

To: Bronx Community Board 8
From: Daris B. Jackson, Esq., Chair, CB8 Housing Committee
Date: October 1, 2020
Re: Minutes of the September 3, 2020 meeting.

Contained herein are the minutes for the September meeting of the Bronx Community Board 8 Housing Committee. The following memorandum was prepared by Daris B. Jackson, Chair, CB8 Housing Committee.

Meeting called to order: 6:36 PM by Committee Chair Daris B. Jackson - via Zoom.

Committee members present: D. Jackson, J. Reyes, J. Townes, M. Della.

Committee members not present: T. Pardo,

CB-8 members present: L. Spalter, N. Fazio, D. Gellman, E. Green.

Guests: T. Borrero, C. Carrion, A. Allert, D. Beller

Meeting began with an introduction of the committee and guests.

1) Agenda

1. Approval of the May 2019 minutes:

- **No opposition.** Approved unanimously.

2) Noting Agenda items would be called out of order, Guest David Beller was recognized.

1. Mr. Beller, Field supervisor for 2020 Census. Provided an overview of the efforts to collect accurate census data within CB8
2. Mr. Beller informed of the process used by the census enumerators, and spoke on efforts to maintain social distance and best health practices during the collection process.
3. Mr. Beller described the process of census collection, from self response to non-responsive follow-up. CB8 is on average 2/3 compliant, with a noted lack of response in tract 337 – Riverdale Avenue/Fieldston Road.
 - Discussion followed – Floor was open to questions for Mr. Beller. Committee members J. Townes and J. Reyes and Board member guest E. Green made suggestions for greater compliance from buildings with senior residents, assisted living facilities, and facilities with door staff.

3) Guest Adina Allert R.N. Recognized for discussion on Covid-19 Safety in apartment building common areas.

1. Adina Allert R.N. is a critical care nurse for NYU Langone Medical Center, specializing in infectious diseases. She presented the current CDC guidance on COVID-19 safety in common areas of apartment buildings – mail areas, laundry and trash areas, elevators, and hallways .
2. Nurse Allert provided an overview of the proper way to wear masks and face coverings, and why they are important to be worn in common areas. She provided instruction on proper hand hygiene, and tools that can be used to assist children in learning the importance of social distancing and proper hand hygiene.
3. Nurse Allert lastly spoke about the increasing number of false results on COVID-19 tests.
 - Discussion was opened for questions and answers between committee members, guests and Nurse Allert.
 - M. Della points out that there is currently a 30% false positive rate on COVID-19 tests.

4) Old Business

- Gas restored to Ft. Independence
- M.Della – Interest in community gardens – possible collaboration with KHCC

5) New Business

- Introduction of E. Green and N. Fazio – new chairs of Public Safety and Economic Development Committees, respectively.
- Discussion held on overlap and joint efforts between Housing and Public Safety Committees.
- Discussion on Vice Chair, minute responsibilities at meetings, and encouragement of committee members to attend executive committee meetings.
- Message of thanks and appreciation from Board Chair Spalter.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.