

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 11, 2013
RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4765 HENRY HUDSON PARKWAY WEST**

PRESENT: S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

ABSENT: D. Kirksey-Floyd, T. Lim, C. G. Moerdler, P. Reyes

STAFF: N. Stent – District Manager
D. Bay – Community Associate
P. Manning – Community Associate

GUESTS: M. Blaustein – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein
J. DeSio – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.
D. Johnson – rep. Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
D. Ojeda-Tiru – rep. Congressman Elliott Engel
A. Sandler – rep. Councilman G. Oliver Koppell
Deputy Inspector K. Burke, NYPD, 50th Precinct
L. Acevedo – NYPL Jerome Park Branch
M. Arnstein – Save Putnam Trail
S. Baglio
J. Barbardi – Save Putnam Trail
J. Block
I. Braun – Save Putnam Trail
D. Burton – Department of Parks & Recreation
T. Burrows
P. Byrne
J. Chang
S. Corber
T. Creany - Save Putnam Trail
D. Dolan
M. Dowdy
D. Elzenbeck – Concerned Citizens
M. Eremeyev
D. Gellman
M. Gonzalez-Buitrago – NYPL, Kingsbridge Branch
A. Gore
J. Gran
E. John
B. Kacen
E. Kastel – Save Putnam Trail
J. Kisslinger
P. Kozakie
P. Kozakieman
J. Kristofik – Save Putnam Trail
P. LeStrange

E. Maldonado
C. Noel – Department of Parks & Recreation
C. O'Brien
M. Peron – Department of Parks & Recreation
S. Pollack - Save Putnam Trail
D. Ranell – Bronx TA
F. Ruben - KRVC
D. Schubert
H. Schubert
L. Scoones – NYC Department of Parks
E. A. Seiff
T. Shelton – KRVC
G. Smith
C. Stanton
E. Stewart
B. Trick
R. Trick
M. Turov
K. Valyi – Riverdale Historic District
B. Veraz - VCTC
N. Weisman – NYBC
E. Weintraub – Save Putnam Trail
K. Weintraub – Save Putnam Trail
T. Wenskus – NYC Parks
C. Wood
J. Young

1. Gallery Session

- A. Sarah Baglio spoke in opposition of paving the Putnam Trail. She presented on the advantages of the use of stone dust which she prefers for the Trail. She asked that the Board vote no on paving the last 1 ½ mile of the Putnam Trail.
- B. Philip LeStrange provided information on the history of the trail, starting with the train line that originally formed the trail. He informed about his involvement with the excavating of the site and the unearthing of the train platform and other relics buried at the trail site.
- C. Margarita Eremeyev advised that she is an engineer and that she reviewed the budget for the design of the Putnam Trail and has determined that the stone dust design would make more sense for preserving nature.
- D. Neil Weissman discussed the uniqueness of the 48 mile Putnam Trail which is the only single trail of its kind in the tri-State area. He stated his approval for paving of the trail. Additionally, he issued an invite to all for a personal tour of the entire trail.
- E. David Gellman presented pictures showing the difficulty for wheelchairs on the trail in its present form. He also informed about a letter sent by him to Mayor Bloomberg related to the trail.

2. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2013

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Discussion of Executive Committee Minutes of June 5, 2013

- M. Khury referred to the Public Safety report. She advised that the Noise Compliance Workshop was also discussed and that the Department of Environmental Protection held a Workshop in 2012 at the request of the committee.
- S. Alexander made a correction under the Education report. She noted the omission of participation of Marble Hill School for International Studies with the Education Community Forum.

The minutes were accepted as corrected.

4. Chairman Fanuzzi invited Deputy Inspector Kevin Burke to address the Board.

Deputy Inspector Burke reported that two arrests were made in the death of the three year old child which occurred May 20, 2013. The child's mother and live-in boyfriend were charged with homicide. A rash of home burglaries has been occurring along the 3300 block of Netherland Avenue since May 22, 2013 through June 4, 2013. The burglar has been gaining entrance from the fire escape through unlocked windows. Finger prints were collected and are being checked for identification. The 50th Precinct conducted an operation for underage sale of alcohol on May 21, 2013. Eleven locations were visited. The Precinct also carried out a search warrant in an apartment at 3419 Irwin Avenue stemming from community complaints. Cocaine and cash were found in the apartment and one arrest was made; The 50th Precinct now has a license plate reader and it has already paid off with uncovering vehicles.

5. Report from the Office of the Bronx Borough President – J. DeSio

- Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. has made reappointments and appointed new members to the Community Board. The Borough President welcomes the new members and thanks the returning members for their years of service to the Community Board. He looks forward to working with the members on the many important issues affecting communities.
- NYC Economic Development Corporation and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. participated with the groundbreaking for the Broadway Plaza development at West 230th Street and Broadway. The developer, Equity One plans to invest about \$54 million to construct the two-story, multi-tenant retail development and approximately 130 covered parking spaces at the site. The project is expected to create over 250 new full and part-time jobs and 500 construction jobs. Opening slated for fall 2014. No tenants yet.
- The lawsuit in opposition of FreshDirect impending move to the Harlem River Yards has been dismissed.
- Upcoming Events – Caribbean Heritage Month Celebration, Thursday, June 27, 2013, at 6pm, at Veterans Memorial Hall in the Bronx County Building. RSVP to 718-590-3522 or Iroldan@bronxbp.nyc.gov

6. Chairman's Report

- Chairman extended the Board's gratitude to Riverdale Presbyterian Church for hosting the Board meeting.
- Chairman Fanuzzi discussed the groundbreaking for the Broadway Plaza and noted that there was representation of the Board at the occasion.
- Chairman thanked the members of Community Board 8 for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice throughout the year. He further thanked District Manager Nicole Stent for her hard work, along with staff members Diane Bay and Patricia Manning.
- Chairman welcomed the following new Board members and invited each to introduce themselves:

- **Lisa Daub** is a longtime resident of Riverdale and favors issues dealing with aging, and had been attending meetings of the Aging committee regularly.
 - **Margaret Donato** resides in the Kingsbridge neighborhood and she is an active volunteer and activist at the Urban Family Empowerment Center in Kingsbridge Heights.
 - **Anthony Fella** is active in the community and is looking forward to serving.
 - **James Rather** is a former urban planner in Westchester and is looking forward to utilizing his skills with land use.
 - **Gary Singleton** graduated from Lehman College, has always been civic minded and he is ready to put his best effort forward to serve.
 - **Mercedes Zegarra-Soja** graduated from Baruch College and she is a full-time domestic engineer.
- Chairman advised about the rules and responsibility for Board members contained in the Board's Bylaws, Article III, Sec. 3 and Sec 4 with respect to committee membership. The list for Committees sign-up for 2013-2014 would be circulated to members for selection of a minimum of two committees.
 - As Chair of the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee CFMC, Chairman Fanuzzi provided the following updates: local complaints concerning the Jerome Park reservoir and cleanliness were referred to S. Marquez, Chair of the Environment & Sanitation Committee. New construction underway of the jogging path along Sedgwick Avenue is now in Phase One. This project will be monitored by B. Bender, Chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee. A walk-through covering the filtration plant project will be arranged over the summer along with the elected officials who are members of the CFMC.
7. Chairman Fanuzzi made a motion to add a resolution to the Agenda to fund the amount of \$2,000 to a consultant, GrowNYC, to consult with the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center to create a youth run farmers market. The motion was seconded.

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, GrowNYC is Mayoral Office non-profit corporation whose mission is to promote community solutions to environmental and health challenges and which administers the Youth Market program;

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board No. 8 (Board 8) has created and supported GrowNYC Youth Markets in Marble Hill and Kingsbridge Heights;

WHEREAS, the sponsoring community organization for the GrowNYC Youth Market in Kingsbridge Heights is the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center;

WHEREAS, Board 8 has a continuing interest in supporting the Youth Market program, which trains youth in small-business skills and which is designed to bring healthy, farm fresh, locally grown produce to low-income communities and communities who need it most, which are disproportionately affected by diet-related health issues like obesity, diabetes, and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, The Kingsbridge Heights Community Center's mission is to build on the strengths of residents in a diverse community, enabling them to effect change and improve the quality and health of their own lives and those of their families and their community – and in pursuit of this mission, wishes to create a Youth Market in the summer of 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that

1. Bronx Community Board No. 8 will engage GrowNYC as an independent contractor to provide necessary technical training and support to The Kingsbridge Heights Community Center in establishing a Youth Market in the summer of 2013;
2. Bronx Community Board No. 8 will pay GrowNYC in this consultant capacity the amount of \$2000 before the end of fiscal year 2013.

Vote: 45 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

Abstention –

R. Ginty

8. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

Report was distributed.

S. Alexander noted a discrepancy with the encumbered amount and uncommitted balance and asked for clarification. P. Friedman advised that he would review and respond.

9. District Manager's Report

- 1) N. Stent welcomed the new Board members. She informed of the Board's website where members can check for a wealth of helpful information and resources for members and the Board's overall constituency. She further advised that the Board is on facebook.
- 2) She added that the Borough President will hold a training for new Board members in July. The date will be announced.
- 3) N. Stent advised that the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC) application for a city play street was under review by the Departments of Transportation and Health & Mental Health. N. Stent has been working with KHCC and the 50th precinct to coordinate an auxiliary assignment for the street to keep current location on Kingsbridge Terrace. In addition, she worked with Bon Secours, KHCC on a special projects grant from the William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation, which will be decided this week. The grant will support the KHCC play street that was approved by the Board in March.
- 4) The KHCC Teen Green youth market will open on Friday, July 12, 2013. The Marble Hill Youthmarket will open for its sixth successful summer on Thursday, July 11th. N. Stent has been working with Bon Secour on the market and plans will include health screenings, cooking demonstrations, delivery to homebound seniors and much more.
- 5) In the district service cabinet held yesterday, there were several important updates on city projects in our area:

- **Parks Tree Pit projects** – Department of Parks has permits for capital construction and a timeline for plans, unbeknownst to board office, Parks Committee and thanks to D. Padernacht's intervention, N. Stent asked for a list of sites. It will be provided to Parks this month for a June committee review.
 - **Corlear Water Main** – the project has commenced with street paving work. Completed West 238th to 240th Streets with a return of the cobblestones. There will be concrete work from 238th to 230th Streets.
 - **Bailey Place Retaining Wall** - There has been a change order due to a house foundation that needs to be shored up before work can re-start. Final design is in place. Then water main work will start and lastly will be the Green Street. Street is open with one lane and no parking. It is approximately 60% complete.
 - **Bailey Avenue Water Main** (West 234th Street and across to the Major Deegan with a portion on Ft Independence) will start after the retaining wall is completed and possibly on or around November 2013. Water main will be completed before the winter. There will be street closures and water turn offs with prior notice. Water shut offs (24 hour notice) will affect Bailey Avenue and Ft. Independence Street, but not NYCHA houses.
 - **QED 1012** - Various water main locations along Riverdale Avenue, Greystone Avenue, Waldo Avenue. Currently on Greystone Avenue and West 240th Street there is beginning on water main while the Fieldston School is out for a 2 week session. There will be water shut offs with 24 notice and partial restoration to streets in the trench area.
 - **Palisades Retaining Wall**– the wall, fencing, planting and guard rails are complete. Traffic pattern is back to normal.
- 6) The Board office for the third year will be an official drop-off location for Volunteers of America Operation Backpack 2013. *Operation Backpack* helps provide new backpacks filled with grade-specific school supplies to children who are homeless throughout New York City. Backpacks can be delivered to the Board office starting July 15 through July 31st. Supply lists are available on the Volunteers of America Operation Backpack website. For more information visit OperationBackpackNYC.org. An information announcement will be sent to the board by the end of June.
- 7) N. Stent reached out again this year to coordinate to the Wave Hill Summer Collaborative Internship program asking for interns to volunteer work at Endor garden over the summer. The garden is a community garden and 911 Memorial site not under Parks Department jurisdiction. She also reached out to the Riverdale School middle school dean and student council; they agreed to take care of the garden. This year L. Spalter has become very involved and she coordinated community clean ups with Riverdale School, SAR and Boy Scouts. This will slow down with school out this summer but the Wave Hill interns will keep the weeds at bay.

10. Report of the Nominating Committee

Chairman Fanuzzi thanked the members of the Nominating Committee: M. Wolpoff, who served as Chair, M. Heller, D. Lennon, P. Mullen, and I. W. Stone.

Chairman Fanuzzi presented the following slate of nominations, with the exception of the Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee Chair:

OFFICERS:

Chairman	Robert Fanuzzi
Vice Chair	Maria Khury
Secretary	Joyce Pilsner
Treasurer	Philip Friedman

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Aging	Andrew Cohen
Budget	Brendan Contant
Economic Development	Sergio Villaverde
Education	Sylvia Alexander
Environment & Sanitation	Sergio Marquez
Health, Hospitals & Social Services	Steven Froot
Housing	Steven Balicer
Land Use	Charles G. Moerdler
Law, Rules & Ethics	Rosemary Ginty
Parks & Recreation	Robert Bender
Public Safety	Arlene Garbett Feldmeier
Traffic & Transportation	Daniel Padernacht
Youth	Lamont Parker

Chairman Fanuzzi called for a vote on the slate as presented.

Vote: 46 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

Chairman congratulated the Officers and Committee Chairs on their election.

M. Wolpoff thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their work, and the Board for participating. He discussed the nominating process, timeline and nominating challenges presented when membership re-appointments are not received in advance of meeting the requirement of the Bylaws which states that the Nominating slate must be sent to the Board members two weeks before the June Board meeting.

Chairman opened the floor for nominations for the Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee Chair. This position was open because the committee chair nominated by the nominating committee, Robert Abbott, was not reappointed to the Community Board.

I. Ladimer first offered a tribute to R. Abbott for his great leadership and long tenure as Committee Chair of the Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee. I. Ladimer nominated M. Goodman for Committee Chair of the Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee. M. Goodman accepted the nomination. A motion to close the nominations was made. The motion was seconded.

Chairman asked for a vote on the nomination.

Vote: 46 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub,

M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

M. Goodman vowed to work hard to mitigate reduction of Library funding and carry on the work of his predecessor with schools.

11. Committee Reports

A. Housing – S. Balicer

No report.

B. Land Use – M. Wolpoff, Vice Committee Chair

1. The Committee met on June 10, 2013. There was no quorum for motions.
2. The Hebrew Home proposal for 5801 Palisade Avenue will be put back on the agenda in September.
3. M. Wolpoff made a motion to add a resolution to the Board agenda for renewal of the annual motion to permit Land Use meetings over the summer if necessary.
4. Vote: 46 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

5. The following resolution was presented:

RESOLVED, Community Board No. 8 Bronx authorizes the Land Use Committee to act for Board in the event matters that are time sensitive come before the Board during summer recess.

6. Vote: 45 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

Abstention –

S. Villaverde

7. M. Wolpoff made a motion to add a resolution to the Board agenda regarding 3120 Corlear Avenue Board of Standards and Appeals application.

Vote: 46 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

8. The following resolution was presented:

RESOLVED, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves with conditions Board of Standards & Appeals Calendar No. 95-13-BZ regarding Technical International Charter School, 3120 Corlear Avenue, application to permit the enlargement of the existing use group 3 school at the second floor, which is now put to use for non-required accessory off street parking. The conditions are that the owner agrees that the second floor would revert to its current use or any other use permitted in the zoning district if and when the current leasee vacates the premises.

Vote: 37 in favor, 3 opposed, 5 abstentions, and 1 abstention for cause

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, S. Catechis, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

Opposed –

R. Ginty, R. Press, A. A. Spett

Abstentions –

B. Bender, A. Cohen, D. Padernacht, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone

Abstention for Cause –

M. Khury

9. M. Wolpoff made a motion to add a resolution to the Board agenda regarding Chapel Farm Estates, Inc. Board of Standards and Appeals application.

Vote: 46 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

10. The following resolution was presented:

RESOLVED, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves Board of Standards and Appeals Calendar No. 111-13-BZY through 111-19-BZY – Chapel Farm Estates, Inc., Building Permit Renewal application to renew previously-issued building permits in order to complete construction of the Premises.

Vote: 43 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Fella, B. Fettman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

Abstentions –

P. Friedman, A. G. Feldmeier, X. Sanchez

11. M. Wolpoff made a motion to add a resolution to the Board agenda regarding 5241 Independence Avenue Board of Standards and Appeals application.

Vote: 46 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

12. The following resolution was presented:

RESOLVED, Community Board No. 8 Bronx **reaffirms** its **DISAPPROVAL** of Board of Standards and Appeals Application No. 259-12-BZ, 5241 Independence Avenue - Under Zoning Resolution Section 72-21 to permit the construction of a proposed one-family dwelling on a zoning lot that does not have the minimum required lot width required by Zoning Resolution Section 23-32.

Vote: 45 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

Abstention –

A. Moore

13. M. Wolpoff made a motion to add a resolution to the Board agenda regarding College of Mount Saint Vincent, Athletic Field Department of City Planning application.

Vote: 46 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

14. The following resolution was presented:

RESOLVED, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves Department of City Planning Application No. N130241ZAX - College of Mount Saint Vincent, Athletic Field, for the grant of authorizations involving development, enlargement, or site alteration on a portion of a zoning lot having a steep slope or steep slope buffer and modification of botanic environment and tree preservation and planting requirements to allow construction of a collegiate athletic field on property located at 1000 West 261st Street within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2).

Vote: 45 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot,

M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

Abstention –

A. A. Spett

C. Law, Rules and Ethics – R. Ginty

No report.

D. Parks and Recreation – B. Bender

1. It's My Parks Day at Ewen Park held on May 18, 2013 was very successful.
2. Four New Jersey Elected officials have joined the opposition to the LG tower design. Mediation is ongoing.
3. Riverdale Riverfest will be held on June 30, 2013. Volunteers are still needed.
4. The New York Philharmonic summer concert will be held in Van Cortlandt Park on July 16th.
5. A presentation of the Draft Final Report on Hudson River Greenway was made at the May meeting.
6. The Committee held a lengthy discussion on the Putnam Trail that lasted one and a half hours. A resolution put forth for paving the trail was not supported. Discussion ensued concerning the use of stone dust. B. Bender advised that the design has not moved forward, that it is still under review and he will stay in communication with the Department of Parks and Recreation. Any response will be discussed in Committee. B. Bender does not expect developments on the project over the summer.
7. The Committee will hold its next meeting on June 26, 2013. There will be a presentation by a representative of New Yorkers for Parks for the proposal for funding and operation of parks; and by the curator of the Van Cortlandt House Museum, regarding the planned restoration of the dining room.
8. B. Bender welcomed the new Board members and invited them to consider joining the Parks and Recreation Committee.
9. B. Bender paid tribute to R. Abbott. He acknowledged his great contributions to the Community Board, and stated that he will be sorely missed.

E. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

1. A summer field trip is being planned. The committee is considering visiting the NYC Police Museum or a boat ride on a Police boat.
2. A. G. Feldmeier explained that neighbors of the Riverdale Gardens are complaining about noise from the establishment. Riverdale Gardens application for their liquor license renewal was reviewed by the Committee. By way of addressing the noise concerns the Committee reached an agreement with the owners contained in the following resolution, which she presented to the Board:

WHEREAS, Riverdale Garden Restaurant & Lounge has been the site of numerous neighborhood and Police complaints of noise, disorderly conduct and underage patrons,

BUT WHEREAS, the managers agreed, in a signed, notarized statement, to comply with the following conditions:

1. stop outdoor music
2. play music from a juke box and not a D.J.
3. obtain and consistently use an I.D. scanner
4. lower the volume of all music played in your establishment to levels acceptable to your neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the establishment, which was redecorated and is co-owned by a trained Chef, has the potential to become a neighborhood asset,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8, with conditions, supports the liquor license renewal application from Riverdale Garden Restaurant & Lounge, 4576 Manhattan College Parkway.

S. Villaverde made a motion to amend the resolution to omit condition No. 2 in the resolution.

Discussion ensued. The question was called on the amendment. The following vote resulted.

Vote: 3 in favor, 41 opposed, and 2 abstentions

In Favor –

M. Donato, A. A. Spett, S. Villaverde

Opposed –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

Abstentions –

J. Pilsner, J. Reyes

A vote was taken on the Committee's resolution.

Vote: 40 in favor, 2 opposed, and 4 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra

Opposed –

D. Lennon, A. A. Spett

Abstentions –

S. Catechis, J. Pilsner, J. Reyes, S. Villaverde

3. A. G. Feldmeier presented the following resolution regarding Silhouette Restaurant liquor license renewal application:

WHEREAS, Silhouette Restaurant Lounge Corporation was the reported site of a neighborhood disturbance, but, according to the 50th Precinct, resolved prior problems, and

WHEREAS, although it maintains late hours, it is located in a shopping center next to elevated subway tracks and has no adjacent neighbors to disturb, and

WHEREAS, it upgraded its security system and elegantly renovated its property,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 supports the liquor license renewal application from Silhouette, 5668 Broadway.

Vote: 45 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

Opposed –

M. Heller

4. A. G. Feldmeier presented the following resolution regarding Siam Square liquor license renewal application:

WHEREAS, Siam Square is a Thai restaurant serving (and delivering) an innovative menu in a sleek, modern setting, and

WHEREAS, it enhanced our neighborhood with an excellent Zagat rating, and

WHEREAS, the owner cooperated with committee requests for information,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 supports the liquor license renewal application from Siam Square, 564 Kappock Street.

Vote: 46 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon,

S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

F. Traffic and Transportation – D. Padernacht

1. D. Padernacht presented the following resolution regarding Veterans Radio Dispatch TLC license

WHEREAS, the Veterans Radio Dispatch company came before the committee for a Letter of No Objection to the issuance of a livery base license which lasts for three years;

WHEREAS, Veterans Radio Dispatch is a company formed by the owners of Bailey Taxi, a company in operation in this Community Board for approximately 20 years,

WHEREAS, Veterans Radio Dispatch will be located in the same location as Bailey Taxi at 131 West Kingsbridge Road;

BE IT RESOVED that Bronx Community Board No. 8 issues a letter of No Objection to Veterans Radio Dispatch.

Vote: 46 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

2. D. Padernacht presented the following resolution regarding Alltown Limo Corp new TLC license:

WHEREAS, the Alltown Limo Corp. came before the committee for a Letter of No Objection to the issuance of a livery base license which lasts for three years; and

WHEREAS, Alltown Limo Corp. is a new company; and

WHEREAS, Alltown Limo Corp. will be located at 244 West 231st Street;

BE IT RESOVED that Bronx Community Board No. 8 issues a letter of No Objection to Alltown Limo Corp. upon the following conditions:

1. Alltown shall not line their cars up at the base station on West 231st Street.
2. Alltown shall not use metered spots for business purposes on West 231st Street.
3. A representative of Alltown will appear at the committee if asked.
4. That commercial parking is allowed in the Bailey Avenue garage being used by Alltown.

Vote: 45 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention

In favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

Abstention –

M. Donato

3. D. Padernact presented the following resolution regarding Hatzalah ambulance parking restrictions.

WHEREAS, the Hatzalah Volunteer Ambulance responds to approximately 850 emergency calls per year; and

WHEREAS, the emergency responders of Hatzalah Volunteer Ambulance receive special permit parking privileges for their vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Transportation recently changed the Parking regulations at the intersection of West 239th Street and Hudson Manor Terrace from No Parking to No Standing; and

WHEREAS, several emergency responders of Hatzalah Volunteer Ambulance park their vehicles in that area with special permit,

BE IT RESOVED that the NYC Department of Transportation revert the parking restrictions to the former No Parking restriction or provide the emergency responders of Hatzalah Volunteer Ambulance with a permit that allows the responders to park in such zone.

Discussion ensued. D. Padernacht verified that the Hatzalah Ambulance would pick-up community callers and provided the following number for use: 718-230-1000. He also answered a question about the reason for the placement of the more restrictive parking regulation.

Vote: 43 in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention

In favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

Opposed –

R. Fanuzzi, M. Heller

Abstention –

A. Moore

4. Discussed the various Department of Design and Construction (DDC), and Department of Environmental Protection projects active in locations throughout the district. He will ask DDC to come back to the Committee to provide more information on the Water Main project at West 238th Street, with regard to impact on merchants.
5. The Kappock Exit on the Henry Hudson Parkway northbound will be closed for construction starting June 12, 2013.
6. The issue concerning contractors "Permit" parking will be discussed in Committee. Recently, residents on Sedgwick Avenue were prohibited from parking due to contractor posting "unpermitted" No Parking signs.
7. The Committee will hold a special meeting on June 12, 2013 to discuss traffic issues in and around the area of Riverdale Crossing/BJ's Wholesale, on Broadway between West 236th and 238th Streets. The meeting will be held at the Methodist Home, at 7:30 PM.
8. D. Padernacht invited the new members to join the Committee.

G. Youth – L. Parker

1. The Poetry Slam with the community centers and Libraries was a great success. He thanked the Board office for their assistance. He listed the donors who supported the event and prize gifts received for the contestants.
2. The Committee's next meeting will be held on June 26, 2013, at the Board office, at 1:00 PM. He invited the new Board members to join the Committee.
3. The Committee will sponsor a Golf Event for Youth Day on July 24, 2013, at Van Cortlandt Golf Course. Forty youths were already signed up from Ft. Independence Community Center.

H. Aging – A. Cohen

1. Access-A-Ride presented at the May Committee meeting.
2. The resolution passed by the Board regarding Social Day Care was introduced in the City Council last week.

I. Budget – B. Contant

Committee chairs were reminded that the budget requests are due.

J. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

1. The official Groundbreaking of Equity One was June 10, 2013
2. Vice Chair Khury has taken the lead with developing a Resume Bank program. The draft was reviewed in Committee and is available to Board members at the Board office.
3. Will follow-up the impact of the water main project water shutdowns affecting merchants on West 238th Street.
4. Discussed deterrent to business closings.

K. Education – S. Alexander

1. There was no quorum at the May Committee meeting; and therefore a formal resolution could not be taken up for a Street Activity Permit.
2. S. Alexander made a motion to amend the Board's agenda to add a resolution for a Street Activity Permit for the Kinneret Day School.

Vote: 46 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, Kinneret Day School has applied for a street activity permit for Sukkot Festival event, and

WHEREAS, Kinneret Day School has applied to close the street at West 235 Street between Douglas Avenue and Independence Avenue, and

WHEREAS, the designated street will be closed from 11:00am to 6:00pm

WHEREAS, Kinneret Day School will publicize the event in the local newspapers to inform the community, and

WHEREAS, Kinneret Day School has held this event many times before with no difficulties reported,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 approve the street activity permit for the Kinneret Day School Sukkot Festival on October 6, 2013.

Vote: 46 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, S. A. Piscitelli, R. Pochter-Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

3. The Community Service Forum project event held on May 28, 2013 was very successful. Twenty one children from five schools presented their community service projects. The Committee is looking forward to repeating the event next year. S. Alexander thanked Chairman Fanuzzi and the members of the Committee for their input. She thanked the Kingsbridge Library for hosting the event.

L. Environment and Sanitation – S. Marquez

1. Refer to minutes.
2. The Committee will discuss budget priorities at the June 19, 2013 meeting being held at the Board office, at 7:00 PM.
3. S. Marquez invited new members to join the Committee.

M. Health, Hospitals and Social Services – S. Froot

1. The Committee will host an “Underage Drinking” forum in the fall.
2. Budget priorities will be addressed at the Committee meeting on June 17th, being held at Horace Mann School, at 7:30 PM.
3. Urged new members to join the Committee.

Meeting adjourned 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Manning
Community Associate

Reviewed by,

Joyce Pilsner
Secretary