

Pending Committee Approval Bronx
Community Board #8 Minutes of the Land
Use Committee Meeting Held on June 3rd,
2019 at P.S. 81

GUESTS:	AFFILIATION:
Councilman Andrew Cohen	Office of Councilman Andrew Cohen
Tuton Horstman	Department of City Planning

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. A quorum was not met.

Board chairwoman Ginty and Mr. Fanuzzi led a discussion of the Final Report of the Special Natural Area District Working Group.

Tuton Horstman of the Department of City Planning presented on the proposed changes to the Special Natural Area District law. Please contact the board office for further information.

In accordance with Section 4.040 of the Uniform Land Use Review Procedures and Article VII, Section 4 of the board's by-laws, all those wishing to make a public comment are entitled to do so. Speakers presented in the order of those in favor of the recommendations made by the Department of City Planning, those opposed, and those with no position but who wished to make a public comment. Comments were limited to three minutes per speaker.

Those In Favor

No persons elected to speak during this time

Those Opposed

1. Attorney General Oliver Koppel spoke regarding the detrimental effects of the removal of local involvement on smaller projects.
2. Mr. Martin Zelneck, an architect and member of the SNAD working group, spoke regarding the uniform treatment of all sites regardless of their acreage or location in a historic district.
3. Ms. Sharia Paulson, former Chairwoman of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, spoke regarding the detrimental effects of the expansion of changes by right for sites under one acre.
4. Jennifer Klein, the leader of the Riverdale Community Coalition, spoke regarding the need to divide the SNAD review process between sites in the Bronx and Staten Island and solicit greater community input.

5. Steven Nelson, the Vice-President of the Fieldston Property Owners Association, spoke against the expansion of changes by right for sites under one acre
6. XXXX spoke regarding the expansion of by of right changes for certain sites over 10,000 square feet.
6. Ann Schuman spoke regarding the detrimental effects of removing community control for sites under one acre.
7. Stephanie Coggins spoke regarding the failure of the Department of Buildings to adequately respond to community concerns and thus the detrimental effects of expanding their authority.
8. Jonathan Sheppin spoke regarding his personal experience with the SNAD and landmark review process and elements of the proposal he deemed onerous.
9. Thomas Bird spoke regarding the expansion of the Department of Buildings' authority in light of their previous record in the community.
10. Meryl Nadel spoke on behalf of the Riverdale Nature Perservancy concerning the expansion of by-right changes
11. Steve Goldberg spoke regarding the need to retain community oversight.
12. Alexander Alexandrov spoke regarding incompetence in the Department of Buildings.

Those with No Stated Position

No persons elected to speak during this time

Councilman Andrew Cohen spoke regarding the proposal.

Land Use Chairman Moerdler spoke regarding the inability of the Department of Buildings to adequately handle the responsibility appropriated to them under the proposal by the Department of City Planning.

The resolution was then introduced and opened for public comment to first board members and then the community writ large.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Minutes submitted by Carlos Wilcox