

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2011
AT RIVERDALE JEWISH CENTER, 3700 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE**

PRESENT: B. Abbott, S. Alexander, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, N. Graham, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, Y. Levy, S. Marquez, D. McShane, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

ABSENT: S. Balicer, D. Bowden, A. Creaney, W. S. Dolny, B. Feinberg, D. Kirksey-Floyd, T. Giallorenzi, V. Gray, C. Hanley, G. O. Koppell, T. Lim, C. Moerdler, J. O'Reilly, J. M. Pilsner, P. Reyes

STAFF: N. Stent – District Manager, CB 8
D. Bay – Community Associate, CB 8
P. Manning – Community Associate, CB 8

GUESTS: J. Dinowitz, Assemblyman
R. Fedderman – rep. Congressman Eliot Engel
R. Martos – Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
L. Cohen – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein
J. Sonnet – rep. State Senator Adriano Espaillat
A. Sandler – Office of Councilman G. Oliver Koppell
N. Danyluk – NYC Department of City Planning
L. Acevedo – NY Public Library
H. Barret – Veterans Memorial Grove
Capt. B. del Pozo – 50th Precinct
L. Begiraj
J. Colon – Bx8 CERT
T. Edwards
U. Ellis – New Marble Hill Tenants & Civic Assn.
T. Gethers
D. Greene
J. Gordon
B. Fitzelle
E. Fitzelle
J. C. Fitzelle
L. Fitzelle
R. Lena
G. McNeil
B. McHugh – Riverdale Review
M. Mosheyeva
T. Pruzan
A. Pruzan
P.O. M. Ramos – 50th Precinct
S. Sanchez
S. Shaikh – Bon Secours
A. Spett, Esq.
T. Shelton – Kingsbridge Riverdale Van Cortlandt Development Corp.
P. Shomo – New Marble Hill Tenants Assn.
A. Wisnieski – Riverdale Press
M. Williams

S. K. Williams

Chairman McShane convened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

1. Gallery

- A. Tracy Shelton, KRVC Development Corp., announced dates and venues of upcoming meetings and events for January 2011 including: Marble Hill Planning and Organization Meeting for Merchants and Community Members on January 18th, 7:00 PM at River Plaza. Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez will be guest speaker; a meeting in conjunction with Country Bank and Blue Bay Restaurant on January 19th for the Johnson Avenue and Kappock Street area, at the Atria, 3718 Henry Hudson Parkway; January 26th, 7:00 PM at Riverdale Neighborhood House, 5521 Mosholu Avenue, on behalf of North Riverdale. Ms. Shelton also provided flyers for Bruce Springsteen "Give Kids the World Benefit Concert" being sponsored by the KIWANIS Club of Riverdale on February 12th, 7:30 PM, at Yonkers Riverfront Public Library, 1 Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY. Tickets \$50. To learn more, visit the website: www.trampslikeus.com/kids, or call Robert Rubinstein, 718-543-2600.
- B. Herb Barret, Veterans Memorial Grove announced that the Department of Parks had agreed on a contractor for restoration of the WWII veterans plaques in Van Cortlandt Park. The process will include replacement of new bronze plaques where necessary.
- C. Milana Mosheyeva, Bronx Community College, advised of the College's federal government grant for the Health Information Technology (HIT) training program. A six month certificate program that offers IT professional's skills necessary to provide technical support to implement, support and maintain the electronic health record (EHR) system. A limited number of full and partial scholarships are available. Flyers and applications were provided.
- D. Jodie Colon, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), informed of CERT's graduation of 17 members, including some members of Community Board 8. The new ten week training period is coming up for February through March. Ms. Colon asked that other Board members give their support by joining CERT. "Ready New York" preparedness brochures were provided.
- E. Sarah Shaikh and Kristin Pederson, Bon Secours, discussed the Healthy Communities Initiative. Bon Secours New York Health System/Schervier will conduct a Community Food Assessment focusing on Marble Hill, Kingsbridge, and Kingsbridge Heights neighborhoods. The intent of this report is to develop a profile of general community characteristics relating to community food resources, household food security, and food resource accessibility. More information will be provided at future meetings. Meeting dates will be posted in local newspapers. To learn more, visit the website: www.bshsi.org/hci.nyc

2. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2010

I.W. Stone noted that "Resolved" in the Parks Committee resolution was integrated in the same paragraph as "Whereas." The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Discussion of Executive Board Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2011

S. Scheinbach corrected the Environment & Sanitation Committee report to reflect that he stated there were no new State Legislature bills on the issue of hydraulic fracturing; and snow removal was fine in District 8.

The minutes were accepted as corrected.

4. Presentation of the NY Yankees Youth Leadership Awards

Chairman proudly welcomed and introduced the esteemed Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, NY Yankees Community Council Member, Educator, Civil Rights Advocate, WWII Tuskegee Airman hero and involved with many other community activities. Chairman invited Dr. Brown to present the NY Yankee Leadership Awards to the honorees.

Dr. Brown announced that the award dollar amount had increased to \$750 and the nominated students were selected because they were all positive role models to their peers and the community. They are outstanding, highly motivated, responsible, dependable youth that demonstrate leadership skills making them worthy of receiving the NY Yankee Leadership Award. He congratulated each of the students on a job well done and presented the checks to:

1) Maurice Williams

- Nominated by Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
- HS Senior at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy
- Youth leader and member of the Youth Leadership Council (YLC).
- Trained as a peer mediator.
- Has been involved in a range of activities including reading to students, sports, community service and the arts.

2) Laura Fitzelle and

3) Alison Pruzan

- Nominated by Riverdale Neighborhood House
 - Both HS seniors at Ethical Culture Fieldston School
 - They interned at RNH for two years working with children in the After School Program.
 - They have been involved in tutoring young children in math, English and writing as well as helped children develop time management and organizational skills.
- Both continued their participation and involvement post program's end by helping group leaders carry out group activities, arts and crafts and recreational games.

4) Ray Llana

- Nominated by Riverdale Community Center
- HS senior at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy
- Participated in the Teen Action Program for 2 years.
- Raised monies for the annual AIDS walk.
- Worked with the Elderly at the Hebrew Home
- Assisted in the coordination of the 2010 Health Fair.
- Has accumulated over 85 hours of community service.

5) Christine McNeil

- Nominated by New Marble Hill Tenants & Civic Association, Ltd.
- Sophomore at Motts Hall High School.
- Has participated in community, church and hospital activities.
- Has delivered Thanksgiving dinner to the infirmed and elderly.
- Has volunteered at both Bronx Lebanon and Columbia Presbyterian Hospitals.

5. Report from the Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. – J. DeSio

- Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. invites all Bronx residents to make a difference in their community by joining their local Community Board. The Office of The Bronx Borough President will be accepting applications for all 12 Community Boards from city residents who reside, work or have professional or other significant interests in the Bronx. Applications are available by calling the Borough President's Community Board office at (718) 590-3914. Interested applicants may also get the application on-line at

- bronxboropres.nyc.gov. The deadline for submission of applications is February 4, 2011. Reappointment applications have been sent to members whose term expires in 2011.
- The State of the Borough Address will be held on February 24th, 11:30 AM, at De Witt Clinton High School, 100 Mosholu Parkway South. RSVP to sotb@bronxbp.nyc or 718-590-6116.

6. Chairman invited Captain del Pozo to address the Board.

Captain reported that on January 12th, the 50th Precinct received eight new police officers and Marble Hill will receive additional coverage; the practice of meeting with regular individuals will be expanded to meetings with community leaders; A recent mugging occurred in Ewen Park. The Captain urged caution in the park, patrols are operating around park. An arrest was made in the "church burglar" cases.

7. Chairman invited Assemblyman Dinowitz to address the Board.

Assemblyman Dinowitz congratulated the honorees of the NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award. He added the NYS Legislature will be working on the renewal of rent laws, will be looking to strengthen the laws, would like to end vacancy decontrol, luxury decontrol, permanent rent increases for major capital improvement.

8. Chairman's Report

- Refer to Executive Committee minutes.

9. Treasurer's Report

- Refer to last month's report.

10. District Manager's Report

- Refer to Executive Committee minutes.

11. Report from the Department of City Planning – N. Danyluk

- No new applications.

12. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development – M. Khury

1. Committee will meet on January 13th, Board Office, 7:00 PM.
2. The Committee meeting of February 3rd will be a Banker's Forum and held at Ibiza Lounge, 220 West 242nd Street.

B. Environment and Sanitation – S. Scheinbach

1. The issue of hydraulic fracturing is in the news. The federal Environmental Protection Agency is conducting a two year safety assessment.
2. The Committee will hold its next meeting on January 19th, Board Office, 7:30 PM.

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

1. Committee met January 10th. Committee budget process was started.

2. Committee will hold its next meeting February 10th, Board Office, 7:30 PM.

D. Housing – T. Durham

- New law concerning bed bugs requires plastic concealment of mattress disposal.

E. Land Use

- Chairman McShane reported no January meeting.

F. Law, Rules and Ethics – I. Ladimer

1. The Committee is discussing ways to reach out to the community to offer education on the workings of the community board, government offices and various departments.
2. At this juncture, A. Feldmeier joyfully announced I. Ladimer's 95th Birthday and Life Achievement celebration taking place on February 20th, at the Conservative Synagogue, at 10:30 AM.

G. Libraries and Cultural Affairs – R. Abbott

- The next meeting will be held on January 20th, Spuyten Duyvil Library, 7:00 PM.

H. Traffic and Transportation – D. Padernacht

1. The following resolutions were presented:

RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves Burke's Beal Bocht Corporation Renewal Revocable Consent application for an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 4 tables and 20 seats at 445 West 238th Street, Bronx, NY 10463.

Vote: 32 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

B. Abbott, S. Alexander, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, Y. Levy, S. Marquez, D. McShane, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves Salvatores of Soho Incorporated **NEW APPLICATION** for an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 17 tables and 42 seats at 3738 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463.

Vote: 31 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor -

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Opposed –

I.W. Stone

2. The Committee passed a resolution on the application for a newsstand at northwest corner of Broadway and West 231st Street, and referred it to the Economic Development Committee for review.
3. The Committee is reviewing parking regulations in the vicinity of SAR in the area of West 254th Street.
4. Refer to minutes for full report.

I. Youth – A. Cohen

1. Councilman Koppell spoke at the Committee's meeting held jointly with Public Safety on the topic of the operation of evening youth center recreation programs.
2. The next meeting will be held on January 26th, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, at 1:00 PM.

J. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

- No January meeting. The next meeting will be held on February 17th.

K. Aging – K. Pesce

- The Committee will hold its next meeting on January 26th, Riverdale Housing for the Elderly, at 3:30 PM.

L. Budget – P. Friedman

1. Advised committees to start discussing budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2013. P. Friedman will meet with each committee upon request to make a presentation on the budget process.
2. The Friends of Community Board 8 ad hoc committee will hold another meeting in January.

M. Education – S. Alexander, Vice Chair

- The Committee will hold its next meeting on January 24th, Riverdale Mental Health, at 7:30 PM. There will be a guest speaker to present on "bullying at schools."

Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Manning
Community Associate