

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 9, 2015, AT WAVE HILL, ARMOUR HALL

- PRESENT:** S. Alexander, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M Goodman, A. Guzman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young
- ABSENT:** I. Baez, R. Bender, L. Daub, R. Fanuzzi, M. Felix, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, M. Heller, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, J. Pilsner, J. Rather, S. Sarao, D. Toledo
- STAFF:** D. Bay – Community Associate
P. Manning – Community Associate
- GUESTS:** A. Cohen - Councilman
R. Fedderman – rep. Congressman Eliot Engel
J. Laufer – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.
E. Sullivan – rep. Public Advocate Latisha James
C. Lang – rep. Senator Jeffrey Klein
A. Castano – rep. Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
J. Sporn – rep. Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
A. Sandler – rep. Councilman Andrew Cohen
D. I. P. Rasa – 50th Precinct
P.O. S. Codero – 50th Precinct
N. McDonald – Jerome Park Library
E. Bell
D. Ortiz
T. Shelton – KRVC
C. Stanton – KRVC
C. Taylor – Friends of Van Cortlandt Park

Chairman conveyed great appreciation to Carolyn Liv for all her work in arranging for the Board meeting at beautiful Wave Hill, and he thanked Pat Manning for working with her.

1. Gallery Session

- A. Kori Petrovic, Grow NYC, announced Riverdale Neighborhood House and Marble Hill Youthmarkets opening July 9th. Flyers were left on table.
- B. Christina Taylor announced the New York Philharmonic at Van Cortlandt Park on June 23rd. Dinner on the lawn will be offered for a fee of \$100 at 6:30 p.m. and will include front row seating for the concert.
- C. Cliff Stanton invited all to the 6th Annual Riverfest taking place on June 14th, on the lawn of Mount Saint Vincent College and along the Hudson River. Blood Sweat & Tears will headline Riverfest. This year families and friends will meet up at PS 24 and PS 81 to

bike ride to Riverfest. He complimented the members of the Greenway Special Committee for their work this year with meetings on Hudson River greenway initiative.

- D. Ed Sullivan advised that Public Advocate James supports cameras for police; Moving forward with Governor's help with remediation of problem with chemicals in nail salons; The Public Advocate supports continuation of rent regulations and the efforts for improved regulations.
2. Chairman welcomed Richard Fedderman, representing Congressman Eliot Engel; Jeffrey Laufer, representing Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.; Cristina Lang, representing Senator Jeffrey Klein, Andrea Castano and Jake Sporn, representing Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz; Andrew Sandler, representing Councilman Andrew Cohen, Deputy Inspector Paul Rasa, P.O. and Steven Cordero, NYPD, 50th Precinct; Nicola McDonald, Jerome Park Library; Cliff Stanton and Tracy Shelton, KRVC.
 3. Chairman invited Deputy Inspector Rasa to address the Board.

D.I. Rasa reviewed the year to date crime stats. Overall crime is even 362 this year vs 363 last year. No murders this year. Rapes 8 vs 9, robbery 47 vs 52, felony assaults 39 vs 57, (domestic violence down), burglary 50 vs 53, grand larceny 186 vs 152, grand larceny auto 39 vs 43, car break-ins 169 vs 127. D.I. Rasa reported that an arrest was made in connection with the pedestrian fatality in February 2015, who was struck crossing the street at West 225th Street and Broadway. The driver fled the scene. Following an investigation, the driver was recently arrested. Another driver was recently arrested for driving while intoxicated and striking a pedestrian at West 254th Street and Riverdale Avenue. The victim is in very serious condition.
 4. Report from the Office of the Bronx Borough President – J. Laufer
 - On behalf of Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., wished all a happy and healthy summer.
 - The Borough President hosted an event for the Bronx Jewish Historical Initiative on June 2nd at the Bronx Museum of Art. Honorees were former Attorney General Robert Abrams, Blu Greenberg, writer, Robert Klein, world renown comedian, Cynthia Ozick, writer, and Daniel Reingold, President and CEO, Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale. The Emcee was Mike Woods, Good Day NY, Fox 5.
 - As part of the Master Plan for Van Cortlandt Park, Borough President Diaz, and Councilman Andrew Cohen have secured funding of \$12 million for the connecting pedestrian bridge over the Major Deegan to the Park.
 - The Borough President will host Caribbean Heritage Month on June 18th, from 12pm to 3pm at Bay Eden Senior Center, 1220 East 229th Street, Bronx. For more information call 718-590-3567.
 5. Borough President Diaz, Jr. will participate in hosting Salute to Fire Works at Orchard Beach.

Chairman announced that 7 new members had received appointments to Community Board No. 8, and 6 of those members were present. He called upon each of them for an introduction as follows:

Lenora Croft – Retired, will work hard on the Board.

Noah Friedman – Moved to community three years ago and loves it very much. He is a voluntary EMT.

Arturo Guzman – Lifelong Bronx resident. Retired high school teacher, working with the Fresh Air Fund for summer camp for youth. He looks forward to working with the members and bringing new ideas to the Board.

Omar Murray – He is from Jamaica, West Indies and has been in New York for 12 years, has lived on University Avenue for 6 years. He is happy to be a member and looks forward to working with the Board.

Amy Joy Robateau – She is a mother and entrepreneur and a 30 year Bronx loving resident.

Mary Yamagata – She is a lifelong resident of the community, and her son and daughter reside in the community. She will work hard to keep the community as nice as it is.

The 7th Board member appointee, Steven Sarao, was unable to attend but will join the Board in the fall.

6. Chairman's Report

- Thanked Board members for their work throughout the year.
- Five extra committees were formed this year:
 - Special Greenway Committee – Chairman acknowledged the hard work of committee members L. Spalter, P. Friedman, and Bob Bender; and thanked Senator Jeffrey Klein for securing a funding grant for the Greenway feasibility study; The Law Rules & Ethics Committee's special committee on the Bylaws Revision that dealt with issues of Open Meetings Law inclusion in the Bylaws; The Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee's Community Advisory Group that work with two facilities in the community.
- Thanked Bob Bender for his hard work with the many projects he undertook during the year that included the Committee's successful Bioblitz event in Van Cortlandt Park done in concert with S. Alexander as Chair of the Education Committee.
- Thanked the Environment & Sanitation Committee for its efforts in bringing about the Composting Pilot program to the community.
- Discussed the format change of the Executive Committee which is working well with members bringing issues forward in an efficient manner.
- He thanked the office staff for their hard work and all their accomplishments in the absence of a District Manager since January 22nd. The Board's Newsletter has been improved, old equipment has been discarded. The office has been cleaned up considerably.
- Marie Khury has resigned from the Board and has asked to address the Board at this meeting.

M. Khury read her letter of resignation into the record.

Chairman thanked M. Khury for her years of service and wished her good luck in future endeavors.

7. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- We are approaching the end of the Board’s budget Fiscal Year.
- There was a large transaction allocation from the Board’s budget made today to the former District Manager.
- \$6,000 still shows in Board budget even though it was verified that the Councilmember allocations was given to another Board and has been spent.
- The Department of Internet Technology has advised that the Board’s server must be replaced. There is \$1,800 in the budget line for this equipment therefore a new server and other needed equipment will be purchased and installed over the summer.

8. Board Office Report

P. Manning welcomed the new members and invited them to visit the Board office and to contact the office for anything they may need.

Advised members to refer to Executive Committee minutes for full report.

Asked that Committee Chairs submit budget requests as soon as possible for inclusion in the Community District Needs Statement and Borough Budget Consultations.

9. Report of the Nominating Committee

D.Kornbluh presented the following slate for Officers:

Chairperson	Daniel Padernacht
Vice-Chair	Rosemary Ginty
Treasurer	Philip Friedman
Secretary	Karen Pesce

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

In Favor –

S. Alexander, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, N.Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M Goodman, A. Guzman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. O’Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

D.Kornbluh presented the following slate of Committee Chairs:

Aging	Lisa Daub
Budget	Robert Press
Economic Development	Sergio Villaverde
Education	Sylvia Alexander
Environment & Sanitation	Demetriuis McCord

Health, Hospitals & Social Services	Steven Froot
Housing	Paul Ellis
Land Use	Charles G. Moerdler
Law, Rules & Ethics	Martin Wolpoff
Libraries & Cultural Affairs	Marvin Goodman
Parks & Recreation	Bob Bender
Public Safety	Arlene Garbett Feldmeier
Traffic & Transportation	Michael Heller
Youth	Lamont Parker

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

In Favor –

S. Alexander, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M Goodman, A. Guzman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

10. Presentation by the Special Greenway Committee and Vote on the Extension of the Special Greenway Committee

L. Spalter presented on behalf of B. Bender. She thanked KRVC for their work with the Greenway, and the Board office staff for assisting with sending out all the letters. L. Spalter reviewed the year's progress. The Committee had constraints related to last year's resolution. This year's biggest work accomplishment was meeting with Metro-North and stakeholders to discuss mutual needs. Metro-North has needs to stabilize their shoreline against future extreme weather events, and has agreed to conduct a scope of work study to examine how to achieve that goal and include greenway into the plan. No time-frame has given yet but look to August 2015. The committee is fairly positive about the \$250,000 funding from Senator Klein for the study. C. Moerdler discussed the challenges of the MTA's budget shortfall that are \$15 to \$20 million and why it is not realistic to expect that MTA will be able to fund a greenway plan. P. Friedman explained that the committee only reviewed work that would be funded by Metro-North in any respect and the greenway plan would piggy back on that work that they will have to do.

L. Spalter presented the Greenway Committee's recommendations:

The committee looks forward to working with Metro-North Railroad as the scope of work progresses. We recommend that the Special Committee on the Hudson River Greenway be renewed to continue our work. We hope to work with the stakeholders to develop a plan that will meet their needs while fulfilling the community's expressed desire for a recreational riverfront greenway.

S. Froot made a motion for the extension of the Special Greenway Committee, the motion was seconded. The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, residents of Bronx Community Board 8 (“CB #8”) support a Hudson River Greenway extending from Spuyten Duyvil to Yonkers and

WHEREAS, CB #8 has resolved that consideration of an all-river Greenway route should continue under the auspices of the Board in cooperation with local residents, community groups, elected officials, government agencies, the affected rail companies and any other stakeholders and

WHEREAS, CB # 8 on September 3, 2015 adopted a resolution in accordance with its By-Law Article VI, Section 5 to create a Special Greenway Committee comprised of three members who were Robert Bender, Philip Friedman and Laura Spalter and

WHEREAS, the Special Greenway Committee considered the continuation of an all-river route in an efficient, transparent and inclusive manner and

WHEREAS, according to the By-Laws of CB #8, a Special Committee “....shall be deemed discontinued immediately following the annual Board elections next succeeding its creation, unless such committee or subcommittee is specifically continued either by resolution of the Board or by public declaration of the newly elected Chairperson.....”

BE IT RESOLVED that the Special Greenway Committee be continued for one more year with the same membership for the same purpose it was originally created and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Committee continue to engage local residents, community groups, elected officials, government agencies, the affected rail companies and any other stakeholders and hold public meetings to further the planning and development of an all-river route and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Committee report to the Community Board its findings and recommendations leading to implementation of a resolution, if any, on the creation of an all river Greenway route;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Committee be discontinued immediately following the next Annual Board elections unless it is specifically continued either by resolution of the Board or by public declaration of the newly elected Chairperson, which declaration shall be recorded in the minutes.

Vote: 33 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention for cause

In Favor –

S. Alexander, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M Goodman, A. Guzman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

Abstention –

C. G. Moerdler

11. Committee Reports

A. Traffic & Transportation

R. Press reported in the absence of the Committee chair.

1. Refer to the minutes.
2. The next meeting will be held on June 16th at Manhattan College, at 7:30 PM.

B. Youth – L Parker

1. This year's Annual Bronx Youth Poetry Slam held on May 13th drew over 100 attendees. Thanked Chairman Padernacht, Vice Chair Ginty, and, M. Khury for attending.
2. Kingsbridge Heights Community Center will host the end of year Arts Appreciation ceremony on June 16th from 3:30 to 7:00PM, food will be served. The Youth Committee will honor 35 youths for their outstanding achievements in the arts. All are invited to attend. Chairman Padernacht thanked and acknowledged the good works of the Committee including the successful Poetry Slam.

C. Aging – K. Pesce

Next meeting will be held in September with new Chair L. Daub.

D. Budget – R. Press

Will be working on budget priorities over the summer with the District Manager, Officers and Committee chairs.

E. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

The Committee met on June 2nd at Buffalo Wild Wings.

F. Education – S. Alexander

1. Refer to minutes for report.
2. Thanked Councilman Andrew Cohen for held with funding the FY2016 Budget priorities request for outside doors at PS 7. The work is being now being completed. The Department of Education has promised to fulfill the request for installation of alarm doors for public elementary and District 75 schools by the end of the year. The Committee will keep a watchful eye on its progress.
3. The Committee's Budget requests for FY17 have been submitted.
4. It was great to work with Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy with the Bioblitz event. There were 100 children from the school participating.
5. No June meeting.

12. Chairman invited Councilman Cohen to address the Board.

Councilman Cohen encouraged the members to attend the June 25th Land Use meeting where there will be a presentation by City Planning on the Affordable Housing Zoning proposal. He urged attendance for this vitally important meeting. Councilman welcomed the new members and expressed sincere gratitude to the members for their service.

G. Environment & Sanitation – L. Spalter, Vice Chair

The Committee supported a letter to DEP re environmental green infrastructure research with regard to storm water run-off and flooding. The Committee is working with DEP, Bronx Council on Environmental Quality and CERT to identify areas where run-off and flooding is occurring. The next Committee meeting will be held on June 29th at the Riverdale YM/YWHA, at 7:30 PM. DEP is invited. L. Spalter invited new members to consider joining the Committee.

Newly elected Committee Chair McCord congratulated the new members. He reflected on his first year, and encouraged them to get involved and learn about what's going on with the Board.

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

1. S. Froot presented the following resolution from the Committee's Public Hearing held on May 18, 2015 re a proposal by Special Citizens Futures Unlimited to establish an IRA for five adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders to be located at 6129 Delafield Avenue:

WHEREAS, Special Citizens Futures Unlimited (SCFU) has been supporting individuals with disabilities on the autism spectrum for 35 years and is one of several organizations that work under the guidelines of the Office for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to open new Individual Residential Alternative (IRA) supported group housing;

WHEREAS, the degree of the participants' abilities and level of support required determines placement in a staff-supervised group home; residents are pre-screened by nurses and psychologists to exclude people with troubling behaviors; and SCFU's residents visit family over weekends, may work and participate in the community, volunteer, and/or attend day habilitation programs; and the organization provides a supportive environment;

WHEREAS, the residents selected to live in the proposed IRA at 6129 Delafield Avenue are five autistic adults, a combination of men and women ranging in age from mid-30s to mid-40s; and four of the residents have resided in the community at another SCFU-operated IRA with 24-hour staffing and the fifth resident has not been selected;

WHEREAS, the proposed IRA will be staffed on a non-24-hour basis, with staff assisting residents with meal preparation and other daily living skills from 6 am-9 am and 2 pm -10 pm Monday-Friday, and 9 am- 9 pm on the weekend; residents will work at job locations and attend educational and treatment programs off site; and staff and outside clinicians will come to the IRA to provide medical and other services to the residents as needed;

WHEREAS, the proposed site is a duplex apartment rental occupying the second floor of a private home at 6129 Delafield Avenue on a residential block stretching from West 261st to West 263rd Street; SCFU currently operates a supportive IRA for two autistic female adults in the two-bedroom rental apartment on the first floor of 6129 Delafield Avenue; and the landlord also rents out the basement apartment, thereby currently using the dwelling as a three-family home;

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Occupancy on the NYC Department of Buildings website states that 6129 Delafield Avenue "is a two-family dwelling and occupancy by more than two families is unlawful;"

WHEREAS, SCFU currently operates a non-24-hour IRA for two autistic male adults in a rental apartment at 6125 Delafield Avenue, which is the property next door to the proposed IRA and which is owned by the same landlord as 6129 Delafield Avenue; Bronx Community Board 8 was never asked to evaluate the establishment of the two-person IRA at 6125 Delafield Avenue because, according to a representative of OPWDD, a non-24-hour supervised IRA for only two residents does not require Community Board approval; and 6125 Delafield Avenue currently also appears to be operated as a three-family home notwithstanding that the NYC Department of Buildings website indicates that it is zoned as a 1-2 family home;

WHEREAS, SCFU currently operates six other residences (3 owned, 3 leased) within Community Board 8 for people with autism, including IRAs at 251 West 261st Street (4 residents), 5743 Faraday Avenue (3 apartments housing a total of 6 residents), and 5757 Independence Avenue (12 residents), as well as other sites and day habilitation programs in the Bronx and in Westchester;

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 issued a public hearing notice pursuant to the Padavan Law to the community and to residents in the immediate vicinity of 6129 Delafield Avenue and held a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on May 18, 2015 at the Park Gardens Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 6585 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10471; and a number of residents of Delafield Avenue and other blocks in North Riverdale attended the hearing;

WHEREAS, the chair of the Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee (HHSS) presented a map maintained by the Community Board that attempts to show all supported housing in the neighborhood, including IRAs, Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs), special schools, nursing homes, and other supervised residential settings, to help the Committee gauge saturation; and the map depicted the following other IRA or IRA/ICF locations in the surrounding area:

- 251 West 261st Street (4 residents) (SCFU)
- 281 West 261st Street (10 residents) (Young Adult Institute)
- 6125 Delafield Avenue (2 residents) (SCFU)
- 6240 Riverdale Ave. (14 residents) (Advocates for Services for Blind/Multi-handicapped)
- 600 Depeyster Street "A"–"B"–"C" (15 residents in 3 adjacent homes) (Leake & Watts)

WHEREAS, several members of the community residing on Delafield Avenue, as well as near an SCFU-operated IRA on Sylvan Avenue, voiced strong opposition to the siting of

the proposed IRA at 6129 Delafield Avenue for the reason that three IRA apartments situated in two adjacent private homes places an unfair burden on one residential block and should be considered saturation under the Padavan Law; and those community members also registered complaints about parking problems caused by staff who work at the existing IRAs operated by SCFU at 6125 Delafield and 6129 Delafield, about noise incident to staff members being picked up late at night and residents being picked up by vans early in the morning, about antisocial behavior at times by certain residents at those IRAs, and the fact that the IRA under consideration would be situated in a home that is being operated as a 3-family dwelling while being zoned as a 1-2 family residence;

WHEREAS, after due consideration of the information presented at the hearing, the HHSS Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 unanimously voted **not** to approve the proposal by SCFU to establish a non-24-hour IRA for five adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders in the second floor apartment at 6129 Delafield Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471.

S. Froot advised that there was testimony from community residents in opposition to the proposal for reasons of saturation and its impact on the community. Additionally the legal family number status for the residence was discussed and it was noted that Building Department certificate of occupancy record documents the residence as a two-family home. However the basement is rented out thereby turning the residence into an illegal three-family home. A map was presented at the hearing that showed five other IRA or IRA/ICF locations in the surrounding area. The Committee opposed the home using the guidepost of "saturation." This was the first time the Committee took an opposing action with any such group home.

Discussion ensued concerning saturation and the illegal apartment status of the residence.

The question was called.

Vote: 26 in favor, 0 opposed, and 8 abstentions

In Favor –

A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, N. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M Goodman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions –

S. Alexander, P. Friedman, A. Guzman, D. McCord, J. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, I. W. Stone, M. Yamagata

2. S. Froot stated that this disapproval is not meant to cast aspersion on the work of SCFU. He informed about favorable statements given at the Public Hearing in support of the work of SCFU and that a Community Advisory Board was set up with residents who want to work in good faith with SCFU.

3. The Committee will hold its next meeting on June 22nd in the Board office at 7:30 PM. S. Froot invited the new Board members to attend and sign-up for the Committee.
- I. Housing - P. Ellis
 1. There was no May meeting due to Memorial Day.
 2. The NYCHA NextGen Plan has been released. This is a controversial issue. It is intended to reduce maintenance time and to improve overall quality of NYCHA facilities. There are concerns regarding increase in parking rates, and increase of enforcement of rent collections. There are also concerns about turning over “underutilized” properties such as parking facilities and lots into developments for affordable housing. NYCHA Chairwoman Olatoye has been invited to speak at the Committee meeting on June 22nd. Additionally P. Ellis has been conducting outreach to the tenant leaders of Marble Hill and Fort Independence/Bailey Houses.
 3. P. Ellis thanked the Committee members for their hard work throughout the year. He reminded the Board of the Citywide Affordable Housing Zoning Plan coming before the Board. He advised that the Committee continues to be vigilant with trying to improve the maintenance at the NYCHA housing. He invited the new members to join the Committee.
 4. Chairman Padernacht extended appreciation to P. Ellis for taking up the various Housing issues that came about this year, and for taking the lead with the Selfhelp Working Group with regard to the issues with the senior housing at 6469 Broadway.
 - J. Land Use – C. Moerdler
 1. C. Moerdler made a motion to renew the standard resolution of Bronx Community Board 8 empowering the Land Use Committee to act on behalf of the full Board during the summer recess of the Board:

Resolved, Bronx Community Board No. 8 authorizes the Land Use Committee to act on behalf of the full Board during the summer recess.

The motion carried unanimously in favor by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

In Favor –

S. Alexander, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, A. Guzman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. O’Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstention –

M. Yamagata
 2. The Department of City Planning will present the proposal for the Affordable Housing Zoning plan at the Land Use Committee meeting on

June 25th. C. Moerdler warned that the proposal will have a serious impact on parking.

3. C. Moerdler presented the following resolutions passed by the Land Use Committee on May 28th:

RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves Department of City Planning Application No. N 150341 ZAX regarding Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale, 475 West 250th Street, Block 5833, Lot 4237, Special Natural Area District (NA-2), Bronx, for the grant of authorizations involving modifications of topographic features on Tier I sites, an authorization of a development, enlargement, or site alteration on a Tier II site or portion of a zoning lot having a steep slope or steep slope buffer, and alteration of a rock outcrop to allow the construction of a one-story addition to an existing synagogue as well as the construction of a 1,015 square foot stone-paved plaza with an ADA compliant ramp and bench.

C. Moerdler disclosed for the record that he, I. Ladimer, and M. Wolpoff are members of the Conservative Synagogue.

Vote: 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 3 abstentions for cause

In Favor –

S. Alexander, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M Goodman, A. Guzman, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, H. Young

Abstentions –

N. Friedman, M. Khury, M. Yamagata

Abstentions for cause –

I.Ladimer, C. G. Moerdler, M. Wolpoff

RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves Board of Standards and Appeals Calendar No. 33-15-BZ regarding 5510/30 Broadway, Bronx, for a special permit, pursuant to Section 73-36 of the New York City Zoning Resolution to permit a physical culture establishment (PCE) to be operated as Blink Fitness within portions of two new commercial buildings, currently under construction in a C4-4 zoning district (Zoning Map 1d).

Lack of provisions for parking was discussed.

Vote: 27 in favor, 0 opposed, 7 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, N. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M Goodman, A. Guzman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions –

P. Friedman, K. Pesce, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Murray, R. Press, A. J. Robateau, M. Yamagata

K. Law, Rules & Ethics – M. Wolpoff

1. Thanked the Committee members for their flexibility with the change of the meeting date to accommodate the Land Use Committee. The LRE Committee will meet on June 30th.
2. Thanked the Board for supporting his request at last Month's meeting to add an item to the agenda to include a resolution that was before the City Council concerning term limits for community board members. All five borough presidents oppose the resolution. The proposal has been laid over.
3. Invited the members of the Nominating Committee to attend LRE next meeting on June 30th to review with the committee how well the inclusions of the OML requirements worked with this year's nominating process.
4. The Committee will review the Board's Ethical Guidelines to see if there are any needs for modifications.

L. Libraries & Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman

1. The Committee did not meet in May.
2. The Library received four of ten of Councilman Cohen's participatory budget funding items.
3. The next meeting will be held on June 11th, at the Derfner Museum located at the Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale. This will relate to the "Cultural Affairs" area of the Committee.

M. Parks & Recreation – L. Spalter, Vice Chair

1. L. Spalter discussed a resolution drafted in the Parks Committee to thank the agencies and elected officials for the funding of the bridge over the Major Deegan to Van Cortlandt Park. S. Villaverde made a motion to move the resolution to the floor. Chair Padernacht seconded the motion.

Vote on motion to move the resolution to the floor resulted in 31 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions:

In Favor –

S. Alexander, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M Goodman, A. Guzman, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, O. Murray, J. O'Brien,

D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

Abstentions –

D.Kornbluh, R. Press

The following resolution was presented:

Whereas a pedestrian bridge over the Major Deegan Expressway in Van Cortlandt Park is an important component of the Van Cortlandt Park Master Plan that was approved by the Parks & Recreation Committee of Community Board 8; and

Whereas New York City Resolution 993 created a Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee (CFMC) to advise from a community perspective on matters relating to the construction of a water filtration plant in Van Cortlandt Park and also authorized a study of the feasibility of building a pedestrian bridge over the Major Deegan Expressway in Van Cortlandt Park; and

Whereas that study was completed in 2009, presented to the CFMC, and demonstrated the feasibility of building this bridge, whereupon the CFMC called for the bridge to be built; and

Whereas at its June 2010 meeting, Community Board 8 unanimously passed a resolution calling for the construction of this pedestrian bridge in Van Cortlandt Park; and

Whereas funding for construction of that bridge has now been secured through equal contributions of \$4 million each from the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, and the State of New York;

Therefore Be It Resolved that Bronx Community Board 8 thanks the following elected officials, agencies, and organizations for their advocacy for the bridge and for securing the funds to build it: Councilman Andrew Cohen, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Jeffrey Klein, Congressman Eliot Engel, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr, Mayor Bill de Blasio, the NYC Department of Environmental Protection, the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation, the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee, Bronx Community Boards 7 and 12, and the Friends of Van Cortlandt Park.

Vote: 30 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, A. P. Creaney, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M Goodman, A. Guzman, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

Abstentions –

L.Croft, D. Kornbluh, R. Press

2. No Committee meeting in June.

N. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

1. The Committee's summer actions on Liquor Licenses will be presented to the Land Use Committee.
2. A. G. Feldmeier presented the following resolutions approved by the Public Safety Committee on June 4, 2015:

I. **Resolved**, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the NY State Liquor Authority applications for the following Renewal applications:

- Bronx Burge House, 5816 Mosholu Avenue
- Becofino Restaurant, 5704 Mosholu Avenue
- Silhouette Restaurant and Lounge, 5668 Broadway
- Loeser's Deli , 214 West 231st Street

II. **Resolved**, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the NY State Liquor Authority applications for the following New application:

- Bunny Deli, 228 West 231st Street

Vote: 32 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor –

S. Alexander, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, A. Guzman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

Abstention –

A.J. Robateau

- III. **Whereas**, on March 29, 2015, Raine Lounge was the scene of a shooting inside the facility following an altercation between patrons resulting in life-threatening injury to the shooting victim; and

Whereas, a prior shooting in an adjacent parking lot involved Raine Lounge patrons according to a 50th Police Precinct investigation; and

Whereas, Raine Lounge has been cited for unlicensed security, for which, according to their owner, the establishment was recently fined \$4,000 following a New York State Supreme Court appearance; and

Whereas, at the Community Board's Public Safety Committee meeting on May 11, 2015, by a 7/0/0 vote, the committee voted to recommend that the license for Raine Lounge be revoked, but before the resolution was presented to the full Community Board on May 12, 2015, Bianca Perez, Esquire, attorney for Raine Lounge, asserted that Raine's owner, Andy Diaz, did not appear for the Public Safety meeting due to a typographical error on the notice, indicating "Thursday" May 11, rather than "Monday". Consequently, following discussion among Community Board members, the Board Chair recommended holding over the issue until the following Public Safety Committee meeting. The Board members further agreed, by a vote of 26/0/4, to write a letter to the New York State Liquor Authority explaining the action on the earlier resolution and intent to afford Raine Lounge another opportunity to appear before the committee; and

Whereas, Raine Lounge was given proper notice and appeared at the Public Safety Committee meeting on June 4, 2015, but, citing the history of violent incidents and inadequate security, the Committee again voted unanimously (6/0/0) to recommend that the liquor license for Raine Lounge be revoked;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 urges the New York State Liquor Authority to revoke the liquor license for Raine Lounge.

Discussion ensued.

The question was called.

Vote: 27 in favor, 2 opposed, and 3 abstentions, 1 abstention for cause

In Favor –

S. Alexander, A. P. Creaney, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, A. Guzman, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, A. J. Robateau, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

J. Reyes, S. Villaverde

Abstentions –

L. Croft, D. McCord, M. Yamagata

Abstention for Cause –

M. Khury

A. G. Feldmeier presented the following resolution regarding the Bridge Tavern:

- IV. **Whereas**, The Bridge, an establishment located at 5757 Broadway, Bronx, New York, has operated in Bronx Community Board 8 for approximately 4 years; and

Whereas, The Bridge was recently cited for unlicensed security, was then the site of a stabbing and was again cited for unlicensed security; and

Whereas, the establishment was nuisance abated and closed by Police on several occasions for such infractions as underage sales, noise and unsanitary conditions and;

Whereas, according to Police, the establishment has not cooperated with them or with the New York State Liquor Authority; and

Whereas, The Bridge management was invited to appear at a June 4, 2015 meeting at the 50th Police Precinct of Bronx Community Board 8's Public Safety Committee and did not appear although their location, on the same block as the precinct, was open that evening; and

Whereas, following a unanimous vote (6/0/0) of the Public Safety Committee at the June 4, 2015 meeting recommending revocation of the liquor license;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 urges the New York State Liquor Authority to revoke the liquor license for The Bridge Tavern.

Discussion.

Vote: 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 1 abstention for cause

In Favor -

S. Alexander, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M Goodman, A. Guzman, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions –

M. Khury, D. McCord, M. Yagamata,

Abstention for Cause -

D. Padernacht

12. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2015

P. Ellis advised about a typo in a name on page 18.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Vote: 27 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstentions for cause

In Favor -

S. Alexander, A. P. Creaney, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M Goodman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions for cause –

L. Croft, A. Guzman, O. Murray, J. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, M. Yagamata

13. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

M. Wolpoff advised that his comments on page 4 were repeated on page 8.

The minutes were accepted as corrected.

14. Chairman made a motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with Section 105(f) of the Open Meetings Law to discuss the employment history of one or more individual's employment history.

Motion approved by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

In Favor –

S. Alexander, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M Goodman, A. Guzman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

15. Chairman re-opened the meeting.

Chairman made a motion to approve a salary increase of Diane Bay, Community Associate by \$9,734.00.

Vote: 33 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, M. Donato, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M Goodman, A. Guzman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

D. Bay extended her very great appreciation to the Board.

16. Miscellaneous Business

1. I. Ladimer conveyed thanks to Borough President Diaz for his centenarian honoring, and he thanked Marvin Goodman, Rosemary Ginty, and Bob Press for attending the event.
2. Discussed the new Bronx guidebook produced by Bronx Historian Shelley Olson.

2. S. Villaverde mentioned the Committee taking up issues concerning “diversity” in September.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Manning