

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

MINUTES OF THE FULL BOARD MEETING

Held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 via Zoom Conference

PRESENT: S. Alexander E. Bell R. Bender L. Daub M. Della
P. Ellis D. Escano R. Fanuzzi N. Fazio S. Froot
D. Fuchs E. Garcia D. Gellman R. Ginty J. Gomez
M. Goodman E. Green R. Jacklosky D. B. Jackson M. Joyce
D. Leverett R. Lowe C. Moerdler T. Moran O. Murray
D. Padernacht J. Reyes L. Spalter C. Tepelus J. Townes
D. Travis S. Villaverde M. Wolpoff R. Zavras E. Dinowitz
M. Donato

ABSENT: M. Gluck L. Lopez T. Pardo K. Pesce G. Santiago
C. Wilcox

STAFF: C. Gannon, District Manager
P. Romano, Community Associate
T. Ochoteco, Community Coordinator

GUEST: Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz, Council Member Andrew Cohen, Albert Marquez, Stephanie Coggins, Captain Emilio Melendez (50th Precinct), Ishrael Gonzalez (BX BP Office), Elvis Machuca, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Michael Hinman, Jeff Schifman, Michael Heller, Peter Lewicki (AM Dinowitz Office), Russell Cheek (CM Cabrera Office), Daniel Ranells, Carlos Marquez, Steven Matthews, Patrick Hill (CM Cohen Office), Miguel Rondon (State Sen. Rivera Office), Alex Mustelier, Maris Gelman (State Sen. Biaggi Office), Police Officer Cesar Sala (50th Precinct)

R. Ginty convened the meeting at 7:38 PM and welcomed all to this months virtual Full Board Meeting. Chair Ginty expressed her wishes that all are safe and healthy during these difficult times we face due to COVID-19.

1. GALLERY SESSION:

- Stephanie Coggins – provided a few words regarding the petition before the Full Board for the Street co-naming of the Villa Rose Bonheur and John J. McKelvey, Sr. Ms. Coggins expressed that the mission is to preserve the scale and character of area neighborhoods and to preserve and educate the public of historical resources. She indicated that we need to actively protect our ecological treasures. The current petition has reached 405 names.

2. REPORT FROM THE BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S OFFICE – ISHRAEL GONZALEZ

- The Borough President’s website has all the updated information and resources related to COVID-19. The website is updated regularly. Mr. Gonzalez also thanked board members for adjusting to the current situation and continuing to be active.

3. REPORT FROM THE 50TH POLICE PRECINCT – CAPTAIN EMILIO MELENDEZ

- The 50th Precinct has seen the lowest volume of the other 12 commands as far as Social Distancing with people following the directive of the Mayor during the pandemic. As of March 8th, an increase of 35.3% in crime was seen before the pandemic. As of April 19th, crime was at 18.5% due to social distancing since less people are out. A rise in crime of 31% year to date (54 verse 41) in Felony Assaults. These are assaults with a weapon or assaults on someone elderly 65 or older. During the pandemic domestic violence has seen an increase. Burglaries are 24% but the 50th precinct has been good in apprehending these criminals. Auto theft (GLA) are up 54% (34 verse 32). That makes a total of 282 for this year compared to 238 to last year (18.5% increase). The 50th precinct is actively responding to 911 and 311 calls. To date a total of 280 arrest compared to 259 from last year. Making that an increase of 18.1%.
- Paul Ellis thanked the captain and the NYPD for their hard work during these hard times. Mr. Ellis inquired regarding the increase in Domestic Violence crime understanding that it's a side effect of the current COVID-19 situation. He wanted to know how the 50th precinct is addressing this problem. Captain Melendez explained that they are making this a #1 priority and the unit follows up on calls. Many of these are first time offenders. The precinct posts information related to domestic violence on their Facebook and Twitter.
- Bob Bender inquired about the status at the precinct on officers out sick. Captain Melendez explained that the precinct reached its apex around April 6 with 46 officers out sick. A total of 17 officers were COVID-19 positive in which 10 have returned to work. Additional officers were sent to the 50th precinct from other units to assist with patrolling the district.
- Camelia Tepelus inquired if there have been any reports of phone scams in the district. Captain Melendez explained that NYPD has kept the community alerted about scams and the community seems to have gotten the message. To date the 50th precinct has 0 scam victims.
- Margaret Della inquired about MTA crime. Captain Melendez indicated that in buses 0 crime, but yes in trains. To date the command has only seen 1 transit crime this year.

4. REPORT FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBER JEFFREY DINOWITZ

- Assembly Member Dinowitz thanked the community for abiding to the social distancing happening due to COVID-19. His office hosted a virtual Town Hall which was well attended by residents with questions related to COVID-19. His office is working remotely and responding quickly to calls from constituents. He mentioned that due to the pandemic budget cuts will be seen. His office is working hard to promote the census and explained that more work is coming regarding voting procedures. The election might end up being by mail and this might entail teaching people how to vote with this format.
- Sergio Villaverde inquired regarding the state budget and possible effects that might be seen. Assembly Member Dinowitz explained that the budget was not perfect. But due to the pandemic we can expect cuts in the future.
- Eider Garcia inquired about the current status of the Census within Community Board 8. Assembly Member Dinowitz informed that New York's response has been poor. The census has been extended but if people do not fill out their census New York could lose 1 or 2 congressional seats. This could also impact our states federal aid.

- Margaret Della inquired about measures the state plans to take to assist residents with rent. Assembly Member Dinowitz informed that he has put forth legislation that does not forgive rent but would prevent evictions. This would provide tenants the ability to pay overdue rent within a period. Ms. Della asked about Anti-bodies testing centers. Assembly Member Dinowitz informed that Lehman College has a center that sees 500 people per day. DM Ciara Gannon will send Ms. Della a list of locations throughout the Bronx.
- Chuck Moerdler shared that due to the pandemic the MTA is not generating enough funding to sustain operations. Mr. Moerdler also shared insight into the possibility of non-profit nursing homes turning into for profit centers.
- Ed Green shared with Assembly Member Dinowitz that Lehman College's testing center is a drive thru which has resulted in people not getting a home visit to get tested. Assembly Member Dinowitz replied that sites and hospital are testing but you need to show symptoms. NYS has tested more residents than other states.

5. REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER ANDREW COHEN

- The City Council is running virtually. Council Member Cohen informed that he attended a Council meeting via Zoom to address Land Use, Finance, and transparency items. His office is working remotely and responding to resident issues. He has presented legislation that would waive the Sidewalk Café fee to small business this year. The City budget is due in June and it will be a difficult budget due to the pandemic
- Robert Fanunzzi inquired if the City Council plans to have hearings for committees to testify. He indicated that people should contact his office or submit a written testimony.
- Camelia Tepelus inquired if the city plans to cap delivery fees for app-based deliveries. He indicated that he is having a hearing with the Small Business Committee.
- Margaret Della asked about youth programs for the summer. Council Member Cohen informed the Board that he has discussed the matter with the Mayor and City Council Speaker. No decision has been made. He also informed Ms. Della that he recommended Kingsbridge Heights Community Center for Supplemental Food Pantry money.
- Captain Melendez shared his concern with Council Member Cohen that with pools closed, he expects to see a high volume of fire hydrants to be opened during the summer.

6. ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair Ginty turned this portion of the meeting over to Secretary Lisa Daub.

Lisa Daub explained the process for a roll call to confirm that we have a quorum and capture all members' votes. Roll call taken and quorum confirmed.

In Accordance to Article 5, Section 2:

At the regular meeting of the Board held in the month of April, a nominating committee consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Appointed Members shall be elected by the Board. This committee shall designate its chairperson and shall present candidates for the officers and committee chairs to be filled at the election meeting. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor at the

election meeting. A majority of the Board members present and entitled to vote shall be required to elect a candidate to office. Should no candidate receive a majority on the first ballot, all of the candidates, except those two receiving the largest number of votes, shall be dropped from the ballot, and a second ballot shall take place.

The Secretary explained the process for nominating a fellow board member to serve on the nominating committee and turned the meeting back to the Chair.

Robert Fanuzzi nominates Sylvia Alexander. Ms. Alexander accepts the nomination.

Tao Moran nominates Dan Padernacht. Mr. Padernacht accepts the nomination.

Bob Bender nominates Paul Ellis. Mr. Ellis accepts the nomination.

Myra Joyce nominates Steve Froot. Mr. Froot accepts the nomination.

Chuck Moerdler nominates Martin Wolpoff. Mr. Wolpoff respectfully declines the nomination.

Sylvia Alexander nominates Omar Murray. Mr. Murray accepts the nomination.

Sergio Villaverde nominates Julia Gomez. Ms. Gomez accepts the nomination.

Chair Ginty deemed the nominations closed.

Secretary Daub explained the voting process for up to five of the six nominees: Voting by private Zoom chat, or for those without chat access, via special voice mail or email provided earlier. If any board member requires IT assistance call the office and Pablo Romano will assist.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Chair Ginty thanked the office staff for their assistance in teaching the officers and board members how to use Zoom. Several practice sessions were held in group and individually with board members. The office has continued to function remotely during these times.
- Board Election will take place for Officers and Committee Chairs at the June Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 9th.
- The city has cut the Community Board 8 budget and that of all CBs.
- The next Full Board Meeting will be May 12th.
- Chair Ginty turned the floor over to Vice Chair Spalter to speak about the Irving Ladimer Community Service Award. Vice Chair Spalter stated that the committee, David Gellman, Julie Reyes, Marvin Goodman, Eider Garcia, and Laura Spalter, held a Zoom meeting to discuss next steps. The committee is happy with the number of nominations received. A ceremony will take place in the fall to properly acknowledge the recipients.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Referred to the minutes of the Executive Committee for more details
- Spending is in line so far for where the board should be in the year.
- On page 1, we still have \$10,802 in Other than Personal Services (OTPS)
- In special funding we still have \$38,375. This will be the last year we will see the funding.
- DM Ciara Gannon explained that 3 out of the 4 computers in the office were updated. But 1 more computer needs to be updated since DOITT no longer can service our model. The office would require a window 10. A need for additional laptops was noticed during the pandemic. The office would like to get extra security by installing a camera outside the office that can later be taken when we re-locate the office. A new speaker and recording device will be ordered.
- David Gellman inquired if the security camera was for recording or monitoring on computer before buzzing someone into the office. DM Gannon indicated it is for both.

Resolution to Approve FY2020 Operating Budget Modification

WHEREAS, the Treasurer and the District Manager of Bronx Community Board 8 prepared an operating budget including security and technological office upgrades for the Board's expenses for Fiscal Year 2020.

WHEREAS, in support of the office to manage these budgets, budget modifications have been prepared and are attached to the April Treasurer's Report.

BE IT RESOLVED, Community Board 8 approves the operating budgets and the modifications to support them.

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 34

OPPOSED: 1 (Tao Moran)

ABSTAIN: 0

IN FAVOR:

S. Alexander	E. Bell	R. Bender	M. Della	E. Dinowitz
P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio	S. Froot
D. Fuchs	E. Garcia	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	J. Gomez
M. Goodman	E. Green	R. Jacklosky	D. Jackson	M. Joyce
D. Leverett	R. Lowe	C. Moerdler	O. Murray	D. Padernacht
J. Reyes	L. Spalter	C. Tepelus	J. Townes	D. Travis
S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	M. Donato	

9. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- Thanked board members that participated during the Practice Sessions
- Referred to the minutes of the Executive Committee
- The office staff is working from home. All is running as normal. In order to work from home, a work plan was developed to provide to the Borough President's Office. This was approved by the Chair. The office staff have regular daily virtual meetings and are in constant communication.
- OMB has cut Community Board budgets this year by \$4,000 and next year by \$8,712
- DM Gannon thanked Tania and Pablo for all their hard work during these times.
- The Comptroller's Office will host a Town Hall meeting via Zoom and Facebook Live.

10. REPORT FROM NYC DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING – No Report

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (S. Villaverde) – Due to technical problems with his microphone. Sergio asked that the board refer to his Committee Minutes. He asked that all economic and business resources be submitted to him and the board office for screening and dissemination.
- b) EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS (S. Alexander) – SAPO Applications were brought before full board for approval. A total of 2 applications were approved by the Committee and 1 application was tabled for lack of information about the event. Chair Alexander asked everyone to refer to her February minutes for more information.

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE (April 29, 2020)

Netherland Ave between 236 Street and Henry Hudson Parkway

KINGSBRIDGE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER (May 2, 2020)

3101 Kingsbridge Terrace

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 34 (See list below) OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 (D. Jackson)

S. Alexander	E. Bell	R. Bender	M. Della	E. Dinowitz
P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio	S. Froot
D. Fuchs	E. Garcia	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	J. Gomez
M. Goodman	E. Green	R. Jacklosky	T. Moran	M. Joyce
D. Leverett	R. Lowe	C. Moerdler	O. Murray	D. Padernacht
J. Reyes	L. Spalter	C. Tepelus	J. Townes	D. Travis
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- c) ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION (R. Fanuzzi) – The next committee meeting will be on April 29th. The meeting was re-scheduled due to Passover. The upcoming meeting will discuss a response to the budget cuts that have hit areas represented by Community Board 8 related to Sanitation. Chair Fanuzzi informs that board that as of May 4th the organic recycling and compost education have been suspended and also thanked Chair Ginty for supporting the committee's engagement with DEP and PDC related to the Jerome Park Reservoir. At this moment DEP Water Board has allocated 128 Million for its current projects. These funds are not city operational. The Fort Independence Water Main project was suspended due to COVID-19 until June or maybe longer. Chair Fanuzzi and Traffic & Transportation Chair Padernacht plan to meet with the Resident Engineer to discuss the movement of a fire hydrant.
- d) HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICE (O. Murray) – Chair Murray thanked all frontline workers during these times with COVID-19. During the last committee meeting Erica Peralta-Downing from Health Department attended the Zoom conference to answer questions from the Community. Reports from John Hopkins University show that in the Bronx a total of 30,142 positive cases, 2,144 deaths. Within CB8 boundaries over 4,000 positive cases reported. CDC has reported that COVID-19 may re-surface in the fall.

- e) HOUSING (D. Jackson) –The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 25th which falls on Memorial Day. Chair Jackson will reach out to committee members to decide on an alternate date to re-schedule meeting. The city informed us that testing will be conducted in NYCHA facilities but none are located within CB8 boundaries. All NYCHA sites will provide masks for residents.
- f) LAND USE (C. MOERDLER) – Chair Moerdler reports on 5 items that were discussed during their April 2nd meeting. The next meeting is May 4th.
- Horace Mann submitted an application to turn a home into a Graduate facility for applying to college, getting information and much more. This is a landmark application not zoning. Many objections from neighbors were expressed due to the construction for such a project. Horace Mann has since withdrawn the application.
 - Delafield Estates is an ongoing issue. The concern is for the sewer system in the nearby area to be properly protected. Many testimonies have been received. This item will be discussed again at the next committee meeting.
 - There is an application for 15 Terrace View Ave. before the Board of Standards. This variance application would construct a residential building in a manufacturing district. The plans are for a 15-story building in the Marble Hill community on the Manhattan side in which BX CB8 has jurisdiction. The developer bought a tax lien to construct 55 apartments. No details have been provided on project. The committee will further study the project.
 - Webb Avenue – The committee looks to re-zone area to preserve the family homes that are at serious threat by developers since it is a R6 zone.
- g) LAW, RULES & ETHICS (M. Wolpoff) – Chair Wolpoff apologizes to the board and committee for not having a meeting in the last 2 months due to illness. He plans to have a meeting in May.
- h) PARKS & RECREATION (B. Bender) – The committee met in March. No meeting was held in April and the next meeting is on May 27th. Chair Bender informs about the Enslaved peoples project for a Living History Day for 4th and 5th graders. Due to the pandemic this would be turned into a guide. The project budget would be for \$5,000 from the Board's special funding.
- i) HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY (B. Bender) – Chair Bender reports that the special committee will convene on May 7th via Zoom.

- j) PUBLIC SAFETY (M. Donato) – Chair Donato presented renewal SLA applications from the February 18th meeting:

WHEREAS, the following locations appeared before the Public Safety on February 18, 2020: Caridad Restaurant, Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course, Tin Marin Bar & Lounge, Jay's Place, Blackstone Bar & Grill; and

WHEREAS, there have been no issues or complaints at these locations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Bronx Community Board 8 approves these applications.

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 35 (See list below) OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

S. Alexander	E. Bell	R. Bender	M. Della	E. Dinowitz
P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio	S. Froot
D. Fuchs	E. Garcia	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	J. Gomez
M. Goodman	E. Green	R. Jacklosky	T. Moran	M. Joyce
D. Leverett	R. Lowe	C. Moerdler	O. Murray	D. Padernacht
J. Reyes	L. Spalter	C. Tepelus	J. Townes	D. Travis
S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	D. Jackson	M. Donato

Chair Donato presented 2 renewal SLA applications that were approved by the committee on April 21, 2020.

WHEREAS, the following locations appeared before the Public Safety on April 21, 2020 for renewal for Gaelic Athletic Association of Greater New York and Moon Star Grill; and

WHEREAS, there have been no issues or complaints at these locations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Bronx Community Board 8 approves these applications.

Chair Ginty puts motion to add 2 renewal SLA applications to the calendar. The motion is approved unanimously. (See Vote Below)

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 35 (See list below) OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

S. Alexander	E. Bell	R. Bender	M. Della	E. Dinowitz
P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio	S. Froot
D. Fuchs	E. Garcia	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	J. Gomez
M. Goodman	E. Green	R. Jacklosky	T. Moran	M. Joyce
D. Leverett	R. Lowe	C. Moerdler	O. Murray	D. Padernacht
J. Reyes	L. Spalter	C. Tepelus	J. Townes	D. Travis
S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	D. Jackson	M. Donato

A resolution is brought before the board for approval of 2 renewal SLA applications for Gaelic Athletic Association of Greater New York and Moon Star Grill:

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 35 (See list below) OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

S. Alexander	E. Bell	R. Bender	M. Della	E. Dinowitz
P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio	S. Froot
D. Fuchs	E. Garcia	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	J. Gomez
M. Goodman	E. Green	R. Jacklosky	T. Moran	M. Joyce
D. Leverett	R. Lowe	C. Moerdler	O. Murray	D. Padernacht
J. Reyes	L. Spalter	C. Tepelus	J. Townes	D. Travis
S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	D. Jackson	M. Donato

Chair Donato puts before the board a new SLA application for Claribel Deli (6665 Broadway) for a Wine, Beer, and Cider liquor location.

WHEREAS, the Claribel Deli appeared before the Public Safety Committee on April 21, 2020 for a new Beer, Wine, and Cider license

WHEREAS, this location will be closing at 11pm; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Bronx Community Board 8 approves these applications.

Chair Ginty puts motion to add new SLA application to the calendar. (See Vote Below)

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 34 (See list below) OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (E. Garcia)

S. Alexander	E. Bell	R. Bender	M. Della	E. Dinowitz
P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio	S. Froot
D. Fuchs	D. Jackson	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	J. Gomez
M. Goodman	E. Green	R. Jacklosky	T. Moran	M. Joyce
D. Leverett	R. Lowe	C. Moerdler	O. Murray	D. Padernacht
J. Reyes	L. Spalter	C. Tepelus	J. Townes	D. Travis
S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	M. Donato	

A resolution is brought before the board for approval of a new SLA applications for Claribel Deli:

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 33 (See list below) OPPOSED: 0 ABSTAIN: 2 (M. Joyce & E. Garcia)

S. Alexander	E. Bell	R. Bender	M. Della	E. Dinowitz
P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio	S. Froot
D. Fuchs	D. Gellman	R. Ginty	J. Gomez	M. Donato
M. Goodman	E. Green	R. Jacklosky	T. Moran	D. Jackson
D. Leverett	R. Lowe	C. Moerdler	O. Murray	D. Padernacht
J. Reyes	L. Spalter	C. Tepelus	J. Townes	
S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	D. Travis	

K) TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION (D. Padernacht) – Presents 3 resolutions for approval.

1) WHEREAS, Villa Rose Bonheur has been nominated for the honor of this proposed street conaming by Along the Hudson Homeowners Association; Bronx Council for Environmental Quality; Friends of Spuyten Duyvil; Kingsbridge Historical Society; the Spuyten Duyvil Neighborhood Coalition; Riverdale Nature Preservancy; and the Coalition to Save Brust Park; and

WHEREAS, Villa Rosa Bonheur was built in 1924 as a co-operative by John J. McKelvey — a lawyer, writer and developer, who also was the first editor-in-chief of the Harvard Law Review, Villa Rosa Bonheur has been a beloved landmark of the neighborhood, located at 2395 Palisade Avenue in the Spuyten Duyvil section of Riverdale, in the Bronx; and

WHEREAS, Villa Rosa Bonheur was perched at the top of the Bradley Terrace step street, she has been etched into the landscape of the community for 96 years; Every commuter descending the fieldstone and winding stair case or driving by in a Raillink bus, has gazed upon her charming exterior clad in stucco, with its red Spanish tile roofs, steep, pitched roofs and balconies off of individual apartments; She was the first of John McKelvey's multi-family homes and exceedingly unique from any other homes of its kind in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Villa Rosa looked like no other apartment house of its day, in McKelvey's vision, Villa Rosa Bonheur would exude charm and be a design for living, rather than the brick tenements of little distinction mushrooming all over the Borough of the Bronx at the turn of the twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, Villa Rosa Bonheur's architect was Robert W. Gardner, a famous and visionary pioneer of the use of reinforced concrete in residential buildings; and

WHEREAS, Villa Rosa Bonheur was named after Rosa Bonheur, widely thought of as one of the most famous female artists of the 19th century, Rosa Bonheur was renowned for her exceptional ability to paint animals with insight into their characters and psyches with her paintings hanging in museums around the world, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC; and

WHEREAS, Villa Rosa Bonheur is included in The Architectural and Historical Resources of Riverdale, The Bronx, New York A Preliminary Survey (Oct. 1998) published by the Riverdale Nature Preservancy; and

WHEREAS, Villa Rosa Bonheur is an influence on the modern development of the Spuyten Duyvil community which resonates today in the picturesque tranquility of our green space and our sustained commitment to a planned and balanced community; and

WHEREAS, the evidence and testimony presented to Bronx Community Board No. 8 has demonstrated that the architectural influence of Villa Rosa Bonheur has benefited a cross-section of Bronx Community Board No. 8 and the Borough of the Bronx and the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, this street has a specific connection to Villa Rosa Bonheur as it is the building's location; and

WHEREAS, the name change will not engender confusion as there are no other streets with similar name in the vicinity; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Palisade Avenue between Bradley Terrace and Edsall Avenue be co-named Villa Rosa Bonheur Way.

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 30 (See list below)

OPPOSED: 0

S. Alexander	E. Bell	R. Bender	E. Dinowitz	M. Donato
P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio	D. Padernacht
D. Fuchs	E. Garcia	J. Gomez	M. Goodman	
E. Green	R. Jacklosky	T. Moran	M. Joyce	
D. Leverett	R. Lowe	C. Moerdler	O. Murray	
J. Reyes	L. Spalter	J. Townes	D. Travis	
S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	D. Jackson	

ABSTAIN: 5 (M. Della, S. Froot, R. Ginty, D. Gellman, C. Tepelus)

WHEREAS, John J. McKelvey, Sr. died on October 19, 1947 and this resolution is brought more than two years after his death; and

WHEREAS, John J. McKelvey, Sr. has been nominated for the honor of this proposed street conaming by Along the Hudson Homeowners Association, Bronx Council for Environmental Quality; Friends of Spuyten Duyvil; Kingsbridge Historical Society; the Spuyten Duyvil Neighborhood Coalition; Riverdale Nature Preservancy; and the Coalition to Save Brust Park;

WHEREAS, John J. McKelvey, Sr. has shown his creativity, and helped mold the landscape of the Borough of the Bronx and the City of New York, specifically the Spuyten Duyvil area; and

WHEREAS, John J. McKelvey, Sr., John J. McKelvey — a lawyer, writer, and developer, who also was the first editor-in-chief of the Harvard Law Review, was alarmed by the wave of high rise development spreading through New York City at the time, decided to construct cooperative apartments resembling villas as part of the famous “City Beautiful” movement of the early twentieth century, notably the Rosa Bonheur, Charlotte Brontë and Victoria; and

WHEREAS, John J. McKelvey Sr. acted as the secretary and director of the two entities -Alongthe-Hudson Company and the Edgehill Terrace Company, whose development footprints are still apparent today; as attorney for the Edgehill Co- Operative Savings & Loan Association; member of the Contracts and Bronx, and Executive Committees of the Hudson–Fulton Celebration Commission of 1909; as secretary of the Henry Hudson Monument Committee of 1909; as founding member, trustee, and incorporator of the Edgehill Church, and as trustee of the Barnard School for Boys (now part of Horace Mann School).

WHEREAS, John J. Mckelvey, Sr. also served as attorney, secretary and trustee of the Park District Protective League (PDPL) which took on a preservationist role in Riverdale, one example being Riverdale Park, which was created by the contributions of landowners convinced by the PDPL of the need to protect the green space from the encroaching development of the city; In the 1950’s, the PDPL became the Riverdale Community Planning Association¹⁶, which went on to champion the rezoning of Riverdale and the

environmental protections of the first SNAD regulations; Without the stewardship and influence of John McKelvey, Sr. in early years, it is quite possible that Riverdale would have a different landscape;

WHEREAS, John J. McKelvey, Sr. had such an influence on the modern development of the Spuyten Duyvil community which resonates today in the picturesque tranquility of our green space and our sustained commitment to a planned and balanced community; and

WHEREAS, the evidence and testimony presented to Bronx Community Board No. 8 has demonstrated that John J. McKelvey, Sr. has benefited a cross-section of Bronx Community Board No. 8 and the Borough of the Bronx and the City of New York;

WHEREAS, this street has a specific connection to John J. McKelvey, Sr. as it is the location of Villa Rosa Bonheur, one of McKelvey's unique designs; and

WHEREAS, the name change will not engender confusion as there are no other streets with similar name in the vicinity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bradley Terrace between Palisade Avenue and Edsall Avenue be co-named John J. McKelvey, Sr. Way.

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 32 (See list below)

OPPOSED: 0

S. Alexander	E. Bell	R. Bender	E. Dinowitz	
P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio	
D. Fuchs	E. Garcia	J. Gomez	M. Goodman	
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S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	D. Jackson	D. Padernacht

ABSTAIN: 3 (M. Della, S. Froot, C. Tepelus)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bronx Community Board 8 has no objection to the Security Bollard Plan application by the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale which proposes to install steel security bollards around its entrance at 3700 Henry Hudson Parkway.

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 34 (See list below)

OPPOSED: 0

S. Alexander	E. Bell	R. Bender	E. Dinowitz	
P. Ellis	D. Escano	N. Fazio	M. Della	M. Donato
D. Fuchs	E. Garcia	J. Gomez	M. Goodman	S. Froot
E. Green	R. Jacklosky	T. Moran	M. Joyce	C. Tepelus
D. Leverett	R. Lowe	C. Moerdler	O. Murray	D. Gellman
J. Reyes	L. Spalter	J. Townes	D. Travis	R. Ginty
S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	D. Jackson	D. Padernacht

ABSTAIN: 1 (R. Fanuzzi)

Chair Padernacht informs the Board that his committee meeting will be on April 23rd. They will be discussing 3 matters:

- SAPO application from the Riverdale Y for a Farmers Market that is normally conducted at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy, but due to construction they plan to move temporarily to Fieldston Ave between W 236th Street and W 238th Street. The Farmers Market would take place from May to November. The committee will address concerns from neighbors and local businesses on Fieldston Road.
 - DOT will bring forth a proposal for changes to Goulden Ave, Dickinson Ave, and Sedgwick Ave.
 - DEP will bring forth a new traffic plan to keep Palisade Ave open during construction for a new water pump station.
 - DOT removed a parking space at Van Cortdlandt Village. Will address at next Executive Meeting.
- L) YOUTH (J. Gomez) – The next meeting is May 18th. Chair Gomez will discuss alternatives for youth since the suspension of the Summer Youth Program. She asked the board to refer to her minutes for more information.
- M) AGING (E. Dinowitz) – The next meeting is April 23rd via Zoom. Chair Dinowitz informs that seniors have been hit hard by COVID-19 due to illness or resources. His committee will have two speakers to address the ways to assist the senior community.
- N) BUDGET (D. Gellman) – Chair Gellman informed the board that we are near end with FY 2020. The city should be releasing the final budget for FY 21. The committee has been working on developing FY 2022. Each committee was to discuss ideas for capital or expense items. The deadline to submit budget request is April 24th to the board office.

Chair Ginty welcomes back Board Secretary Lisa Daub with results of the Nominating Committee election.

Board Secretary Lisa Daub reads the names of the board members elected to serve on the Nominating Committee. They are Sylvia Alexander, Paul Ellis, Steve Froot, Omar Murray, and Dan Padernacht. The election went smoothly. Committee members elected will receive an email with information for a conference call after the board meeting for the sole purpose of deciding on a date for the 1st meeting. The nominating committee meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Law.

The candidates received the following **IN FAVOR** votes:

SYLVIA ALEXANDER: 30 IN FAVOR

S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, D. B. Jackson, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

PAUL ELLIS: 27 IN FAVOR

S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, D. B. Jackson, D. Leverett, R. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, J. Reyes, L. Spalter, D. Travis, J. Townes, R. Zavras

STEVEN FROOT: 23 IN FAVOR

S. Alexander, B. Bender, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. Lowe, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. Reyes, L. Spalter, D. Travis, J. Townes, R. Zavras

JULIA GOMEZ: 15 IN FAVOR

E. Bell, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, D. Escano, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Garcia, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, D. B. Jackson, D. Padernacht, C. Tepelus, S. Villaverde, R. Zavras

OMAR MURRAY: 33 IN FAVOR

S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Garcia, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, D. B. Jackson, M. Joyce, D. Leverett, R. Lowe, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, R. Zavras

DANIEL PADERNACHT: 29 IN FAVOR

S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, N. Fazio, D. Fuchs, E. Garcia, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, D. B. Jackson, M. Joyce, R. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, R. Zavras

[L. Daub, as vote-taker, chose to abstain from voting]

12. DISCUSSION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2020

Chair Ginty recognizes Camelia Tepelus.

Camelia Tepelus addresses communication and service to the community and asks that the Board Office increase its presence on social media to transmit information to the public, specifically connecting with larger existing local facebook groups. Ms. Tepelus states the need for material on the website to be updated regularly, particularly the news section. DM Gannon responds that the staff is aware they represent the community not only the board members. Ms. Gannon informs that the Facebook page is updated regularly, and followers have increased over the past year. She encourages the board members to share the page with their friends. David Gellman, Lisa Daub, Laura Spalter and Robert Fanuzzi added comments on the board office's community service and outreach and that each board member plays a role in reaching out to stakeholders.

13. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2020

VOTE ► IN FAVOR: 35 (See list below)

OPPOSED: 0

S. Alexander	E. Bell	R. Bender	L. Daub	C. Tepelus
P. Ellis	D. Escano	R. Fanuzzi	N. Fazio	S. Froot
D. Fuchs	E. Garcia	J. Gomez	M. Goodman	M. Della
E. Green	R. Jacklosky	T. Moran	M. Joyce	E. Dinowitz
D. Leverett	R. Lowe	C. Moerdler	O. Murray	D. Gellman
J. Reyes	L. Spalter	J. Townes	D. Travis	R. Ginty
S. Villaverde	M. Wolpoff	R. Zavras	D. Padernacht	M. Donato

ABSTAIN: 1 (D. B. Jackson)

Motion to Adjourn at 10:30 PM by Chair Ginty and Seconded by Vice Chair Spalter.

Prepared By: PABLO ROMANO, Community Associate

Reviewed By: LISA DAUB, Secretary