:30 PM.
3. A.G. Feldmeier presented the following resolutions:

**RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the following **RENEWAL APPLICATIONS** for liquor licenses:

- Greentree Restaurant – 5693 Riverdale Avenue
- I & A Restaurant Corp., D/B/A El Economico Restaurant – 5589 Broadway

**RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the following **NEW APPLICATION** for liquor licenses:

- Patio's Bar, Inc. - 277A West 231<sup>st</sup> Street
- Aoyu Sushi, Inc. – 3532A Johnson Avenue
- La Nueva Estrella Pizza & Deli Corp. – 219 West 230<sup>th</sup> Street
- 3541 Riverdale Avenue (Name to be determined)

Vote: 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, E. Corcino, A. P. Creaney, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty,

M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, T. Lim, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. Moerdler, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

K. Traffic and Transportation – D. Padernacht

The Committee will meet on May 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Riverdale YM-YWHA, at 7:30 PM. The agenda will include updates on reconstruction projects for the Palisade Avenue and Bailey Place retaining walls; Corlear Avenue water main installation; and discussion on issues concerning trucks and parking at Skyview Shopping Center.

L. Aging – K. Pesce

1. The property Tax Lien meeting was held in the Board office earlier during the day.
2. The next Committee meeting will be held on May 22, 2012, at Hudson Pointe at Riverdale, at 3:30 PM.
3. Riverdale Senior Services will hold its Annual Gala on June 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be hosted at Horace Mann School.

M. Budget – B. Contant

Reminded committee chairs to complete and submit the FY 2014 budget priorities.

11. Miscellaneous Business

M. Khury announced Nurses Week.

Respectfully submitted,

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