

**PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL**  
**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**HELD ON MAY 12, 2020**  
**VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE**

**PRESENT:** S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Garcia, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, D. Jackson, M. Joyce, D. Lev-erett, L. Lopez, R. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, R. Zavras (38)

**ABSENT:** D. Fuchs, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, C. Wilcox (4)

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

**GUESTS:** Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz, Council Member Andrew Cohen, Shira-Silverman, Officers Giodano and Sala (50th Precinct), Ishrael Gonzalez (BX BP Office), Elvis Machuca, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Peter Lewicki (AM Dinowitz Office), CM Fernando Cabrera, Patrick Hill (CM Cohen Office), Francisco Aquino Ramirez (State Sen. Rivera Office), Marilex Santana-Tavarez, Mrs. Andria, John Benfatti, Matt Abrams Gerber, Sima Wolf, Mariel De La Cruz, Kristen Roehrs, Kiana Diaz, Jeff Shiffman, Constance Barnes-Watson

There was an issue with R. Ginty's audio. Therefore the meeting was turned over to **L. Spalter who convened the meeting at 7:07pm** and welcomed all.

**1. GALLERY SESSION:**

- Shira Silverman – spoke about the Riverdale Y's Farmers Market proposed a relocation due to construction at RKA. Ms. Silverman applied for sidewalk permit on Fieldston Road between 236th and 238th street. The school is under construction for the next 18 months therefore the organization had to find another site. Ms. Silverman is working to get in touch with residents in apartment buildings in the vicinity. She is currently working on opening the Farmers market at the Riverdale Temple parking lot. Ms. Silverman thanked the Board and hopes the application will be approved for the proposed dates. R. Fanuzzi and S. Villaverde spoke in support of the Farmer's market.

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

- Tom Lucania forwarded the latest Bronx Borough President's newsletter which includes a list of useful resources during this time. The newsletter can also be accessed through the BP's office website. Re-appointment letters should be received by the end of May. No timeframe for new CB8 appointments at this time.
- S. Villaverde inquired about the 1% of SBS funding that went to the Bronx.
- N. Fazio shared that the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation (BOEDC) is offering 0% interest loans.
- I. Gonzalez will take this information back to his supervisor and Marlene Cintron (BOEDC) and report back.

3. REPORT FROM THE 50th POLICE PRECINCT - NCO Sergeant Mark Giodano  
and Community Affairs Officer Sala

- The 50th precinct has not had any reported murder or rape incidents.
- Robberies are down however felony assaults have increased due to Domestic Violence since the shelter in place order.
- There are increased burglary reports and decreased grand larcenies with the exception of grand larceny auto incidents which are up.
- The 50th Pct is closing many of these cases with arrests.
- B. Bender stated that the CB office received some noise complaints at Shandler parking lot. The precinct is aware and dealing with the issue. B. Bender noticed increased police presence patrolling at Van Cortlandt park to enforce social distancing rules.
- S. Villaverde spoke about noise complaints at Sedgwick and Reservoir Avenues. Cars congregate and music is extremely loud. He requested that the precinct address the issue. Sgt Giodano will take note and continue to patrol the area with NCO.
- C. Moerdler spoke about process, what kind of records are being maintained by the 50th in connection with stores that are opened when they should not be opened. Are they maintaining separate records for that? Sgt. Giodano responded that yes, the precinct is maintaining records of businesses that are not adhering to shelter in place rules. Businesses that do not adhere to rules will be subject to violations.
- E. Green stated that since the 242nd Street terminal has been closing down for cleaning between 1am-5am, the homeless have been pushed out. He asked if any special attention is being paid or any complaints have been lodged? Sgt. Giodano has not seen any complaints or 911/311 reports regarding the issue of homeless congregating in or around Van Cortlandt Park. NCO Officers are canvassing and handling the issue.

- C. Tepelus spoke about graffiti regarding closed businesses in commercial corridors. Would the 50th precinct be the agency to contact for that or is it another agency? Sgt. Giodano responded that the 50th is not usually afflicted with graffiti issues. Sanitation along with our officers will take care of areas that need to be cleaned or painted.
- M. Della asked if the 50th precinct is receiving more calls regarding social distancing violations. Sgt. Giodano responded that the precinct has received extra Covid related calls however not all calls turned out to be credible.

4. REPORT FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBER JEFFREY DINOWITZ

- Grab and Go Kosher food site at PS 24 along with CM Cohen.
- Mask distribution at Kingsbridge Heights Community Center and other CBOs.
- Hand sanitizer distribution.
- Next week alternate side parking will return for one week in order to clean streets. Then it will be suspended again.
- Webinar Covid conversation on Public Safety with Captain Melendez on 4/13
- Preserving single family homes in Kingsbridge Heights particularly on Webb Avenue. The goal is to try and prevent the destruction of single family homes and replacement by buildings.

5. REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER FERNANDO CABRERA

- Councilman Cabrera thanked Assemblyman Dinowitz for his partnership in helping the Webb Avenue community and he thanked the board as well.
- The Council member has 3000 masks for distribution.
- He mentioned that he led the special funding initiative and stated that those funds must be spent by end of June.
- Councilman Cabrera is working with the Finance department at the Council to expand our ability to spend the \$42.5K while making a greater impact in the community.
- Councilman Cabrera submitted a proposal to the City Council to be drafted into a bill aimed at proving that city employees can perform a certain amount of work remotely.
- Was able to get anti-body testing for the district and it went very well.
- 22 churches used as testing site by the city. Houses of worship are safe spaces and more churches will be online by next week.
- C. Moerdler thanked CM Cabrera for all his work on Webb Avenue project.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- R. Ginty was unable to give her report due to technical difficulties with her audio.
- Board business is progressing very well at all levels. One new addition

that we have is the work of the Nominating Committee.

7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE (S. Froot)

- S. Froot gave a brief update on the nominating committee's activities.
- The Nominating Committee has announced three meetings. They intend to use two meetings but announced a third to have 10 days public notice in case they needed it.
- At the first interview meeting, Board members seeking a new/open position or incumbent Chairs/Officers who were interviewed. The committee has conducted 6 interviews and scheduled another 6 interviews for Thursday May 14. If interviews are not completed by that date, the committee will complete the interviews by May 20. The deadline for recommendations to the Board is May 26.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT (R. Zavras)

- Referred to the minutes of the Executive Committee for more details.
- We have allocated approximately \$105K of our \$292K budget for the year. - \$4K OMB asked to return to help with the shortfall and we were able to do it because the cushioning in our PS budget.
- No budget modifications for approval this month. We should be able to submit budget modifications in July. No information or guidance from OMB regarding 2021 budget.
- R. Zavras adjusted our special funding removing events that are no longer on the calendar due to event cancellations. However, we did add the Parks committee's Enslaved People History project. We will have \$20K remaining by end of year - recommends use for supplies that we may need for next year. We could use some funding for COVID-19 supplies having distributed all of the hand sanitizer to the community.

9. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT (C. GANNON)

- C. Gannon gave a breakdown on outreach and communications procedures as well as a brief historical timeline outlining the Board office's work and progress on Social Media.
- The DM reported that there are 1274 followers on Facebook; an increase of 13 since the Executive Committee meeting last week. The Office posts on average 5-8 items per day.
- C. Gannon will contact administrators of local Facebook groups to request that they share the Community Board 8 Facebook page. In addition, C. Gannon will begin "promoting" posts which can specify viewership by zip code and other characteristics. The District Manager will promote important notices and items such as the monthly calendar.
- The Board Office is researching Next Door; neighborhood social media platform that was suggested to us and used by other city agencies.

- The Board Office is currently working with DOITT to make additional changes and updates to our website. Our staff will undergo training on how to operate and update our own website when the pandemic is over. This training will help greatly in terms of our ability to expeditiously update our own website. The DM is willing to revisit the topic of using the DOITT website if the Executive Committee is interested. The Office will research sites, etc. during the summer to bring information back to board and new chair.
- Official Board correspondence such as agendas, minutes, and newsletters are sent to approximately 1000 recipients. Similar to Facebook, this number fluctuates as residents request to be added and removed. The DM has purchased Constant Contact which will help how the office sends out emails..
- Regarding Board Emails being sent to the entire board list without BCC: The Board's past practice has been all emails come to the board office before they are forwarded to the intended audience. This process ensures maintenance of an archive of board related emails in our city system and acts like a filter of outgoing correspondence. Board members have shared privacy concerns with the DM regarding recent emails and don't want their contact information shared and some prefer excluded from responses in a large distribution list.
- The Board Office is open to enhancing our communication and outreach within reason, especially during a global pandemic. There is important information that needs to be shared and we share it as best we can given the current circumstances.
- C. Tepelus thanked the DM for updating the CB website so quickly and asked to see the previous guidelines on the Social Media Working Group's report. Ms. Tepelus offered to give follow-up suggestions. She also asked if CB has applied to be member of the larger groups on FB. She states that it would be much easier to post issues and concerns on larger community FB pages of 10K+ followers as do Elected officials.
- DM responded to Ms. Tepelus asking her to keep in mind that the board office is comprised of 3 staff members as opposed to the Elected officials which usually have between 8-9 staff members. Our office staff appreciates emails that come in and act very quickly to address all emails while maintaining a paper trail and archive of all communication.
- R. Zavras offered insight as one of the original authors of the Social Media Working Group report. The report which was produced a few years ago includes extensive research of CBs citywide, we interviewed board members as well as DMs. R. Zavras is happy to have a deeper conversation about the entire process at a later time. We should build upon the work of the original working group now that the office is fully staffed.
- D. Padernacht added that himself, S. Froot, P. Ellis and M. Joyce were also part of the working group and hoping to see the work continued next year. He also suggested that the discussion be continued with the Law, Rules & Ethics Committee.
- S. Villaverde stated that he previously suggested board members have

city email addresses for the purpose of privacy and possible FOIL requests.

- C. Gannon responded to S. Villaverde stating that she has asked the Borough President's office about city email addresses for board members and was denied. However, she will revisit the topic with the BP's office and report back. The recommendation of DOITT is that members create a CB related email such as [NAME]CB8@gmail.com in an effort to keep board communication within a separate email address.

10. L. Spalter turned the meeting over to L. Daub for attendance roll call.

11. L. Spalter highlighted G. Santiago's citation from the Borough President for her years of service in Marble Hill and throughout the Community Board.

## 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. **AGING** - E. Dinowitz

- The older adult population has been the hardest hit community by the pandemic. At the April meeting, a lively discussion took place between local senior centers advocacy groups and the Department of the Aging regarding emotional support and food distribution.
- E. Dinowitz encouraged everyone to review the minutes from his last meeting which include information on OATS (Older Adults Technology Services), LiveOn COVID-19 website, Census 2020 website and other resources that are useful to the senior community.
- Voter Registration: absentee ballots will go out in the mail.
- Nursing homes fall under the Department of Health, Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order that mandates that every nursing home staff be tested for COVID-19 twice per week.
- Hospitals cannot discharge patients to nursing homes unless they test negative for COVID-19.
- At the next Aging committee meeting, inviting representatives from Nursing homes as well as the NYS Department of Health.

### B. **BUDGET** - D. Gellman

- R. Zavras provided the board with an update on our budget for the current fiscal year.
- We are waiting for the Mayor's final budget for new fiscal year 2021 which begins on July 1.
- Our most recent preparatory cycle has been completed for the current fiscal year which ends in a couple of weeks.
- Most committees submitted their budget priorities on time. The DM,

Board Chair and D. Gellman will have a discussion in anticipation the agency consultations in September. In October we will have a formal hearing preceding the October committee meeting that evening.

C. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - S. Villaverde

- Referred to his April minutes.
- Concerned about support to our merchants particularly the disparity of 1% SBS loans to Bronx businesses. Representatives from SBS and BOEDC are invited to the committee's next meeting on May 28.
- S. Villaverde thanked C. Tepelus and N. Fazio for their advocacy and efforts in sharing information with the board office to help our merchants during this difficult time.
- Please continue to support our local businesses and to ensure that we provide them with information on available resources.
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D. **EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS** - S. Alexander

- Referred to her April 28 meeting minutes.
- The recording of her meeting did not upload. S. Alexander's minutes were from memory only.
- S. Alexander added that the Mayor and Chancellor announced that elementary and middle school students will not receive grades. They will only receive "meet standards" or "needs improvement" status. Unfortunately many students only recently received their technology devices.
- The Mayor also announced the names of his advisory committee on education. Among them are Denis Walcott and Randi Weingarten.
- The next ELCA meeting is May 26.
- D. Gellman commented that pass/fail grades can be problematic for students when applying to Graduate school.

E. **ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION** - R. Fanuzzi

- Referred to his April 29 meeting minutes.
- Provided a brief update on city policies due to COVID-19.
- Sanitation: pick up hours are shifted one hour earlier from 5:00am-1:00pm. CB8 residents are asked to put out their trash at 4:30pm the afternoon before their regular pick up.
- There will be delays to service pick ups due to disinfecting of trucks.
- Alternate side parking rules will be in effect for one week from May 18 - May 24.
- 8.3% cut to our budget and other service cut backs in addition to a 3.5% immediate cut back in services. The Executive Budget proposes a \$5.2 billion dollars in cutbacks.
- Environmental programs no longer being funded: organic waste/pick up through 2021, NYC compost project no longer in the budget, Community Based composting eliminated, drop-off for flammable and household

waste, e-waste pick up discontinued.

- E&S Committee is submitting testimony to the City Council's Waste Management & Sanitation committee hearing on Thursday 5/28.
- The E&S committee is watching for legislation from the City Council which makes organic recycling mandatory.
- C. Moerdler commented that the State had a budget deficit before the coronavirus. The governor needs approximately \$50B to balance the budget. There will be many budget cuts going forward bare in mind that if it gets to a point where the city cannot make due, we will see layoffs which precipitated a disaster for the city in the past and will precipitate one again.

F. **HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES** - O. Murray

- Thanked all the essential workers and elected officials for all the work they are doing.
- Dr. Fauci issued a testimony on the Senate committee on Health and he spoke clearly and strongly about states rushing to reopen and how we can see an increase in infection rates as a result.
- Thanked the 50th precinct for handing out as much Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) as they can.
- The HHSS discussed and approved 5 budget items at the last committee meeting on April 27th. Three (3) of the items are for PPE for future outbreaks and the other (2) are related to funding for reduced Domestic Violence within CB8.
- The next HHSS meeting is scheduled for May 13, a Montefiore Medical Center Infection department expert will speak on the Corona virus.

G. **HOUSING** - D. Jackson

- The Housing committee did not meet in April but they will meet on May 26th at 5:00pm, note change in normal meeting time.

H. **LAND USE** - C. Moerdler

- The committee met May 4 on via Zoom and we will meet again on June 1st.
- C. Moerdler spoke about Webb Avenue in the Kingsbridge area. Webb Avenue has some of the most beautiful decorative buildings that should be preserved. We are seeing the beginning of incursion by developers there. It is the responsibility of the Community Board to help preserve that area as best we can.
- Webb Avenue committee has met about 4 times and we are moving towards making the area a historic district.
- Delafield Estates, at the last meeting we made clear to developer and all parties that either they come to terms or he will make a motion to stop any curb cuts. The right answer is for them to reach an agreement under which they protect the sanitary facilities. The vote will take place at



the June 1st meeting.

- Terrace View - there has been interest in developing property there on a property that is 45 degree or more incline. There is no flat space and construction equipment will require street closures which will affect residents.
- We are watching Waldo Avenue and Palisades Avenue and we are trying to deal with the Buildings department and zoning challenges from objectors of the Palisades Avenue project.
- M. Della asked about historic preservation in the Kingsbridge area and asked who is C. Moerdler working with to mitigate gentrification in that process. C. Moerdler responded that this is the beginning of a tear down development and a replacement of a single family home by 12 units.
- We are working with people in the community including L. Spaulter, S. Villaverde, R. Ginty, Assemblyman Dinowitz, and Councilman Cabrera.

I. **LAW, RULES & ETHICS** - M. Wolpoff

- No report

J. **PARKS & RECREATION** - B. Bender

- The committee did not meet in April. The next Parks Committee meeting is on May 27th.
- All Parks project in CB8 that are in early stages are currently suspended.
- Anything where construction is in progress will continue however future projects are paused.
- Cutbacks in maintenance and operations is concerning.
- B. Bender presented a resolution written after Executive committee meeting issuing a thank you to essential workers. B. Bender made a motion to amend the agenda in order for the resolution to be discussed. L. Spalter seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION:

Bronx Community Board 8 passed the following resolution by a vote of **38** in favor, **0** opposed and **0** abstentions:

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that Bronx Community Board 8 recognizes all of our front-line and essential workers for their contributions to our community during the coronavirus pandemic. We thank first responders such as doctors, nurses, EMTs, and other health-care workers; police officers; and firefighters. We also thank volunteers such as CERT participants and essential workers such as transit, sanitation, parks, postal service, and store clerks in such businesses as grocery stores and pharmacies for their service to our community.

**VOTE: In favor: 38, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0**

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

**K. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - M. Donatto**

- No resolutions. Please refer to minutes from April 21 meeting
- Next meeting will be May 19

**L. TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION - D. Padernacht**

- Two resolutions to consider: 1. Veteran's Radio Dispatch Corp. 2. Riverdale Y Farmer's Market - May 24 - Nov 22 (23 weeks) Fieldston Road W. 236th & W. 238th Street.

**RESOLUTION:**

Bronx Community Board 8 passed the following resolution by a vote of **38** in favor, **0** opposed and **0** abstentions:

**Therefore, Be it resolved,** that Bronx Community Board 8 has no objection to the application by the Veteran's Radio Dispatch Corp. to renew it's livery based license for it's base station located at 131 W. Kingsbridge Road.

**VOTE: In favor: 38, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0**

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

D. Padernacht proceeded to discuss the Riverdale Y's Farmer's Market SAPO application and noted that the committee seeks to approve the application under the following (2) conditions:

1. The Permit shall be limited to only four (4) Sundays to operate the Farmer's Market on the dates of September 13, 2020, September 27, 2020, October 18, 2020 and October 25, 2020 so that the Applicant and community can gauge the appropriateness of this location for a Farmer's Market.
2. The Applicant shall follow all guidelines provided by the NYC Department of Health with respect to safety measures implemented with the COVID-19 pandemic.

- C. Tepelus expressed concern about the condition to grant permission to operate for four (4) weeks as opposed to the twenty-three (23) originally requested in the application.
- D. Padernacht responded to C. Tepelus stating that one of the biggest concerns is that for 23 weeks to have the market open from 8am to 5pm underneath the windows of several hundred residents who may or may not have received notice about the market. The Riverdale Y is still seeking other locations that would not require SAPO approval.
- C. Moerdler recommended some language in the amendment which uses the words “pilot program” for clarity.
- R. Lowe expressed concerned about where all vendors, cars would fit as the location is a narrow street. D. Padernacht responded that no parking would be removed and that the north end of the triangle would be used along with the west side of Fieldston Road.
- L. Spalter agreed that the location is limited in size and agrees that a pilot program is a good compromise as a trial.
- S. Villaverde added that the board is generally supportive of the concept and wants the Farmer’s market to succeed. He raised the question about whether or not the Riverdale Y would have to go through the process again once the pilot period ends.
- M. Della asked if the permit is restricted to the (4) weeks are we jeopardizing the success of the Farmer’s market by shortening the length of time that was requested? D. Padernacht responded that the Riverdale Y will continue operating for the remaining time at alternate locations. The pilot program is designed to test the community’s response to the Farmer’s market.

**RESOLUTION:**

Bronx Community Board 8 passed the following resolution by a vote of **38** in favor, **0** opposed and **0** abstentions:

**WHEREAS**, the Riverdale YM-YWHA has applied to the NYC Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) to operate a Farmer’s Market EACH SUNDAY from May 24, 2020 THROUGH November 22, 2020 from 8:00am to 3:00pm on Fieldston Road between West 236th Street and West 238th Street;

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant seeks a permit to operate the Farmer’s Market for a period of Twenty-Three (23) Weeks at this location;

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant requests a partial sidewalk closure on the west side of the street in front of stores on Fieldston Road between West 236th Street and West 238th Street extending from the corner of West 236th Street to the first dri-

veway including OPEX Riverdale, Nails on Riverdale and Kenshikai and the closure of the north end of the triangle at the intersection of West 236th Street and Riverdale Avenue;

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee expressed its sentiments that the Riverdale Y Farmer's Market has been a valuable resource to the community at its previous location at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy on Independence Avenue;

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee expressed concerns about the affects the street closure may have on neighboring residents and businesses in the area including noise, loss of parking, traffic congestion and revenue loss for businesses for such an extended period of time;

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee, desirous of providing additional notice to residents and businesses and a means for those stakeholders to express their position on the application, will ask the Board office to further notice to the apartment buildings on that street;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Traffic & Transportation of Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the SAPO Application by the Riverdale Y Farmer's Market subject to the following conditions: 1. The Permit shall be limited to only four (4) Sundays to operate the Farmer's Market on the dates of September 13, 2020, September 27, 2020, October 18, 2020 and October 25, 2020 so that the Applicant and community can gauge the appropriateness of this location for a Farmer's Market; 2. The Applicant shall follow all guidelines provided by the NYC Department of Health with respect to safety measures implemented with the COVID-19 pandemic.

**VOTE: In favor: 38, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0**

**IN FAVOR:** S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Garcia, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Gluck, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, D. Jackson, M. Joyce, D. Lev-erett, L. Lopez, R. Lowe, C. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, R. Zavras

- The next Traffic & Transportation meeting will be May 21, DOT has a proposal regarding Dickinson, Sedgwick, and Goulden Avenue safety improvements.

M. **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY** - B. Bender

- The committee met last week and the minutes have circulated.
- There are many obstacles but there has been some progress over the last year and is optimistic that eventually we will get there.
- L. Spalter stated that the feasibility study for the Metro North station is available on the website.

N. **YOUTH COMMITTEE** - J. Gomez

- Next meeting will be May 18. Discussion on what the youth will do this summer with all of the programming cuts including SYEP.

13. Discussion of Executive Committee meeting minutes of May 6, 2020.

14. Approval of the Board meeting minutes of April 22, 2020.

- L. Daub presented two amendments/corrections to be made:
  1. On page 4, it was omitted that "R. Fanuzzi nominates S. Alexander for the nominating committee and Ms. Alexander accepts the nomination".
  2. On page 14, C. Tepelus suggested additional language to clarify her statement. The first part is amended to say that "C. Tepelus addresses communication and service to the community and asks the Board office increase its presence on social media to transmit information to the public specifically linking with existing local Facebook groups. Ms. Tepelus states the need for material on the website to be updated regularly particularly the "News" section". The rest of that paragraph remains the same.

Board minutes of April 22, 2020 were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Submitted by Tania Ochoteco, Community Coordinator  
Reviewed by Lisa Daub, Secretary