

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON MAY 13, 2014  
AT MANHATTAN COLLEGE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING,  
3825 CORLEAR AVENUE**

**PRESENT:** S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

**ABSENT:** S. Catechis, B. Fettman, M. Galvin, J. M. Pilsner

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

**GUESTS:** J. Dinowitz - Assemblyman  
M. Blaustein – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein  
J. Demko – Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz  
J. DeSio – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.  
D. Greenblatt – rep. Congressman Eliot L. Engel  
A. Sandler – rep. Councilman Andrew Cohen  
C. McKinney – NYC Park Planning  
D.I. P. Rasa – NYPD, 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct  
P.O. Cordero – NYPD, 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct  
M. Gonzalez – Kingsbridge Library  
M. Perron – Van Cortlandt Park  
J. Santisteban – Jerome Park Library  
A. Assal  
S. Bauman – Five Boro Bike Club  
J. Benfatti – CB8 Community Service Award Honoree  
M. Bremeyev  
S. Corber - SPT  
A. Creaney  
D. Dolan  
C. Dubin – FVCP, CB8 Community Service Award Honoree  
M. Forman - Pure Love Organic Farms  
D. Gellman  
J. Gomez – Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee Community Member  
K. Green  
L. Lang – CB8 Community Service Award Honoree  
K. McDermott – Bronx Arts Ensemble  
L. Mercado – Kingsbridge-Riverdale Farmers Market  
P. Moerdler  
S. Moore – Van Cortlandt Track  
C. O'Brien – Nature Group  
T. O'Connor

D. Ranells  
M. Rios  
L. Rollhaus – Pure Love Organic Farms  
C. Scarborough – NY Daily News  
L. Scribner – CB8 Community Service Award Honoree  
T. Shelton – KRVCDC  
K. Shelton-Smith  
G. Spalter  
W. Steinberg – Hebrew Home at Riverdale  
C. Strauss  
C. Taylor - FVCP  
M. Turov  
B. Verqz – SPT  
J. Young – SPT

Chairman Fanuzzi called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

1. Gallery Session

- A. Michael Forman presented information on plans for creation of an organic garden on the lot located at West 242<sup>nd</sup> Street and Independence Avenue. He is seeking to acquire Greenthumb status for this purpose. He and other community members have been working over a year clearing and transforming the lot that has been a dumpsite for 40 years. There is great community support for the garden. Expects to have official license shortly and asked that others get involved. Presently food items for composting can be dropped off at the site. No meat or dairy accepted.

Chairman thanked Mr. Forman for taking on a task that will have a healthful benefit to the community.

- B. Matthew Turov discussed the Van Cortlandt Master Plan. He stated that there are some ambiguities in the plan and some of the wording regarding trails and how the trails will be altered. The plan uses vague terminology and insufficient details pertaining to environmental alterations with respect to widening, and paving; and there is inadequate information about such words as creating, building, improving, and restoring in terms of trails material and habitat removal. He referred to pages 61, 63 and 69 of the plan as further support of discussion.
- C. Margarita Bremeyev addressed the topic of the trail and playground surfaces mentioned in the Master Plan and referred to as porous ground pavement. She explained that there are all types of porous ground pavement on the market and all have been shown to be toxin in some degree. Areas where they are most harmful are areas that are applicable to Van Cortlandt Park which are wetlands, wooded areas with uncompacted soil, and recreation areas and playgrounds where people can inhale or ingest toxin. She discussed the different types of materials used for manufacturing porous pavement and the harmful chemicals and toxins.
- D. Lucy Mercado announced the award of the Love Your Block Grant by Citizens Committee of New York. This will be used for the Beautification project for Kingsbridge Avenue and West 231<sup>st</sup> Street. The project will entail a cleanup and installation of 10 street tree guards. The Beautification event will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. She invited the community to come out and participate

in this effort. The Kingsbridge Farmers Market hosted at Church of the Mediator will open June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Additionally, seed plantings were already done for the community garden at the church. Composting will be starting.

- E. Tracy Shelton, KRVCDC informed about their Daily News feature supplement "Experience Riverdale." The cover features the RiverFest event being held on June 15<sup>th</sup> on the grounds of College of Mount Saint Vincent. The supplement is filled with great information about Riverdale. Copies were distributed to the Board. Other events coming up include a campaign for Riverfront access.

2. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2014

- R. Press added comment to page 17 that motion was made "*by Robert Press*" to table resolution for 60 days.
- L. Spalter corrected her vote on page 19 to reflect her opposing vote on the resolution presented by Parks and Recreation Committee.
- R. Ginty added her vote on page 8 to M. Wolpoff for the election to the Nominating Committee. R. Ginty added comments to page 14 under Law, Rules & Ethics report to include handbooks will be distributed to community committee members.
- A. Feldmeier added her vote on page 7 to D. Lennon for the election to the Nominating Committee.
- D. Lennon removed her vote on page 20 from L. Parker for the election to the Nominating Committee.

The amended minutes were approved by 38 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions (M. Donato, P. Friedman)

3. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2014

Any corrections will be made by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

4. Chairman welcomed Deputy Inspector Paul Rasa and invited him to address the Board.

Deputy Inspector Rasa reviewed the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct's year to date statistics. Robbery 39 vs 33; felony assault 44 vs 38; burglary 42 vs 39; grand larceny 107 vs 132; grand larceny auto 36 vs 25 - reflects trend of older car thefts; includes 13 Dodge Caravans and 7 Hondas), three arrests were made. Transit 9 vs 4 – reflects increase with "Lush" workers on No. 1 Train line. NYCHA Marble Hill and Fort Independence Houses: 17 vs 13 – domestic related assaults. Shootings – two people struck after leaving Raine, 170 West 230<sup>th</sup> Street, at 4:00 AM on May 12<sup>th</sup>, both were taken to hospital, treated and released. The owner of Raine will be interviewed by police. Arrests this year are at 264; noise complaints - 673 investigated, 10 summonses issued. Discussed the benefits of the Mayor's Vision Zero initiative. Collisions – 644 vs 651, injuries 97 vs 117; pedestrian accidents 28 vs 34; traffic violations- parking 4,500; moving violations brings combined total to over 7,000.

5. Chairman welcomed Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and invited him to address the Board.

Assemblyman Dinowitz related that no additional information to report regarding Montefiore's proposed building plans. Reported on two pieces of pending legislation, one having to do with the creation of a Utilities Consumer Advocate Office, and the other

is enhancing legislation already active concerning regulations for administering Naloxine to heroin overdose patients. The new legislation would provide authorization to emergency health professionals to administer upon arrival to a person who has overdosed on heroin. Mayor de Blasio was recently at Riverdale Neighborhood House speaking on the success of funding for Universal Pre-K. There is a new Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Affairs and hopefully, there will be an opportunity to deal with “over” summoning of retailers, that “warnings” can be applied.

#### 6. Report from the Office of the Bronx Borough President – J. DeSio

- Community Board members who have submitted a reappointment application should continue to serve until they receive a letter from the Borough President regarding their reappointment. The terms of community board members who have chosen not to reapply for a new term ended on March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The Grand Finale to Bronx Week will be the Bronx Week Parade with a Food and Arts Festival taking place on Mosholu Parkway. There will be a grand finale concert at Mosholu Parkway and Bainbridge Avenue. Visit [ilovethebronx.com](http://ilovethebronx.com) for further information.
- There is a resolution before the City Council regarding the operation of community boards. The resolution makes a number of recommendations, including that the Borough President would report to the City Council regarding how outreach is done; calling for term limits on community board membership, and changing the way board members are appointed. Borough President Diaz will not support this recommendation. The City Charter gives the legal right to Borough Presidents to appoint community board members in concert with Councilmembers.
- Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. fully supports Marble Hill becoming a part of The Bronx.

#### 7. Chairman’s Report

- Announced that the May meeting for the Croton Water Filtration Plant Monitoring Committee will be held at Bronx Community Board No. 12, 4101 White Plains Road, at 7:00 PM.
- Chairman made a motion to amend the Board agenda to add a resolution from the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded. The following vote to amend the agenda resulted:

Vote: 38 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney,  
L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella,  
P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D.  
Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore,  
D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes,  
X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S.  
Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions:

R. Ginty, R. Press

The following Youthmarket resolution was presented:

**RE: Bronx Community Board No. 8 Youthmarkets**

**WHEREAS**, Families and Children residing in the Bronx are experiencing epidemic rates of diet-related disease like obesity and diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grow NYC is a Mayoral Office non-profit corporation whose mission is to ensure that all New Yorkers have access to the freshest, most nutritious locally grown food and which administers the Youthmarket program a network of urban farm stands operated by neighborhood youth, supplied by local farmers, and designed to bring fresh fruits and vegetables to underserved communities throughout New York City; and

**WHEREAS**, Board 8 has a continuing interest in supporting the GrowNYC Youthmarket program, which trains youth in small-business skills and which is designed to bring healthy, farm fresh, locally grown produce to low-income communities and communities who need it most, which are disproportionately affected by diet-related health issues like obesity, diabetes, and heart disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Bronx Community Board No. 8 (Board 8) has created and supported GrowNYC Youthmarkets in Marble Hill for six years the Kingsbridge Heights area for two years in collaboration with Kingsbridge Heights Community Center and Bon Secour Health Systems ; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT**

1. Bronx Community Board No. 8 will engage GrowNYC as an independent contractor to provide startup activities for Marble Hill Youthmarket and Kingsbridge Heights Community Center Teen Market including but not limited to securing all necessary permits for market sites and acceptance of healthy food subsidies such as Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, training Youthmarket Managers, and creating training curriculum during the summer and fall of 2014;
  2. Bronx Community Board No. 8 will pay GrowNYC in this consultant capacity the amount of \$4000 for the Marble Hill Youthmarket and the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center Teen Market before the end of fiscal year 2014.
- Discussion ensued. After several calls for further analysis by the Board or a subcommittee at the beginning of the year or in the fall of the practice and process for this contract and with the understanding that this will be done, the question was called.

Vote: 26 in favor, 14 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, A. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, L. Parker, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, J. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde

Opposed –

S. Alexander, A. G. Feldmeier, A. Fella, P. Friedman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, R. Pochter Lowe, R. Press, J. Rather, L. Spalter, M. Wolpoff, H. Young,

The question was sustained and the Youthmarket resolution was voted on as follows:

Vote: 23 in favor, 0 opposed, and 17 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, A. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Fella, S. Froot, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, A. Moore, L. Parker, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde

Abstentions –

S. Alexander, A. G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, I. Ladimer, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. Reyes, L. Spalter, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, M. Zegarra-Soja

The resolution passed.

8. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

Reported that a line item transfer from the discretionary funds was placed in the Board budget OTPS line for FY 2013/14.

9. District Manager's Report – N. Stent

No report.

10. Presentation of Community Service Awards

Chairman called upon M. Goodman, Chair, Community Service Awards committee to conduct the presentation of awards to the honorees. M. Goodman and committee members S. Alexander, A. Moore, M. Zegarra-Soja and M. Wolpoff presented the awards.

The Community Service Award was established in 1993 to acknowledge the many volunteer efforts of groups and individuals within our community. It is the Board's belief that by recognizing our committed community volunteers, we can in some small way reward those most deserving and inspire others to follow their example. The Community Service Award was bestowed upon the following four honorees for their good works.

**Lucy Lang:** Who is 91 years old and has been volunteering at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale for the past 24 years. Mrs. Lang spends one day a week at the Hebrew Home visiting with residents, reading to them, and often writing letters for them. She even takes them out for lunch from time to time. She brightens the days of residents who may not have visitors, who may not have family nearby, who may not have friends to stop by. Mrs. Lang has improved and enhanced the lives of hundreds of the residents over the years. Her companionship is priceless to so many of the nursing home residents.

**Louise Scribner:** Has been volunteering at the Bronx Arts Ensemble (BAE) since her retirement from that organization in 2008. Ms. Scribner has remained loyal and supportive of the BAE and volunteers as editor, proofreader and writer for the BAE, assists in concert coordination and publicity, and is active in presentation of the BAE's free Memorial Day Holiday concert in Van Cortlandt Park and free summer concerts. Each year she coordinates the Young Bronx Artist Contest, which recognizes promising young musicians. She also acts as archivist of Ensemble's history and performances of new works premiered by BAE, as well as history of the Ensemble's presentation of works by Latino composers, from the beginning to the present.

**John Benfatti:** Volunteers and coordinates services at the Riverdale-Yonkers Ethical Society's Emergency Overnight Shelter for six homeless men. The Shelter operates in partnership with Congregation Tehillah and the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale. Mr. Benfatti coordinates schedules with other volunteers who include Manhattan College students for setting up and serving the evening meal, set up beds, clean-up after the meal and provide camaraderie for the guests. The Overnight Shelter has passed its 11<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and has not missed one Monday night.

**Charlene Dubin:** Has volunteered with Friends of Van Cortlandt Park for over four years doing forest restoration, garden work, trail restoration and free community craft projects as well as any type of office work needed. Through the forest restoration work she has removed invasive species and planted many native trees to restore a healthy ecosystem to the Park. Charlene is an active member of the Volunteer Trails Crew attending every month to help build boardwalks, install waterbars and more. Over the years Charlene has donated more than 300 hours of her time to the Friends and has become one of their most dedicated volunteers.

The Board extended congratulations to all.

## 11. Committee Reports

### A. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

1. The Job Fair for retail workers for the new Broadway Plaza Mall was a resounding success with over 700 applicants attending. He gave special credit and thanks to M. Khury who had coordinated the job fair negotiating with the retailers and Equity One, the developer. M. Khury reported that a total of more than 135 jobs were offered by the participating retailers: Aldi, T.J. Maxx, Party City, and Sports Authority. In addition, T.J. Maxx will be working with the board

to host another job fair in the fall. The BOEDC chair Marlene Cintron also attended. The local newspapers provided coverage and everyone was pleased with the outcome. She thanked all involved P. Ellis, Chair Fanuzzi, L. Parker, Marlene Cintron, special friends, and extended grateful appreciation to Kingsbridge Library's Manager Ms. Buitrago and staff for their full cooperation in hosting the event.

B. Education – S. Alexander

1. There was no April meeting.
2. The Committee will meet on May 27<sup>th</sup>, Board Office, at 7:30 PM.
3. To follow up on the issue of doors at PS 7. S. Alexander made a site visit as did Councilman Cohen. The Councilman has listed the doors as a budget priority for the School Construction Authority.
4. David Garcia-Rosen, Director of Small School Athletic League and S. Alexander met with Councilman Cohen regarding funding. Small Schools Athletic League is a budget item on the City Council's budget with Councilmember Cohen's support.
5. Announced that she has been organizing support for a Street Naming honoring Debbie Bowden who was a member of Community Board 8 for more than 25 years and longtime chair of the Education Committee until her death in 2012. The honor is to commemorate her many years of community service, especially her educational dedication to all children in this community. Anyone who wishes to support this effort can write letters and/or attend the Traffic & Transportation Committee meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, at Manhattan College, at 7:30 PM where a resolution will be taken for Debbie Bowden's street naming. The location is at the Northwest corner of West 235<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue.

C. Environment and Sanitation – S. Marquez

1. There was no April meeting.
2. The Committee will meet May 21<sup>st</sup>, at Kingsbridge Heights Rehabilitation and Care Center, at 7:00 PM. Department of Environmental Protection will make a presentation on their rehabilitation project of the gatehouse at Jerome Park Reservoir.

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

1. The minutes are not yet drafted due to the delayed April meeting date.
2. The Committee held a public hearing at the April meeting on the subject of New York Lutheran Social Services (NYLSS) sheltering program for "unaccompanied minors" who have entered the US illegally. Two apartments at 2865 Kingsbridge Terrace owned by NYLSS will be used for the program. The building is a Mitchell Lama Co-op. There will be 11 minors between the ages of 13-17 housed there for up to 30 days while a provisional host family is arranged. They are under supervision 24 hours, 7 days a week and attend a special school during the day until 5:00PM. Surveillance cameras are outside the apartments. Members of the Co-op Board attended the hearing and it was a full and open meeting. The plan is due to go forward as of May 2014.
3. The next Committee meeting will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Board Office, at 7:30 PM. Presentations will be made by Riverdale Urgent Care, and NY Nurse-Family Partnership program, Visiting Nurse Services of New York.



## E. Housing – S. Balicer

1. Deferred report to P. Ellis.
2. The Committee met on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Refer to minutes.
3. The next meeting will be held on June 23rd. There will be a public forum in Marble Hill area with NYCHA representatives and tenants. In view of the Mayor's focus on NYCHA, this will be an important meeting.

## F. Land Use – C. G. Moerdler

1. A meeting will be held with the Department of City Planning within the next two weeks to begin to move forward on the Board's resolution proposal for rearrangement in zoning for Central Riverdale. C. Moerdler thanked P. Friedman for providing maps for the project. The Land Use Committee will also start to look at other areas in the district that meet criteria for zoning change.
2. Discussed damaged Metro-North substation. There will be a presentation at the Traffic and Transportation Committee.
3. C. Moerdler made a motion to amend the agenda for presentation of resolutions being brought by the Land Committee where there was no quorum at its meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The motion to amend the agenda was passed unanimously (40 in favor).

**Vote:** 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

The following resolution was presented:

**RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves Department of City Planning Application No. N 140354, for the grant of an authorization involving 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, to facilitate the enlargement of a roofed-over porch which will then be enclosed and made part of the first floor of an existing house on the property located at 5220 Sycamore Avenue (Block 374, Lot 5939), in the Special Natural Area District (NA-2), in the Borough of the Bronx in Community District 8; and Landmarks Preservation Commission Docket No. 15-2485 for a one story horizontal extension.

**Vote:** 38 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, A.

Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions:

M. Donato, P. Friedman

**RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves with conditions Board of Standards & Appeals Application No. 63-14-BZ - 5500 Broadway, to reestablish special permit allowing an existing physical culture establishment (PCE) in an M1-1 zoning district. Full approval will be **CONDITIONED** upon applicant's written certification that no city agency violations and no changes in filings have occurred by the next Land Use Committee meeting date of June 9, 2014 or by Community Board meeting date of June 10, 2014.

**Vote:** 38 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions:

M. Donato, P. Friedman

4. The agenda item regarding construction of Manhattan College Student Commons building roof top esthetics was laid over until the September Land Use meeting to give the College the opportunity to come up with some type of "screening."

G. Law, Rules and Ethics – R. Ginty

1. Refer to minutes.
2. R. Ginty presented the following resolution passed by the Committee at its April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting:

**WHEREAS**, the New York City Council introduced legislation (Intro 28) requiring that all community boards record their monthly public meetings in digital video format, and

**WHEREAS**, such meetings and hearings are to be webcast live, where practicable, and archived and made available to the public on the community board or city's website not more than seventy-two hours after adjournment of the meeting or hearing recorded, and

**WHEREAS**, webcasting and archival video increase public access to government resulting in increased transparency and community involvement, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed legislation does not provide any capital or expense funding or technical staff necessary for the required effort;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Bronx Community Board 8 supports the purpose of Intro 28 to increase public access and transparency to government by requiring that community boards webcast and archive their monthly meetings, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Bronx Community Board 8 recommends that the City Council not adopt Intro 28 unless and until sufficient and supplemental technical and financial resources necessary to meet the requirements of the proposed legislation be provided to community boards by the City of New York.

**Vote:** 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

H. Libraries and Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman

1. Refer to minutes.
2. The Committee met at the Derfner Judaica Museum.
3. All are asked to sign a letter on behalf of funding support for New York Public Libraries. Letters were left on table.
4. The next meeting will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> at Van Cortlandt Branch Library.

I. Parks and Recreation – B. Bender

1. Provided background information regarding Van Cortlandt Park's Master Plan.
2. B. Bender presented a resolution passed by the Committee at its April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, and since revised as follows:
3. Bronx Community Board No. 8 endorses the Van Cortlandt Park Master Plan with the understanding that the surfaces of the trails in the Master Plan will be, permeable, non-toxic, and flexible and will meet the standards for adjacent wetlands, and that the Department of Parks & Recreation will return to the community board when individual capital projects in the Master plan are in the scoping phase.

Discussion ensued. Motion to call the question resulted in the following vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention:

In Favor –

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney,

L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstention -

L. Spalter

The vote on the resolution resulted with 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions:

In Favor -

S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Garbett Feldmeier, A. Fella, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, J. M. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra-Soja, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Abstentions –

S. Alexander, R. Ginty, L. Spalter

4. It's My Park Day is May 17<sup>th</sup>. Marble Hill Playground is this year's selected park for clean-up. Start time is 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to come and help out.
5. The next meeting will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, at Riverdale Mental Health Association, at 7:00 PM. FY 2016 Budget Priorities will be discussed.

J. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

1. There was no meeting in April.
2. The Lounge withdrew its liquor license application.
3. The next meeting will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, at 7:00 PM.

K. Traffic and Transportation – D. Padernacht

1. The Committee did not meet in April.
2. Department of Design & Construction projects are back on track, both Bailey Place and Cannon Place retaining wall.
3. The agenda for May 20<sup>th</sup> is full. Discussion will include Street Naming proposal for Debbie Bowden; and Department of Transportation presentation on the Pedestrian Safety Project for Albany Crescent and Bailey Avenue. DOT is proposing to change the direction of traffic on Albany Crescent between Bailey Avenue and West 231<sup>st</sup> Street; build a concrete island on Albany Crescent between Bailey Avenue and Heath Avenue; and change the

crosswalk on the south side of the intersection of Albany Crescent and Bailey Avenue so that the crosswalk begins at the new concrete island and crosses Bailey Avenue from that island.

4. Working with District Manager N. Stent to obtain non-resident parking at NYCHA Fort Independence/Bailey Houses parking lot for use by community impacted by the Cannon Place sewer and retaining wall project.

L. Youth – L. Parker

1. The Second Annual BXCB8 Youth Poetry SLAM! is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited.
2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Golf Day event will be held in Van Cortlandt Park in July, plans are in progress.
3. The Board's C-BALL event in collaboration with the Bronx Borough President's office will be held September 6<sup>th</sup> at Marble Hill playground.
4. There will be no May meeting, and everyone is welcome to the Youth Poetry SLAM!

M. Aging – K. Pesce

1. Refer to minutes.
2. Next meeting May 20<sup>th</sup>, at Atria of Riverdale.

Meeting adjourned 9:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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