

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 8, 2016**

AT ETHICAL CULTURE FIELDSTON SCHOOL, STU COMMONS, 3901 FIELDSTON ROAD

PRESENT: 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, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, 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, H. Young

ABSENT: L. Baez, A. P. Creaney, R. Fanuzzi, M. Felix, D. Fuchs, A. Guzman, S. Marquez, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, J. M. Pilsner, J. Rather, J. Reyes, D. Toledo, M. Yamagata,

STAFF: P. Manning – District Manager
D. Bay – Community Associate
L. Hernandez – Community Associate

GUESTS: Andrew Cohen, Council Member
June Eisland, Council Member (Former)
E. Garcia – rep. Mayor Bill deBlasio
J. Stephenson – Office of Councilman Andrew Cohen
D. Ojeda-Tiru – rep. Congressman Eliot Engel
C. Lang – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein
T. Miller – rep. State Senator Gustavo Rivera
A. Castano – rep. Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
J. Lugo – rep. Councilman Fernando Cabrera
J. Laidley – rep. NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer
E. Sullivan – rep. Public Advocate Letitia James
T. Lucania – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Captain T. O'Toole - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct
Det. M. Ramos - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct
P.O. Ventura, NYPD, 50th Police Precinct
T. Mullen – Riverdale Neighborhood House
A. Ruben – Ethical Culture Fieldston School
W. Alexis – Montefiore
P. Pamphile – Van Cortlandt Library
K. Rivera – Bronx Charter School for Excellence
M. Perron – Administrator, Van Cortlandt Park
B. Abramson
R. Lawrence
T. Breslin
Y. B. Gurung
R. Feldman
P. Meenaghham
H. Barret
A. Fuentes
J. Rivera
K. Calderon

Chairman Padernacht convened the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

1. Gallery Session -

- Josephine Rivera of Catholic Guardian Services (“CGS”) spoke of the need for foster parents to provide services to youth, who require temporary out of home placement while helping them to become stable and mature young adults. If interested contact CGS at 1780 Grand Concourse, 2nd floor, Bronx, NY 10457 or call 718 228-1515 ext. 163, 174.
- Alisa Fuentes, Office of the City Clerk spoke about the lobbying bureau. The lobbying bureau is responsible for the regulation and enforcement of New York City’s Lobbying Law. Any attempt to influence city government is considered lobbying and appearing before a community board is considered lobbying. If you spend \$5,000 with an organization you must file with the Office of the County Clerk. If involved with a non-for-profit or if you apply for discretionary funding that is considered lobbying. Brochures were left on the table.
- Pastor Kerlin Calderon from Grace Tabernacle at 3424 Kingsbridge Avenue announced that they would like to partner with the community and help in any way possible.
- Herb Barrett reached out to the community for help with the upkeep of the Memorial Grove in Van Cortlandt Park. Margot Perron, Administrator of Van Cortlandt Park announced that the Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy has a new volunteer coordinator and she will have her meet with H. Barrett.
- Margot Perron reported that the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has secured \$40 million in capital funds for eight Parks Without Borders projects citywide. Projects are nominated by communities and will be selected by DPR. This initiative is to make parks more open and welcoming. The site that was focused on is at the end of the number 1 train at Broadway and West 242nd Street. The Friends of Van Cortlandt Park, Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy, Manhattan College and the local stores also support this location. Chair Padernacht questioned what the next step would be if this location is selected. M. Perron said there would be a full scoping meeting where the community would be invited. She also noted that part of the voting process was that all people were invited to vote online.

2. Introduction of Special Guests

Chairman announced Council Member Andrew Cohen, former Council Member June Eisland, E. Garcia, office of Mayor Bill de Blasio, Ed Sullivan office of Public Advocate Letitia James, T. Lucania, office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., C. Lang, office of State Senator Klein, T. Miller, office of Senator Gustavo Rivera, A. Castano, office of Assemblyman Dinowitz, J. Stephenson, office of Councilman Cohen, J. Lugo, office of Councilman Cabrera former board Chairs Bill Abramson, Judge Mark Friedlander, I.W. Stone and Martin Wolpoff.

D. Padernacht made a motion to amend the agenda in order to honor one of the board members:

Vote: In favor: 29 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

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The Chair announced that board member, Irving Ladimer turned 100 years old. He stated how Irving has always offered to help him and has also given guidance and years of service to the community. The Chair then proceeded to read the following resolution in honor of Irving.

RESOLUTION

of Bronx Community Board No. 8

dated this 8th day of March, 2016

WHEREAS, Irving Ladimer has now become the first centenarian member of Bronx Community Board No. 8; and

WHEREAS, Irving Ladimer has been a resident of Bronx Community Board No. 8 for more than 50 years and has served as a member of Bronx Community Board No. 8 for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, Irving Ladimer has been a leader in our community, holding positions such as president of the Spuyten Duyvil Homeowners' Association, President of the Men's Club and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale and as a member of the board of the Shervier Home and Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Irving Ladimer has served as the Chair of the Aging and Law, Rules and Ethics committees of Bronx Community Board No. 8; and

WHEREAS, Irving Ladimer has stressed the importance of ethics in each decision and process at Bronx Community Board No. 8 and has undertaken the goal of teaching civics to members of our community; and

WHEREAS, Irving Ladimer has extended his friendship and willingness to help all members of the community with grace, patience and understanding;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bronx Community Board No. 8 expresses its eternal gratitude for the contributions and dedication of Irving Ladimer and wishes him many more years of leadership and health.

The Chair proceeded to call for a vote on the resolution:

Vote: In favor: 29 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

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The celebration continued when Chair Padernacht invited former Council Member June Eisland and former Board Chair's Bill Abramson, Judge Mark Friedlander, M. Wolpoff and I.W. Stone to say a few words on behalf of I. Ladimer. Their tributes all included admiration, thanks and acknowledgement for Irving's years of continued dedication to the community.

Council member Andrew Cohen said it was an honor giving I. Ladimer a proclamation from the City Council which was also signed by Community Board 8 Council Members Cohen, Cabrera and Rodriguez. He noted

that Irving has been special to him by being a mentor and a friend throughout the years. Councilmember Cohen announced that Senator Klein presented Irving with a Senate resolution, Assemblyman Dinowitz presented Irving with an Assembly resolution and Congressman Engel made a tribute to Irving in the Congressional Record.

E. Garcia, representative of Mayor Bill de Blasio presented a proclamation thanking him for his continued efforts in teaching civics, serving on Community Board 8 and helping seniors across the neighborhood.

J. Laidley, representative of Comptroller Scott Stringer presented a proclamation and thanked him for his years of service.

E. Sullivan, representative of Public Advocate Letitia James congratulated him on his 100th birthday and thanked him for his service to the community.

T. Lucania, representative of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. presented a proclamation commemorating his years of service, his dedication for being an activist for human rights and his efforts to encourage individuals to be more civic minded and get involved in their community. He also relayed a message of congratulations from Larcenia Walton, Director of Senior Services at the Bronx Borough President's office.

C. Lang, representative of Senator Jeffrey Klein announced that at I. Ladimer's previous birthday party Senator Klein proclaimed it I. Ladimer Day in New York State. She then went on to present a proclamation noting Irving's selflessness, compassion, generosity and wisdom.

T. Miller, representative of Senator Gustavo Rivera's announced that the Senator was in Albany but he sent his best wishes displayed in a power point presentation. He expressed his warm regards to the community and to Irving. In the past 6 years of serving as Senator he conveyed what a great educator and help Irving has been to him. He thanked Irving for being a friend and a great civics leader. He recognizes and celebrates all that Irving has done for the community at large.

Andrea Castano, representative of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz noted that Assemblyman Dinowitz was in Albany. She then presented Irving with a resolution thanking him for his years of service and all that he's done and continues to do for the community. She also announced that Irving received a proclamation from the Assemblyman at his previous birthday party.

The Chair thanked everyone who came to honor Irving. He also thanked Irving for his hard work and dedication to the community. The celebration continued with a cake.

Irving thanked all for their kind words. He emphasized the importance of not only getting from the community but also giving back to the community. He urged others to take on community service, to vote and to join the community board.

3. Report from the 50th Police Precinct – Captain O'Toole

- Captain O'Toole wished I. Ladimer a Happy Birthday and congratulated him on turning 100.
- The Captain announced the Citizens Police Program, a 10 week program which begins on April 6. Experienced training bureau instructors provide training on instruction in law and justice, use of force, crisis intervention, dealing with emotionally disturbed persons, domestic violence, internal affairs, firearms training, discipline and counterterrorism. In interested contact the precinct.
- 28 day crime stats are – 0 murders, 0 rapes, 11 robberies vs. 10, 12 felony assaults vs. 8, 10 burglaries vs.15 and grand larcenies are up due to identity theft, tires, rims and car theft, grand larceny auto is 4 vs. 4 and in total crime is up 79 vs. 71.
- A board member stated that there is a safety problem for children in the vicinity of PS 24 and MS/HS 141 because cars are double parking and parents are making u-turns. The Captain has addressed this problem before and he will readdress it again.

- There was a question of how fast criminals are released after they are arrested. The Captain noted the contributing factors but stated he will be discussing this with the Bronx DA.
- Each gun arrest is reviewed with prosecutors and the Bronx DA's office daily.
- A homeless person was directed to go to one of the Church's. They can't be forced to go to a homeless shelter.
- The police are trained to deal with the mentally ill. There are procedures in place on how to deal with every situation.
- Auto crime is organized. The new up and coming crime is stealing sensors from the cars. There is now better and more coordinated investigation by the police department.

4. Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office – T. Lucania

- T. Lucania reported that reappointments and appointments to the community board will be announced the latter part of April. Interviews with all prospective applicants are ongoing.
- The Borough President invites you to join him on March 10 to celebrate Woman's History month at Scavello's on City Island beginning at 11AM, Irish Heritage month celebration at the Rambling House on March 16 from noon until 3PM and the Greek celebration being held at the Greek Orthodox Church on Kingsbridge Avenue beginning at 6PM tomorrow. Flyers were left on the table.
- Free financial counseling is now available at Bronx Hall. A trained counselor will help you identify your financial challenges. To schedule an appointment, flyers were left on the table with the contact information.

5. Chairman's Report – Daniel Padernacht

- The Chair thanked the Ethical Culture Fieldston School for hosting the meeting.

Chair Padernacht presented the following resolution which came out of the February Executive Committee meeting but was held over due to the time constraints at the last board meeting:

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature (the "Legislature") made certain findings and declarations when it created the New York State Freedom of Information Law [Public Officer's Law, Article 6, §§84-90];

WHEREAS the Legislature found that a free society is maintained when government is responsive and responsible to the public, and when the public is aware of governmental actions;

WHEREAS, the Legislature further found that the more open a government is with its citizenry, the greater the understanding and participation of the public in government;

WHEREAS, the Legislature further found that the people's right to know the process of governmental decision-making and to review the documents and statistics leading to determinations is basic to our society.

WHEREAS, the Legislature further found that access to such information should not be thwarted by shrouding it with the cloak of secrecy or confidentiality;

WHEREAS, the Legislature declared that government is the public's business and that the public, individually and collectively and represented by a free press, should have access to the records of government;

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board No. 8 (the "Board") holds regular meetings of its committees and its general body;

WHEREAS, members of the public read the minutes of the Board and its committees to keep informed on the process, decision-making and workings of the Board and its committees;

WHEREAS, members of the public are not always able to attend the meetings of the Board and its committees;

WHEREAS, the members of the Board realize the importance of disseminating minutes to the public;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT minutes shall be taken at every meeting of Bronx Community Board No. 8 in which an agenda is noticed to the public regardless of whether there is a quorum present for the meeting.

Vote: 28 In Favor Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

In Favor: S. Alexander, R. Bender, L. Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, P. Friedman, N. Friedman, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter-Lowe, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, A.J. Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

- The Chair indicated that his report is contained in the March Executive minutes.

6. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- No report.

7. District Manager's Report – P. Manning

- The report is contained in the March Executive Committee minutes.
- P. Manning asked the Chair's to start preparing their budget priorities for FY 2018.

8. City Planning – No representative from City Planning present

9. Committee Reports

1. Housing – P. Ellis

- Refer to the Housing minutes.
- The Committee appointed a Working Resource Group who is working on a Housing Resource Guide.
- The second session on the Affordable Housing forum will be held on Monday, March 28, 7PM at the William E. Irwin, Jr. American Legion Post 774 at 3035-37 Corlear Avenue. The forum will be on financing new construction of affordable housing. There will be speakers from Housing Preservation and Development, the new construction Finance Division and the NYS Housing Finance agency. The forum is geared for board members so when developers come before the board you have the knowledge of how affordable housing is developed. Flyers were left on the table.

2. Land Use – Vice Chair, M. Wolpoff

- The next Land Use meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at a location to be determined.
- Chair Padernacht announced that master plans were received from SAR upper and lower schools, Horace Mann and the Hebrew Home. Responses were received from the College of Mt. St. Vincent and Manhattan College who advised that the plans were forthcoming.

3. Law, Rules and Ethics – M. Wolpoff

- M. Wolpoff researched the use of who can abstain from a vote and what is a legal abstention. The NYS Committee on Open Government reported that the only legitimate abstention for cause is in fact, if there is a conflict of interest. The law outlines what those conflicts might be. He

further clarified that 1) if you're not at a meeting and you're asked to vote on the minutes of that meeting you can't abstain from voting; 2) You can recuse yourself from voting if there is some issue which might make your vote prejudice in one way or the other, and 3) if you step outside the room at a meeting to avoid a vote it is perceived as an application of responsibility.

4. Libraries & Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman

- The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at Wave Hill, 3:30PM. The history of Wave Hill will be discussed.
- Please refer to previous minutes.

5. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

- The committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at a location to be determined. There will be a presentation on a design for renovations of Henry Hudson Park.
- B. Bender congratulated I. Ladimer and spoke of what an inspiration it is to serve on the board with him.

6. Public Safety – J. O'Brien

J. O'Brien presented the following resolutions for State Liquor Authority applications:

I. Ibiza Lounge d/b/a Barcelona Bites, 220 West 242 Street

WHEREAS, Ibiza Lounge d/b/a Barcelona Bites, located at 220 West 242nd Street, Bronx, New York (the "Applicant" or "Establishment"), appeared at the Public Safety Committee of Bronx community Board No. 8 to present its application for a cabaret license;

WHEREAS, local residents appeared at the meeting and testified of excessive noise created by the establishment during late hours of the evening and early hours of the morning;

WHEREAS local residents testified of vibrations in their homes caused by the bass from the music, which coupled with the excessive noise, makes sleep difficult or impossible;

WHEREAS, local residents testified of quality of life infractions caused by patrons of the establishment such as empty beer bottles left on the street, loud patrons outside of the establishment and disturbing lights emanating from the establishment,

WHEREAS, the applicant testified that he was trying to work these issues out with the community;

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee was not persuaded by the mitigation efforts alleged by the applicant;

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee finds that a cabaret license is likely to create additional noise and crowds in or around the establishment;

WHEREAS, the applicant testified that one of the owners of record has been replaced by other owners but the paperwork to show such change of ownership has not yet been processed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bronx Community Board No. 8 hereby opposes the application for a cabaret license by Ibiza Lounge d/b/a Barcelona Bites.

Vote: 27 In Favor Opposed: 1 Abstention: 0

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O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, A.J. Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed: S. Villaverde

II. Jay' Place, 5782 Mosholu Avenue

WHEREAS, Jay's Place, located at 5782 Mosholu Avenue, Bronx, New York (the "Applicant" or "Establishment"), appeared at the Public Safety Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 to present its application for a renewal of its full liquor license;

WHEREAS, the NYPD did not have any adverse information about the establishment;

WHEREAS, no adverse information about the establishment was presented by the public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bronx Community Board No. 8 hereby approves the renewal of the full liquor license for Jay's Place.

Vote: 28 In Favor Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

In Favor: S. Alexander, R. Bender, L. Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, P. Friedman, N. Friedman, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter-Lowe, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, A.J. Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

III. Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course

Whereas, the Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course appeared at the Bronx Community Board 8 Public Safety Committee on February 18, 2016, for a full liquor license renewal; and whereas no adverse information was presented; and whereas the committee unanimously approved the application; be it resolved that Community Board 8 approves the application.

Vote: 28 In Favor Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

In Favor: S. Alexander, R. Bender, L. Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, P. Friedman, N. Friedman, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter-Lowe, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, A.J. Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

IV. Caribbean Grill, 6393 Broadway

Whereas, the Caribbean Grill, 6393 Broadway, appeared at the Bronx Community Board 8 Public Safety Committee on January 21, 2016, for a beer and wine license; and whereas no adverse information was presented; and whereas the committee unanimously approved the application; be it resolved that Community Board 8 approves the application.

Vote: 28 In Favor Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

In Favor: S. Alexander, R. Bender, L. Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, P. Friedman, N. Friedman, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter-Lowe, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, A.J. Robateau, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

7. Traffic & Transportation – M. Heller

- The next committee meeting is on March 15, 2016 at a location to be determined.

The following SAPO application for Amalgamated Nursery School Spring Bazaar was voted on:

Community Board 8 approves the SAPO application for a full street closure for an event entitled "Amalgamated Nursery School Spring Bazaar", May 22, 2016, on Gale Place, between Orloff Avenue and Van Cortlandt Park South. The event has taken place before. The street will be closed from 11 AM – 6 PM. A motion was approved 7 – 0 – 0 with members M. Heller, R. Press, S. Alexander, J. O'Brien, D. Fuchs, S. Sarao, and CCM M. Joyce in favor.

Vote: 28 In Favor Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

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The following resolution for renewal of NYC Taxi & Limousine renewal was voted on:

Therefore Be It Resolved that Bronx Community Board No. 8 has no objection to the application for the renewal of a NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission license, presented by Kingsdale Dispatch, Inc., One Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY, 10463. A motion was approved 7 – 0 – 0 with members M. Heller, R. Press, S. Alexander, J. O'Brien, D. Fuchs, S. Sarao, and CCM M. Joyce in favor.

Vote: 28 In Favor Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

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- R. Press questioned the installation of a new traffic light by PS 24. M. Heller stated this was widely supported by the parent leadership at the school and the local elected officials. I.W. Stone wanted it on the record that he also supports it. R. Press pointed out that he reported to the District Manager that the sidewalk is uprooted at this location. This is being investigated.

8. Youth – R. Pochter-Lowe

- Refer to minutes.
- The next committee meeting is on March 23, 2016 in the board office.

9. Aging – L. Daub

- Councilman Cohen spoke at the February meeting. Refer to minutes.
- The next committee meeting will be on March 15 at 2:30PM but will return to the 3:30PM time slot beginning in April. An officer from NYPD Community Affairs will be at the next meeting to speak on senior safety issues.

10. Budget – R. Press

- R. Press reminded the committee chairs to begin work on the FY 2018 budget requests.
- The budget process was unique this year and hopes it will be better next year.

11. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

- The next meeting will be on April 5, 2016. Refer to February minutes.

12. Education – S. Alexander

- The guest speaker at the February meeting was the Principal of MS/HS 368. Refer to minutes.
- D. Kornbluh announced that there are a number of disturbing issues found at the school on Godwin Terrace, PS 207 which was also written about in The Riverdale Press. He questioned what the Education Committee's role is in these situations. S. Alexander said the committee is an advisory committee and the Department of Education is the agency that handles these issues.

13. Environment & Sanitation – L. Spalter

- I. Terranova from the Department of Sanitation gave an update on the step streets in our district. Maintenance is shared with the Department of Transportation.
- K. Argenti reported on water run-off and subsequent street damage. They are having conversations with the Department of Environmental Protection and the need for green infrastructure to absorb the water before it does damage.
- The committee discussed the recent article about Tibbetts Brook in Van Cortlandt Park called the underground brook, gallons of sewage and century old problem. The committee decided to advocate for daylighting of Tibbetts Brook so that it does not go into our combined sewer overflow problems and cause pollution. M. Heller said this work is great but that the City should be working on these problems with Westchester County since some of the problems originate in Yonkers.
- The Bronx Council on Environmental Quality is having their annual meeting and water conference at Manhattan College on March 23, 2016 from 5-7PM.

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

- The next committee meeting is on Monday, March 21 at 7:30PM at the Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehab.

10. Approval of Board Minutes of February 9, 2016.

- B. Bender inquired as to whether the letter about the responses to our budget requests was written to OMB. Chair Padernacht said the Budget Chair drafted a letter and it is being worked on with the officers. He will respond by March 14, 2016. R. Press said OMB requested a survey be filled out about the budget process and he said he filled out the survey which coincides with what is said in the letter to OMB.
- It was noted that the February board minutes state that the Housing meeting is February 27 and it should state February 22nd.

The Chair called for a vote on the amended February board minutes:

Vote: In favor: 29 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

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11. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2016.

- I.W. Stone noted that on page 3 of the Executive minutes R. Press is listed twice in the Public Safety

vote.

12. Miscellaneous Business

- I.W. Stone asked if the Kingsbridge Post office was sold. The Chair said they have a lease until 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Submitted by,

Diane Bay
Community Associate