

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

**Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Aging Committee
Meeting Held on October 15, 2020 via Zoom**

In Attendance –

Committee Members: Eric Dinowitz, Marvin Goodman, Dan Padernacht, Rita Pochter-Lowe
Community Board Members: David Gellman, Joyce Campbell Priveterre
Guests: Mariel De La Cruz (Stringer), Nilda Herrera, Mariana D’Alessandro, Myriam Rabner, Sharon Asherman, Julie Dalton

1. Eric Dinowitz opened with introductions and a story about his former neighbor, Sylvia Bersin, who passed away at 104.
2. City Bench Program
 - a. Nick Fazio, Chair of Economic Development Committee, reached out to Chair Dinowitz regarding possible locations for the City Bench Program. The committee discussed that seniors would benefit greatly from the addition of more benches in the community.
 - b. The following locations were suggested by the committee as sites for new benches:
 - i. Church of the Mediator at 231st Street and Kingsbridge Ave
 - ii. Knolls Crescent Shopping Center
 - iii. Menchie’s on 236th Street and Johnson Ave
 - iv. CVS on 235th and Netherland Ave
 - v. Outside the Skyview Shopping Center on Riverdale Ave
3. Chase Bank at Knolls Crescent
 - a. The Chair reported that Chase Bank announced they would be closing their location at Knolls Crescent at the end of the year, prompting an outcry from community residents and local businesses.
 - b. In collaboration with the economic development committee, Dinowitz reported that he, Nick Fazio, and Laura Spalter sent a letter to Chase Bank, urging them to reconsider their decision as it would have a disproportionate effect on older adults and small businesses
 - c. The committee discussed a resolution that urges Chase Bank to keep their Knolls Crescent Branch open
 - d. The resolution will go before the Economic Development Committee on October 22 for further discussion.

Be it resolved, the Aging and Economic Development Committees on Bronx Community Board 8 strongly urge Chase Bank to keep their Knolls Crescent branch at 13B Knolls Crescent to remain open to serve vulnerable businesses and residents, *and to fulfill their commitment to underserved community development and service.*

In Favor: E. Dinowitz, M. Goodman, R. Pochter-Lowe
Opposed:
Abstain: D. Padernacht

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Minutes prepared and submitted by Eric Dinowitz