

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2020  
BOARD OFFICE - 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

**Committee Members Present (14)**

Sylvia Alexander	Robert Fanuzzi	Omar Murray
Bob Bender	David Gellman	Dan Padernacht
Lisa Daub	Julia Gomez	Laura Spalter
Eric Dinowitz	Daris Jackson	Sergio Villaverde
Martin Wolpoff	Rosalind Zavras	

**Committee Members Absent (3)**

Margaret Donato	Rosemary Ginty	Charles Moerdler
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**Staff (1)**

Ciara Gannon, District Manager

**CB8 & Guests (2)**

Heather Smith	Parker Quinlin
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In Chair Ginty's absence, Vice Chair Spalter convened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

**Minutes**

- Minutes of January 9, 2020 Executive Committee approved:  
In Favor (10): Alexander, Bender, Daub, Gellman, Gomez, Jackson, Spalter, Villaverde, Wolpoff, Zavras // Opposed: (0), Abstain (0)

**Chair's Report – None**

**Treasurer's Report – R. Zavras**

- Treasurer shared this month's report showing that we are positioned well for the fiscal year and there is no need for a budget modification this month.
- Special funding was spent or allocated to short-term temp, needed tech upgrades and email distribution service to better manage growing volume. Committees tentatively requested funding for enslaved people's project, T&T intersection re-design, youth organization forum and housing guide translation. S. Villaverde mentioned a tentative merchants forum and inquired about use of funds for an event planner. DM will re-send NYC guidelines regarding use of special funding and inquire about use of funds for an event planner and marketing firm. Reminder that expenditure costs must be in FMS and paid out by end of this fiscal year.

**District Manager's Report – C. Gannon**

- DSC meeting was well attended:
  - DFTA is launching a resource and issue hotline for older adults.
  - FDNY was called regarding a hoarding issue; Several agencies will partner to resolve.
  - NYPD cautioned that criminals are now able to fish mail from the new mailboxes.

- CM Cohen is using discretionary funding to cover most of the step street clean-up and several departments are now coordinating on the clean-up effort.
- Attended Congressman Espailat's State of the District. Discussed domestic violence.
- CB8 is co-sponsoring a Rat Academy with DoH this Saturday at Van Cortlandt Park library.
- Representative from Finance dept. trained staff on housing benefits to enable CB8 to assist residents with registration. DM continues scheduling efforts to host a sign-up event.
- Reminder that February's CB meeting starts at 7:00pm for FY21 budget hearing. An upcoming meeting may start early to include a presentation by District Attorney.

## Committee Resolutions

Vice Chair called for committee resolutions to be presented at the February Board meeting:

- Parks & Recreation – B. Bender  
Presented a resolution in response to Founders' [withdrawn] proposal for event in Van Cortlandt Park's parade grounds. The resolution also puts the community's concerns in writing as guidance for sponsors of future events – not to rule out future events. Chairs discussed at length our advisory role, how this may or may not apply in the future, alternative or additional means to document this guidance, etc. Governors Ball will take place at Randall's Island again this year.
- Traffic & Transportation – D. Padernacht  
Presented two resolutions: 1) Street co-naming of Bradley Terrace between Palisade Avenue and Edsall Avenue to include the name "John J. McKelvey, Sr.", and 2) Street co-naming of Palisade Avenue between Independence Avenue and Edsall Avenue to include the name "Villa Rosa Bonheur Terrace". The committee chairs were impressed with the historical research & preparation by S. Coggins and gathering of community support.

The committee saw no issue with the co-naming for John J. McKelvey, Sr. The chairs, in general, also support the Villa Bonheur Terrace. L. Daub and R. Fanuzzi pointed out that the board's street co-naming guidelines only honor individuals. To be responsive to the community without concerns of favoritism or commercialization, LRE should first research the expansion of co-naming beyond our current mandate and prepare updated criteria. M. Wolpoff provided history for co-naming guidelines and a change to name a park ballfield. R. Fanuzzi highlighted the successful SAPO guidelines that allowed the board to adjudicate applications impartially. S. Villaverde expressed concern for revisiting guidelines in this case but not for the Deli co-naming request. L. Spalter and D. Padernacht support both co-naming resolutions in February due to strong community support. M. Wolpoff noted that LRE will not meet in February and will review co-naming in March – so a postponement to review and propose a change will take longer than one month. Co-naming requires affirmative votes at two meetings.

- Public Safety – C. Gannon for M. Donato  
Resolutions will be presented: 1. Buffalo Wild Wings – due to change of ownership, new license application with 2am closing, 2. American Legion Post – liquor license renewal, 3. Due to miscommunications, renewal for Riverdale Steakhouse will be voted on at board meeting.

## Issues for Discussion

- February Budget Hearing – D. Gellman  
Distributed agency responses from OMB for FY21 to discuss at hearing. Asked chairs to review, share and provide clarifications. Shared a prior letter response to OMB. Regarding FY22, submit final prioritized committee capital and expense requests by April 24<sup>th</sup>. S. Villaverde suggests that committees partner for dual requests on overlapping needs.

- S. Villaverde feels that the officers' meeting should be on the monthly calendar.
- R. Fanuzzi – E&S is scoping out water main / sewer closure requests disturbing streets in Ft. Independence neighborhood. D. Padernacht gave reminder to copy him and to communicate with residents. Sedgewick will not be closed now since the entire avenue would require repaving. DM will set up meeting with DDC and DEP.
- R. Fanuzzi – Jerome Park Reservoir North Basin will not be kept empty nor full – but kept at a lower water level. E&S will conduct their due diligence.
- J. Gomez – Received four complete and two incomplete nominations for the Yankee Youth Leadership Awards. Tried to get required resumes for the incomplete nominations by the extended due date. Selected the four nominations that were completed to receive the Award.
- D. Gellman – pointed out an oversight on the January Board minutes. With thanks, this will be corrected. Also raised concerns about appointment to committee working groups. S. Villaverde questioned broader use of working groups vs. subcommittees. This discussion will be continued.

**Follow-up on Outstanding Issues - None**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary