

**Pending Committee Approval**  
**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2020**  
**VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**Committee Members Present (15)**

Laura Spalter, Chair  
Sylvia Alexander  
Bob Bender  
Lisa Daub  
Eric Dinowitz

Robert Fanuzzi  
Nicholas Fazio  
David Gellman  
Rosemary Ginty  
Edward Green

Daris Jackson  
Charles Moerdler  
Omar Murray  
Daniel Padernacht  
Martin Wolpoff

**Committee Members Absent (1)**

Julia Gomez

**Staff (1)**

Ciara Gannon – District Manager

**CB8 & Guests**

Guests: Mariel De La Cruz (Office of NYC Comptroller), Michael Hinman & Kirstyn Brendlen (Riverdale Press), community attendees (2)

Chair Spalter welcomed everyone and convened the meeting at 7:00pm.

**Minutes**

- Minutes of October 7, 2020 Executive Committee approved:  
In Favor (9): Bender, Daub, Fazio, Ginty, Green, Jackson, Moerdler, Spalter, Wolpoff // Opposed: (0), Abstain (0)

**Chair's Report – L. Spalter**

- An election for treasurer will be held at the November meeting. Diomarys Escano has expressed her interest. Nominations may also be taken from the floor.
- The Bronx Borough President has added Diversity and Inclusion training to its member requirements. The training may be done from home. Details to follow.
- The NYC Comptroller's office will shortly conduct an audit of all 59 community boards. Every few years community boards are audited on different topics. The focus will be on public meetings, hearings and websites.
- New members are invited to attend their first Borough President orientation meeting on Nov. 9th.

**Treasurer's Report – C. Gannon for Treasurer**

- Shared this month's report prepared by R. Zavras. Only incurred basic expenses. Expenses include items ordered in FY20 but delivered in FY21 due to pandemic related slowdown. T. Ochoteco worked with OMB and cleared out ghost figures from several years ago.

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

- Our FY22 budget requests have been submitted to city planning
- Office staff received training on new website and will be busy bringing over content for the transition to the new site over the next few weeks.

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- Updated member and committee lists will be distributed soon.
- The Comptroller's audit will include timely posting and distribution of agendas and minutes.
- Let the office know of changes to December meetings as soon as possible.
- Noted citywide text amendment change regarding zoning for coastal flood resiliency. City Planning will present at a meeting for a public hearing.
- Reminder to call complaints into 311. Received complaints about illegal SRO's. The office is working with different agencies to shut them down.

In response to D. Gellman, DM noted that newsletters are on a temporary hold and may resume using Constant Contact. In the meantime, everyone can access FB posts from our website (without need to sign up for Facebook).

### Committee Resolutions

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

- Aging & Economic Development – E. Dinowitz and N. Fazio  
Joint resolution regarding the pending closure of Chase branch at Knolls Crescent.
- Public Safety – E. Green  
Approval of renewal liquor licenses for (1) Frankie's Tavern, (2) Plaza Bani Food Corp, (3) Yokomo, and (4) Sante Fe Grille. Approval of a new liquor license for Neem Indian Cuisine Inc.

Discussed that committee considers 50<sup>th</sup> Pct and 311 complaints when voting on liquor licenses. May include this input in resolutions going forward.

### Issues for Discussion –

- D. Gellman – Raised concern that a city agency invited a member of the community to participate in a meeting but was then disinvited at the request of a committee chairperson. Chair Spalter recognized concern and will endeavor to address when she becomes aware of a similar situation.
- D. Jackson – Informed that an unlicensed vendor set up 24hr fruit stand in Marble Hill Houses. Issues with vendor's powered lighting, vermin, health, hours, etc. Board office facilitated removal and will raise issue at DSC meeting.
- E. Green – (1) raised issue of non-attendance at license renewal meetings. Participants discussed protocol for addressing this concern. (2) raised issue of ongoing noise stemming from modified cars and racing. Discussed legislative and enforcement issues. DM will add to DSC agenda.
- C. Moerdler – (1) Public hearing on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> on zoning for coastal flood resiliency, (2) Informed that there's a 12-apt. SRO in a Kingsbridge Heights private house, (3) Stagg is not committing to type of housing being constructed, (4) Suggested concentrating work re Waldo building under one committee.
- R. Fanuzzi – DEP is issuing new storm water capture regulations for new buildings.
- S. Alexander – raised issue of ATVs on VCP Putnam Trail.

**Roll Call** - L. Daub conducted a final roll-call for attendance.

**Follow-up on Outstanding Issues** - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm by unanimous consent.

Submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary