

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 9, 2009 AT
RIVERDALE TEMPLE, 4545 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE**

PRESENT: R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, B. Bender, D. Bowden, A. P. Cassino, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, W. S. Dolny, T. C. Durham, A. Fana, R. Fanuzzi, T. Feerick, B. Feinberg, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, T. Giallorenzi, R. Ginty, A. Goldman, J. Goris, V. Gray, M. Khury, G. O. Koppell, I. Ladimer, Y. Levy, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. Moerdler, K. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, C. Prentice, J. Reyes, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, B. Trebach, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

ABSENT: B. Maybury, J. O'Reilly

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

GUESTS: G. O. Koppell – City Councilman
J. DeSio – rep. Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.
R. Fedderman – rep. Congressman Eliot Engel
A. Zamcheck – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein
J. Kim - rep. State Senator Eric Schneiderman
BC J. M. Sullivan - Fire Department NY
R. Montesano – Fire Department NY
Capt. D'Adamo – 50th Police Precinct
Lt. McGeown – 50th Precinct
PO Ramos – NYPD Headquarters
PO Velez – NYPD Headquarters
C. Allen
S. Anderson – St. Joseph's Hospital
I. Asseo
R. Barbier – NYPL Riverdale Branch
H. Barret
T. Brown
B. Chan
G. Denticco – Terrace Health Care
L. Feldman – Terrace Health Care
K. Green
C. Giove – Riverdale Review
H. Harrison – NYPL Van Cortlandt Branch
M. Hunken
N. Judd – Riverdale Press
M. O'Mara – St. Joseph's Hospital
P. Moerdler
M. Moreira
P. O'Neil
M. Perron – Van Cortlandt Park
V. Pizzoli – NYPL Riverdale Branch
R. Press – Bronx News
G. Pretsfelder
Det. L. Rodriguez – 50th Police Precinct
M. Rosen
D. Rosenthal
F. Savage

Rabbi Levy Shemtov – Terrace Health Care Center
M. Shelton
D. Smelin
S. Smelin
J. Smith
S. Spielberg
A. Thoman
B. Trebach
P. Trebach
J. Veit
J. Velez
S. Spielberg
N. Widener
C. Worchel
K. Worchel
E. Yaker

Chairman McShane convened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Chairman McShane stated that the Board meeting was being held at this location to show our support for the Riverdale Temple in the aftermath of the attempted terrorist attacks.

Gallery Session

- A. Joyce Pilsner reached out to the community for a kidney donation for Susan Smelin, Director of Riverdale Nursery School and Family Center. Contact information is kidneydonorforsusan@gmail.com
- B. I. Ladimer invited all to a seminar for the visually impaired at the Riverdale Senior Services, on Thursday, June 18th from 5PM to 7PM. The speaker will be Dr. Stanley Wainapel. Further information is in the board office.
- C. Monica Hunken spoke on behalf of NYH20, a non profit organization working to prevent toxic gas drilling in NY State in our watersheds.
- D. Herb Barret discussed his concerns on completing the Veterans Memorial Grove in Van Cortlandt Park. He thanked the Community Board for their support.
- E. Susan Anderson of St. Joseph's Hospital spoke on the satellite methadone program that serves the residents of Terrace Health Care Center. All proposed clients currently reside at the health center. Currently, methadone clinics have not been allowed in nursing homes. This satellite would be a pilot program under revised regulations. St. Joseph's would like the community's support for the facility.

C. Moerdler stated the facility was doing good work and inquired why the pilot program was not being launched with one of the local hospitals. Mr. Lowell Feldman, Owner/Operator and administrator of Terrace Health Care Center stated that the local hospitals have been overburdened for many years and unable to meet the needs of the residents at their onsite and satellite programs.

Lowell Feldman spoke about the satellite methadone program, reminding the community that the people enrolled in this program are human beings with needs and their facility treats them with the compassion and care that they deserve and need. This program would also significantly reduce the cost to Medicaid and would like support from the community.

- F. Chairman stated Dr. Katzenstein is no longer a member of the Board and this matter will be addressed at the next committee meeting in September.

- G. Rabbi Levy Shemtov works at the Terrace Health Care Center twice a month and spoke of the wonderful staff, how well the clients are taken care of and how the facility is well managed.
- H. Margot Perron, administrator, Van Cortlandt Park (VCP) distributed an announcement from the Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy of a Philharmonic concert on Thursday, July 16th. There will be fireworks following the concert.
- I. Rebecca Barbier, site manager at Riverdale Branch Library thanked the community for their support during the budget crisis. Flyers were distributed about their upcoming programs and events.

1. Approval of the Regular Board Minutes of May 12, 2009

- T. Durham noted the minutes of May 12th should be revised to state that the Promenade Building “continues to be under the management of RY Management Company but has a new management team in place”.

Vote: In Favor: 41 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 1

In Favor:

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Abstention: S. Villaverde

- Chairman McShane announced that all minutes are on our website and available to the Board and public. The Board is continuing to maintain a paperless policy.

2. Approval of the Executive Board Minutes of June 3rd, 2009

- I. Ladimer noted the minutes stated the Riverdale Senior Services may close. This was reported by the Riverdale Press. While the situation is difficult there, it will not be closing and is looking for ways to remain open.

Vote: In Favor: 41 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 1

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Abstention: A. Cohen

- 3. Chairman welcomed John DeSio, Communications Director for and representative of the Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.; Richard Fedderman, representing Congressman

Eliot Engel; Jihoon Kim, representing State Senator Eric Schneiderman; Abraham Zamcheck, representing State Senator Jeffrey Klein; Captain D'Adamo, Lieutenant McGeown, Detective Luis Rodriguez and Police Officer Mindy Ramos, 50th Police Precinct; BC John M. Sullivan, FDNY, Roger Montesano, FDNY; Rebecca L. Barbier and Vincent Pizzoli, NYPL Riverdale Branch; Horace H. Harrison, NYPL Van Cortlandt Branch; Margot Perron, Van Cortlandt Park; Robert Press, Bronx News; Nick Judd, Riverdale Press; and Candice Giove, Riverdale Review.

4. Chairman invited Captain D'Adamo to address the Board.

- Captain D'Adamo informed the community that the criminals associated with the attempted terrorist attack on a Riverdale Synagogue had been under surveillance by the FBI and NYPD for about a year. The Captain thanked the community for their support.
- There is a new community team made up of 8 officers that work from 6:00 PM to 2:00 AM, off Sundays and Monday. They will respond to community complaints especially with the summertime concerns with children in the parks and the active bars.
- Graffiti complaints can be called in to Lieutenant McGeown.
- The next Community Council meeting will be Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 PM.

5. Chairman invited City Councilman G. O Koppell to address the Board

- Councilman Koppell thanked the police and complimented the Board for having the meeting at the Riverdale Temple.
- Welcomed the reappointments and new members.
- Announced that the City Council is in the midst of budget negotiations and are strongly in favor of the restoration of funds to all the community boards.
- Council was concerned about cuts to libraries, cultural institutions, child care positions and the Mayor's postponement of a \$6 million capital appropriation to Wave Hill.
- Tomorrow the Council will be considering a proposal to increase fines to people and professionals who cut down trees in the Special Natural Area District (SNAD) area.

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

- Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.'s new appointments to Bronx Community Board 8 are: Sylvia Alexander; Steven Balicer; Andrew Cohen; Steven Froot; Rosemary Ginty; Yael Levy; Sergio Marquez; Daniel Padernacht and Sergio Villaverde.
- The Borough President did not reappoint the following board members but thanked them for their years of dedicated service: Dr. Martin Katzenstein; James Plaza and Evelyn Tossas Tucker, Esq.
- The Borough President reported that the coordinated hard work of the FBI and the NYPD helped to avoid a major catastrophe at two synagogues in Riverdale.
- The Borough President invited New Yorkers and visitors to enjoy the 2009 Bronx Week celebration, nine days of great events that culminate on June 20th. For the full list of events visit www.bronxweekevents.com

7. Chairman's Report

- The Chairman and the District Manager attended a budget rally at City Hall in protest of the proposed budget cuts to the community boards. There were over 100 participants from community boards and from the community.
- Chairman reminded the board members and new board members that they are required to serve on 2 committees. New mission statements describing the committees are on the committee sign up sheet. Chairman encouraged the present board members to sign up for new committees.

- Capital and expense budget priorities are due from the committees.
- Chairman McShane introduced and welcomed the following new Board members and invited them to address the Board: Daniel Padernacht is a resident of Sedgwick and West 238th Street; Sergio Marquez has lived in Riverdale for the past 5 years and is an attorney in private practice; Andrew Cohen is a 10 year resident of Riverdale and a law secretary of the Supreme Court; Steven Froot is a 5 year veteran of Riverdale and an attorney in private practice; Sergio Villaverde is a long time resident in the Sedgwick area who worked in EMT and was a police officer. Steve Balicer is a social worker, was a middle manager at HRA and worked for Councilman Koppell; Sylvia Alexander lives in the Johnson Avenue area, was PA President of several local schools, worked for Councilwoman June Eiland for 17 years and was employed by Bronx Community Board 8 for 7 years; Rosemary Ginty is a resident for 25 years and worked for the City Planning Commission; Yael Levy is a 10 year resident, an attorney and former DA in Bronx County and is now a law secretary in Bronx Supreme Court who is active in Conservative Synagogue and the Riverdale Y.

8. Treasurer’s Report – J. Reyes

- Refer to last Treasurer’s report by Nicole Stent.
- The “Friends of Bronx Community Board No. 8” committee has not been active. Chairman stated that at the September meeting a decision can be made on how to proceed with this committee.

9. Report of the Nominating Committee – Philip Friedman

- P. Friedman reported that on May 5th, 2009 the Nominating Committee, which included T. Durham, P. Friedman, K. Pesce, J. Reyes and B. Trebach met and the nominations for Officers and Committee Chairs by unanimous decision are as follows:

OFFICERS

Chairperson	Damian McShane
Vice-Chair	Bradford Trebach
Secretary	Joyce M. Pilsner
Treasurer	Philip Friedman

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Aging	Karen Pesce
Budget	Ken O’Brien
Economic Development	Robert Fanuzzi
Education	Debbie Bowden
Environment & Sanitation	Saul Scheinbach
Health, Hospitals & Social Services	Martin Katzenstein
Housing	Thomas C. Durham
Land Use	Charles G. Moerdler
Laws, Rules & Ethics	Irving Ladimer
Libraries & Cultural Affairs	Robert G. Abbott
Parks & Recreation	Bob Bender
Public Safety	Arlene Garbett-Feldmeier
Traffic & Transportation	Anthony P. Cassino

- Chairman McShane opened the floor for nominations for officer positions. P. Friedman nominated T. Durham for Vice Chair. C. Moerdler seconded the nomination. T. Durham respectfully declined.

- Chairman then asked for a motion to vote for the officers on the slate. The motion was seconded. The vote on the nomination of the officers on the slate was:

Vote: 39 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, B. Bender, D. Bowden, A. P. Cassino, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, W. S. Dolny, T. C. Durham, A. Fana, R. Fanuzzi, T. Feerick, B. Feinberg, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, T. Giallorenzi, R. Ginty, A. Goldman, J. Goris, V. Gray, M. Khury, Y. Levy, S. Marquez, D. McShane, K. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, C. Prentice, J. Reyes, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, B. Trebach, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions - S. Froot, I. Ladimer, C. Moerdler,

- Chairman called for a vote on the nomination slate for Committee Chairpersons. A. G. Feldmeier nominated W.S. Dolny for the Traffic & Transportation Committee Chair and he accepted.
- C. Moerdler nominated B. Maybury for the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee. The Chairman stated that in an earlier conversation with B. Maybury, she respectfully declined the nomination.
- C. Moerdler suggested the Borough President consider filling a board member vacancy with a health professional.
- Chairman then asked for a vote on the slate for Committee Chairpersons. This slate excluded two committees, the Traffic & Transportation and the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committees. The Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee vacancy will be addressed at the September 2009 Board meeting.
- The vote on the nomination slate for committee chairpersons was unanimously approved.
- Chairman accepted a motion to vote on the slate for committee chair of the Traffic & Transportation Committee.
- The vote was unanimous.
- Chairman McShane then invited the Traffic & Transportation nominees to address the board. Both candidates discussed their qualifications.
- D. Bowden called for a vote, the chair recognized another speaker. W.S. Dolny withdrew his nomination.
- Chairman then asked for a motion to vote on the chair of the Traffic and Transportation Committee. The motion was seconded. The vote on the nomination of the slate was:

Vote: 31 in favor, 10 opposed, and 1 abstention.

In Favor:

R. Abbott, S. Balicer, B. Bender, A. P. Cassino, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, W. S. Dolny, T. C. Durham, A. Fana, R. Fanuzzi, T. Feerick, B. Fettman, S. Froot, T. Giallorenzi, A. Goldman, J. Goris, V. Gray, M. Khury, Y. Levy, S. Marquez, D. McShane, K. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, C. Prentice, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, B. Trebach, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed:

S. Alexander, D. Bowden, B. Feinberg, A.G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, R. Ginty, I. Ladimer, C. Moerdler, J. Reyes, I. W. Stone

Abstention: S. Villaverde

10. Committee Reports

A. Traffic and Transportation – A. P. Cassino

- June 16th is the next Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting.

B. Youth – C. Prentice

- Chairman McShane welcomed C. Prentice and she thanked everyone for reaching out to her in time of need.
- C. Prentice stated she would be submitting a mission statement other than the one distributed today.
- T. Durham reported on the Youth Committee meeting held in May due to the absence of C. Prentice at that meeting. The Committee is reviewing budget requests for Fiscal Year 2011.

C. Aging – K. Pesce

- The next meeting will be held in the fall.

D. Budget – K. O'Brien

- Committee budget priorities are due for FY 2011.

E. Economic Development – R. Fanuzzi

- There is a grantmakers symposium on June 18th at Monroe College.
- As part of Bronx week, there is a Business Opportunity Expo on June 18th in the Bronx Museum of the Arts from 11 AM to 3 PM.
- Bronx Food and Arts Festival will be held on June 20th on Mosholu Parkway, North of Van Cortlandt Avenue.
- The Marble Hill Youthmarket, a green market offering fresh fruits and vegetables will open in Marble Hill at West 225th and Broadway on July 9th from 2 PM to 7 PM. R. Fanuzzi thanked all the community partners and the support of the Board, A. Zamcheck from State Senator Klein's office; Schervier for its start-up funding and Riverdale Neighborhood House for training and employing the youth.
- R. Fanuzzi invited all to visit the Youthmarket. This program has the possibility of growing into a full Greenmarket in the following year.

F. Education – D. Bowden

The following resolution was presented:

Whereas, the Education Committee of Community Board No. 8, Bronx, reaffirms its commitment to the philosophy that all students should be able to attend their home zoned schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board No. 8, Bronx supports this concept.

Vote: 40 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstention

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, B. Bender, D. Bowden, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, W. S. Dolny, T. C. Durham, A. Fana, R. Fanuzzi, T. Feerick, B. Feinberg, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, T. Giallorenzi, R. Ginty, A. Goldman, J. Goris, V. Gray, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, Y. Levy, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. Moerdler, K. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, C. Prentice, J. Reyes, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, B. Trebach, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed: S. Villaverde

- D. Bowden reported the principal of PS 24 had been removed and the process for hiring a new principal will take place on June 15th.
- I.W. Stone and Councilman G. O. Koppell will be honored at the Bronx Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Council's Thirteenth Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, June 18th from 6 to 10 PM at Maestro's on Bronxdale Avenue.
- Councilman Koppell reported PS 7 has a Gifted and Talented Program and is impressed with the Principal at that location.
- The next Community Education Council meeting (CEC) will be June 18th at PS 59 in the Bronx.
- The next Education Committee meeting is Tuesday, September 22nd. The Guest speaker will be Jeffrey Litt, Superintendent of the Carl C. Icahn Charter School.
- D. McShane expressed to board members to support Committees when there is a guest speaker and show support by attending meetings.

G. Environment and Sanitation – S. Scheinbach

- The following resolution was presented and passed by unanimous vote:

Whereas, graffiti vandalism is a criminal act that results in a visual blight on our community; and

Whereas, the current community service penalty imposed on convicted graffiti vandals does not specifically require removal of graffiti; and

Whereas, there is a bill pending in the New York State Senate that would require any community service penalty for making graffiti to include graffiti removal; and

Whereas, the bill is known as Senate Bill S1880 as introduced by Senator Jeffrey Klein; therefore,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8, supports Senate Bill S1880 and urges its speedy passage by the Legislature.

Vote: 40 in favor

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- The following resolution was also presented:

Whereas, energy companies, and land owners, are interested in extracting a potentially significant source of natural gas located underground in a layer of rock known as the Marcellus Shale through the use of horizontal drilling hydraulic fracturing, which requires millions of gallons of water; and

Whereas, the State Environmental Quality Review Act requires the Department of Environmental Conservation to review the methods used while accessing natural gas located deep underground; and

Whereas, hydraulic fracturing requires huge volumes of water laced with chemicals, many of them potentially hazardous; and

Whereas, the 2005 Energy Policy Act exempts companies who employ hydraulic fracturing methods from having to comply with certain requirements of the the Safe Drinking Water Act; and

Whereas, chapter 376 of the laws of New York State of 2008 streamlined the permitting process for hydraulic fracturing, allowing the development of natural gas drilling sites within Marcellus Shale in New York to proceed more quickly; and

Whereas, hydraulic fracturing presents risks of water table contamination during drilling operations and during the storage and disposal of millions of gallons of the tainted water required for each well that is created; and

Whereas, hydraulic fracturing has resulted in contaminated water supplies in other states, including Wyoming, New Mexico and Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, no amount of careful planning and operation can guarantee there will be no chemical spills resulting from drilling operations that could flow into reservoirs or underground migration of fracturing fluids toward the water table; and

Whereas, Councilman James Gennaro has introduced Resolution No. 1850 in the New York City Council that calls for a ban on drilling within the NYC watershed area; and

Whereas, there is no possible remedy once contamination of the water supply has occurred; therefore,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 calls on the New York State Legislature, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and New York State Governor David Paterson to prohibit hydraulic fracturing drilling for natural gas within New York State; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 calls upon its State legislators to take immediate action to implement a legislative ban in accordance with this proposal.

Vote: 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions

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Abstentions: A. G. Feldmeier, S. Froot

- The Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee will meet on June 18th.

H. Health, Hospitals and Social Services – reported by Vice Chair P. Friedman

- P. Friedman reported the Committee met on May 18th with representatives from St. Joseph's Hospital to discuss the proposed methadone satellite program. The details of this meeting are in the minutes.
- D. McShane announced an upcoming Committee meeting on Monday, June 15th which will further discuss this issue.
- The Chairman also reported a Public Hearing may be scheduled at a later date.

J. Housing – T. Durham

- T. Durham announced plans submitted to the board by a developer to build affordable housing for middle, low income and some supportive housing at 3469 Cannon Place. This is an as of right project and all funding is in place.

K. Land Use – C. Moerdler

- C. Moerdler discussed the Tulfan Terrace development with the Commissioner of Housing Preservation Development (HPD) and the President of the NYC Housing Development Corporation about whether their agencies could put together funding for a private developer to complete the Tulfan Terrace development. The agencies agreed to get involved and C. Moerdler is looking forward to working with board members on this difficult task.
- C. Moerdler requested board members be vigilant in reporting to the board office any sanitation or environmental problems seen at vacant properties.
- Chairman McShane reminded board members they are also Land Use Committee members and should attend Land Use meetings along with their two committee selections.
- With regard to the receipt of the new land use applications, C. Moerdler made a motion for Community Board No. 8 to renew its annual resolution for the Land Use Committee to act on behalf of the full Board on any time sensitive applications or other matters that come before the Board over the summer while the Board is in recess.

Vote: Unanimous

In favor –

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L. Law, Rules and Ethics – I. Ladimer

I. Ladimer invited all board members to attend future committee meetings.

M. Libraries and Cultural Affairs – R. Abbott

- Minutes to the last meeting are on the website.
- B. Abbott reported on potential drastic cuts to the Libraries and requested Councilman Koppell's support against them.

N. Parks and Recreation – B. Bender

- Referred members to website for minutes.
- There will be a June meeting on the 24th to discuss Jerome Park and the Mosholu Golf Course.
- B. Bender welcomes new members to join his committee.

O. Public Safety – A.G. Feldmeier

- A. G. Feldmeier commented on the importance of the Public Safety Committee, including hearing applicants on new and renewal of liquor license.
- Ireland's Own is closed and there are no plans of them reopening.
- Next meeting is on June 18th at the 50th Precinct. There will be a discussion on the impact drug abuse has on families and communities.
- I.W. Stone brought up the potential disaster it would be if the City Island Fire House closed and suggested we write a resolution in support of this. The Council is also very concerned and it is on the top of their agenda. The following resolution was presented and passed by unanimous vote:

Whereas, City Island in the Bronx can not survive without a fire house in their community,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 is opposed to the closing of this fire house.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Bay
Community Associate