

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**HELD ON June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**P.S. 37, 360 WEST 230<sup>th</sup> STREET**

**PRESENT:** S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Garcia, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, L. J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. P. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, J.M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff

**ABSENT:** L. Daub, D. Fuchs, D. B. Jackson, L. Lopez, C.G. Mejia, P. Mullen, O. Murray, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, R. Zavras

**STAFF:** C. Gannon – District Manager  
M. Ortiz – Community Associate

**Guests:** Councilman A. Cohen, Assemblyman J. Dinowitz, S. Jeselsohn- D. Ojeda-Tiru- Rep. Congressman Engel, B. Fitzpatrick- Office of Assemblyman Dinowitz, P. Lewicki-Assemblyman Dinowitz, J. Stephenson- Office of Councilman Cohen, O. Valles – Office of Assemblywoman Carmen De La Rosa

Chair Ginty convened the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

**Gallery Session:**

- Peter Pamphile, Van Cortlandt Park Library, announced the Library will be celebrating their move to their new location at 3882 Cannon Place with a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening ceremony on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am.
- Sherida Paulsen, read a statement of behalf of Riverdale Nature Preservancy (Attached). Urged the Community Board to vote to oppose the SNAD Proposal as there is no clear certified material before the board to act upon and asked board, Borough President Diaz and Councilman Cohen to formally request that City Planning withdraw the current proposal and come back with a proposal that is specific to Riverdale-Fieldston-Spuyten Duyvil. Thanked the Community Board for the opportunity to comment on the importance of the Special Natural Area District (SNAD) proposal.
- Martin Zelnick, The Bronx Chapter American Institute of Architects. A Riverdale resident for over 70 years spoke against the City Planning SNAD Proposal and shared his letter written to Maria Lago, Chair of City Planning Commission (attached).
- Jodie Colon, read a statement on behalf of Friends of Spuyten Duyvil. Shared their letter (attached) to Councilman Cohen urging him to withdraw his support for the SNAD proposal, send City Planning back to the drawing board just as Council members did in Staten Island. "We hope you seize this opportunity to be as bold and effective as they were".

- Karen Argenti, read a statement of behalf of the Bronx Council Environment Quality (BCEQ) and the Environment & Sanitation Committee. It is summarized in the Environment & Sanitation resolution Committee report in these minutes.

## **2. Chairs Report:**

- Welcomed, the new committee members and asked each to introduce themselves:
  - N. Fazio, lived in the North West Bronx area for nearly 20 years. Enjoys to volunteering, has attended several committee meetings and has an admiration for the Community Board 8 and their passion to serve their community.
  - E. Garcia: grateful for the honor to have been chosen to serve on the Community Board. Recently moving back to the Bronx. Has looks forward to working with the Community Board and residents of Community Board 8.
  - R. Jacklosky: a Mount St. Vincent English Professor for 25 years and a resident for 23 years. Attended board meetings in the past, got reengaged after 2016, and is honored to be appointed to the Community Board.
- Chair Ginty informed the new committee members they will be voting tonight and reminded of next week's orientation followed by the "Meet & Greet" - a Community Board tradition.
- Thanked the Chairs, Committee Members and the Officers for their recent and successful Community events: The Women's Suffrage Event with S. Alexander, Celebrating our Generations with E. Dinowitz & L. Parker and Bicycle Safety with D. Padernacht and M. Donato
- Chair Ginty thanked the New York City Council for approving \$42,500 for Community Boards in FY 2020.

The Chair introduced a resolution to increase the salary of the District Manager. She described the two elements of the raise as the Mayor's Managerial Increase and a merit increase. She also described the relative position of the DM's salary to the other Bronx DM's where the mean salary is \$100,000.00. The following resolution was moved and seconded:

### **District Manager's Salary Increase Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ciara Gannon has been employed as the District Manager for Bronx Community Board No.8 with a hire date of June 11, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Manager's salary was approved at \$75,000.00 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor's Managerial Increase allows 2.25% salary increase starting in September 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, merit increases for manager's salaries may be granted up to 12%; and

**WHEREAS**, after an evaluation of the District Manager's job performance, the Chair of the Community Board has decided that Ms. Gannon's salary should be increased to the maximum amount of 12% based on Ms. Gannon's exceptional performance; and

**WHEREAS**, this decision is concurred in by the Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer;  
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, amendment or rejection,”

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Ms. Gannon’s salary receive the Mayor’s Managerial Increase of 2.25% dating from September 2018; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that in addition Ms. Gannon receive a merit increase starting on July 1, 2019 to bring her salary to \$85,890 per year; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that CB #8 ratifies this decision of the Chair.

Vote: In Favor: 34

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 1

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Opposed: T. Moran

Abstained: C. Wilcox

- Special Committee Veterans: The Committee held one meeting in three years. No resolution to extend the Special Committee at this time, there will be conversations over the summer into the fall to find a chair and members to better serve the veterans of our community.
- Next Board Meeting will be on September 10th. Location is not yet determined.

### 3. Committee Reports

A. Nominating Committee Presented – J. Townes

Members: P. Ellis, E. Green, K. Pesce, C. Wilcox, J. Townes

SLATE OF COMMITTEE CHAIR’S AND OFFICERS

#### OFFICERS

Chairperson  
Vice-Chair  
Treasurer  
Secretary

Rosemary Ginty  
Laura Spalter  
Rosalind Zavras  
Lisa Daub

Vote: In Favor: 36

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Aging	Eric Dinowitz
Budget	David Gellman
Economic Development	Sergio Villaverde
Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs	Sylvia Alexander
Environment and Sanitation	Robert Fanuzzi
Health, Hospitals & Social Services	Omar Murray
Housing	Daris B. Jackson
Land Use	Charles Moerdler
Law, Rules and Ethics	Martin Wolpoff
Parks and Recreation	Bob Bender
Public Safety	Margaret Donato
Traffic and Transportation	Dan Padernacht
Youth	Vacant

Vote: In Favor: 36

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

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Chair Ginty Referenced the By Laws to explain what will happen if the Chair position for the Youth Committee is not filled:

#### Article 5 Section 3

Upon the death, resignation, termination of Board membership or removal of any officer or elected Committee Chairperson, the vacancy created shall be filled by the Board. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the position of Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the position of the Chairperson for the remainder of the term. The election to fill any vacancy shall take place upon written notice not later than the second regular meeting following the creation of the vacancy. The election procedure shall be the same as that set forth in Section 2 of this Article V, except that no nominating committee shall be elected and all candidates shall be nominated from the floor. Any officer elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term, and until a successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

#### Article 6, Section 2

The Board may create such additional standing committees to cover additional substantive areas of responsibility, as it deems necessary or advisable. No person may serve as Chairperson of more than one standing committee. Each committee \*Chairperson shall select a

Vice-Chairperson who shall be an Appointed Member of the Board. When there is a vacancy in a committee chair, or when the Chairperson, and the Vice-Chairperson if any, of a committee will be unavailable to conduct a meeting or hearing, the Chairperson of the Board, in his or her discretion, may appoint any Appointed member of such committee, or any member of the Board's Executive Committee, to conduct, on an ad hoc basis, a scheduled meeting or public hearing of such committee, or any public hearing of such committee which is mandated by law.

Youth Committee Nominations: No Nominations at this time; Nominations will be taken from the floor in September and/or no later than October.

Vote: In Favor: 36

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

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## Committee Reports

### B. Land Use – C. Moerdler

Moved the following resolution:

Special Natural Area District (SNAD) proposal for City Planning revision.

**WHEREAS**, the Special Natural Area District ("SNAD") was established in 1974, mapped in The Bronx in 1975 with the participation and involvement of the community, and has guided development while preserving areas of critical environmental sensitivity and unspoiled natural habitat for 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Spring of 2015, as a result of an increasing sentiment in the community at large and among members of Bronx Community Board 8 that SNAD regulations were not adequately protecting key areas of the community, the Land Use Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 formed a Working Group of four members (Working Group") to meet with the Bronx Office of the Department of City Planning ("DCP") and report back with findings and recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, shortly thereafter, DCP independently began a review and revision of the SNAD regulations in large part for the purpose of (1) expanding the amount of development in the Staten Island SNAD that would be "as-of-right" for owners and developers and (2) alleviating the workload of the Staten Island DCP staff responsible for reviewing applications by owners and developers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Working Group held numerous meetings with the Bronx Office of DCP and issued three reports describing the progress of DCP's proposed changes to the SNAD regulations and setting forth the Working Group's concerns and recommendations in connection therewith; and

**WHEREAS**, at Land Use Committee meetings and in other public meetings, the Working Group and the Bronx Office of DCP made numerous presentations regarding the status of their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Land Use Committee on September 5, 2017, and the full Community Board on September 13, 2017, adopted resolutions urging the separation of the Staten Island SNAD regulations from The Bronx SNAD regulations out of well-founded concern that any proposed text changes would be designed to provide solutions to problems that distinctly pertain to conditions and circumstances on Staten Island ; in fact, while DCP was considering expanding the amount of "as of right" development in order to accommodate development and reduce DCP's work load in Staten Island , in the Bronx , by contrast, community sentiment increasingly favored enhanced protection of the environment and natural areas, stepped-up enforcement of SNAD regulations , and preservation of public participation in Land Use matters via democratic institutions in the form of community boards and the public at large; and

**WHEREAS**, in or before 2018, DCP formulated, but did not disclose to the Working Group or the public, proposed amendments to the SNAD Zoning Text impacting Staten Island, the Bronx and the Ft. Totten area of Queens that would abolish SNAD in Bronx Community District 8 and create in its place a Special Natural Resource Area ("SNRD"), with such proposed changes subject to the city- wide ULURP process as a result of related changes to the Staten Island zoning map; and

**WHEREAS**, these proposed amendments to the Zoning Text would create four subdistricts, including a Riverdale-Fieldston sub district , through which the city-wide regulations applicable to the proposed Special Natural Resource Area would be implemented ; and

**WHEREAS**, the five members of the New York City Council representing the proposed Special Natural Resource Area sub districts jointly sent a letter to the Director of DCP formally asking that any proposed changes to the SNAD regulations be split into four separate amendments that would separately apply to each sub district and reflect the different circumstances present in diverse neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Planning Commission ("CPC") certified the proposed changes to the SNAD (thereafter to be termed "SNRD") Zoning Resolution ("SNAD proposal "or "proposed zoning text amendments") on May 6, 2019, consisting of an approximately 200-page document replete with inter-related technical data, which began the ULURP process; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 8, 2019, the Land Use Committee of Staten Island Community Board 3 held a public hearing on the proposal and voted unanimously to disapprove; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 28, 2019 Staten Island Community Board 3 voted unanimously to disapprove the SNAD proposal and "strongly recommend[ed] that City Planning withdraw the entire proposed Special District amendment ," adding that Staten Island Community Boards 1 and 2 would follow suit, particularly in view of the fact that "... our elected officials have voiced their disapproval;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Land Use Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 timely published the required legal notice of its ULURP public hearing on the SNAD proposal, which hearing was held, as scheduled , on June 3, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, not a single speaker at the June 3, 2019 public hearing spoke in favor of the CPC- certified SNAD proposal , although several participants , including the Working Group, noted that the proposal contained a number of elements that merited consideration ; and

**WHEREAS**, at the June 3, 2019 public hearing, the representatives of DCP, in their 20-minute presentation and in the ensuing question and answer dialogue with the members of the Land Use Committee and the public, did not disclose or make any reference to the fact that DCP had committed to overhaul the proposed amendments to the zoning text following the Staten Island Community Board 3 unanimous rejection of the SNAD proposal, but concealed that relevant Information from the Land Use Committee members who were scheduled to vote at that meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Land Use Committee Meeting of Bronx Community Board 8 was unable to vote on the proposal on June 3, 2019 due to the absence of a quorum; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2019, over a month after CPC formally certified the zoning text amendments (together with the mandated environmental impact statement) that had been years in the making , Bronx Community Board 8 received from DCP a copy of a letter dated June 10, 2019, from the Staten Island Borough Director of DCP confirming that DCP was "amending the proposal for the project 'Staten Island/Bronx Special Districts Update ' by withdrawing the application for a zoning map amendment on Staten Island." Any subsequent SNAD proposal would be subject to the requisite formal DCP and CPC notice and procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2019, Bronx Community Board 8 was advised by the Bronx Office of DCP that notwithstanding the complete withdrawal of the Staten Island portion of the SNAD proposal,

(1) the approximately 200 page s of the proposed zoning text amendments would be "revised in a future update to remove all applicability from (sic) Staten Island "; (2) the SNAD proposal with respect to the Bronx would continue "to move through the official ULURP public review process"; and (3) that Community Board 8 should proceed with its scheduled vote on the proposal in accordance with ULURP- all in the absence of any such revised proposed zoning text or formal CPC action reflecting the acknowledged dramatically changed circumstances ; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the withdrawal of Staten Island from the zoning text amendments and zoning map of the SNRD zoning resolution, the Bronx DCP representative stated that the process remains governed by ULURP because , among other factors, a name change and concomitant map change would result from changing "Special Natural Area District" to "Special Natural Resource District, "and, accordingly, the current "time clock" governing the time within which the Community Board may act still applies; and

**WHEREAS**, (a) the provisions of the approximately 200-page proposed zoning text amendments certified by CPC on May 6, 2019 that relate to Staten Island are inexorably intertwined with those relating to the Bronx; (b) the proposed Riverdale-Fieldston sub district is now the only district contemplated under a zoning resolution text change that was authorized by the CPC on May 6, 2019 as city-wide , and remains subject to zoning map changes in a ULURP application pertaining solely to Staten Island that have subsequently been withdrawn; (c) the Bronx Office of DCP estimates that it will take several weeks, at a



minimum, to formulate and secure formal approval of new proposed amended zoning text language; (d) the proposed text amendments certified by CPC on May 6, 2019 no longer reflect the SNAD proposal DCP has now stated publicly has been materially changed and is being presented in indefinite form to Bronx Community Board 8 for consideration ; and (e) members of Bronx Community Board 8 are being directed by DCP to adhere to ULURP strictures that may well no longer be applicable given the withdrawal of the proposed Staten Island zoning map changes and to vote, as scheduled , on June 27, 2019, on whatever it is that is before them - Non-existent zoning text amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2019, the Chairs of Bronx Community Board 8 and of its Land Use Committee wrote a letter (copy attached) to Marisa Lago, Chair of the City Planning Commission and Director of DCP, requesting a prompt meeting with "City Planning Commission executive staff ' for the purpose of obtaining clarification of the CPC's position on the present circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated June 20, 2019 (copy attached), the Executive Director of DCP responded to Bronx Community Board 8's June 19, 2019 letter, effectively stating that the members of Community Board 8 should review the approximately 200-pages of the May 6, 2019 CPC- certified zoning text amendments and figure out for themselves s what the new text language would be when the zoning text changes pertaining to Staten Island are eliminated and the balance of the text is somehow rationalize zed;

**WHEREAS**, the only justification offered for the foregoing refusal by the Executive Director of DCP even to convene a meeting with CPC executive staff to provide a measure of clarity for the Community Board -assuming such clarification were possible -was that there was a "lack of any modification to your [Bronx] geography"; and

**WHEREAS**, with the Board meeting of June 27, 2019 formally scheduled and the agenda, including a vote on the SNAD proposal, timely published in accordance with law, the officers of Bronx Community Board 8 have thus exhausted their remedies at this juncture for obtaining from either DCP or CPC timely clarification as to precisely what is before the Community Board for a vote in accordance with [the purportedly continuing] ULURP [process]; and

**WHEREAS**, Bronx Community Board 8 has made it clear that it continues to be prepared, without prejudice and as previously y demon started, to work with DCP in good faith once the Bronx portion of the SNAD proposal I certified by CPC on May 6, 2019 is similarly formally withdrawn and new proposed zoning text' amendments specifically y designed for the Bronx SNAD are developed and promulgated in accordance with the law.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Bronx Community Board 8 recommends in the strongest terms that the proposed SNAD (or SNRD) zoning text amendments and accompanying proposed map change be withdrawn in their entirety forthwith ; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** , that Bronx Community Board 8 is forced to conclude under the circumstance s presented that it does not have before it any intelligible zoning text amendment s upon which any reasonably knowledgeable person could be expected to cast a rational or informed vote to approve or disapprove ; and



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Bronx Community Board 8 is forced to conclude under the circumstances presented that the provisions of ULURP and other applicable laws requiring CPC and DCP to timely place before affected Community Board s for review and appropriate action any such proposed SNAD text and map changes have been and are being violated, and that the proposal to amend the SNAD regulation s (whatever it now may be) and the recent CPC and DCP action s in connection therewith are a legal nullity; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the actions herein of DCP, are shameful and contrary to the spirit and language of The City Charter and applicable laws and regulations and raise serious questions.

**Vote:** In Favor: 36

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

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Chair Ginty welcomed Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz:

- Thanked R. Ginty and C. Moerdler for their hard work related to SNAD. Also thanked Councilman Cohen for always doing the right thing when it comes to local development.
- It's important to protect our local SNAD, strengthen it and ensure that it does not lose its integrity. SNAD is a very tiny part of our community.
- Assemblyman Dinowitz urges the Community Board to look around and focus on local development. Development is surrounding Community Board 8. He believes it is time to take another look at the 197-A plan.

Chair Ginty welcomed Councilman Andrew Cohen:

- Councilman Cohen acknowledged the many emails he has received regarding SNAD. Thanked the Community Board for all the hard work regarding SNAD.
- SNAD will not change until it is voted on by the City Council and that won't happen until October or November.
- He will continue to be transparent and keep the board updated on how the SNAD text changes proceeds.
- Councilman Cohen believes that everyone agrees that SNAD needs changes, such as enforcement and preservation and also believes that Department of City Planning has treated Community Board 8 very poorly.
- It will be easier to work on SNAD now that Staten Island has been removed because Staten Island is pro development.

Members of the SNAD Working Group: R. Ginty, C. Moerdler, B. Bender, S. Froot, B. Fanuzzi

- Chair Ginty: Bronx Community Board 8 did not receive any notice that Staten Island was being removed from the text; 80%-90% of the text was withdrawn. We were told

a new zoning text is being worked on but will not be available for a month. Therefore, we have nothing to vote on now.

- B. Fanuzzi: Thanks to fellow members of the Working Group, Councilman Cohen and Juton Horstman from Department of City Planning. B. Fanuzzi believes that the Department of City Planning and Bronx Community Board 8 are on the same side of environmental protection and should work together. The current resolution defends the ULURP Process. Department of City Planning should recertify the application since it has changed so much.
  - B. Bender: Addressed fellow Board Members regarding the process and urges fellow board members to pass the resolution in order to start over with Department of City Planning.
  - S. Froot: Addressed fellow Board Members and stated that the Board has engaged and is willing to engage with Department of City Planning. The working group has laid out concerns, identified parts of the proposal that were not appropriate for this community and are still willing to contribute to a better process and better product but there is no opportunity to do so at this time.
  - C. Moerdler thanked community members for their involvement in this process: Sherida Paulsen, Martin Zelnik and Jodie Colon
  - L. Spalter: Expressed her disappointment with Councilman Cohen for moving forward with ULURP process.
  - D. Gellman: Often times rules can be seen as inconvenient but stressed their importance. D. Gellman hopes that Department of City Planning comes back to the Community Board and follows the correct process.
  - C. Moerdler addressed the excitement around Brust Park. He stated that the Parks Committee is also working on this issue. The developer of this property has met and continues to meet with concerned neighbors. Reported that several years Chair Ginty, himself and other members requested that Dash Place be downzoned but City Planning has not reviewed the request.
4. Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office- Not in attendance
  5. City Planning Report- No Report
  6. Report from the 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct- Not in attendance

L. Spalter reported that the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct is not in attendance because of the unfortunate and sudden death of Officer Kevin Preiss. Community Board 8 sends their condolences.

7. Treasurer's Report – R. Zavras was not in attendance; treasurer's report was distributed and any questions can be directed to the Treasurer.
8. District Manager's Report –
  - Thanked everyone for their generosity and support during her first year as District Manager; looks forward to the upcoming year.

- Committee Members sign up, urged not to sign up for more than you take on, as attendance is important.
- Thanked City Council for their special funding that allow the purchases of new office furniture, new phone system, faster internet and email platform.
- Please look at the Executive minutes from this month for further information.

#### Committee Reports - continued

##### C. Law, Rules & Ethics – M Wolpoff

- The City Council will be finalizing its proposal for the City Charter Revision over the summer.

##### D. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

The following resolution was presented:

**Whereas**, Councilman Cohen has provided funding for the installation of adult exercise equipment in Ewen Park in response to requests he received during the Participatory Budget process; and

**Whereas**, representatives of the Department of Parks & Recreation presented a proposed design to the Parks & Recreation committee meeting of June 26, 2019, and answered questions about the design from committee members and nearby residents and park users;

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that Bronx Community Board 8 endorses the proposed design as presented, requesting that DPR return to the committee in the event of any substantive changes to the design or location of the equipment.

**Vote:** In Favor: 35

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

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Follow up on May resolution pertaining to New Yorkers for Parks that had embarked on a campaign to increased funding of city parks called the Play Fair for Parks Coalition. It was passed and an increase of \$43 million was approved.

##### E. Public Safety – M. Donato

The following May resolutions were presented:

- Whereas, Tilila Bar & Grill Inc., 3648 Bailey Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on May 21, 2019 for a renewal of their liquor license. No issues at this location.

Whereas, the committee voted to approve the application.

- Whereas, Siam Square Thai Cuisine, 564 Kappock Street, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on May 21, 2019 for a renewal of their liquor license. No issues at this location.

Whereas, the committee voted to approve the application.

- Whereas, 5660 Eatery Group Corp., 5676 Broadway appeared before the Public Safety Committee on May 21, 2019 for a new liquor license. They signed an agreement to a 2AM closing for the first year in business.

Whereas, the committee voted to approve the application.

- Whereas, Truffa Pizzeria & Wine Room/Cocina Chante Mexican Cuisine, 3535 Riverdale Avenue appeared before the Public Safety Committee on May 21, 2019 for a renewal of their sidewalk café. No issues at this location.

Whereas, the committee voted to approve the application.

- Whereas, Blackstone's Bar & Grill, 3713 Riverdale Avenue appeared before the Public Safety Committee on May 21, 2019 for a renewal of their sidewalk café. No issues at this location.

Whereas, the committee voted to approve the application.

- Whereas, National Night Out Against Crime Street Permit application - to be held on August 6, 2019, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm with a full street closure at West 234 Street between Bailey Avenue and Broadway. This event was held previously.

Whereas, the committee voted to approve the application.

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that Bronx Community Board 8 recommends renewal of the above applications.

Vote: In Favor: 35

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

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**The following June Resolutions were presented:**

- Aoyu Sushi – 3532 Johnson Ave., (*Wine, Beer & Cider*)
- Fenwicks Pub, 432 West 238 Street.
- Gourmet Dining, 4513 Thomas Hall Riverdale.
- Kai Fan, 3717 Riverdale Ave., (*Wine, Beer & Cider*)
- Keenan's, 5588 Broadway.
- Leche Y Miel, 5761 Broadway, (*Wine, Beer & Cider*)
- Liebman's, 552 West 235 Street, (*Wine, Beer & Cider*)
- Loesers Kosher Deli, 214 West 231 Street, (*Beer & Cider*)
- Bronx Burger House, 5816 Mosholu Ave.

- Downey's Bar & Grill, 5790 Mosholu Ave.
- Malecon Restaurant, 5592 Broadway (*Wine, Beer & Cider*)
- Metate, 3515 Johnson Ave.
- Mon Amour Coffee & Wine, Wine, 234 West 238 Street, (*Wine, Beer & Cider*)
- Estrellita Poblana Tequeria Express, 5975 Broadway. New SLA Application & they have signed an agreement to a 2AM closing during their first year of operation.

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that Bronx Community Board 8 recommends renewal of the above applications.

Vote: In Favor: 35

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Garcia, D. Gellman, M. Gluck, L. J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. P. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, J.M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff

#### F. Special Committee on the Greenway – B. Bender

The following resolution was presented:

**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**, Bronx Community Board 8 has resolved that 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;

**WHEREAS**, Bronx Community Board 8 desires to continue the consideration of an all-river Greenway route in an efficient, transparent and inclusive manner;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that a Special Committee be created to hold public meetings and report to the Community Board its findings and recommendations, if any, on the creation of an all river Greenway route;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Special Committee be comprised of three members who shall be Robert Bender, Dan Padernacht and Laura Spalter;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Special Committee shall select a Chairperson by majority vote of its three members;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Special Committee be discontinued immediately following the next Annual Board elections unless it is specifically continued either by resolution of the Board or by public declaration of the newly elected chairperson, which declaration shall be recorded in the minutes.

Vote: In Favor: 35

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

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G. Special Committee for the Veterans Services – S. Villaverde- No Report

H. Traffic & Transportation – D. Padernacht

- D. Padernacht thanked the Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Protection, New York Police Department, Bike NY, Transportation Alternatives, the Traffic & Transportation Committee, Public Safety Committee and District Manager C. Gannon for their hard work on the successful Bike Event on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The following resolutions were presented:

**WHEREAS**, the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) presented a proposal to shorten the intersection at Kappock Street and Palisade Avenue, which would also create hard right turns at the location;

**WHEREAS**, DOT proposes to extend the sidewalk at the northeast and southeast corners at this location by laying concrete on top of the bed of the roadway;

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee is concerned of water run-off and the aesthetics of the extended sidewalk at this location;

**WHEREAS**, a “Greenstreet” may be constructed at this location to address the safety and run-off concerns at this location by locating an agency or non-profit entity to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with DOT to handle the maintenance of the Greenstreet;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board No. 8 supports the DOT proposal to shorten the intersection at Kappock Street and Palisade Avenue;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the proposed changes to the intersection at Kappock Street and Palisade Avenue be accomplished through the implementation of a Greenstreet at the location.

Vote: In Favor: 35

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Garcia, D. Gellman, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. P. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, J.M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff

**WHEREAS** a neighborhood resident presented evidence of a safety issue at the north-south crosswalk at the intersection of Henry Hudson Parkway West and West 246th Street to the Traffic and Transportation Committee;



**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 requests that the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) extend the sidewalk at the northwest corner of Henry Hudson Parkway West and West 246th Street in order to create a hard right angle to slow traffic down;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 requests that the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) install countdown timers at all intersections located at Henry Hudson Parkway and West 246th Street.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 requests DOT to perform a traffic study at the intersection of Henry Hudson Parkway West and West 246th Street to study the changes requested herein and any additional changes to make this intersection safer.

Vote: In Favor: 35

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Garcia, D. Gellman, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. P. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, J.M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff

**WHEREAS**, a neighborhood resident presented a request for stop signs at the intersection of Waldo Avenue and West 238th Street;

**WHEREAS**, evidence was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Committee of the uncontrolled intersection and the need for stop signs at the location;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee requests that the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) install a three-way stop sign at the intersection of Waldo Avenue and West 238<sup>th</sup> Street.

Vote: In Favor: 35

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Garcia, D. Gellman, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. P. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, J.M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff.

There was a motion to amend the agenda to add the following resolution.

**WHEREAS**, the School Safety Unit of the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) has performed an evaluation of the traffic flow in the vicinity of P.S. 307;

**WHEREAS**, DOT is making specific recommendations to improve the safety of students traveling to and from P.S. 307 in Bronx Community Board 8 and Bronx Community Board 7;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 supports the following DOT recommendations to improve the safety of students at P.S. 307:

1. Shorten the intersection at University Avenue and Eames Place by constructing a T-shaped sidewalk extension on the east side of the street at this intersection;

2. Extend the sidewalk by approximately 3 feet on the south side of Eames Place between Webb Avenue and University Avenue;
3. Installing a bus pad on the northwest side of Reservoir Avenue at west Kingsbridge Road;
4. Shorten the intersection at Sedgwick Avenue and West Kingsbridge Road.

Vote: In Favor: 34

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 1

S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, E. Garcia, D. Gellman, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. P. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, J.M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: N. Fazio

There was a motion to amend the agenda to add the following resolution to the agenda

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Bronx Community Board 8 supports the following proposals by DOT:

**WHEREAS**, the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) made a presentation on recommended changes to Mosholu Avenue between Broadway and West 254<sup>th</sup> Street;

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee has numerous questions regarding the data used to support certain changes and notice to the merchants on this corridor;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Bronx Community Board 8 supports the following proposals by DOT:

**WHEREAS**, the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) made a presentation on recommended changes to Mosholu Avenue between Broadway and West 254<sup>th</sup> Street;

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee has numerous questions regarding the data used to support certain changes and notice to the merchants on this corridor;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Bronx Community Board 8 supports the following proposals by DOT:

1. Shorten the east-west intersection at Liebig Avenue on the north side of Mosholu Avenue at Liebig Avenue;
2. Install "Sharrows" on each direction of Mosholu Avenue between West 254<sup>th</sup> Street and West 256<sup>th</sup> Street indicated a shared street between motor vehicles and bicycles;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Bronx Community Board 8 requests that DOT perform the following:

1. DOT shall investigate all crosswalks on Mosholu Avenue between Broadway and West 254<sup>th</sup> Street to improve the safety at each crossing;

2. DOT shall provide the data to the Traffic and Transportation Committee that was used to support the proposal for the narrowing of lanes and installation of bike lanes on Mosholu Avenue between Broadway and West 254th Street;

3. DOT shall provide notice to the merchants on Mosholu Avenue between Broadway and West 254th Street of its proposal to install bike lanes on each side of Mosholu Avenue.

Vote: In Favor: 34

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 0

S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Garcia, D. Gellman, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. P. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, J.M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff

Opposed: D. Gellman

D. Padernacht moved the following May resolutions:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 supports the NYC DOT proposal to install an enhanced crosswalk at the intersection of Cannon Place and West 238<sup>th</sup> Street, resulting in the loss of one parking space;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Committee requests that NYC DOT investigate the possibility of placing a road rail in this location to prevent the illegal parking of vehicles in which the enhanced crosswalk seeks to remove parking.

Vote: In Favor: 35

Opposed:

Abstentions: 0

S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Garcia, D. Gellman, , M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. P. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, J.M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 requests that NYC DOT investigate the sidewalk staircase located at Bradley Terrace between Palisade Avenue and Edsall Avenue to check the integrity of the retaining wall, handrails and cracks in platforms and steps.

Vote: In Favor: 35

Opposed:

Abstentions: 0

S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Garcia, D. Gellman, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. P. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, J.M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 recognizes the need for Accessory Pedestrian Signals (auditory/chirping signals) throughout Community Board 8 near school crossings, senior centers and major intersections;

**WHEREAS**, Riverdale Senior Services has brought to the attention of the Traffic and Transportation Committee several intersections in which such auditory signals are in need;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee requests that NYC DOT install Accessory Pedestrian Signals at the following locations:

1. Broadway and West 231st Street
2. Johnson Avenue and West 235th Street
3. Riverdale Avenue and West 236th Street
4. Riverdale Avenue and West 238th Street
5. Riverdale Avenue and West 259th Street

Vote: In Favor: 35

Opposed:

Abstentions: 0

S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Garcia, D. Gellman, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. P. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, J.M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff

I. Youth – No Report

J. Aging – E. Dinowitz

- Thanked Aging Committee members, C. Gannon, L. Daub for attending and helping with the “Celebrating Our Generations” event.

K. Budget – D. Gellman-

- Last week the City Council approved the fiscal year 20 budget, the New Fiscal Year starts July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Budget requests for FY 21 were discussed during the spring. The next step is to meet with individual agencies and attend borough consultations in the fall. A budget hearing will be held in October.
- District Managers will meet this month to discuss borough wide budget needs.

L. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

- Refer to May minutes
- Welcomed new committee members

M. Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs – S. Alexander

- No meeting in June
- Refer to May minutes
- Van Cortlandt Library will be celebrating with a Ribbon cutting and Grand Opening ceremony on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>

N. Environment & Sanitation – R. Fanuzzi

The following resolutions were presented:

**Whereas**, the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality (BCEQ) nominated the Bronx side of the Harlem River from 149 Street to the Hudson River as a Brownfield Opportunity Area under Section 970 of the Superfund/Brownfield Law of 2003; and in two reports to the New York Department of State represented the community's vision of a "contiguous waterfront park" along the Harlem River, with a connection to the Putnam Trail from West 225 Street to West 230th Street in Bronx Community Board 8; and,

**Whereas**, the New York Department of State designated the above stated area of the Harlem River as a Brownfield Opportunity Area in 2016; and,

**Whereas**, BCEQ is once again applying for a NYS Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program grant for Pre-development Activities (RFA #19-BOA-16), entitled: "Bronx Council for Environmental Quality Harlem River BOA Planning Ecosystem Waterfront Parks"; and,

**Whereas**, the sites for Pre-Development, identified in the previous studies within this Harlem River BOA include the area from West 225th Street to West 230th Street, designed as "Strategic Connection 3," in the attached map; and,

**Whereas**, the proposal is to prepare (1) preliminary designs for a waterfront park, a resilient living shoreline, and a marina; (2) guidelines for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation permits needed for resilient green infrastructure, including a "living shoreline" and marina; and (3) green infrastructure workforce training for contractors and construction workers to spur economic development and the quality of life for the surrounding areas and to provide needed expertise to implement preliminary designs; and,

**Whereas**, this proposed study will continue to employ nature-based best practices that are designed to remove harmful pollutants *insitu* from the designated Brownfield Opportunity Area sites, improve the water quality of the Harlem River, and incorporate green infrastructure into the planning of a "contiguous waterfront park"

**Whereas**, Bronx Community Board 8 has worked with BCEQ on the BOA and will continue to work on this very important project along the Harlem River; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 supports the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality application to the New York State Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program grant for Pre-development Activities (RFA #19-BOA-16), entitled: "Bronx Council for Environmental Quality Harlem River BOA Planning Ecosystem Waterfront Parks."

**Vote:** In Favor: 33

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 1

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Opposed: S. Villaverde

Abstention: B. Fanuzzi

**Whereas**, Bronx Community Board 8 passed a resolution in January 2017 approving the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Gatehouse Repair and Jerome Park Reservoir and Aqueduct Rehabilitation Projects (JRAQ-REH) based on approvals of the projects by NYS Office of Parks and Historic Preservation (SHPO) and with the condition that DEP update the Environment and Sanitation Committee on the progress of the two projects

**Whereas**, DEP representatives attended a meeting of the Environment and Sanitation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 on June 17, 2019 at the request of the committee and revealed that the Jerome Park Reservoir and Aqueduct Rehabilitation project will require the northern basin of the Jerome Park Reservoir to remain permanently empty so that it can be used as an emergency storage basin for treated water discharge from the Croton Water Treatment Plant; and,

**Whereas**, DEP made presentations to Bronx Community Board 8 Environment and Sanitation Committees on May 2014, October 2014, and November 2016, to the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee, and obtained letters of approval from SHPO and the New York City Public Design Commission (PDC) for the projects without establishing that the northern basin of the JPR would remain permanently empty; and,

**Whereas**, as part of the Jerome Park Reservoir listing on the State and National Register of Historic Places, SHPO ruled in October 2016 that the projects will have “No Adverse Effect upon historic resources” of the Jerome Park Reservoir provided that “the cast-in place buttress wall proposed to be constructed against the existing east reservoir wall shall, under normal circumstances, be below the water line”; and,

**Whereas**, the absence of water in the north basin threatens the historic, scenic, and aesthetic value of the Jerome Park Reservoir, and constitutes a potential environmental

**Be It Further Resolved**, that Bronx Community Board 8 calls upon DEP to pursue the projects in such a manner that DEP construction work and rehabilitation of structures at the Jerome Park Reservoir not prevent future access by the community to the inner pathway surrounding the Jerome Park Reservoir; and.

**Be it Further Resolved**, that DEP shall return to the Environment and Sanitation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 and the Croton Facilities Monitoring Committee to report on the full scope of regional and local water management affecting the Croton Water Filtration Plant and the Jerome Park Reservoir and Aqueduct Project and present all environmental impact statements pursuant to present and future plans for the rehabilitation of the east wall of the Jerome Park Reservoir.

BE IT RESOLVED,

Vote: In Favor: 35

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Garcia, D. Gellman, M. Gluck, L. J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. P. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, J.M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff.

O. Health, Hospitals & Social Services – O. Murray, Not in attendance



P. Housing – D.B. Jackson, Not in attendance

9. Approval of Board Minutes of May 14, 2019

- M. Wolpoff provided a correction to meeting venue and an additional statement for page 5 EKAWA process.

Approved as Amended:

Vote: In Favor: 35

Opposed: 0

Abstentions: 0

S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Garcia, D. Gellman, M. Gluck, L. J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. P. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, D. Padernacht, S. Paige, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, J.M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter I. W. Stone, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, C. Wilcox, M. Wolpoff.

- Miscellaneous Business- None

**Meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.**

Submitted by

Maritza Ortiz  
Community Associate

Reviewed by Lisa Daub, Secretary

Attached copy of Letters read during the Gallery Session:



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27 June 2019

Community Board 8  
Bronx, NY

RE: SNAD ULURP PROPOSAL  
CD 8 C 190403 ZMX  
Post-Hearing Developments

Dear Board Chair Ginty, Committee Chair Moerdler, Members of the Working Group and members of the board:

My name is Sherida Paulsen, and I am a licensed architect and practicing planner and preservationist, and former chair of the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission. I also chair the Riverdale Nature Preservancy (RNP), and speak tonight on behalf of our board.

Our board participated in the Department of City Planning's Working Group discussions beginning in mid-2015, and appreciated the department's efforts to provide sound environmental guidelines into their proposed changes, and endorsed those guidelines at the Land Use hearing on June 3 of this year.

I requested an opportunity to speak this evening, as the situation regarding the proposed zoning text and map modification has changed since the public hearing. I understand that you are being asked to vote on a certified proposal that has now changed dramatically to eliminate the Staten Island districts, and include ONLY the Bronx SNAD along with the creation of a Fort Totten Special District, and that the proposed text will be revised. That revision has not been released to anyone here tonight.

The certified proposal text includes 216 pages of modifications to the zoning resolution, plus related map changes. Of that 216 total, 22 pages are devoted to removing Fort Totten from SNAD regulations and the creation of a new Fort Totten Special District. There are 141 pages dedicated to the Staten Island District and its sub-districts, which include zoning districts that do NOT exist in Riverdale-Fieldston-Spuyten Duyvil. That leaves 53 pages of zoning text that might apply to our area, and those pages include multiple provisions that need modification to respond to community comment. I repeat, 53 pages out of 216 total.

- I urge the community board to vote to oppose this zoning proposal as there is no clear certified material before the board to act upon, and ask board, Borough President Diaz and Council Member Cohen to formally request that City Planning withdraw the current proposal and come back with a proposal that is specific to Riverdale-Fieldston-Spuyten Duyvil.

c/o Riverdale Neighborhood House  
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The new proposal should, at a minimum, include the following modifications:

- DOB review limited to zoning lots less than 10,000 SF;
- City Planning and Community Review for ALL sites over 10,000 SF to bring this proposal into conformance with our 197-A plan approved by the City Council in 2003;
- Applications for "Plan Review Sites" larger than 10,000 SF after approval of a "campus plan" to be referred to the Community Board for authorizations of modifications or changes to the Special Permit;
- A clear and enforceable plan for implementation that includes the Department of Buildings' Inspection Requirements and Sign-offs.

This final point is essential to creating an enforcement protocol that can be implemented to protect our community's natural features. We ask that any proposed zoning changes include concrete requirements for the Department of Buildings to provide filing requirements that are enforceable. This is crucial as DOB will begin a new process for reviews on this coming Monday, July 1.

I will also note that the Department of Buildings has a number of referrals to other city agencies with special expertise beyond the City Planning Commission: Landmarks Preservation Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Protection, etc.; that require those agencies to sign off on applications prior to DOB approval and the ability to pull construction permits.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter that will affect our cherished neighborhood character, and I applaud our Community Board for engaging in a long and thoughtful consideration of these modifications, and ask that the City Planning Commission withdraw this proposal for changes in the SNAD and come back with a proposal that is specific to our neighborhood and district.

Sincerely,

Sherida E. Paulsen  
Chairman

Peter S. Kohlmann  
President

From: spuytenduyvilny <spuytenduyvilny@aol.com>  
Date: Thu, Jun 27, 2019, 10:08 AM  
Subject: Please publicly withdraw your support for SNAD proposal  
To: <district11@council.nyc.gov>  
Cc: <jstephenson@council.nyc.gov>, <acollado@council.nyc.gov>

Dear Council Member Cohen-

We read in the Riverdale Press that you were giving City Planning a chance to do the right thing with regard to the SNAD proposal.

Now that it is clear that they haven't, and are expecting Community Board 8 to vote tonight, sight unseen on a ULURP proposal that has dramatically changed, what will you do?

We hope the answer is that you will stand with the community at tonight's meeting by publicly withdrawing your support for the SNAD proposal BEFORE the Community Board votes.

You would not vote on a marked up item if the mark ups were intentionally withheld from you. Yet, City Planning is requiring the Community Board to do exactly that. That is unacceptable.

If this remains a ULURP action, City Planning must reset the clock and provide the ammended text to the public and the Community Board for review and comment.

Only you can send City Planning back to the drawing board. Council members in Staten Island did exactly that. We hope you seize this opportunity to be as bold and effective as they were.

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Re: Proposed SNAD Applications #C1904032MX & N1904302RY

Dear Chairperson Lago:

The Bronx Chapter of the AIA hereby commends the Bronx Office of City Planning for its vision and effort in updating and modernizing SNAD regulations for the Riverdale-Feldston-Spuyten areas. Recently, the proposed City Planning Commission (CPC), for a "Special Natural Area District" in Staten Island, has been officially withdrawn by CPC. Unfortunately, the proposal for the Riverdale area continues to move through the Land Use review process. This proposal has not been updated; is vague, missing text, and includes incorrect wording related to Staten Island. There is significant Community and Community Board (CB) 8 pressure against continuing the public review process. Therefore, the Bronx Chapter AIA recommends that CPC withdraw this flawed application.

However, it is our hope that if the proposal illegally continues and arrives at the City Council, Councilperson Andrew Cohen will respect the wishes of CBB and its community to request that CPC reconsider moving forward until the proposal is rewritten with the appropriate corrections/updates and in dialogue with CBB.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: CBB Chairperson, Rosemary Ginty  
Councilperson, Andrew Cohen  
Bronx Borough President, Ruben Diaz

