

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2020  
BOARD OFFICE - 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

**Committee Members Present (11)**

Rosemary Ginty, Chair	Eric Dinowitz	Omar Murray
Bob Bender	Robert Fanuzzi	Laura Spalter
Lisa Daub	Julia Gomez	Sergio Villaverde
Martin Wolpoff	Rosalind Zavras	

**Committee Members Absent (6)**

Sylvia Alexander	Daris Jackson
Margaret Donato	Charles Moerdler
David Gellman	Dan Padernacht

**Staff (1)**

Ciara Gannon, District Manager

**CB8 & Guests (3)**

Ed Green - CB8 representing Public Safety and T&T	
Kirstyn Brendlen	Carolyn Clanton-Calnan

Chair Ginty convened the meeting at 7:30 pm

**Minutes**

- Minutes of December 4, 2019 Executive Committee approved:

In Favor (9): Bender, Daub, Ginty, Green, Gomez, Spalter, Villaverde, Wolpoff, Zavras

Opposed: (0), Abstain (0)

**Chair's Report – R. Ginty**

- Due to holidays, no updates except what will be reported later in the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report – R. Zavras**

- Treasurer shared this month's report. Old items have been cleared out. Within budget on all expense types so a budget modification is not needed. We have a large portion of OTPS to spend on operating needs before FY is over.
- Contact Treasurer soon with committee requests for use of special funding. Process will follow CB8 Procurement Guidelines which follow NYC regulations. Special funding must be in system and spent by end of this fiscal year. We spent approx. 2k out of 10k (max) budgeted for temp support.
- Chair commented on the excellent work of both the Treasurer and District Manager.

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

- Staff is doing great job on FMS and has just been trained on the demanding city process to deal with office surplus.

- Reminder to RSVP for City Planning training on January 27<sup>th</sup>, if interested.
- DSC meeting was well attended:
  - Police apprehended the squatter at 4570 HH Pkwy. Precinct also made car break-in arrests.
  - DDC is awaiting tree pruning permits for work on Sedgwick Avenue.
  - DOT and DSNY are now working together on step street issues. CM's will also assist.
- Urgent reminder to submit attendance sheets right after meetings – copy/photo is acceptable with original to follow later, as we must report to BP's office. Also submit minutes to the office within 10 days. It's the law, minutes are often requested by engaged residents and in response to FOIL requests. This is each chair's responsibility and is a very serious issue. A few committees fall behind requiring follow up efforts by office and secretary.
- Please type meeting agendas on the new official letterhead that has been re-formatted and with correct logos. It will be distributed electronically tomorrow. The office will place agendas on the official CB8 letterhead if submitted in a different format.
- Outreach update: 1) Meeting flyers were posted in December for T&T and E&S meetings. Flyers must be removed by the hosting committee the day after the meeting, 2) P. Romano went to buildings near the issue sites to collect contact info, 3) DM will meet with ARC in February, 4) L. Spalter provided community organization contact information. DM is reaching out to these groups.
- The chair and DM will attend a meeting with the Bronx Civic Engagement Commission (CEC) next week to learn about their plans, including mayoral authorities that may be delegated by the Mayor. The CEC was started under the Mayor's charter revision.
- On behalf of D. Gellman, remember to conduct FY2022 budget request discussions this month

## Committee Resolutions

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

- Jerome Park Reservoir, north basin – R. Fanuzzi  
Presented comprehensive, technical and strategic resolution objecting to the troubling DEP position to keep the north basin empty in response to DEP's Modified Negative Declaration. Considers the sudden change to use this as an "overflow basin" adjunct to new 3.5B filtration plant without an environmental review, removal 77 trees for stability of damn for a filled reservoir, NYS historic preservation approval was based on below-waterline concrete-over-stone which will now be a massive eyesore to surrounding neighborhood. A new environmental review should be conducted. The community feels that promises originally made by city agencies were broken and rationale for keeping the basin empty keeps changing.
- Public Safety – E. Green for M. Donato: Committee approved two new liquor or wine/beer/cider licenses, contingent on submitting certain papers: Claudias Gourmet LLC with 2:00am closing, and Lajoya Restaurant. Committee also approved renewal of sidewalk café for Tin Marin.
- Traffic & Transportation – E. Green for D. Padernacht: Presented three resolutions:
  1. Request for hidden driveway sign at 3755 Henry Hudson Pkwy W. Noted that the area already restricts parking so request should not remove additional spaces.
  2. Bronx Bus Redesign Plan - Objection to reduction of express bus service and recommendations to increase ridership and improve service. Followed MTA presentation and community input.
  3. Request for traffic calming feasibility study at Cannon & Orloff. Suggestion to add "safety" to traffic calming.

## Issues for Discussion

- Procedures Guide - L. Daub  
The Community Board produced a CB8 Procedures Guide. The secretary shared six completed sections that relate to the responsibilities of chairpersons. The contents and Minutes section were first presented in Nov 2018, with additional sections shared in meetings and by email as completed. The Resolutions and Flyers sections are new and the Meetings section amended to introduce use of flyers as part of the outreach initiative. Administrative policy and procedures are part of the complete guide held in the office. Secretary urges chairs to share relevant chairperson sections with their vice-chairs and person(s) taking minutes. May add a section on public hearings and welcomes suggestions for additional chairperson topics. The information should be helpful to new chairs and as a reminder to all.
  - Discussion regarding outreach flyers that are issued by the Community Board and the need for a consistent format and process. Flyers omit individual names. A committee initiates, posts and removes the flyers. R. Fanuzzi proposed that we formally adopt the flyer format so we are working with the same set of rules. Agreed - no objections were raised.
- Proposal to move Governors' Ball to Van Cortlandt Park parade grounds – B. Bender  
Discussed proposed commercial event at December meeting and will re-examine this month now having the proposal and traffic plan. Intend to present a resolution at February board meeting. Parks dept. denied a permit. Proposal for 50,000 attendees per day, vs. usual 2-3k for Philharmonic and greater than Yankee Stadium occupancy, is very troubling. Issues include potential damage to grounds, 80k new irrigation heads, loss of school/team use, high entrance fees, parking restrictions for 15 days and impossible capacity for event parking and public transportation. Event is out of scale for this residential community. VCP is not on city list of eligible parks to host this type of event. A representative from Founders attended Exec committee meeting.
- School Construction Authority planned work at Sid Aurgarten ball field – B. Bender  
Plan is to bury two large water retention tanks in the ball field outfield to alleviate PS81 basement flooding. The work was delayed and is now slated to commence February. Constructions delay happen. Discussions and letter requests in process to delay work until July - after the three months' use by North Riverdale Little League.
- Parking concerns during DEP work on Sedgwick Ave. – S. Villaverde  
Discussed impact the work will have on the community and coordination of agencies to alleviate the toll. Discussions with city agencies have taken place and will continue regarding timeframe, community notifications, traffic and safety. E&S requested keeping storage off streets and suspending alternate side parking. Possible MTA measures and non-contractor-controlled traffic controls.

## Follow-up on Outstanding Issues - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary