

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 14, 2015, AT ST. PATRICK'S HOME
66 VAN CORTLANDT PARK SOUTH**

PRESENT: S. Alexander, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

ABSENT: L. Baez, M. Felix, M. Galvin, D. Lennon, A. Moore, J. M. Pilsner, D. Toledo

STAFF: D. Bay – Community Associate
P. Manning – Community Associate

GUESTS: J. Dinowitz, Assemblyman
A. Cohen, Councilman
M. Blaustein – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein
J. Demko – Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
T. Edwards – rep. Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez
D. Ojeda – rep. Congressman Eliot Engel
A. Sandler – Office of Councilman Andrew Sandler
J. Sporn – Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
E. Sullivan – rep. Public Advocate Letitia James
A. Toledo – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.
D. I. Rasa – NYPD, 50th Precinct
P.O. Cordero – NYPD, 50th Precinct
P.O. Ramos – NYPD, 50th Precinct
P. Phamphile – NYPL Van Cortlandt Branch
E. Bell
K. Bucchan – “Come Back Kid”
D. Diaz – Raine Lounge
A. Farciert
D. Gellman
M. Gernon
A. Gullon – Percent for Green, Columbia University
P. Moerdler
S. Pope – Bike New York
L. Rodriguez
R. Stainter – Fordham University
S. Valcarcel – Friends of Van Cortlandt Park

Chairman Padernacht called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

1. Gallery Session

- A. I. Ladimer, Member of Bronx Community Board 8, referred to the proposed revisions of the Bylaws and advised that their adoption would be included in the Ethical Guidance Manual. Similarly, he asked the Board to forward to the Board office any new suggestions that could also be added to the Manual. He announced that this year's Law Day on May 1st would be in celebration of the 800th year anniversary of the Magna Carter.
 - B. Elisha Grullon, advised that she has been working with Bronx residents toward the development for a "Percent for Green" bill, which is modeled after the Percent for Art bill passed by Mayor Koch in 1984. The bill would provide 1% City funded construction budgets to be earmarked for sustainable green initiatives, as with greenstreets, educational forums, solar energy, and more.
 - C. Sebastian Valcarcel, Intern, Friends of Van Cortlandt Park, (FVCP) advised he is working on a Harlem River BOA project that is focused on specific territories situated along the Harlem River that are "Brownfield Opportunity" areas. These territories are not owned or used by anyone and are in areas stretching from the mouth of the Harlem River at Spuyten Duyvil to Madison Avenue Bridge. He is attempting to conduct surveys of the nearby communities for suggestions for use of the land, based on the wants and needs of the communities. He urged participation. Survey cards were left on the table.
 - D. Ed Sullivan, representing Public Advocate Letitia James, discussed various legislation being promoted by the Public Advocate. Support of police body cameras, and support of stronger laws for conviction of women rapists are some of the issues she is involved with. Additionally, the Advocate is interested in gathering ideas from the public for advocacy consideration.
 - E. Sharon Pope, Community Outreach Manager, Bike New York, announced that free bike riding classes were being held in Van Cortlandt Park, for both children and adults. Additionally there are a number of other free classes including one related to summer camping. Flyers were left on the table.
 - F. Karen Pesce announced that Bronx Borough President Diaz, Jr. would be honoring Bronx Centenarians o May 7th at Villa Barone, and Board Member Irving Ladimer is one of the honorees. Tickets are being sold for \$30.00.
2. Chairman welcomed Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Councilman Andrew Cohen; Deputy Inspector Paul Rasa, NYPD 50th Precinct; P.O. Mindy Ramos, NYPD; Doris Ojeda, representing Congressman Eliot Engel; Ed Sullivan, representing Public Advocate Letitia James; Michael Blaustein, representing State Senator Jeffrey Klein; Justin Demko, and Jake Sporn, Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz; Andrew Sandler, Office of Councilman Cohen, Tony Edwards, representing Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez; Andy Toledo, representing Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.; and Peter Pamphile, Manager, Van Cortlandt Library.

3. Presentation of the Comeback Kid Certificate of Recognition by the Youth Committee

L. Parker announced Kiara Bucchan, recipient of the 2015 Comeback Kid and called upon her to come forward. L. Parker was joined by members of the Youth Committee, Chairman Padernacht, and Assemblyman Dinowitz, and Councilman Cohen in presenting Ms. Bucchan with the Comeback Kid Certificate of Recognition. Ms. Bucchan was nominated by Marble Hill Community Center. The accompanying narrative submitted by the Center read as follows:

“Ms. Kiara Bucchan is an active participant of the Marble Hill Teen Program. Growing up Kiara struggled to make her grades and became discouraged, which resulted in her dropping out of her high school Wings Academy. She did however, continue to do volunteer work in youth services as a teacher’s aide and support fundraising efforts. Kiara came across Marble Hill Community Center’s GED program and looked at it as an opportunity to continue/complete her education. With the help of Richard Stanton and the support of her fellow peers, Kiara will be taking her GED exam in June 2015.”

Ms. Bucchan was applauded all around for being a “*Comeback Kid*.” She expressed deep appreciation for the Recognition and vowed to continue working hard to achieve her educational goals.

4. Chairman invited Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz to address the Board.

Assemblyman Dinowitz reported that the State Budget for 2016 had passed and there is a large Education increase. The Education budget is \$1.6 Billion; He will hold a Town Hall discussion on Rent Laws meeting on April 15th, at Kingsbridge Library, at 7:15 PM; Mentioned that the budget includes new Metro-North Railroad Stations that will be added in Co-op City, Parkchester, and Morris Park. These new stations were strongly supported by Bronx Borough President Diaz, Jr. and Governor Cuomo.

5. Chairman invited Councilman Andrew Cohen to address the Board.

Councilman Cohen reported that voting on the Preparatory Budget is now going forward. He urged voting by all; The Scoping meeting for the construction of playground to be built in Van Cortlandt Park at the corner of Mosholu Avenue and Broadway will be held on April 21st, at Riverdale Neighborhood House, at 6:30 PM. This project received over \$1 Million funding last year; Council District 11 has an abysmal record with SCRIE participants. Will check on creating an OMBUDSMAN for getting the word out for SCRIE.

6. Chairman invited Deputy Inspector Paul Rasa to address the Board.

Deputy Inspector Rasa reported that crime at the 50th Precinct is down by 5% in the five top categories. There is a new crime trend in apartment laundry rooms with robbery of coins; He cautioned awareness of scams, involving green dot money cards; Car break-ins are prominent. He cautioned everyone to look car doors; The first shooting of the year occurred on March 28th at Club Raine, at 3:45 AM. Two males got into an argument on the dance

floor involving the girlfriend of one of them. One was shot in the stomach and is in serious condition. So far no one has been apprehended.

7. Report from the Office of the Bronx Borough President – A. Toledo
 - Board Member reappointment letters will be sent out starting the last week of April.
 - The Borough President's honoring of Bronx Centenarians event will be held on May 7th. Irving Ladimer is one of the honorees. Invitations were left on the table. Those planning to attend should RSVP as soon as possible.
 - Bronx Week will commence on May 7th through May 17th. Visit the website at ilovethebronx.com.

8. Chairman explained that due to some irregularities with the SAPO system, notification of the SAPO application for the Annual Israeli Day Parade was not received in a timely manner that in fact it had just come in earlier that day. Whereas the event is scheduled for April 23rd, and time constraints does not allow for individual committee review, Chairman made a motion to amend the Board Agenda to add a resolution for the application.

Vote: 34 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Chairman presented the following resolution:

RESOLVED, Community Board No. 8 approves the SAPO application for the Israeli Independence Day Parade. The event is scheduled for April 23rd and is to be held on Netherland Avenue between West 236th Street and the service road of the Henry Hudson Parkway which will be closed for the event. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. is a co-sponsor of the event. This event has been held in the past.

Vote: 34 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor -

S. Alexander, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

9. Chairman's Report

- 200 tickets were received from the NY Yankees for a game at the stadium on April 9th. Five tickets were available for each of the recipients of the NY Yankees Leadership Award, one each for the Board's Chairman, Vice Chair and Youth Committee Chair. The remainder of the tickets was issued to the list of diverse community groups. The Leadership Award winners were invited onto the field for the pre-game ceremony.
- It was learned that the Board's requests to Councilmembers Andrew Cohen, Ydanis Rodriguez, and Fernando Cabrera for discretionary funds allocations of \$2,000 from each, submitted through the city's online computer system was never received by the Councilmembers. Subsequently, after hearing from Councilmember Cabrera's office of the non-receipt, letters were then sent to the three Councilmembers offices. It was noted that the online entry had generated a receipt of confirmation. An investigation is being conducted as to why a confirmation of receipt was generated when the entry had actually failed.
- Chairman, Vice Chair Ginty, and the Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee Chair met with the new owner of Cannon Heights Rehabilitation and Care Center. The facility had been under receivership for a number of years, and had also undergone a work strike. The Center has received a grant for approximately \$28 Million to conduct interior renovations which will include increasing the size of bathrooms, and interior rooms. Beds will reduce from 400 to 385. As construction nears, the Center will meet with the Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee to discuss details of community impact.

10. Election of Nominating Committee

Chairman Padernacht read the following Rules of the Nominating Committee to the Board:

- Officers: A member of the nominating committee may not be nominated by the committee for a position of officer.*
- Committee Chairs: A member of the Nominating Committee under consideration for a committee chair shall recuse him/herself from discussion and vote for that position.*
- In the event of a tie vote in the Nominating Committee, both candidates shall be presented to the Board.*
- The Nominating Committee must complete its activities and present its slates at least two calendar weeks before the June meeting at which the election will take place.*
- When the nominating committee is elected, there will be a statement that all officer and chair positions are to be considered open and available for nominations.*
- Within five (5) business days of the formation of the nominating committee, each current chair or officer shall notify such committee of his or her intention not to be considered for renomination. The nominating committee will then notify all board members of such position(s) within 24 hours of such notification;*

Additionally, as a matter of standard practice, Chairman read the following statement of policy to the Board:

The Law Committee believes that it is impractical and inadvisable to establish specific qualifications, criteria, or quotas which would either limit Board Members in choosing a Nominating Committee, or limit the Nominating Committee in choosing a slate of Officers and Committee Chairs. Nevertheless, Board Members who are putting together a proposed slate, should make their choice, bearing in mind that it is both good policy as well as conducive to the smooth functioning of the Board to strive for a Nominating Committee and a slate of proposed Officers and Committee Chairs who represent diverse geographic areas within the Board, diverse communities, diverse ethnic and racial groups, and diverse professional and work backgrounds. The choices made should also consider the experience of any nominee as a Board Member and the extent of the interest shown by any such nominee in participating in Board matters. These factors, while not meant to impel any particular individual choice, should always serve as general guidance.

M. Wolpoff presented the following resolution passed by the Law, Rules & Ethics Committee, in that a nominating committee will be elected at the April meeting of the Board, it was suggested that LRE provide an outline of what is permitted:

1. *The activities of the nominating committee should still be guided by the principals that Board 8 previously established*
 - a) *A potential candidate for an officer position should not be on the nominating committee*
 - b) *Members of the nominating committee who seek to be candidates for chair positions, **should** (must) absent themselves from all interviews, discussions, **executive sessions** and votes concerning that position*
 - c) *Incumbent chairs have five day from the creation of the nominating committee to notify of their desire to vacate the position. Even though all officer and chair positions are considered vacant, the committee will then notify all board members of the incumbents' intent.*
2. *The actions of the nominating committee are subject to the OML: meeting notice must be given, the meeting is open to the public and minutes must be taken, including the recording of votes taken*
3. *The nominating committee may go into executive session if it is to discuss the "medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular individual." It is recommended that, if interested, the committee establish a question schedule that includes such questions. If that is the case, a motion must be made to go into executive session and a recording of the votes on the motion be recorded. While in executive session, there are no minutes, votes or discussion relating to the selection of a slate. Such*

discussions and votes must be made in open session with minutes taken and votes recorded.

4. *The committee, while acknowledging the requirements of the OML, strongly recommends that, in the interest of fairness, if there are two or more candidates for any chair position, all individuals seeking nomination absent themselves from interviews of the competing candidates.*

Vote: 32 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. Rather, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions –

R. Fanuzzi, J. Reyes

12. Chairman opened the floor for nominations. The following six members were nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee:

S. Alexander, D. Kornbluh, L. Parker, M. Heller, A. Creaney, J. Reyes

Paper ballots were distributed for board members to vote on up to five (5) of the nominees. Chairman continued with the meeting as the votes were being tallied.

13. Motion to Approve Recommendations of Law, Rules & Ethics Committee Amendments to Bylaws

M. Wolpoff presented the proposed revisions to the Bylaws which had been attached to the Board agenda and sent to the Board in advance of the meeting. He gave a thorough review of each of the proposed revisions. With regard to the request to take-up the issue concerning a bylaw change that resulted in the dispensation of the position of the Board 2nd Vice Chair, the Committee did not consider it at this time.

Discussion ensued. R. Fanuzzi recommended a change under Article IV, Meetings, Sec. 3, line 1 as follows: Written notice of each “Board or committee” meeting....

The change was accepted. The question was called.

Chairman called for a vote on the Bylaws amendments.

Vote: 29 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Rather, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

R. Press

Abstentions –

M. Khury, J. Reyes

Chairman advised that as a Bylaw requirement, the motion for the recommendations for amendments to the Bylaws will be presented for a 2nd vote at the next Board meeting in May.

M. Wolpoff informed that City Council Committee on Governmental Operations will hold a hearing on April 30, 2015 on Int. No. 585, a Local Law to amend the New York City Charter, in relation to establishing term limits for community board members.

14. Chairman announced the votes of the Nominating Committee slate as follows:

S. Alexander – 25, A. Creaney – 20, M. Heller – 26, D. Kornbluh – 25, L. Parker – 28, J. Reyes – 20

J. Reyes and A. Creaney had a tie vote. J. Reyes withdrew her name and offered her support to A. Creaney.

The following members will serve on the Nominating Committee: S. Alexander, A. Creaney, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, and L. Parker

The candidates received the following IN FAVOR votes:

S. Alexander: 25 In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, A. Creaney, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter, S. Marquez, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

A. Creaney: 20 In Favor –

S. Alexander, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

M. Heller: 26 In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, A. Creaney, L. Daub, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman,

S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. Rather, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

D. Kornbluh: 25 In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, R. Press, J. Reyes, L. Spalter, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

L. Parker: 28 In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. Rather, G. Santiago, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

J. Reyes: 20 In Favor –

B. Bender, A. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, R. Fanuzzi, B. Fettman, S. Froot, M. Goodman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McCord, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Rather, J. Reyes, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde

15. Committee Reports –

A. Land Use – C. Moerdler

1. C. Moerdler presented the following resolutions passed at the Land Use Committee meeting on March 30th:

RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves Landmarks Preservation Commission Docket No. 15-3796 regarding 331 West 250th Street, (aka 5001 Fieldston Road) for window sash replacement. The proposed sash is wood with exterior metal cladding.

Vote: 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

S. Alexander, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

2. **RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves Landmarks Preservation Commission Docket No. 164012 regarding 350 West 246th Street, for replacement of steel casement windows with modern aluminum-clad double-paned wooden casements of the same color and a configuration as close to the originals as possible

Vote: 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

S. Alexander, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

3. The first meeting of the SNAD working Group was held before the Board meeting.
4. The Board will be getting material on Affordable Housing.
5. L. Daub asked if SAR had submitted the Master Plan. C. Moerdler advised not as yet, and that is due in May.

B. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

1. Van Cortlandt Park Bioblitz plans are going well. Volunteers and help with spreading the word are needed.
2. Regarding replacement trees at the Jerome Park Reservoir, 182 street trees will be planted in Kingsbridge and Kingsbridge Heights. B. Bender asked for suggestions for tree planting locations.
3. The scoping meeting regarding the playground in Van Cortlandt Park at Mosholu Avenue and Broadway will be held on April 21st, at Riverdale Neighborhood House, at 6:30 PM. Parks has not conducted outreach for the meeting.

C. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

1. A. G. Feldmeier presented the following resolutions passed by the Committee on April 16th.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Safety Committee approves the following New applications for New York State liquor licenses:

- (Louies) Dale Diner, 189 West 231st Street
- Acapella Gourmet Pizza & Restaurant Corp., 124 West 238th Street

Vote: 34 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R.

Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

2. The Committee held a Special meeting on April 13th to discuss problems at Raine and Fenwick bars.

D. Traffic & Transportation – M. Heller

1. The resurfacing of the Henry Hudson Parkway is being done. M. Heller thanked Senator Jeffrey Klein and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz for their assistance in this regard.
2. City Council has recommended an increase in the resurfacing budget by one third.
3. The next meeting will have presentation from DOT and DDC regarding the Cannon Place Wall project; Rehab of Step street at West 229th Street from Kingsbridge Terrace to Heath between Heath Avenue; and the pedestrian bridge across HHP at West 236th Street will also be discussed. The meeting will be held April 21st, at Manhattan College, at 7:30 PM.
4. Thanked R. Press for running the March meeting.

E. Youth – D. McCord, Vice Chair

1. The next meeting will be held on April 22nd, at Fort Independence Center, at 4:30 PM.
2. The agenda will include Needs Assessment, which he has already developed framework; Poetry Slam coming up May 13th; and Kingsbridge Heights Community Center Special Needs awards.

F. Aging

No report.

G. Budget

No report.

H. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

1. The Committee met at Silhouette Restaurant. The new owner of Dubai Lounge attended.
2. Chairman Padernacht is working with Riverdale Crossing to develop a Job Fair.
3. S. Villaverde attended the Special Public Safety meeting.
4. The next meeting is yet to be decided.

I. Education – S. Alexander

1. Committee met on March 24th.

2. S. Alexander presented the following SAPO resolution approved by the Committee:

Whereas, the Lag B'omer Picnic Block Party will be held on May 7, 2015, and

Whereas, the Chabad of Riverdale has applied for a street activity permit, with a full Street closure on West 235 Street between Independence Avenue and Douglas Avenue, and

Whereas, the event will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, and

Whereas, this event will be advertised with flyers and on the Chabad website, and

Whereas, this event has previously been held,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Education Committee approves the street activity permit for the Chabad of Riverdale.

Vote: 34 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

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3. Refer to minutes for full report.

J. Environment & Sanitation – R. Fanuzzi

1. There will be no April meeting.
2. Refer to minutes.
3. Will do research on water management and quality in Harlem River.
4. Thanked Councilman Andrew Cohen for the Organic Recycling program forum, and thanked Andrew Sandler for organizing.

K. Health, Hospitals & Social Services – S. Froot

1. The Committee met on March 16th Riverdale Mental Health Association. The invited guest was the Administrator of Riverdale Manor Adult Home. The meeting was attended by many members of the North Riverdale community and Board. He thanked L. Spalter for giving birth to the meeting. The meeting was very productive. S. Froot introduced a proposal, suggested by L. Spalter, to establish an informal Community Advisory Board to have continuing dialogue with Riverdale Manor. The first meeting is set for April 24th at Riverdale Manor.

2. Committee has been following the implementation of the New York State settlement concerning deinstitutionalizing of the mentally ill. The settlement provides that up to 75% of mentally ill adults residing in group homes settings will be given the opportunity to move out to individual apartment settings. There is a 4 to 5 year time line for the implementation. The RFP is out. It is possible that the Riverdale Manor beds will be reduced. Presently it is about 250 beds and close to capacity.
3. The next meeting will be held on April 20th, at Kingsbridge Library.
4. The May meeting will be combined with a public hearing on the Special Citizens Unlimited group home proposal for 6129 Delafield Avenue, a private house, for five residents with autism. Four of the residents will be coming from another home operated by SCU.
5. Refer to the minutes for full report.

L. Housing – P. Ellis

1. At the March meeting there was a presentation by Sustainable South Bronx.
2. Department of Buildings presented on budgetary issues.
3. Other activities of the Committee over the last month included attendance at the Marble Hill Tenants Association meeting. The Association is still working on illegal dumping initiative. P. Ellis spoke with Marble Hill management regarding maintenance issues.
4. Flyers left on table regarding the Rent Regulation Law due to expire on June 15th. He encouraged all to take the flyer and call the Governor to insist on its renewal.
5. The next meeting will be held on April 27th at Water of Life Church, at 7:30 PM. Residents of the Promenade Apartments will be able to discuss housing issues and concerns. Representatives from HPD will attend to discuss budget priorities.

M. Special Committee on Greenway – B. Bender

1. The Committee met on April 6th, and the minutes have been circulated. Metro-North estimated cost for doing an engineering study to of the shorefront to accommodate the Greenway at \$250,000, and that is the amount Senator Klein requested from the State budget. As of the last meeting the request had not been approved.
2. The next meeting will be held in June.

O. Libraries & Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman

1. The March meeting was held at the Jerome Park Library. There are great programs there.
2. Refer to the minutes for full report.
3. The next meeting will be held on April 20th, and it will be dedicated to the reviewing and selection of the nominees of the Community Service Awards. A number of nominees were received as of deadline for nominations April 8th.

16. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2015

The minutes were approved unanimously.

17. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2015

No discussion.

18. Chairman advised that the next order of business concerned a staff member and would deal with employment history. He therefore made a motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with Section 105(f) of the Open Meetings Law.

Vote: 27 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McCord, D. Padernacht, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions –

M. Khury, S. Villaverde

19. Chairman reconvened the open meeting.

Chairman presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, an employee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 has accumulated approximately 161 hours of unused annual leave time in excess of the amount of hours in which the City of New York Collective Bargaining Agreement allows to be carried over each year without permission;

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board is empowered to permit such excess annual leave time beyond the amount of hours in which the City of New York Collective Bargaining Agreement allows to be carried over each year without permission;

WHEREAS, the Chair decided to permit the employee to carry over the annual leave hours in excess of the amount of hours in which the City of New York Collective Bargaining Agreement allows to be carried over each year, which decision is concurred in by the Vice-Chair and Treasurer;

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board NO. 8 adopted a resolution on February 9, 2010 that required any decision concerning internal operating budgets be made by the Chair in consultation with the officers brought to the Community Board for ratification, amendment or rejection;

WHEREAS, nothing in this resolution is meant to supersede the New York City Collective Bargaining Agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 ratifies the decision of the Chair.

R. Fanuzzi made motion to defeat the resolution. The motion was seconded by D. Kornbluh. Discussion ensued.

Motion to approve the resolution as presented carried by a vote of **21 in favor, 5 opposed, and 3 abstentions.**

In Favor –

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Opposed –

M. Donato, R. Fanuzzi, M. Khury, S. Marquez, J. Reyes

Abstentions –

B. Bender, L. Spalter, S. Villaverde

Meeting adjourned 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia Manning
Community Associate