

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JUNE 12, 2012
ETHICAL CULTURE FIELDSTON SCHOOL, STUDENT COMMONS
3901 FIELDSTON ROAD**

- PRESENT:** R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, B. Contant, E. Corcino, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Khury, G. O. Koppell, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter-Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. Pilsner, R. Press, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young
- ABSENT:** S. Catechis, P. Friedman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, M. Ginzburg, M. Heller, T. Lim, A. Moore, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, J. M. Reyes, I. W. Stone
- STAFF:** N. Stent – District Manager
D. Bay – Community Associate
P. Manning – Community Associate
- GUESTS:** J. Doyle – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein
T. Edwards – rep. Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez
R. Martos – rep. Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
A. Sandler – Office of Councilman G. Oliver Koppell
Capt. K. Burke – 50th Precinct, NYPD
N. Danyluk – Department of City Planning
Det. L. Rodriguez – 50th Precinct, NYPD
R. Barbier – Riverdale Branch Library
H. Barret – Memorial Grove
M. Clutchker – Methodist Home
M. Doddy – Greentree
T. Durham
G. Feliciano
R. Halpert
M. March
P. Moerdler
L. Moiatto – Memorial Grove
T. Tureski – Spuyten Duyvil Library
P. Vargas
R. Zavel – Services for the Developmentally Challenged

Chairman Fanuzzi convened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

1. Gallery Session

- A. Reva Zavel, Services for the Developmentally Challenged, presented information on the program's objective of finding volunteer job opportunities for their clients. She announced the Open House at their new facility located at 5674 Riverdale Avenue, taking place on June 22nd, 2012, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Ms. Zavel issued an open invite to all.
- B. Michelle March, community resident discussed the critical problem of rampant car break-ins in the area of West 246th Street and Independence Avenue. She advised that as many as seven break-ins had occurred over the weekend of June 9, 2012. Chairman referred the matter to the Public Safety Committee and invited Ms. March to attend the Committee's meeting being held on September 21st, 2012.

- C. Rebecca Barbier and Tim Tureski discussed the budget cuts NYPL is facing in the new fiscal year. It will cause closings of 10 branches city-wide. The cuts will impact heavily on all vital services at the branches. They also announced the Teenage Summer Reading program at Spuyten Duyvil Library will hold its kick-off party on June 14th.
- D. Herb Barret informed about the Memorial Grove and announced that the restoration of the Grove had been completed. Restoration of forty monuments, planting of new trees, fencing installation and openings, have all been finished. Signage is the only remaining item. Mr. Barret will follow-up on the next project for maintaining the Grove by engaging the three local colleges, Manhattan College, College of Mount Saint Vincent, and Lehman College.

Chairman Fanuzzi extended the Board's gratitude to Mr. Barret for his six years of dedication to this effort, and thanked Councilman Koppell for the half million dollars funding toward the restoration.

2. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2012

R. Ginty corrected her vote to "OPPOSE" on the NYMTC resolution, page 10.

The amended minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Discussion of Executive Board Committee Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2012

- M. Khury added to the Treasurer's report on the boards fundraising efforts that further calls would be made to the Borough President's office and other Bronx community boards to survey and gather information on their methods of conducting "fundraising."
- R. Abbott asked that the last sentence under the first bullet be stricken from the Libraries & Cultural Affairs report as FY2014 budget cuts are not known yet.
- R. Ginty corrected the Environment & Sanitation report's last bullet to state that Reverend Dixon had requested that the Board hold meetings in the Marble Hill community.
- R. Press inquired about the Traffic & Transportation report, with respect to the Executive Committee drafting a resolution on the issue of a sidewalk café. D. Padernacht explained that because the Committee would meet following the June full Board meeting, this issue was decided by the Executive Committee in order to meet the deadline for the Board's recommendation.
- S. Alexander referred to the Chairman's report with respect to the discussion concerning the purchase of a wireless microphone and amplifier at Board meetings. Specifically, she asked that the executive minutes reflect the comments of the district manager that she would be unable to carry the amplifier to the meetings.

The minutes were adopted as revised.

4. Chairman invited Councilman G. Oliver Koppell to address the Board.

Councilman Koppell welcomed the new Board members and thanked the members who served during the past year. He discussed the City's Budget and listed specific items that he was certain would be restored by the City Council, i.e. funding for Riverdale Mental Health Association, NYPL, and Out of School Time (OST) funds which would most likely be restored. The Councilman thanked Herb Barret and his office staff person Andrew Sandler, for their tireless work on the Memorial Grove project restoration. He reported that the Sid Augarten field project is coming along and will be an exceptional ballfield.

5. Chairman invited Captain Kevin Burke to address the Board.

Captain Burke announced that National Night Out 2012 will be held on August 7th on Marble Hill Avenue (between West 228th Street and West 230th Street) from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. He welcomed all to attend this fun night. Healing Touch business is officially closed. Police visited 10 local delicatessens recently for underage beer sales; tire theft is down with 10 this year, 25 last year and no fireworks will be vigorously enforced for July 4th.

6. Chairman announced the Executive Board's honoring of Pat Manning for over 25 years of working at Community Board 8. Chairman read aloud a congratulatory and complimentary letter of tribute and presented her with a beautiful card of good wishes and a generous gift card.
7. Chairman announced that Tom Durham, Housing Chair would not be on the Board for the upcoming year. Chairman extended a very special thank you to Tom for his exemplary advocacy and leadership on housing issues and for his involvement with several board committees. Chairman stated that Tom will be sorely missed.
8. With great pleasure Chairman welcomed the following new Board members and called upon each of them for introductions:

-Paul Ellis, is an attorney, active in government and political affairs; Involved with technology support initiatives; worked at South Bronx Development Corp and has been attending the Board meetings since October 2011.

-David Kornbluh, was a member of Community Board 7 Manhattan for many years, and served as Chair of that Board for two years. He also worked as Director of Mortgage Servicing at HPD for 15 years. He has attended meetings of Community Board 8 and its committees.

-Dana Lennon, is an attorney and has had a long career in the not-for-profit health care industry and is presently with Beth Israel Medical Center. She volunteers legal services to domestic violence victims and has been a member of the Board's Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee.

-Martin Galvin, who was absent, is also a new Board member.

9. Chairman Fanuzzi thanked Fieldston School for graciously hosting the Board meeting.

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman recapped the year's initiatives and accomplishments which included advancing community outreach, holding public forums on various policy implementations, being instrumental with development of the Broadway Plaza and Riverdale Crossing projects, the ice skating rink project in Van Cortlandt Park and securing public access in Manhattan College parking garage to name a few. Chairman thanked the Board for its participation and advocacy.

11. Treasurer's Report

No report.

12. District Manager's Report

- The district manager announced that the Marble Hill Youthmarket will open for its fifth successful summer on July 12th and everyone is invited to attend.

- The Board office will once again be an official drop-off location for Volunteers of America Operation Backpack 2012. New backpacks and school supplies will be collected to support homeless children going to school. Backpacks can be delivered to the board office through July 27. Supply lists are available on the Volunteers of America Operation Backpack website. For more information visit OperationBackpackNYC.org.

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

The Commission held a hearing on June 11, 2012 on a certain application and there is a possibility that the application will be referred to the Board over the summer.

14. Report of the Nominating Committee

A.Cohen presented the following slate for Officers and Committee Chairpersons.

OFFICERS:

Robert Fanuzzi	Chairperson
Maria Khury	Vice Chairperson
Joyce M. Pilsner	Secretary
Philip Friedman	Treasurer

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Robert Abbott	Libraries and Cultural Affairs
Sylvia Alexander	Education
Robert Bender	Parks & Recreation
Brendan Contant	Budget
Steve Balicer	Housing
Arlene Garbett Feldmeier	Public Safety
Steven Froot	Health, Hospitals and Social Services
Rosemary Ginty	Law, Rules and Ethics
Charles G. Moerdler	Land Use
Daniel Padernacht	Traffic and Transportation
Andrew Cohen	Aging
Sergio Villaverde	Economic Development
Sergio Marquez	Environment and Sanitation

Chairman called for a vote on the slate as presented:

Vote: 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, B. Contant, E. Corcino, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter-Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. Pilsner, R. Press, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

15. Committee Reports

A. Environment and Sanitation – R. Ginty

1. The Marble Hill Clean Streets event received extraordinary board support. Special thanks go to Tony Edwards from the office of Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez for his hard work, and to Water of Life Church, Carolina Baptist Church and Reverend Dixon of St. Stephen's Methodist Church. M. Khury commended R. Ginty on her chairmanship.
2. L. Spalter reported on the status of the sanitation fees for Not-for-Profit entities. She advised of receipt of the City Council meeting's transcript on the matter. The issue is still being discussed and will be a budget item.

B. Health, Hospitals and Social Services

J. Pilsner reported on behalf of the Chair.

1. P.S. 7's Health and Nutrition Fair has been postponed.
2. The Riverdale RiverFest will feature free dental screenings.
3. FY 2014 committee budget priorities were completed and include the acquisition and establishment of a site for an EMS restocking and decontamination station in Community Board 8 to replace the temporary station at the 50th Precinct that closed in mid-2011.
4. The Committee will be planning community forums on topics of obesity and underage drinking.
5. The next Committee meeting will be held on June 18th, at Kingsbridge Heights Rehabilitation Care Center, at 7:30 PM.

C. Housing – S. Balicer, Vice Chair

S. Balicer thanked the Nominating Committee for nominating him for Housing Chair. He complimented former Chair T. Durham for his work on the issue of No. 6 fuel oil conversion.

D. Land Use – C. Moerdler

1. Discussed the agreement and conditions for public access to Manhattan College garage. Free parking will be provided to residents in 10471 and 10463 to accommodate loss of parking spaces during construction of the College's student center. C. Moerdler thanked the college for their cooperation, in particular President O'Donnell.
2. The application for Saint Patrick's Home for the Aged and Infirm will be continued at a summer committee meeting on July 10th. The proposal is to construct an accessory parking garage on Saxon Avenue. The architects and planners have been requested to review better arrangements with regard to parking during the construction period.
3. C. Moerdler made a motion to renew approval of summer meetings of the Land Use Committee during Board recess. The committee was approved to act on behalf of the board if necessary.

Vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, B. Contant, E. Corcino, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R.

Pochter-Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. Pilsner, R. Press, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

4. The Land Use Committee approved the application regarding 4510 Douglas Avenue with stipulations of receipt of commitment letter of assurance for replanting and preservation of trees. The following resolution was presented:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board No. 8 approves, with conditions, City Planning Commission application No. N 120189 ZAX, for the grant of authorizations for modification of topographic features on Tier I sites and modification of yard, height, and setback regulations on property located at 4510 Douglas Avenue (Block 5920, Lot 130) within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2) for proposed scope of work which includes 2 two-story additions to existing single family house; new deck and pool. This approval was authorized upon the receipt of a letter of commitment from the applicant to Community Board 8 on June 12, 2012 for the following:

- Make reasonable effort to preserve the existing trees number 28, 24 and 23 (identified to be eliminated) on drawing LJ-101.00 the tree plan from Davey resource group; and,
- Should these trees die due to the proposed construction; new trees will be replanted with the same species and quality/size as reasonably practical in their present locations.
- This requirement will be included in the Contract Documents for construction.

Vote: 35 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, B. Contant, E. Corcino, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter-Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. Pilsner, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, S. Villaverde, H. Young

Opposed –

M. Wolpoff

Abstention –

R. Press

5. The following resolution was presented regarding the Revised Waterfront Revitalization Program:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board No. 8, Bronx, approves Revised Waterfront Revitalization Program, Environmental Assessment Statement, CEQR No. 12DCP123Y, ULURP No. N120213NPY submitted by NYC Department of City Planning subject to the modification of the existing and proposed coastal zone boundaries. The modified boundary line should on its easterly axis from the Hudson River be Independence Avenue or the most proximate mapped street equally distant

from the Hudson River except as to the Marble Hill portion which should continue as currently mapped and will remain as mapped.

Vote: 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, B. Contant, E. Corcino, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter-Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. Pilsner, R. Press, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

E. Law, Rules and Ethics – I. Ladimer

I. Ladimer thanked all for their support throughout his tenure as Law, Rules and Ethics Chair. He stated his satisfaction with the goals achieved. He congratulated R. Ginty on being elected to Chair of the Law, Rules and Ethics Committee and offered his assistance in any way needed. I. Ladimer will devote time to his newly established civics program.

Chairman Fanuzzi thanked I. Ladimer. He advised that the Board's Bylaws and Ethics Guidance Manual would be sent to the new members.

F. Libraries and Cultural Affairs – R. Abbott

1. Refer to minutes for report.
2. The Committee will meet on June 14th, 2012, at the Spuyten Duyvil Library from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

G. Parks and Recreation – B. Bender

1. It's My Park Day was very successful with over 50 volunteers participating. He thanked L. Spalter for arranging.
2. Memorial Grove has been completed.
3. Sid Augarten Field will be completed on-time by July 1, 2012.
4. The May meeting was held at Van Cortlandt Park stadium and addressed zone drop-off and pick-up for the ice skating rink. Two parking spaces may be lost.
5. Van Cortlandt Park Master Plan, a 20 year plan was also discussed. The park is soliciting comments, which can also be done on-line.
6. Riverdale RiverFest is still looking for volunteers and donations.
7. B. Bender thanked T. Durham for all his hard work on the Parks Committee.

H. Public Safety – A. Feldmeier

1. The Committee may need to meet during the summer.
2. Committee will consider Winners liquor license application at the June 21st 2012 meeting to resolve issues with the new applicant.
3. Welcomed community members to attend meeting to discuss the reports of car break-ins.
4. Suggested setting up a table for the Board to greet the community that attend the Philharmonic Concert in Van Cortlandt Park on July 17th, 2012. The Board agreed.
5. The following resolution was presented:

RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the following NEW APPLICATIONS for liquor license:

- Piyawan Thai Kitchen Corp., D/B/A Siam Square Thai Cuisine – 564-566 Kappock Street
- Gordon Business Solutions, LLC, D/B/A Grill 26 – 2600 Netherland Avenue

Vote: 35 in favor, 2 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor -

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, B. Contant, E. Corcino, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, R. Ginty, N. Graham, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, D. Lennon, R. Pochter-Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. Pilsner, R. Press, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

I. Ladimer, M. Goodman

I. Traffic and Transportation – D. Padernacht

1. The following resolution was presented from the Executive Board Committee:

WHEREAS, under city law, it is the responsibility of Bronx Community Board No. 8 to review unenclosed sidewalk café renewal applications in its district; and

WHEREAS, 5693 Restaurant Corp (The Greentree) at 5693 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY has submitted an application for a renewal for an unenclosed sidewalk café license to the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA); and

WHEREAS, The Greentree has been a longstanding member and contributor to the community and the DCA and the 50th Precinct have no record of complaints filed against it;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 has no objection to the unenclosed sidewalk café application from The Greentree.

Vote: 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, B. Contant, E. Corcino, A. P. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, N. Graham, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, D. Lennon, R. Pochter-Lowe, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, J. Pilsner, R. Press, P. Reyes, X. Sanchez, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, A. A. Spett, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

2. The Committee will hold its next meeting on June 19, 2012, at the Board Office, at 7:30 PM. DEP will attend and a Street Renaming request will be discussed.

J. Youth – A. Cohen

1. Refer to minutes for report.
2. Budget priorities include restoration of OST funding.
3. A. Cohen thanked the members of the Youth Committee and added that he is looking forward to serving as Aging Chair.

K. Aging

Chairman Fanuzzi extended thanks to K. Pesce for her long tenure and good works as Chair of Aging.

L. Budget – B. Contant

1. The 2014 Budget priorities requests are due. He asked that all submissions be sent by June 30, 2012.
2. Reminded chairs to check with their respective city agencies concerning budget requests.

M. Education – S. Alexander

1. P.S. 24's principal and interim assistant principal attended the Committee meeting on May 22nd, 2012. They reported on many things going on at the school.
2. Refer to minutes for report.
3. P.S. 24 will hold an Open House on June 20th, 2012. All are invited. The Open House will be used as the Education Committee's last meeting.
4. Gym equipment for schools is included in the Committee's budget priorities.

Before concluding the meeting, Chairman Fanuzzi thanked the Board Office for all their work over the past year.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Manning
Community Associate

