

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2015
RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4763 HENRY HUDSON PARKWAY**

PRESENT: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, G. Singleton, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

ABSENT: L. Baez, S. Balicer, A. P. Creaney, A. Fella, M. Felix, S. Froot, M. Heller, S. Marquez, D. McCord, L. Parker, J. M. Pilsner, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, D. Toledo, M. Zegarra-Soja

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

GUESTS: J. Dinowitz, Assemblyman
A. Cohen, Councilman
K. Cooper – Office of Councilman Andrew Cohen
M. Blaustein – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein
J. Demko – Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
D. Greenblatt – rep. Congressman Eliot Engel
J. Klein
A. Sandler – Office of Councilman Andrew Cohen
K. Theobald – Office of Councilman Andrew Cohen
A. Toledo – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.
I. Christner – Bon Secours
M. Dreisinger
D. Gellman
L. Judd
P. Judd
G. McNeil
P. Moerdler
J. Rincon
K. Rose
M. Sullivan
T. Shelton
T. Tureski
L. Wakistein

Chairman Padernacht convened the meeting at the meeting at 7:30 PM.

1. Gallery

- A. Les Judd, 238th Street Neighborhood Coalition, discussed quality of life complaints deriving from Manhattan College students' who are creating nightly

disturbances on the streets in the surrounding area. The Coalition has met with the Public Safety Committee. Mr. Judd states that Manhattan College is not cooperating with responding to the problem, and the 50th Precinct has directed complainants to file with 311. Mr. Judd further discussed the need for greater attention to summoning bars in violation of the underage drinking law.

Chairman Padernacht referred the Coalition to the Public Safety Committee.

- B. Ian Christner, Bon Secours, announced their advocacy campaign for the Affordable Care Act sign-ups with assisting the community with enrollment.
- C. Tim Turesky, Spuyten Duyvil Library, announced that Nicola McDonald is the new manager at Jerome Park Library. He advised that Spuyten Duyvil Library is participating with "MyLibraryNYC" program and is partnering with PS 24. The program provides teachers extended borrowing time, and provides participating schools with fine-free student and educator library cards, free delivery and pickup of books, as well as access to the public library system's unparalleled digital resources.

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

Recruitment for community board membership is underway. Applications were left on table. The deadline for applications is February 6th.

3. Chairman welcomed and invited Assemblyman Dinowitz to address the Board.

Assemblyman Dinowitz congratulated Nicole Stent on her new job and wished her good luck; Advised that rent protection laws are up for renewal June 2015. Assemblyman Dinowitz and Councilman Cohen met with residents and Manhattan College concerning the complaints of students' unruly behavior. Surveillance cameras on the buildings on Waldo Avenue should be helpful with the problem.

4. Chairman welcomed and invited Councilman Cohen to address the Board.

Councilman Cohen acknowledged the good work of the Board. He noted special efforts of Bob Bender with the Parks & Recreation Committee, and Paul Ellis with work of the Housing Committee; The Councilman thanked and wished Nicole Stent good luck in her new position; Introduced Kate Cooper, his Budget officer.

5. Chairman's Report

- The board office is receiving its new copier which has a scanner and sorter that will increase efficiency for Board operations and save the Board \$360.00 per year.
- Chairman thanked Nicole Stent for her time as District Manager and wished her good luck in her new position.
- The Youth Committee presented Nicole with a beautiful flower arrangement, and sentiments of gratitude and expressions of well wishes were extended to her by members of the Board. Nicole thanked the Board, City Agencies and elected officials and their staff for having the opportunity to work with them, and to learn and grow. She also thanked staff members Diane and Pat, and praised their hard work.

- Chairman Padernacht advised the members that the Board will begin a search for a new District Manager. The Chair advised that there will be certain requirements that must be followed. The Chair stated that the last time a new District Manager was hired, the Chair at the time, Tony Cassino, created a search committee comprised of only the Board officers which presented a candidate to the full board for approval. The Chair stated that the candidate was presented but the compensation package for the District Manager was not presented to the Board until after the candidate was approved by the Board. Chair Padernacht stated that he did not want to follow the same procedure and does not believe a search committee should be comprised of only officers. Moreover, he believed that the search committee should be representational of the Board and that it is sufficient for only one officer to serve on the search committee. In addition, Chair Padernacht believes that the Board should be aware of the compensation package offered to the candidate prior to voting on any candidate. Chair Padernacht proposed a search committee of the following members to the Board: Steve Froot, Karen Pesce, Lamont Parker, Demetrius McCord, and Daniel Padernacht with Chair Padernacht serving as Chair of the search committee. He invited the Board to discuss the issue. Following discussion, the Chairman made a motion to create a Special Committee to advertise, interview and recommend a candidate(s) to the Board for appointment as the new District Manager. The Search Committee will end the earlier of June 30, 2015 or at the appointment of the new District Manager.

Vote for the Creation of the Special Committee:

31 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, G. Singleton, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

S. Villaverde

6. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- The finalized Budget report was sent out to the Board. There are adjustments of approximately \$5,200 representing staff union raises, and also increase in Rent line item board office real estate taxes. The report was finalized prior to the District Manager's resignation and therefore does not identify adjustments for the salary.

7. District Manager's Report – N. Stent

- All minutes are up to date except for outstanding minutes from 2014 for Health, Hospitals & Social Services (April), and Economic Developing (March).
- Filed internship opportunities to work with the Board with College of Mount Saint Vincent, Manhattan College, and Fordham University.

8. Chairman read a brief statement from DI Rasa who was unable to attend the meeting. DI Rasa thanked R. Press for disseminating the Compstat report and advised that 2014 stats were not final. However he is confident that for two years in a row crime would be under 1000. Questions were raised about the high number of rapes. Chairman asked that the Public Safety Committee discuss with DI Rasa.

9. Committee Reports

A. Land Use – C. Moerdler

1. The Committee met January 12th. Layovers for one month were granted for the Bloomfield Development application in response to Fieldston Property owners request to have adequate time to hire a consultant to review impact to Indian Pond; and the SAR application for further review by the community. These items will be on the February 5th, agenda with an additional application from Riverdale Country School.
2. C. Moerdler presented the following resolution passed by the Committee.

I. RESOLVED, the Bronx Community Board No. 8 repeats and ratifies the resolutions adopted previously requesting the denial of Landmark's Preservation Commissions (LPC) designation with respect to 6 Ploughman's Bush (a/k/a 665 West 246th Street) and urging the matter be immediately deleted from the calendar of the LPC.

Vote: 30 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis,
A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin,
R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon,
R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K.
Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, G. Singleton,
I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, S. Villaverde, H. Young

Abstentions –

R. Fanuzzi, A. Moore

B. Law, Rules & Ethics – M. Wolpoff

1. There was no December meeting. The next meeting will be held on January 22nd, at Riverdale Mental Health Association, at 7:00 PM.

C. Libraries and Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman

1. Discussed the funding problem with city funds to libraries that are only 0.7%, and the libraries selling off properties to acquire funds.

2. Ben Spierman, Associate Artistic Director, Bronx Opera Company and Orchestra of the Bronx will be guest speaker at the February 12th meeting. The meeting will be held at the Board Office, at 6:30 PM.

D. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

1. B. Bender presented the following resolution passed by the Committee calling for continued funding for the VCP Forestry Restoration Group:

WHEREAS, the VCP Forestry Restoration Group will lose its Croton Mitigation Funding in June 2015, and

WHEREAS, the VCP Forestry Restoration Group performs necessary daily maintenance and inspection in the park and assists in maintaining the Parade Grounds in addition to fulfilling its core mission of forestry restoration, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks & Recreation has made a proposal to OMB for continued funding of the Forestry and Restoration Group's full-time and season employees, and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Committee has already urged in its annual budget priorities continued funding of this group after its current funding expires in June 2015, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board No. 8 Bronx urges our elected officials in concert with DPR to continue to fund the Van Cortlandt Park Forestry Restoration Group beyond June 2015.

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

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, G. Singleton, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

2. Thanked all for the tree planting suggestion sites.
3. The Special Committee on the Greenway will meet January 14th, at the Riverdale YM/YWHA, at 7:30 PM.

E. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

1. A. G. Feldmeier called for a motion from the floor to present the following resolution as there was no quorum at the December meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLVED, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves the following Renewal applications for New York State liquor licenses:

- Bronx Post No. 95 Veterans of Foreign Wars, 3960 Orloff Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463
- Hola Restaurant, 5586 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10463

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

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, G. Singleton, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

2. The next meeting will be held on January 15th, at the 50th Precinct at 7:00 PM.

F. Traffic & Transportation - R. Press, Vice Chair

1. R. Press presented the following two resolutions passed by the Committee:
 - I. **BE IT RESOLVED**, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves Yo-Burger, Inc., D/B/A Yo-Burger **RENEWAL APPLICATION** for an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 26 tables and 52 chairs, at 3720-3726 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463.
 - II. **BE IT RESOLVED**, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves Salvatore's of Soho **RENEWAL APPLICATION** for an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 17 tables and 42 chairs, at 3738 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463

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

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, G. Singleton, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

2. R. Press presented the following resolution passed by the Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED, Community Board No. 8 approves Street Activity Permit ID No. 193054, PS 24 Springfest Block Party to be held on June 3, 2015 at West 235th Street between Independence Avenue and Douglas Avenue. The event has been held the past 5 years with no problems.

Vote: 31 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention for cause

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi,
A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty,
M. Goodman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon,
R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht,
K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, G. Singleton,
I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstention for Cause –

R. Press

3. The Committee will hold its next meeting on January 20th, at Manhattan College, School of Engineering, at 7:30 PM. The agenda will include a request by Tech International School for a drop-off Zone; Complaints of idling diesel trains in Marble Hill, and four SAPO applications.

G. Youth

1. R. Pochter Lowe reported that the next meeting will be held on January 28th, at 4:00 PM, location to be determined.

H. Aging – K. Pesce

1. The Committee will meet on January 20th, at Schervier Apartments, at 2:30 PM. The subject will be "Livable New York."

I. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

1. S. Villaverde made a motion to present the following resolution from the floor as there was no meeting quorum. The motion passed unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves Burke's Beal Bocht Corp. **RENEWAL APPLICATION** for and Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 4 tables and 20 chairs, at 445 West 238th Street, Bronx, NY 10463.

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

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi,
A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty,
M. Goodman, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon,
R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht,
K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, G. Singleton,
I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

2. The next meeting will be held on February 3rd, location to be determined.

J. Education – S. Alexander

1. The Committee will meet on January 27th, at the Board Office, at 7:30 PM.

K. Environment & Sanitation – R. Fanuzzi

1. The Committee heard complaints from Marble Hill residents about the air quality being compromised by idling diesel engines and the issue was referred to the Traffic & Transportation Committee.
2. Main topics at the meeting were the state of recycling in schools. There is a Green Team dedicated to this purpose but needs improvement. This will be taken up at a future meeting. DSNY is considering bringing Organic Recycling to a couple of schools in Community District 8; the other topic concerned Water Quality and combined sewer overflow. There will be a joint meeting on the latter topic with Parks & Recreation on January 28th.

L. Health, Hospitals & Social Services – L. Daub, Vice Chair

1. The next meeting will be held on February 16th, at the Board Office, at 7:30 PM.

M. Housing – P. Ellis

1. Refer to minutes.
2. Will take up the issue of Rent Stabilization.
3. NYCHA Working Group has continued to meet and met at Fort Independence.
4. The next Committee meeting will in conjunction with a Town Hall at Marble Hill Houses in collaboration with Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez and Senator Adriano Espaillat on January 21st, at 7:00 PM.
5. Working on persistent dumping problem at Marble Hill Houses.

N. Budget

No report.

10. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2014

Chairman Padernacht advised of the following corrections:

Page 6, B, Law Rules & Ethics numbered items changed to 1, 2, 3; Pages 6-7, D, Parks & Recreation numbered items changed to 1, 2, 3; Pages 11-12 after 14 changed to 15, 16, 17, 18; Vote under Item 11 changed to “5 opposed.”

The amended minutes were approved by a vote of 24 in favor, 2 opposed, and 6 abstentions.

In Favor –

B. Bender, L. Daub, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, J. O’Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, G. Singleton, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

M. Donato, M. Khury

Abstentions –

S. Alexander, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, D. Lennon, J. Reyes

11. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2015

No Discussion.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia Manning
Community Associate