

## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2016 AT CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE, 475 WEST 250<sup>TH</sup> STREET

- PRESENT:** S. Alexander, R. Bender, Lenora Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young
- ABSENT:** L. Baez, A. P. Creaney, M. Felix, D. Fuchs, A. Guzman, I. Ladimer, S. Marquez, A. Moore, J. M. Pilsner, J. Rather, J. Reyes, D. Toledo,
- STAFF:** P. Manning – District Manager  
D. Bay – Community Associate  
L. Hernandez – Community Associate
- GUESTS:** B. Daniels – rep. Congressman Elliot Engel, C. Lang – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein  
T. Miller – rep. State Senator Gustavo Rivera, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, A. Castano – Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, B. Fitzpatrick – Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, J. Lugo – rep. Councilman Fernando Cabrera, Councilman Andrew Cohen, J. Stephenson – Office of Councilman Andrew Cohen, A. Toledo – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Detective Ramos – NYPD, 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, P.O. Iacovides, NYPD, 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, Lt. Beal - NYPD, 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, M. Gonzalez- Kingsbridge Branch Library, N. Simpson–Parks, M. Perron-Parks, J. Greenfeld–Parks, V. Berger-Gross, J. Cuevas-Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, L. Bequiroj-Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, S. Mahoney-Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, C. Taylor-Friends of Van Cortlandt Park, D. Ranells-Transportation Alternatives, W. Figueroa-Ft. Independence Community Center, N. Nunez-Riverdale Neighborhood House, Y. Alvarez-Citizens Complaint Review Board, M. Nolan, G. Patsalos, B. Clark, G. Spalter, B. Spalter, P. Moerdler, C. O'Brien, S. Evans, J. Scarlott, K. Argenti, M. Eremeyev, D. Burke, M. Cobos, B. Luisi, V. Llanes, S. Korobyn, S. Marrero, M. Nolan, D. Bright, C. Gastezer, C. Proscia, M. Turov, D. Dolan, D. Bush, D. Guerrero, J. Figueroa-Llanes, V. Carter, S. Corber, C. Noel, R. Kraus, M. Pinney, P. Rivhva, B. Veraz, D. Brown, A. Brown,

Chairman called upon Budget Chair, R. Press to conduct the Public Hearing on Responses from City Agencies on the Capital/Expense Budget Priorities for FY 2017 at 7:00 PM.

- R. Press stated that at the October 2015 board meeting the board voted on the order in which the FY 2017 budget priorities would be listed when submitted to OMB. Some committees have consistently asked for the same items every year when their priorities were not previously approved. This year OMB changed the order in which the board submitted it to them. New items were listed first and old items last. The board listed them the opposite way. R. Press found this disturbing. He afforded many hours attending budget hearings, learning their new computer system and completing a 48 page report. He hoped this new process would have better results than previous years. Education, Libraries, Aging and the Parks Committees received the same responses as in previous years. OMB also suggested we bring budget items with insufficient funds to the attention of our City Council members. Library Chair, M. Goodman said the city recommended 0% for the Bronx Libraries while other boroughs received monies. Parks Chair B. Bender finds their responses appalling and would like to protest the way in which OMB rearranged their priorities. Education Chair S. Alexander said that the priority OMB agreed to fund was already funded by Councilman Cohen and Aging Chair L. Daub said what OMB approved they did not request. R. Press suggested having a representative explain the response at a committee meeting.

Housing Chair P. Ellis said one of his responses requires more information and questioned the process going forward.

Chair Padernacht said he will send a letter to OMB and attach an addendum with questions any Committee Chairs have regarding their responses.

R. Press will work with Chair Padernacht and Committee Chairs on a letter expressing the board's dissatisfaction with the responses. He also wanted it noted that this report was very disappointing.

Hearing from no other speakers, Chair Press closed the Public Hearing.

Chairman convened the regular Board meeting at 7:30 PM.

#### 1. Gallery Session -

- Y. Alvarez – Outreach Coordinator for the NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) reported that the CCRB investigates and mediates complaints from the public about misconduct by NYPD officers. They are independent and impartial and not part of the Police Department. Information can be found on their website at [www.nyc.gov/ccrb](http://www.nyc.gov/ccrb) or call 1 800 341-2272.
- J. Scarlott of Bronx Climate Justice North is in favor of an alternate surface for the Putnam Trail.
- M. Eremeyev stated that the design presentation downplays the disturbance that pavement involves. The current design doesn't adequately take care of runoff. Asphalt is 100% impermeable, which means that any precipitation which hits asphalt is runoff.
- K. Argenti announced Parks Speak Up event on Saturday, February 20 from 11AM to 5PM at Lehman College. K. Argenti spoke about the Putnam Trail. She reported that the Van Cortlandt Lake and streams are on the list of impaired water bodies by NYS DEC due to pollutants caused by urban run-off. Ms. Argenti found a document from an October 2002 Parks Department study that reported that there are pollutants in the soil. She also feels there is not enough money in the Parks budget to complete this project. She recommended tabling the Putnam Trail Resolution until the environmental issues are addressed.
- D. Burke has concerns that paving the Putnam Trail with asphalt makes it harder to walk and run on than a natural surface, that asphalt is toxic and doesn't belong in a nature area. She feels this plan is not in the best interest of the community.
- D. Ranells, Chair of Transportation Alternatives, represents over 300 Bronx residents who support the Parks Department plan for the Putnam Trail. This is a missing link for transportation as well as a resource to encourage healthy activities for the Bronx

#### 2. Report from the 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct – Detective Mindy Ramos

- Crime stats for 2016 vs. 2015 – 1 murders vs. 0, 1 rapes vs. 3, 5 robberies vs. 7, 10 felony assaults vs. 4, 9 burglaries vs. 9, 24 grand larcenies vs. 34, 8 grand larceny auto vs. 8.
- Detective Ramos announced a 2016 Free Summer Youth Police Academy program (Ages 10-16). Registration is on Friday, February 19 from 3-6PM at Davidson Community Center, 2038 Davidson Avenue.
- On Thursday, February 5 there was a robbery at the Chase Bank on Riverdale Avenue. Please call 1800 577-tips with any information.

Chairman announced Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Councilman Andrew Cohen, A. Toledo of the Bronx Borough President's Office, Elvin Garcia, office of Mayor Bill deBlasio, A. Castano, office of Assemblyman Dinowitz, J. Stephenson, office of Councilman Cohen, B. Fitzpatrick, office of Assemblyman Dinowitz, T. Miller, office of Senator Gustavo Rivera, C. Lang, office of Senator Klein, B. Daniels office of Congressman Engel, Detective Ramos, 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct and P.O. Iacovides, 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, Lt. Beal, 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct

3. Presentation of the New York Yankee Youth Leadership Award – Dr. Roscoe Brown, Co-President, New York Yankees Community Council.

Dr. Brown announced the following winners of this year's NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award which was created to acknowledge young people who are providing a positive service to their community by volunteering 50 hours or more of leadership and volunteer work as a tutor, mentor, community unity developer, and/or a youth leader against violence and substance abuse in the community."

Bronx Community Board 8's Youth Committee Chair Lamont Parker led the committee's selection of the five youth from the board area. Dr. Brown offered congratulations and called upon the following five honorees to receive their award:

1. Michelle Cobos nominated by Riverdale Neighborhood House and is currently in the eighth grade at MS/HS In-Tech Academy.
2. Brittany Luisi nominated by Riverdale Neighborhood House and is a senior at Maria Regina High School.
3. Vivien Llanes nominated by Riverdale Neighborhood House and is a senior at Maria Regina High School.
4. Diamond Brown nominated by the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center. She is a senior at Bronx Theatre High School on the JFK Campus.
5. Shakira Marrero nominated by Ft. Independence Community Center and is a graduate of In-Tech Academy.

Chair Padernacht thanked Dr. Roscoe Brown and expressed honor and gratitude to Dr. Brown for carrying on the tradition by personally making the presentations of the Youth Leadership Awards. Dr. Brown is one of the well-known distinguished Tuskegee Airmen and a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal.

4. **Chair welcomed Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz to address the board**

- The Governor proposed to cut 180 million dollars from the Health Care budget and 270 million dollars from the City University budget and our school district is still owed 50 million dollars. This budget has to be passed by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
- The Borough President announced the potential of platform development at three borough railyard sites, one of them being the Concourse Yard, located near Lehman College. He would like to see schools and mix-used housing at this location.
- The Assemblyman is having a series of Town Hall meetings. One is being held February 12, 2016 at the Riverdale YM/YWHA to discuss senior issues.

**Chair welcomed Councilman Andrew Cohen to address the board**

- Councilman Cohen opposed the MIH and ZQA text amendments and communicated his concerns to the Mayor. Two hearings were scheduled for February 9 and 10, as soon as the amendments from City Planning were revealed on February 5, 2016. Councilman Cohen believes there may be additional hearings.

5. Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office – A. Toledo

- A well detailed report on the Bronx platform development project is on the Borough President's website.
- A. Toledo reminded board members to submit their re-appointment applications.
- The Borough President's State of the Borough address is on Thursday February 18 at Cardinal Hayes High School at 11:30AM.

6. Chairman's Report – Daniel Padernacht

- The City Council hearing on the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and the Zoning for Quality and Affordability text amendments is scheduled for February 9 and 10. D. Padernacht will testify on behalf of the board at the hearing on February 10<sup>th</sup>. He will bring a resolution from November 2015 that the board passed not supporting the text amendments and he will be another resolution that will be voted on by the board at tonight's meeting.
- The board office has a new intern who is a student at the College of Mt. St. Vincent. Her focus will be to improve community outreach at all four corners of the board.
- D. Padernacht reminded board members to attend their committee meetings.
- Staff member L. Hernandez is updating the information and format of the website.
- Our request for new office space has been rejected. The goal is to bring the office to a more central location. This request will begin again soon.
- I. Ladimer, a long standing board member will turn 100 years old on February 16, 2016.
- The Chair thanked L. Daub for creating the Senior Resource Guide. He encouraged each Committee Chair to take on this same task.
- The Chair suggested the idea of creating a bookmark or a palm card to hand out at meetings or events. The goal is outreach to the community.

7. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

No report

8. City Planning – No representative from City Planning present

9. District Manager's Report – P. Manning

- The report is contained in the Executive Committee minutes of February 3, 2016.
- P. Manning encouraged the Committee Chairs to submit any challenging problems to the board office so they can be addressed at the District Service Cabinet meetings.

10. Committee Reports

1. Land Use – C. Moerdler

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, Community Board 8, Bronx County, by resolution adopted by unanimous vote, with two abstentions, and for the reasons stated in considerable detail (Attachment 1), determined to reject and disapprove the proposals advanced by the N.Y. City Planning Commission entitled or generally known as "Mandatory Inclusionary Housing" ("MIH") and "Zoning for Quality and Affordability" ("ZQA"), while at the same time reiterating the Board's approval of carefully calibrated opportunities to expand Affordable Housing Construction throughout New York City; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of the Community Boards in New York City as well as the Borough Boards in each of the five Counties comprising New York City likewise rejected and disapproved the MIH and ZQA proposals thus presented; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission without any further discussion or consultation with, or outreach to Community Board 8, has on February 3, 2016, amended or restated portions of the text amendments comprising MIH and ZQA and has transmitted same to the New York City Council for approval and/or action (the representatives on the Commission appointed from the Bronx, Queens and Staten Island voting in the negative); and

WHEREAS, City Planning Commission has failed to demonstrate that the aforesaid amendments or restatement of portions of the MIH and ZQA proposals meet the objections or address and cure the concerns that led Community Board 8 to reject and disapprove the MIH and ZQA proposals; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has chosen to hold public hearings without affording the Community Boards an opportunity to fully consider and deliberate on the voluminous text changes proposed by the City Planning Commission;

NOW THEREFORE, Community Board 8, Bronx County, reiterates its rejection and disapproval, requests further hearing dates by the City Council and strongly urges that the Members of the City Council vote to reject both MIH and ZQA and thereby reaffirm their support of grass roots democracy and local Community Boards.

Vote: 32 In favor      Opposed: 0      Abstention for cause: 1

**In favor:**

S. Alexander, R. Bender, Lenora Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K Pesce, R. Press, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

**Abstention for cause:** R. Fanuzzi

- P. Ellis and D. Kornbluh expressed that there is a need for affordable housing in this district. They agreed that the key is finding the way in constructing, which preserves the character of our neighborhoods.
- C. Moerdler reported that several institutions have not submitted their master plans. The ones that have been submitted can be viewed in the board office.
- Counsel for 6469 Broadway reported that they completed an application to the Board of Standards and Appeals for a variance to reduce the parking. C. Moerdler suggested to the Counsel that he meet with the Self Help Working Group.

2. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

- B. Bender reported that the Parks Department received a Federal Transportation grant to improve the conditions of the Putnam Trail. One of the conditions of the grant was to make the trail ADA accessible.
- The NY Audubon Society is pleased with the fact that birders in wheelchairs and who have difficulty walking will have access to the Putnam Trail.
- B. Bender said crushed stone is not ADA accessible. He wished there was another alternative other than asphalt but the other alternatives would require much more maintenance.
- DPR will take the plan to the Public Design Commission (PDC) as required, then will draw up contractor-ready plans, which must be submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for review, along with a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), which DEC must approve before granting DPR a required wetland permit. The trail is located in a wetland area and DEC has jurisdiction over wetlands. Parks hopes to be able to go to the DEC this summer.
- Councilman Cohen has always been an advocate for Van Cortlandt Park. He has been very successful in getting capital plans approved for this park. Although he agreed with the board members in favor of paving the trail with crushed stone he urged everyone to vote for the plan since restoration of the Putnam Trail is essential. Without a vote there is a possibility the Putnam Trail will not be restored.

The Chair called for a vote on the following resolution:

The Parks & Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 approves the design for the Putnam Trail in Van Cortlandt Park as presented to the committee at its meeting of January 27, 2016, by the Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) with the following conditions:

DPR agrees to consult with knowledgeable members of the community as identified by the committee, such as the Bronx Council on Environmental Quality (BCEQ), in drawing up its Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), which is required by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and further agrees to provide the committee with a draft copy of the SWPPP plan before submission to NYSDEC and to answer questions that the committee may have about the plan; and

DPR further agrees to extend the bioswales and the precast concrete planking proposed in the plan to the maximum extent possible within budgetary constraints; and

If substantive alterations to the design for the Putnam Trail are made in response to review by the Public Design Commission (PDC) or the DEC or any other governmental or regulatory agency, DPR will submit those changes to the committee for review; and

DPR agrees to appoint a liaison with the contractor chosen for the project to ensure that the contractor follows the approved design and to consult with the committee or any group it may designate in the event that substantive changes to the design are proposed in the course of construction.

Vote: 25 In favor      Opposed: 8      Abstention: 0

**In Favor:**

S. Alexander, R. Bender, Lenora Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, L. Parker, K. Pesce, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata,

**Opposed:**

P. Friedman, R. Ginty, D. McCord, D. Padernacht, R. Press, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, H. Young

- B. Bender thanked everyone for the amount of effort and attention given on this item. He also thanked non committee members for attending the meetings.
- B. Bender announced Bronx Parks Speak up at Lehman College on February 20 from 11AM-5PM.
- The next committee meeting is on February 24, 2016. There will be a presentation on the Seton Park Ballfield.

3. Public Safety – J. O'Brien

J. O'Brien presented the following renewals for State Liquor Authority applications which were approved at the January 21 Public Safety meeting:

Riverdale Diner, 3657 Kingsbridge Avenue  
 Riverdale Steak House, 5700 Riverdale Avenue  
 American Legion Post, 3035 Corlear Avenue  
 Blackstone Bar and Grill, 3713 Riverdale Avenue  
 Tin Marin, 3708 Riverdale Avenue  
 Caridad Restaurant, 135 West Kingsbridge Avenue

Vote: 33 In favor      Opposed: 0      Abstention: 0

**In favor:**

S. Alexander, R. Bender, Lenora Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord,

C. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K Pesce, R. Press, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

#### 4. Traffic & Transportation – M. Heller

The following street permit applications were voted on:

- ❖ Community Board 8 approves the SAPO application for a full street closure for an event entitled “Kingsbridge Heights Festival”, August 27, 2016, on Reservoir Avenue between Webb Avenue to West 231<sup>st</sup> Street. The event has taken place before. The street will be closed from 9 AM – 6 PM. A motion to approve the applications was approved 7 – 0 – 0 with members M. Heller, R. Press, S. Alexander, J. O'Brien, S. Sarao, H. Young, and CCM Joyce in favor.
- ❖ Community Board 8 approves the SAPO application for a full street closure for an event entitled “Kingsbridge Heights Community Festival Block Party”, April 16<sup>th</sup> on Kingsbridge Terrace, between Perot Street and Summit Place. The event has taken place before. The street will be closed from 9 AM – 5 PM. A motion to approve the applications was approved 7 – 0 – 0 with members M. Heller, R. Press, S. Alexander, J. O'Brien, S. Sarao, H. Young, and CCM Joyce in favor.
- ❖ Community Board 8 approves the SAPO application for a full street closure for an event entitled “Israeli Independence Day Street Festival”, May 12, 2016 on Netherland Avenue between West 236<sup>th</sup> Street and the Henry Hudson Parkway service road. The event has taken place before. The street will be closed from 12 noon – 9 PM. A motion to approve the applications was approved 7 – 0 – 0 with members M. Heller, R. Press, S. Alexander, J. O'Brien, S. Sarao, H. Young, and CCM Joyce in favor.
- ❖ Community Board 8 approves the SAPO application for a full street closure for an event entitled “Bronx Week Food and Arts Festival, May 15, 2016 on Mosholu Parkway between Bainbridge Avenue and Van Cortlandt Avenue East. The event has taken place before. The street will be closed from 12 – 8 PM. It appears the event will be entirely in Community Board 7, but Van Cortlandt Avenue East may be the borderline of the two community boards. A motion to approve the applications was approved 7 – 0 – 0 with members M. Heller, R. Press, S. Alexander, J. O'Brien, S. Sarao, H. Young, and CCM Joyce in favor.
- ❖ Community Board 8 approves the SAPO application for a full street closure for an event entitled PS 24 Springfest Block Party, June 8, 2016 on West 235<sup>th</sup> Street between Independence and Douglas Avenues. This event has taken place before. The street will be closed from 3 – 10 PM. approved 6 – 0 – 1 with members M. Heller, S. Alexander, J. O'Brien, S. Sarao, H. Young, and CCM Joyce in favor, and Vice Chair Press abstaining for cause.

Vote: 30 In favor      Opposed: 0      Abstention for cause: 1

#### **In favor:**

S. Alexander, R. Bender, Lenora Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K Pesce, R. Press, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

**Abstention for cause:** C. G. Moerdler,

#### 5. Health, Hospitals & Social Services – S. Froot

- S. Froot thanked Councilman Cohen and A. Sandler for holding a Drug Abuse forum in January.

- S. Froot urged all to attend the TCNY/2020 on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Riverdale Library from 6-8PM. It is a NYC Health Department initiative to improve health and narrow the gaps between NYC neighborhoods.
  - The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, March 21, 2016 at the Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehab.
6. Environment & Sanitation – L. Spalter, Vice Chair
- There was a presentation by Fed Cap at the January meeting. This is a new cleaning initiative run by the Department of Sanitation and funded by Councilman Cohen. Fedcap is a non-profit job training organization that employs a team of six individuals three days a week to pick up garbage, remove graffiti, and help with snow removal, largely in commercial areas.
  - BCEQ has mapped the responses on the storm water survey. Data will be shared with DEP to quantify the need for Green Infrastructure to absorb storm water in Community Board 8.
  - The next meeting is on February 17. The Department of Sanitation is invited to discuss Sanitation issues, especially the condition of our stepstreets.
7. Housing – P. Ellis
- Refer to minutes of the January 25 meeting.
  - There will be a tour of the Ft. Independence NYCHA houses. Their representatives will demonstrate the difficulties they're experiencing.
  - The next meeting is on February 22.
8. Law, Rules and Ethics – M. Wolpoff
- Refer to minutes. Review the use of abstentions.
9. Libraries & Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman
- The Kingsbridge Library is being painted and will be closed from February 29 thru March 4, 2016.
  - The Red Monkey Theater Group will be performing at the College of Mt. St. Vincent Theater on March 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>.
10. Youth – L. Parker
- The Committee is working on the comeback kid awards and a resource guide.
  - The next meeting is on February 24 in the board office.
11. Aging – L. Daub
- The Senior Resource Guide has been distributed and is on the website under Resources and Aging Committee. They are available in the board office and will be available at events held by the Community Board. The purpose is to have a guide for seniors to stay engaged, active and continue living independently in the community. She thanked the Aging Committee, K. Pesce and R. Ginty for their contributions.
  - The next meeting is on February 17, at the Riverdale Senior Services. A representative from the Riverdale Mental Health Association will speak on Geriatric Mental Health.
12. Budget – R. Press
- R. Press reminded the Parks, Housing, Education and Aging Chairs to send their comments regarding the budget responses to the board office. He also encouraged the committee chairs to begin work on the FY 2018 priorities.

13. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

- Refer to the February 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes.

14. Education – S. Alexander

- At the next meeting on February 23 there will be a discussion on the relocation of PS 24 from the Whitehall Building.

11. Approval of Board Minutes of January 12, 2016.

Vote: 33 In favor      Opposed: 0      Abstention: 0

**In favor:**

S. Alexander, R. Bender, Lenora Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, N. Friedman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K Pesce, R. Press, Amy Joy Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

12. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2016

No Discussion

13. Miscellaneous Business

- D. Kornbluh thanked whoever is responsible for the later hours at the library.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15PM.

Submitted by,

Diane Bay  
Community Associate