

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2016

AT HORACE MANN SCHOOL, 231 WEST 246 STREET, ALFRED GROSS THEATRE

- PRESENT:** S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, N. Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, A. Guzman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young
- ABSENT:** R. Fanuzzi, P. Friedman, I. Ladimer, M. Marquez, D. McCord, D. Santiago, G. Santiago, S. Sarao
- STAFF:** P. Manning – District Manager
D. Bay – Community Associate
M. Yawger – Intern
- GUESTS:** J. Dinowitz – Assemblyman, J. Stephenson – rep. Councilman Andrew Cohen
A. Castano – Staff, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, C. Lang – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein, A. Toledo – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., D.I. O'Toole - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct, P.O. Ventura - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct, P.O. Ramos - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct, P.O. Ramos - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct, P.O. Cintron - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct, Gabrielisci Borrero – Jerome Park Library, Jacki Fisher - OSS-Marble Hill , Juanli Carrion – OSS-Marble Hill, Robert Press - Bronx Voice, Braeden Cohen – NY Botanical Garden, Sara Scheff – Edward Jones, Elizabeth Thompson – Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association, Zelda Kinton – SCFU, Anna F. – YMHA, Avi Laray, Fred Anglyn. J. Colon

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

1. Gallery Session -

- A. Braeden Cohen – The NYC Compost Project in the Bronx provides compost outreach and education to Bronx community gardeners, schools, residents, organizations, and businesses. It is funded and managed by the Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling, part of New York City's Department of Sanitation. For more information click here: http://www.nybg.org/green_up/comp_programs.php. Mr. Cohen distributed free lawn bags and information on the program.
- B. Juanli Carrion - Outer Seed Shadow (OSS) program is an ongoing series of public sculptures by artists in the form of community gardens, composed of plants selected by locals whose stories become part of this living art project. He is collaborating with the residents of Marble Hill Houses to capture their stories in order to create a garden for and by the community. For more information about the program and the artist go to <http://outerseedshadow.org> or <http://www.juanlicarrion.com>

Chairman Padernacht announced Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Josh Stephenson – rep. Councilman Andrew Cohen, A. Castano – Staff, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, C. Lang – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein, A. Toledo – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., D.I. O'Toole - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct, P.O. Ventura - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct, P.O. Ramos - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct, P.O. Ramos - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct, P.O. Cintron - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct

2. Chairman Padernacht welcomed Assemblyman Dinowitz to address the board

- Towing is on the rise in local parking lots, especially the Key Food parking lots. Assemblyman Dinowitz encouraged all to know beforehand which stores you are permitted to shop in when parking in these lots.
 - The Assemblyman finds the conditions at PS 307 deplorable and he asked the board to contact the Department of Education (DOE) to find better accommodations for the kids at this school.
 - The Assemblyman spoke about the overcrowding at local schools. He asked the Department of Education to look into building a school in the Northwest section of the Bronx to relieve these conditions. The Assemblyman will attend the November 22nd Education Committee meeting to discuss this further.
3. Chairman Padernacht welcomed Deputy Inspector O'Toole from the 50th Police Precinct:
- Crime stats/28 days: 8 robberies vs. 16, 14 felony assaults vs. 7, 8 burglaries vs. 10, 46 grand larcenies vs. 43 and grand larceny auto is 13 vs. 2. Crime is up 89 vs. 79. This year's statistics are 840 vs. 834.
 - Felony assaults are a problem.
 - Traffic accidents - no fatalities.
 - The NYPD will examine the towing company practices.
4. Report from the Office of the Bronx Borough President – A. Toledo
- Barnes and Noble will be closing their store in Bay Plaza. The Borough Presidents office will continue to work with them in the coming months to help identify potential locations for new retail sites in our borough.
 - "Savor the Bronx" Restaurant Week began November 8 and goes thru November 17. More information about the event, as well as a list of participating restaurants, can be found at <http://www.ilovethebronx.com/index.php/happenings/savor-the-bronx>
5. Chairman's Report – Daniel Padernacht
- On October 13, 2016 D. Padernacht attended the Comptroller's Exit Interview regarding the Audit with P. Manning and every other community board in the Bronx. A response by the District Manager to the Draft Audit report is due 11/15/16 and the report will be sent to the Executive Committee.
 - Board members B. Bender, S. Villaverde and D. Gellman were amongst many who attended the Memorial Grove Veterans Day ceremony in Van Cortlandt Park on November 6, 2016. Since the Chair was unable to attend, B. Bender spoke on behalf of the board
 - In October a member of the public requested the capital and expense budget priorities before the Public Hearing on budget priorities for FY 2018 and was denied the information. The Chair apologized to the public and gave assurance that this would not happen again.
6. District Manager's Report – P. Manning
- The District Manager reported that her report is contained in the Executive Committee minutes.
 - In keeping with the Public Officers Law, the lists of Office Records have been updated and can be reviewed upon request.
7. City Planning – No representative present
8. Recommendation of Law, Rules & Ethics Committee to Amend Bylaw regarding Treasurer's Role – M. Wolpoff

- A change in the bylaws was made at the last meeting to redefine the language of the Treasurer's role. Following the meeting M. Wolpoff verified with the Borough President's office that it was acceptable to state that the Treasurer is the Chief Financial Officer. M Wolpoff moved that the following bylaws amendment be made. The Chair then called for a vote:

The Treasurer is the Chief Financial Officer of the Board. The Treasurer shall monitor board finances, maintain the Board's financial records and oversee budget modifications and expenditures. The Treasurer shall submit a written report to the Board each month and shall approve all payments of the Board, pursuant to methodologies prescribed by the City of New York. If the Treasurer is incapacitated another individual selected by the Chair may approve the payments of the Board. In the absence of the treasurer, the Chairperson may designate any other officer of the Board to act as treasurer on a temporary basis. In addition, the treasurer shall have such powers and perform such duties as shall be assigned to the treasurer by the Chairperson of the Board.

Vote: 35 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

In Favor - S. Alexander, B. Bender, E. Bell, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, N Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, A. Guzman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

9. Election to fill the position of Treasurer

The Chair stated that two board members were interested in the position but clarified that all board members have the right to nominate themselves or other board members.

- Chair Padernacht nominated Amy Joy Robateau and Vice Chair Ginty seconded the nomination.
- David Gellman nominated himself.

Chair Padernacht asked for a vote to close the nominations

Vote: 35 In Favor, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstentions

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After Amy and David communicated their objectives the Chair called for a vote:

Amy Joy Robateau

In Favor - 22

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David Gellman

In Favor: 12

B. Bender, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Goodman, A. Guzman, R. Pochter Lowe, T. Moran, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Santiago, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde

10. Committee Reports

A. Public Safety – J. O'Brien

The Board passed the following Public Safety Committee resolutions:

- 1) Whereas, Novelty Nachos, 318 W. 231 Street, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on October 20, 2016, to apply for a new beer, wine, and cider license; and whereas no adverse information was presented; and whereas the Public Safety Committee approved the application by a vote of five to one; be it resolved that Community Board 8 approve the application.
- 2) Whereas, El Economico, 5589 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on October 20, 2016, to apply for a renewal of a full liquor license; and whereas no adverse information was presented; and whereas the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved the application; be it resolved that Community Board 8 approve the application.
- 3) Whereas Ibiza Lounge, dba Barcelona Bites, 240 W. 242 Street, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on October 20, 2016, to apply for a renewal of a full liquor license, and whereas owner Urbano Estevez told of improvements to deaden the noise from the establishment; and whereas no adverse information was presented; and whereas the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved the application; be it resolved that Community Board 8 approve the application.

The following vote is for all the above applications:

Vote: 35 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

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- The Public Safety agenda for the November 17, 2016 meeting includes applications for liquor license or beer/wine for El Gallito Pizza & Deli Grocery Corp., 219 West 230 Street (La Nueva Estrella Pizza & Deli Corp) and Santa Fe Grill, 6025 Broadway
- The NYPD Community Council meeting is November 10 at 7:00PM. The Assistant DA will be speaking about drug issues in the area.

B. Traffic & Transportation – M. Heller

The following SAPO application was approved:

SAPO Application for Menorah Lighting Ceremony, Religious event – full street closure on December 25, 2016 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM on West 239th Street between Riverdale Avenue and Henry Hudson Parkway. This event has been held previously.

Vote: 36 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

In Favor - S. Alexander, B. Bender, E. Bell, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, N Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, A. Guzman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

- The Traffic & Transportation Committee will meet on November 15 at the Riverdale Mental Health Association. There will be discussion on the service at the BX10 and BX20 routes.
- In December DOT and MTA will give a presentation on the rehabilitation of the 225 Street lift bridge.

- At the September meeting representatives of MTA Bridges and Tunnels gave a presentation on the Henry Hudson Parkway (HHP) toll booth and other projects.

C. Youth – L. Parker

- Refer to minutes.
- The next meeting is on November 16 in the board office. They will be selecting the NY Yankee Youth Leadership award winners.

D. Aging – L. Daub

- Refer to minutes.
- The Aging Committee meeting is on November 15, 2016 at the Methodist Home for Nursing & Rehabilitation. There will be representatives from the Department for the Aging.

E. Education – S. Alexander

- Refer to minutes. The next Education meeting is on November 22, 2016.

F. Environment & Sanitation – L. Spalter

- The Environment & Sanitation Committee meeting is on November 16, 2016 at Manhattan College Leo Engineering Building, 3825 Corlear Avenue, Scala Room, 2nd floor, Room 215. The Ecological Project Manager will be giving a presentation on the Water Monitoring Program of the Tibbetts Brook System.
- The NYC Department of Environmental Protection will open the Jerome Park Reservoir to the public on Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20 from 10:00AM until 2:00PM. Entrance to the Reservoir will be through the Gate House located at the west side of Goulden Avenue, just south of West 205 Street, across the street from Bronx High School of Science. No bags, cameras, or cell phones will be allowed inside.

G. Health, Hospitals & Social Services – L. Croft

The following resolution was presented:

RE: 442 West 259th Street Individual Residential Alternative (IRA)

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

WHEREAS, the degree of the participants' abilities and level of support required determines placement in a 24/7 staff-supervised group home; residents are pre-screened by nurses and psychologists to exclude people with troubling behaviors; SCFU's residents visit family over weekends, may work and participate in the community, volunteer, and/or attend "day hab"; and the organization provides a supportive environment; and

WHEREAS, the site is a 4-bedroom rental occupying the second floor of a legal two-family house; the residents selected to live there are four individuals in their mid to late 20's and three of the residents will attend a day program, one will attend classes in New Rochelle, and

WHEREAS, SCFU currently operates 5 other residences (3 owned, 2 leased) within Community Board 8 for people with autism, as well as other sites in the Bronx and in Westchester; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board No. 8 issued a public hearing notice pursuant to the Padavan Law to the community and to residents in the immediate vicinity of the subject property and held a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on October 31, 2016 at Atria Riverdale; and 2 residents of the neighborhood attended the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the chair of the Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee (HHSS) presented a map indicating all supported housing in the neighborhood, including IRAs, special schools, nursing homes, and other supervised residential settings, to help the Committee gauge saturation; and

WHEREAS, the HHSS Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 unanimously approved the proposal by SCFU to establish a group home IRA for four (4) adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders located at 442 West 259th Street, Bronx, NY 10471.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the proposal by Special Citizens Futures Unlimited (SCFU) to establish an Individual Residential Alternative (IRA) group home for four (4) adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders located at 442 West 259th Street, Bronx, NY 10471

Vote: 36 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

In Favor - S. Alexander, B. Bender, E. Bell, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, N Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, A. Guzman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

- Refer to minutes.
- The next meeting committee meeting is November 21, 2016.

H. Housing – P. Ellis

- Approximately 50 people from Marble Hill, Bailey and Ft. Independence Houses attended the public discussion with representatives of the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). P. Ellis found it troublesome that residents need to attend these meetings because of a lack of resolution and problems raised by residents with NYCHA management. NYCHA reps took their information to assist them. FDNY gave a presentation and signed up people for installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- The next meeting is on November 28 at the Kingsbridge Library and the topic is various types of green housing initiatives.
- The Red Cross (1 800 Red Cross) - provides free smoke and carbon monoxide detector installation.

I. Land Use – C. Moerdler

Land Use Chair Moerdler presented the following resolution from the Land Use Committee meeting of **September 29, 2016**:

- ❖ **RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board No.8 approves Board of Standards and Appeals Calendar No. 1289-80-BZ, Bally Total Fitness of Greater New York, 298 West 231st Street - Extension of term of variance for an additional ten (10) years to permit the continued operation of the physical culture establishment (PCE) at the Site. Bally Total Fitness of Greater New York recently transferred its interest in the PCE to 24 Hour Fitness, Inc. and accordingly asks the Board to amend its Resolution in connection with such change. The application also includes the replacement of accessory business signs to reflect the 24 Hour Fitness logo. The existing term of variance expiration date is July 21, 2016.

Vote: 36 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

In Favor - S. Alexander, B. Bender, E. Bell, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, N Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, A. Guzman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

Chair Moerdler presented the following resolutions from the Land Use Committee meeting of **October 27, 2016**:

- ❖ **RESOLVED**, Community Board No. 8 approves with conditions Department of City Planning Application No. N 170069 ZAX / N 170072 ZAX Weisz Residence, 639 West 246th Street, Special Natural Area District (NA-2) for the grant of authorizations for a modification of topographic features on Tier I sites and tree preservation and planting requirements to allow the construction of a horizontal enlargement to an existing single-family residence. The conditions are that the applicant submits to Community Board No. 8 the following by November 9, 2016:
 - Letter of No Objections from neighbors
 - Certification from Arborist on status of tree removals

Vote: 35 In Favor, 1 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

In Favor - S. Alexander, B. Bender, E. Bell, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, N Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, D. Gellman, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, A. Guzman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

Opposed: R. Ginty

- ❖ **RESOLVED**, Community Board No. 8 approves with conditions Landmarks Preservation Commission Docket No. 19-2977 - Re 5243 Sycamore Avenue, proposal to add a bluestone patio and in-ground swimming pool; and Department of City Planning Application Nos. N 170131 ZAX / N 170132 ZAX submitted by Vladimir Shendelman pursuant to Sections 105-421 and 105-425 of the Zoning Resolution, for the grant of authorizations for a modification of topographic features on Tier I sites and tree preservation and planting requirements to allow the construction of an in-ground pool in the backyard of an existing single-family residence located at 5243 Sycamore Avenue (Block 5937, Lot 502 and 503) within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2), within Community District 8, Borough of The Bronx.

The conditions are that the applicant submits to Community Board No. 8 the following by November 9, 2016:

- Certification from Arborist on status of tree removals
- Give Dr. Basch letter stating no impact on drainage

Vote: 35 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstention

In Favor - S. Alexander, B. Bender, E. Bell, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, N Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, D. Gellman, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, A. Guzman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

Abstention: R. Ginty

- ❖ **RESOLVED**, Community Board No. 8 Board of Standards and Appeals Calendar No. 651-60-BZ, 600 West 246 Street – Application to extend for an additional ten (10) years the term of variance previously granted pursuant to Section 7(e) of the pre-1961 Zoning Resolution, that allowed the conversion of cellar space in an existing multiple dwelling to valet a service, office/stationary store and packaged goods store and to waive the Board's Rules of Procedure to allow the application to be filed more than 30 days after the expiration of the variance.

Vote: 36 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

In Favor - S. Alexander, B. Bender, E. Bell, A. P. Creaney, L. Croft, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, N Friedman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, A. Guzman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

J. Law, Rules and Ethics – M. Wolpoff

- M. Wolpoff reached out to community organizations to hold civics sessions. He will keep the board updated.
- M. Wolpoff reviewed the use of abstaining from a vote.
- M. Wolpoff reviewed whether a community resident can be called out of order at the gallery session. When a speaker calls the board office to be added to the gallery session the board office and/or board chair can question the speaker's topic and decide whether the topic should be discussed at the gallery or a committee meeting. The Chair is always in a position to rule someone out of order and/or remove a speaker from the gallery list.
- M. Wolpoff requested that the board vote on the changes to the Ethical Guidance Manual. The following parts of the manual were reviewed:
 - Page 8, #9 – Acceptance of Admission to Sporting Events was reviewed. In the past board members received tickets to sporting events. Chair Padernacht has since changed this practice in accordance with COIB (opinion 2012-4).
 - Page 9, #10 – Close Relatives and business associates of the Community Board may not serve on the staff was reviewed.
 - Page 9, Part IV, #2, S. Froot recommended it read – A board member may not accept an honorarium or expense fee for speaking or working for an organization when it may reasonably be inferred that the **member (change member to organization)** might receive favorable treatment.

M. Wolpoff will review the request to edit the wording above. His decision will be brought back to the board at the December board meeting and the board will vote on the final version.

R. Ginty asked board members to understand that the ethical opinion descriptions in the EGM are brief summaries of lengthy opinions. If members have a question about any personal situation, bring the facts to the Chair of LRE for guidance.

The manual will be distributed before the next December board meeting.

K. Libraries and Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman

- The next meeting is November 10 at Jerome Park Library, 6:00PM.

L. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

- Please refer to minutes.
- The next meeting is on November 30.
- The Parks Department will hold a meeting on the Parks Without Borders Program. Van

Cortlandt Park was one of 8 parks chosen to improve its borders. People can share their ideas tomorrow evening at Horace Mann, Fisher Hall, 6:30PM.

M. Economic Development - S. Villaverde

- Refer to minutes
- The Vice Chair attended a Technology & Social Media Seminar on November, 2 and he will report on this at the next meeting.
- The next meeting is on December 6. Location to be determined.

N. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2016

The following changes were made and then voted on:

- i. Page 8, under Housing #1 – take out the word energy in the second sentence
- ii. Page 9, under Discussion ensued, 3rd sentence should read – Chairman Padernacht (add – **and several other members**)
- iii. Check crime stats for accuracy

A vote was taken to amend the minutes:

Vote: In Favor: 36 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

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O. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- B. Bender stated the minutes reflect the wrong date of the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Memorial Grove. It should be November 6, not November 12.

Submitted by,

Diane Bay
Community Associate