

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 8
MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
Held On Monday, October 16, 2017
Board Office
5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100
Bronx , NY 10471

PRESENT

Omar Murray
Julia Gomez
Steve Froot
Lisa Daub
Karen Pesce

AFFILIATION

Chair, Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
Vice-Chair, Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
CB8-Committee member
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GUESTS

ABSENT

Tao Moran

CB8-Committee Member

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM. Committee members signed the attendance sheet on arrival.

The Previous Committee Minutes of September 18, 2017 was approved with amendments to the location of the rodents (Rats) Problem:

Vote for Minutes Approval

Yes - 5
No - 0
Abs - 0

Julia Gomez is now the Vice-Chair of the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee. On the issue of the rodent (Rats) problem currently affecting Community Board 8, the Chair Stated that the Health Department Representative responsible for CB8 is no longer in that position and therefore no one is available to attend a Committee meeting until the position has been filled. The board office will follow up with health department to ensure once the position is filled we have the correct contact info for the representative.

The Board Office has received a proposal from a non-profit Company called Services for the Underserved (SUS) to build a group home to be located at 5205 Henry Hudson Parkway West. According to the Padavan Law a public hearing has to be held to allow neighbors who live near the proposed location to have an input on new group home and how it will affect their neighborhood. Steve Froot states he previously created a map to show all group homes within CB8. The Chair states the public hearing will be held on November 20, 2017 and he will work with the board office to find a suitable meeting location near to the proposed site. Currently Christ Church, Wave Hill and Riverdale Neighborhood Houses are under consideration for this hearing.

Based on discussions with the board office, the proposal was submitted on October 12, 2017 and will house eight individuals with developmental disabilities. Four Females and Four Males. The full proposal will be emailed to the committee for review before the public hearing, so we can submit any questions ahead of the hearing. In compliance with the padavan law both the committee and the board has four options, which is vote to approve, vote to disapprove, do nothing or recommend alternate sites to build this group home. Steve Froot states based on his experience as a former Committee Chair in dealing these matters the main issues that may arise is saturation and change within the neighborhood that The Group Home May Bring.

Representatives from Montefiore hospital has reached out to come and make a presentation on diabetes to the committee. The Chair states he will advise them of the appropriate date, location and time to make a presentation, preferable sometime in December to avoid a time conflict considering the public hearing will be held next month and representatives from SUS will attend and residents also.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Omar Murray, Chair
Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee