#### **BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

# MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2012 AT MANHATTAN COLLEGE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, 3825 CORLEAR AVENUE

PRESENT: S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, T.

Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K.

Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, A. A. Spett, I. W.

Stone, H. Young

ABSENT: R. Abbott, S. Catechis, E. Corcino, D. Kirksey-Floyd, M. Ginzburg, C. Hanley, G.

O. Koppell, T. Lim, D. McShane, A. Moore, J. M. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter,

S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**STAFF:** N. Stent – District Manager

D. Bay - Community Associate

P. Manning - Community Associate

**GUESTS:** J. DeSio - rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.

J. Doyle - rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein

R. Fedderman – rep. Congressman Eliot Engel

F. Fernandez – rep. Assemblyman Guillermo Linares

R. Martos – rep. Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz

A. Sandler – rep Councilman G. Oliver Koppell

J. Sonett – rep. State Senator Adriano Espaillat

Y. Urena - rep. State Senator Gustavo Rivera

Capt. K. Burke - 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct, NYPD

N. Danyluk - Department of City Planning

A. Rubio – Van Cortlandt Branch Library

A. Assal

M. Berger - New School

J. Brilla

C. Brown

C. Browne

K. Browne

L. Cheek

N. Clinton

E. Diamantis

P. Ellis

C. Fermoso

A. Fermoso

J. Fierstone

B. Gilbert

J. Gordon

K. Green

S. King Williams

M. Lam - Riverdale Review

S. Mahonev

E. Maldonaldo

P. Martinez

- P. Moerdler
- S. Moran
- Dr. M. Murray
- A. Murphy
- J. Neiro Fordham University, WFUV
- N. Nunez
- N. Pimentely
- C. Santana
- C. Stanton
- L. Vladehy
- D. Vladmorsky
- A. Wisnieski Riverdale Press
- C. Worchel KRVC
- A. Yensi News 12
- E. Zappi
- W. Zorrilla Marble Hill Community Center

Chairman Fanuzzi called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Chairman called upon Budget Chairman Contant to conduct the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Responses to the Capital/Expense Budget Requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013.

The Budget Chairman explained that the purpose of the hearing is to advise of the responses to the various requests and gather reactions to formulate the Board's response to the preliminary budget. He advised that Community Board 8 submitted budget requests of 23 Expense, and 20 Capital, and the full budget report can be viewed on the website of the Office of Management and Budget at <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/omb">www.nyc.gov/omb</a>. He proceeded to review the responses of which a summary had been distributed to the Board. On the expense requests, a favorable response was received for continuation of six day operation for NY Public Library's in the board area. Eight requests received the following responses: "agency recommending, supporting, or assessing with funding uncertain or limited; 3 will try within existing resources (Nos. 15 Housing Preservation & Development, 16 Department of Buildings & 23 Fire Department); 2 required further study (Nos. 10 Economic Development, and 18 Department of Parks); 2 requests were not recommended (Nos. 14 & 21 Fire Department); 4 Department of Education requests had specific recommendations (Nos. 8, 13, 20, 22); a NYC Housing Authority request recommended requesting funding from elected officials (No. 6); a request for youth services recommended using the Request For Proposal process (No. 5 Department of Youth & Community Development).

For the capital requests: Nos. 3 and 12 requests from the Department of Transportation for step street repairs received responses that the agency will try to accommodate. No. 2 request for EMS restocking decontamination station advised no funding available and recommended resubmitting for FY2014; No. 8, Marble Hill Nursery School recreational equipment, no funding. All 10 Parks requests received an insufficient funding and refer to elected officials response. Four New York Public Library requests received support; however City Capital funding would be required.

Budget Chairman Contant recommended strong advocacy from the committees on budget requests. Letters from the committee chairs on specific requests should be submitted to the Board office by February 24, 2012.

Following comments from the Board and not hearing from anyone of the public regarding the responses to the preliminary budget requests, the hearing was closed.

A. Eugene Zappi listed a number of environmental complaints that interfere with his family's well-being. He advised that the Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale (Hebrew Home) is his neighbor and that noise levels stemming from the air conditioning system of the Hebrew Home produces noise level decibels of 45 inside his home and 70 in his garden. The problem occurs during summer months and his family is unable to enjoy being outside and have switched bedrooms to try to escape the noise. Whereas three Department of Environmental Protection inspectors visited his home in response to complaints and measured 45 decibels, no violations were served. Mr. Zappi has written to the Hebrew Home; however he has not received a reply. He asked that the Board advise of the noise level regulations code enforceable limits.

Chairman Fanuzzi referred the complaint to the Environment and Sanitation Committee.

B. Cliff Stanton advised that the Parent Association at PS 24 has been seeking a commitment from the Board for installation of traffic safety measures around the perimeters of PS 24. He discussed the traffic challenges imposed on school children at the school, and the incident involving a woman who was recently struck by a vehicle near the school. Mr. Stanton strongly urged immediate attention for a resolution to render traffic safety in the school's corridor. Mr. Stanton distributed a communication of "An Important Message Regarding Traffic and Safety" which had been passed out to parents and guardians of children at PS 24.

Chairman referred the matter to the Traffic and Transportation Committee.

- R. Press concurred with the speaker and advised the Chairman of his willingness to work with the Traffic and Transportation Committee in finding a resolution.
- C. John Doyle, representing Senator Jeffrey Klein, announced the Senator's Black History Month Celebration that will take place on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Villa Barone Manor. This year the Senator will honor African American Women who work tirelessly to make a difference in our communities and lives. Nicole Stent, District Manager has been selected as one of the honorees.
- D. Karen Green announced the following conference at City College: IN DEFENSE OF CHILDHOOD: Keeping the Joy of Learning Alive, A Conference for Educators and Parents being held on Saturday, March 10, 2012, 9am-4:30pm. Admission is free. See Ms. Green for further information.
- E. Cori Worchel KRVCDC, announced the next Merchants Association meeting will be in Woodlawn on March 17<sup>th</sup>, Saint Patrick's Day, activities will include "bar hopping." This year's Festival of Arts event will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> on Johnson Avenue.
- 1. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2012

The minutes were approved unanimously.

- 2. Discussion of the Executive Board Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2012
  - R. Press asked if Board members could receive copies of the "Attendance Report" mentioned in the minutes. Chairman Fanuzzi answered in the affirmative.

The minutes were accepted as written.

3. Approval of the Special Board Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2012

The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Presentation of the New York Yankees Youth Leadership Awards

Chairman presented Dr. Roscoe Brown, an American Hero who had sat with the First Lady Michelle Obama the night before during the BET Honor Awards, one of which was bestowed upon him. Chairman expressed great appreciation in having Dr. Brown come before the Board each year to present the Yankees Youth Leadership Awards to 5 of the districts deserving youths.

Dr. Brown commended the honorees selected for meeting the criteria for the Youth Leadership Award by performing at least 50 hours of volunteer services involving projects such as tutoring, mentoring, formulation of community unity development, participating as a youth leader against violence, and substance abuse. He commented on the generosity and dedication of the Yankees organization on behalf of youth by the annual award of \$750 each to 5 deserving youths in 12 community boards in the Bronx. The recipients were as follows:

**Sean Browne,** Nominated by Riverdale Neighborhood House; College Freshman at SUNY Albany; Interned at RNH volunteering by tutoring young children in subjects such as math, science, English and writing skills as well as helped children develop time management and organizational skills; Member of the SUNY's Service Key Club which helps students become involved in community service; He is an Eagle Scout

**Noah Clanton,** Nominated by Marble Hill Community Center; Fourth Grader PS X037 Multiple Intelligence School; Raised money for community organization, i.e. Bronx Zoo, Lupus foundation, Hurricane victims, and more; Collects and donates clothes for Big Brothers and Sisters; Donated toys, books, movies and learning materials to Children Arts & Science Workshop in the Marble Hill Branch; Participates in US Postal Service Operation Santa Claus, collects and purchases toys and clothing for needy children and families; Helps fellow classmates with homework and in understanding class work

Chris Williams, Nominated by Kingsbridge Heights Community Center; HS Junior at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy; He is a youth leader and member of the Youth Leadership Council (student government) serving in various leadership positions, advising staff and planning events; He is one of the most skilled, trained, peer mediators who works with other mediators to help peers resolve day to day conflicts; Was a "Reading Buddy" in the after school program helping students in improving their reading level and completing homework; Visited nursing homes and delivered fruit baskets to senior citizens on behalf of the Greater Refuge Temple Church I Harlem; Assisted Riverdale Community Center's staff in implementing art showcases and the annual Haunted House

**Eddy Diamantis,** Nominated by Riverdale Community Center; HS Senior at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy; Participated in the Teen Action Program for the past 3 years and continues to do so; Assisted in the coordination of the Riverdale Community Center 2011 Health Fair; Helped raise money for AIDS awareness and walked in the NYC Aids Walk for the past 3 years; Participated in the RCC Career Readiness Mission receiving an "Outstanding Performance Award" and a "Perfect Attendance Award."; Has accumulated over 200 hours of community service.

**Daniel Vladimirsky,** Nominated by Riverdale Community Center; HS Senior at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy; Has participated in the Teen Action Program for the past 3 years and continues to do so; Assisted in the coordination of the RCC 2011

Health Fair; Participated in a NYC Youth Forum sharing ideas on global warming, obesity, recycling, etc.; Helped raise money for AIDS awareness and walked in the NYC Aids Walk for the past 3 years; Participated in the Riverdale Community Center Career Readiness Mission receiving an "Outstanding Effort Award" and a "Perfect Attendance Award."; Has accumulated over 220 hours of community service.

5. Chairman invited Captain Burke to address the Board.

Captain Burke reported that 2012 crime is down 12%. There have been no murders. Crime stats include two statutory rapes, one arrest made, the other is imminent; 16 burglaries. There have been two less stolen cars - 7 versus 9. In response to community complaints of noise from bars, the police visited 6 local bars on Saturday, February 4, 2012 to investigate complaints: Punch Bowl, Dorney Malone, Riverdale Garden, Randal Oz, Dubai Lounge, and Club Rain. Summonses were served on the latter two bars. Additionally, R K Deli at 261 West Kingsbridge Road was shut down for underage alcohol sales. The court date was February 14, 2012, no word on outcome as yet.

Captain responded to requests from Board members R. Press and C. Moerdler for police presence at PS 24 to address traffic safety concerns. He advised that incidents of accidents do not warrant daily police monitoring, however he will consider morning monitoring.

- 6. Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office J. DeSio
  - J. DeSio expressed personal condolences on the passing of Board Member Debbie Bowden. He spoke of their close friendship and how much she will be missed.
    - Borough President Diaz, Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation and Fresh Direct reached an agreement to relocate Fresh Direct to the Harlem River Yards in the Bronx. The "Memorandum of Understanding" includes agreements between the three parties on local hiring, vendor referrals, expanding Fresh Direct's services to new Bronx neighborhoods, accepting EBT benefits, and decreasing the company's reliance on fossil fuels through the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles.
    - The Borough President will sponsor a Black History Month Celebration on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM, at the Bronx Museum of the Arts. RSVP 718-590-3522 or Iroldan@bronxbp.nyc.gov.
    - State of the Borough Address will be held Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:30 AM, at Truman High School. RSVP <u>sotb@bronxbp.nyc.gov</u> or 718-590-6116.

## 7. Chairman's Report

 Chairman extended heartfelt condolences to Board Member Marty Wolpoff on the passing of his brother Michael Wolpoff; and he expressed deepest sympathy on the passing of Board Member Debbie Bowden. He invited Sylvia Alexander to share with the Board a tribute to the memory of Debbie developed in the Education Committee. Sylvia read the following tribute aloud:

The Education Committee pays tribute to the memory of Debbie Bowden. She served as a member of Bronx Community Board 8 for 27 years and participated in many endeavors to enhance the quality of life in our community. Her volunteerism, dedication and commitment to

help others exemplifies the principles by which she lived. Debbie served as the Chair of the Education Committee for 14 years and worked tirelessly on behalf of the students and the schools. She advocated on behalf of education in all schools including fighting for additional funding for education, acquiring additional seats for overcrowded schools and fought for programs that would enrich, educate and develop the well being of our children. Debbie always had the interests of children in the forefront of her undertakings. She was a very self-effacing person who preferred to remain in the background. She will long be remembered for her strength of character, kindness and her friendship to all that knew her. We are saddened by her passing and her many friends and colleagues in Bronx Community Board 8 will greatly miss her. Our condolences go out to the family.

Chairman asked for endorsement of the tribute by the full Board and the response was unanimously in favor. The tribute will be sent to the family of Debbie Bowden.

- Chairman warmly welcomed back Rita Pochter Lowe following the passing of her husband Ed Lowe, and Beverly Fettman returning after having surgery. Rita thanked the Board members for their warm support during a most difficult time.
- Chairman thanked Manhattan College for their unyielding support in accommodating the Board in its frequent requests for meeting space.
- Chairman wished all a Happy Valentine's Day.

## 8. Treasurer's Report

P. Friedman informed that he had received a message earlier from the Conflicts of Interest Board advising that they are ready to discuss the process of the Board's endeavors relative to fund raising. Chairman Fanuzzi asked P. Friedman to forward message to board office for distribution to members of the "Friends of Community Board 8" subcommittee.

# 9. District Manager's Report

No report. N. Stent wished all a Happy Valentine Day.

10. Report from the Department of City Planning – N. Danyluk

The Green Text Amendment proposal was presented. No additional news.

## 11. Committee Reports

#### A. Youth Services – A. Cohen

- 1. Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz was guest speaker at the January Committee meeting. He spoke about youth funding on the state level as well as the prospects for the return of member item money. He further reported that education funding on the state level will increase by 4% and the implementation of a new tax credit for youth employers.
- 2. The Committee will not meet in February.

## B. Aging – K. Pesce

Refer to minutes.

## C. Budget – B. Contant

No further report.

#### D. Education – S. Alexander

- 1. Refer to minutes.
- 2. Presentation on Charter School was very interesting. Approval sought from Board of Regents. There is need for Charter Schools.
- Committee discussed permanent memorial for Debbie Bowden. S. Alexander discussed the report in the local paper concerning the memorial. She explained that no definite location or even type of memorial had been decided, that the discussion had just begun.
- 4. The next meeting will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>, and the Principal of The David A. Stein Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy will be guest speaker.

# E. Economic Development

- 1. A. Spett reported in the absence of S. Villaverde.
- 2. Due to the Committee's relinquishment of the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting date to the Board's Special Meeting, the next meeting will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Riverdale Garden, at 7:30 PM. Discussion will include impact of ice skating rink.

## F. Environment and Sanitation – R. Ginty

- 1. The agenda item concerning implementation of Alternate Side Parking on Henry Hudson Parkway between West 246th and West 239<sup>th</sup> failed to attract public interest, nor did the complainant appear. The superintendent of Briar Oaks was the only speaker and he spoke in favor of instituting ASP to make it easier for his workers to clean the required 18" into the street. The Committee discussed the request and reached a consensus that ASP is not warranted.
- 2. The Committee's next meeting is February 15<sup>th</sup>.

# G. Health, Hospitals and Social Services – S. Froot

- 1. At the January meeting, speakers from DOHMH presented on Alcopops, limiting youth access and availability to reduce underage drinking.
- 2. Saint Gabriel's School's sixth graders will present a program on reducing youth access to tobacco products" on February 15<sup>th</sup>, from 4:15 PM to 5:00 PM. All Board members are welcome.
- 3. Due to Presidents Day, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 29th, at Manhattan College School of Engineering, Scala Room, at 7:30 PM.

# H. Housing – T. Durham

- 1. The Committee will hold a forum on Oil Heat Conversion on February 27<sup>th</sup>, at Manhattanville Health Care Facility, at 7:30 PM.
- 2. The March agenda will include the Public Service Commission proposal to amend the residential "submetering" law.
- 3. K. Pesce announced the availability of applications for senior subsidized housing under section 202 at the Hebrew Home's Hudson House development on Johnson Avenue. Deadline for applications is February 23, 2012. Call 718-581-1297 for more information.

- I. Land Use C. Moerdler
  - 1. Manhattan College representatives attended the Land Use meeting on February 6, 2012 and acknowledged their obligation and desire to provide parking for residents on Broadway at their parking garage during the planned construction.
  - 2. Michael Goldberg, owner of Tulfan Terrace, 3820 Oxford Avenue, attended the Land Use meeting and provided good and complete information on all aspects of the project. Mr. Goldberg showed a willingness to cooperate and to work with the Board and the community. Construction is progressing and the building's complete enclosure should be done by March 2012.
  - 3. The following resolution was presented:

**RESOLVED**, that Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves Department of City Planning application No. N120132ZRY regarding proposal for a city-wide Zone Green Text Amendment to remove barriers to construction of green building features in the City of New York. The proposed amendments to the regulations would facilitate retrofitting of existing buildings and construction of new buildings with features that help: reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions, generate clean and renewable energy, manage storm water run-off on site, reduce urban heat island effect through vegetation on roofs, and otherwise promote a healthy and green city.

Vote: 27 in favor, 5 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor -

S. Balicer, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, I. W. Stone, H. Young

Opposed –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, T. Durham, R. Ginty, J. Pilsner

Abstention -

A. Spett

4. The issue of the Broadway Tire Shop operation was laid over. C. Moerdler stated that the tire flat fix shop is allowed to exist in the residential zoning because it has "grandfather" status under the Lukoil Gas station. He is trying to broker resolution between the shop owner and neighbors. However there is a problem with the 50 foot rule of tire storage against the property line.

Discussion ensued regarding the violations issued by both the Department of Buildings and the Fire Department. The issue will be placed on the Land Use agenda again for March 14<sup>th</sup>.

- 5. D. Padernacht advised that he will be giving I. Ladimer an amicus brief for his review regarding 3333 Giles Place for a hearing on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- J. Law, Rules and Ethics I. Ladimer

The following resolution was presented:

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Community Board to achieve a more democratic process and greater member participation in the nomination and selection of officers of the Community Board and chairpersons of its committees for the management of Community Board operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing Bylaws of the Community Board do not speak of procedures or provide guidelines for the Nominating Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need and opportunity for appropriate guidance to meet the current and future diverse interests of our community;

# THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (a) Officers: A member of the nominating committee may not be nominated by the committee for a position of officer; and
- (b) <u>Committee Chairpersons</u>: A member of the Nominating Committee under consideration for a committee chair shall recuse him/herself from discussion and vote for that position.
- (c) In the event of a tie vote in the Nominating Committee, both candidates for the position shall be presented to the board; and
- (d) Report of the Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall complete its activities and present its slates to the full Community Board at least two calendar weeks before the June meeting, at which time the election will take place.

Discussion ensued.

The question was called and the motion was carried by a vote of 24 in favor, 1 opposed, and 3 abstentions

In Favor -

S. Balicer, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, B. Fettman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, S. Marquez, P. Mullen, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, P. Reyes, A. A. Spett

Opposed –

B. Bender

Abstentions -

- S. Alexander, P. Friedman, I. W. Stone
- K. Libraries and Cultural Affairs

No report.

L. Parks and Recreation – B. Bender

- 1. The Committee met jointly with Traffic and Transportation Committee.
- 2. The Bronx Parks Speak-up event will be held at Lehman College on February 25<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- 3. Thanked all for attending the Special Board meeting on the Ice Skating Rink. The concession was approved at Franchise and Concession Review Committee hearing on February 6, 2012. The Concessionaire will be invited to a future Committee meeting and the Economic Development Committee will be invited to take part.
- 4. Riverdale Riverfest event will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed. For more information visit the website at Riverdaleriverfest.org.
- 5. The Committee's next meeting will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The main topic will be focused on "It's My Park Day" preparations.
- 6. R. Ginty asked about intentions to pursue the issue of short notice of FCRC hearings. B. Bender assured that he will take up the matter.
- M. Public Safety A. Creaney, Vice Chair
  - 1. The following resolutions were presented:
    - I. RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the following RENEWAL APPLICATIONS for liquor licenses:
      - William E. Irwin, Jr. Post 774 American Legion, 3035-37 Corlear Avenue
      - Riverdale Diner, 3657 Kingsbridge Avenue
    - II. RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the following NEW APPLICATIONS for liquor licenses:
      - New Adventure (Grocery store, beer license only),161 West 231<sup>st</sup> Street
      - La Nueva Estrella Pizza & Deli, Corp, 219 West 230<sup>th</sup> Street
  - **III. RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board No. 8 **DISAPPROVES** the following **NEW APPLICATION** for a liquor License:
    - WHEREAS, applicants for an as-yet unnamed establishment at 123 West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, New York (currently Boca Marina, and possibly changing to Escape Restaurant 123 Corp.) were notified of Public Safety committee meetings in December 2011 and January 2012 and;

WHEREAS, applicants or their Attorney failed to appear at either meeting or to otherwise contact Bronx Community Board No. 8,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 <u>opposes</u> granting of a new liquor license for this establishment

Vote: 28 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor -

S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, P.

Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, P. Reyes, A. A. Spett, I. W. Stone

- 2. The Committee will discuss gang violence and is looking at April's meeting for a speaker from the Bronx District Attorney's office to present on the topic.
- N. Traffic and Transportation D. Padernacht
  - 1. The Committee will meet on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Board Office, at 7:30 PM. Representatives from the MTA will attend to discuss buses headway time.
    - C. Moerdler encouraged reporting of MTA needs. He related that he is partnered with former Bronx Borough President Ferrer on the MTA Board and together advocate strongly for services.
  - 2. Retaining wall project for Bailey Avenue has been pushed back.
  - 3. MTA Bridges and tunnels will be widening the northbound Kappock Street exit in late February to early March. The northbound right lane of the Henry Hudson Parkway just before Kappock Street will be closed for approximately two weeks.
  - 4. The Committee looked into the request for removal of parking at West 256<sup>th</sup> Street and Arlington Avenue. The Fire Department inspected the area to determine any problems of access and found none. Parking as is will continue.
  - 5. The Committee has been looking into the situation of traffic issues at PS 24.
  - 6. Discussion regarding how to get more resurfacing services occurred. The Committee will review.

Meeting adjourned 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Manning Community Associate