

## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON April 19, 2017

AT KINGSBRIDGE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER, 3101 KINGSBRIDGE TERRACE

- PRESENT:** S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, G. Santiago, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, H. Young
- ABSENT:** E. Bell, L. Croft, M. Donato, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, D. Fuchs, D. McCord, O. Murray, D. Santiago, S. Sarao, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata
- STAFF:** D. Bay – Community Associate
- GUESTS:** Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, A. Castano – office of Assemblyman Dinowitz, C. Lang – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein, J. DeLa Cruz – rep. Councilman Cabrera, T. Shelton – KRVC, S. Hall – KRVC, N. McDonald – Jerome Park Library, A. Toledo – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., DI O'Toole - NYPD, 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, P.O. Ventura - NYPD, 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, Councilman Andrew Cohen, R. Press – Bronx Voice, H. Covington, M. Pesel, R. Palma, J. Sanchez, K. Murphy – NYPL, C. Counts – NYPL, C. Wile, L. Chong, T. Edwards, T. Brown, K. Green

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

#### 1. Gallery Session

- Jennifer Sanchez-Fagundes, Executive Director of ACBX-Cultural Arts Studio at 4685 Manhattan College Parkway, described their program Capoeira, the unique art form that blends self-defense techniques, acrobatics, dance-like movements and music into a martial art form. They have a strong focus on the youth and building health awareness.
- Tracy Shelton of KRVC announced a celebration of KRVC's new 10 foot GMC box truck (mobile office) on April 23, 2017 from 2-4PM, rooftop parking lot of Riverdale Crossings/238 & Broadway. There will also be a special presentation to Senator Jeff Klein for allocating the funds for KRVC to purchase the truck.
- Nicola McDonald, Library Manager of Jerome Park Library announced their schedule of programs in April. Handouts were on the table for the public.
- Robert Press expressed his view on the prospective selection of the new district manager.
- Ralph Jean announced the five boro bike tour on Sunday, May 7. For more information go to [www.bike.nyc](http://www.bike.nyc) or call 212 870-2080.

#### 2. Introduction of Special Guests

A. Castano – office of Assemblyman Dinowitz, C. Lang – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein, J. De La Cruz – rep. Councilman Cabrera, T. Shelton – KRVC, N. McDonald – Jerome Park Library, A. Toledo – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., DI O'Toole - NYPD, 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, P.O. Ventura - NYPD, 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Councilman Andrew Cohen, D. Johnson – rep. Councilman Cohen,

#### 3. Report from the 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct – DI O'Toole

- 2017 crime stats - murder – 0 vs. 0, rape – 0 vs. 2, robbery – 15 vs. 9, felony assaults – 9 vs. 17, burglaries – 9 vs. 6, grand larceny 37 vs. 34, auto grand larceny 0 vs. 11.
- Delivery people are being robbed. Please report if witnessed.
- Accidents so far this year 157 vs. 149. Three fatal accidents this year.
- Summonses up 15%. Speeding summonses are also up.

## 4. Report from the Office of the Bronx Borough President – A. Toledo

- Bronx week is May 11-21.
- Community board appreciation night details will be emailed to the board members.
- All new applicants to the community board will be notified shortly.
- Board members who reapplied to the board will be notified shortly.
- In 2016 more than three billion dollars was invested throughout the borough.

## 5. Chairman's Report – Daniel Padernacht

- The following board members did not reapply to the board, Anthony Creaney, Arturo Guzman, Noah Friedman, Phil Friedman and Sergio Marquez. The Chair thanked all of them for their years of service.
- Board members who reapplied to the board will remain board members until notified by the Borough President's office.

## 6. Treasurer's report – Amy Joy Robateau

- No report. The Treasurer had to leave the meeting early.

## 7. City Planning – No City Planning representative was present

## 8. Presentation of the Comeback Kid Award – Chairman Padernacht and Youth Chair - Lamont Parker

This award was created to acknowledge students who have overcome challenges and demonstrated improvement, over a period of time. It is our belief that by recognizing our student participants in committed community centers, we can in some small way reward those youth who are working hard to improve their future and inspire others to follow their example.

This year's recipients of the award are Lewins Rosa and Mallely Reyes.

## 9. Election of Nominating Committee

Chairman Padernacht read the following Rules of the Nominating Committee to the Board:

*The Law Committee believes that it is impractical and inadvisable to establish specific qualifications, criteria, or quotas which would either limit Board Members in choosing a Nominating Committee, or limit the Nominating Committee in choosing a slate of Officers and Committee Chairs. Nevertheless, Board Members who are putting together a proposed slate, should make their choice, bearing in mind that it is both good policy as well as conducive to the smooth functioning of the Board to strive for a Nominating Committee and a slate of proposed Officers and Committee Chairs who represent diverse geographic areas within the Board, diverse communities, diverse ethnic and racial groups, and diverse professional and work backgrounds. The choices made should also consider the experience of any nominee as a Board Member and the extent of the interest shown by any such nominee in participating in Board matters. These factors, while not meant to impel any particular individual choice, should always serve as general guidance.*

The Chair also read the following:

- a. Officers: A member of the nominating committee may not be nominated by the committee for a position of officer.
- b. Committee Chairs: 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 shall be presented to the Board.

- d. The Nominating Committee must complete its activities and present its slates at least two calendar weeks before the June meeting at which the election will take place.
- e. When the nominating committee is elected, there will be a statement that all officer and chair positions are to be considered open and available for nominations. -12-
- f. Within five (5) business days of the formation of the nominating committee, each current chair or officer shall notify such committee of his or her intention not to be considered for renomination. The nominating committee will then notify all board members of such position(s) within 24 hours of such notification.

The following six members were nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee:

S. Alexander, J. O'Brien, L. Parker, L. Spalter, G. Santiago M. Wolpoff

**Paper ballots were distributed for board members to vote on up to five (5) of the nominees. The Chairman continued with the meeting as the votes were being tallied.**

10. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development – Chair not present

B. Education – S. Alexander

- March 28 minutes were distributed.
- Tech International Charter School on Corlear Avenue will be closing in June. Amber Charter School will reside there in September. They already have a school in East Harlem and Washington Heights. The Washington Heights School will move to this site with plans to grow into a 400 seat school to include grade 5. They plan to give District 10 students priority in its admissions process.
- The next meeting is on April 25<sup>th</sup> in the board office at 6:30pm so that the Traffic & Transportation Committee can meet at 7:30PM.

C. Environment & Sanitation – L. Spalter

The following resolution was presented:

**1. Whereas**, the 1998 Report From the Bronx Advisory Committee to the Hudson River Valley Greenway resolved in part to support a multi-use path along the Putnam Rail, although it was not formally included within the Hudson River Valley Greenway corridor, and it further recommended that NYC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) initiate a full study in cooperation with NYC Department of Environmental Protection; and

**2. Whereas**, Bronx Community Board 8's 197-a Plan adopted by the City Planning Commission and the City Council in 2003 proposed including reuse of the abandoned Old Putnam Line railroad right of way (ROW) south of Van Cortlandt Park as an opportunity for the creation of a new multipurpose linear open space in Kingsbridge; and

**3. Whereas**, on October 12, 2010 Bronx Community Board 8 voted to approve a ULURP application by DPR to amend the City Map in order to establish a new linear park south of Van Cortlandt Park, Putnam South, running generally alongside the Major Deegan Expressway, between Van Cortlandt Park South and West 230<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**4. Whereas**, on January 5, 2011 the City Planning Commission approved the DPR application, including authorization for any acquisition of real property related thereto; and

**5. Whereas**, in order for DPR to move forward with its plan for Putnam South, a “rails to trails” greenway, it must first acquire the ROW owned by CSX Corporation (CSX), which has not operated its rail line at this location for decades; and

**6. Whereas**, negotiations between CSX and DPR have reached an impasse, because CSX has placed an appraisal valuation of its property far exceeding monies allotted for this project from Croton Filtration Plant mitigation funds; and

**7. Whereas**, CSX donated their property in lower Manhattan to New York City, which enabled the High Line to be built; and

**8. Whereas**, there are tremendous recreational, economic, and environmental benefits to Bronxites who will use the mixed use bicycle and pedestrian greenway to connect to the Putnam Trail in Van Cortlandt Park and other greenways; and

**9. Whereas**, businesses on Broadway could benefit greatly by DPR’s vision of several access points to Broadway at West 238, West 234 and West 230 Streets along the three quarter mile greenway; and

**10. Whereas**, DPR has presented conceptual plans to construct a mixed use greenway, utilize green infrastructure, and daylight Tibbetts Brook both inside Van Cortlandt Park and along the proposed Putnam South greenway to relieve flooding and serious water pollution issues resulting from Combined Sewer Overflow; and

**11. Whereas**, on April 12, 2016 Bronx Community Board 8 passed a resolution presented by the Environment and Sanitation Committee to support the priorities of the Coalition for the Daylighting of Tibbetts Brook, advocates for renewed negotiation with CSX in order to build the Putnam South Greenway; and

**12. Whereas**, CSX has recently demonstrated their willingness to work with Bronx Community Board 8 by acknowledging the sanitation issues and other problems along their property, and establishing a timeline to clean their ROW;

**Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that Bronx Community Board 8 requests that the new management of CSX treat the Bronx as they treated Manhattan regarding the High Line, and either donate or reduce the price of their land sufficiently in order to enable the Department of Parks and Recreation to commence planning and construction of the Putnam South Greenway; and

**Be it Further Resolved**, that as a priority for Community Board 8, we will work with DPR, our public officials, relevant government agencies, community groups, and other stakeholders to make the Putnam South Greenway a reality for deserving residents of the Bronx.

Vote: In favor – 22 Opposed – 0 Abstentions - 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, J. O’Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, H. Young

- Refer to E&S minutes.
- The last meeting included a discussion with DEP on local flooding. Points of concern are Broadway, 249 & Arlington Avenue and Tibbett Avenue. It is recommended to register flooding concerns with 311. Some of these sites require DOT to correct curbing or surfacing to rectify flooding problem. Many more sites were discussed.
- DEP is donating 100 rain barrels on Saturday, May 6 from 9am to 12pm. Rain barrels help homeowners save on their water bills, collect rainwater to water their gardens and wash their car and reduce flooding

and pollution by reducing the water entering our sewer system. Enter Van Cortlandt Park at Broadway and Mosholu Avenue. This is also sponsored by Bronx CB8, Friends of Van Cortlandt Park and Senator Jeffrey Klein and Councilman Andrew Cohen.

- Sewers are inspected once a year.
  - The next meeting is April 26. It's a joint meeting with the Parks & Recreation committee at the Riverdale Y in the Teen Lounge.
- D. Health, Hospitals and Social Services – Chair not present
- E. Housing – P. Ellis
- The March 27 meeting was at Ft. Independence Community Center and they discussed problems being faced by the tenants of Marble Hill, Ft. Independence and Bailey Houses. This was a productive meeting.
  - The April 24 meeting is on Green Sustainability in the Bronx. HPD will be there to discuss their budget.
- F. Land Use – C.G. Moerdler
- The next meeting is on April 27 at Manhattan College in the Fischbach Room.
- G. Law, Rules and Ethics – Chair not present
- H. Libraries & Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman
- The May meeting is on the first Thursday at the Derfner Museum. There will be a tour of the new exhibit and permanent exhibit.
- I. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender
- The March minutes were circulated.

The following resolution was presented:

Whereas Van Cortlandt Park is one of eight parks in New York City selected for the Parks without Borders program; and

Whereas the specific area in Van Cortlandt Park that was selected is the entrance at Broadway and West 242<sup>nd</sup> Street, which is a heavily used area, adjacent to the #1 line subway station, a local bus stop, and the terminal point for several Westchester bus lines; and

Whereas the goal of Parks without Borders is to provide better integration of parks with the adjacent city streets; and

Whereas the Parks without Borders project in Van Cortlandt Park encompasses four acres and is budgeted at \$4.2 million; and

Whereas the designers from the Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) solicited suggestions from the community in the fall of 2016 and subsequently showed designs to the CB8 Parks & Recreation Committee at its monthly meetings in November 2016 and January and March 2017; and

Whereas DPR has requested approval of the design presented in March 2017;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Committee approves the design as presented, subject to the following conditions:

\*designers will incorporate features to slow cyclists who use a pathway through this area between Broadway and the Putnam Trail;

\*at least two cameras will be installed, at least one each in the barbecue area and the central plaza;

\*the amount of new pavement proposed in the barbecue area will be reduced to the minimum that will still allow ADA accessibility;

\*the designers will consider installing enhanced tree pits on Broadway;

\*the designers will investigate the feasibility of adding a fountain in addition to the water mists;

\*any significant changes to the design at any point during the approval process will be reported to the committee for further consideration.

Vote: In favor – 22    Opposed – 0    Abstentions - 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, H. Young

- There was a City Council hearing on April 6 regarding a resolution that Councilman Cohen introduced concerning the Hudson River Greenway. He urges that the MTA and all other agencies be encouraged to make the Hudson River Greenway possible. It's consistent with the resolution that the Community Board passed in June of 2014. A letter was sent in support of the Councilman's resolution and Vice Chair Rosemary Ginty testified at that hearing.
- On April 11<sup>th</sup> there was a ground breaking event for the skateboard park in Van Cortland Park.
- The next meeting is April 26. It's a joint meeting with the Environment & Sanitation committee at the Riverdale Y in the Teen Lounge.

J. Public Safety – J. O'Brien

- The next meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

K. Traffic & Transportation – M. Heller

**The following resolutions from the Traffic & Transportation meeting of March 21, 2017 were presented:**

- The Traffic and Transportation Committees votes to approve Israeli Independence Day Block Party with full street closure on May 2, 2017, to be held on Netherland Avenue between Henry Hudson Parkway and West 236 Street. This event has been held previously.
- The Traffic and Transportation Committees votes to approve a Sidewalk Café application submitted to NYC Department of Consumer Affairs – K Café Corp., d/b/a Yukka Latin Bistro Lounge – 5684 Riverdale Avenue.

Vote: In favor – 22    Opposed – 0    Abstentions - 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, M. Heller, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, G. Santiago, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, H. Young

- March 21 meeting included discussion with Con Ed on a gas project and a high voltage electric line installation. There are continuing issues with conditions people have to live through during these projects. People voiced their opinions and the projects will be monitored closely.
- April 25 meeting will be at Kelly Ryan's at 7:30PM. The Broadway project will be presented by DOT. The project includes the Broadway corridor from West 242 to the City Line.

L. Youth – L. Parker

- Refer to minutes.
- The next Youth meeting is on April 26.
- The next meeting is April 26.
- The Comeback Kid Award will be presented at the next board meeting.

M. Aging – L. Daub

- There was no March meeting. The next meeting is Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> , 1:15 at the Riverdale Y in the Art Room. The topic is continuing education for seniors. Four organizations will be talking about Education opportunities. L. Daub thanked Irving for suggesting this topic.

N. Budget – Chair not present

O. Hudson River Greenway – B. Bender

- Metro North gave their first presentation and went over the study that is underway.
- The second presentation will be more detailed. The date will be determined.

P. Community Services Award – D. Gellman

- The invitation letter and Press Release were distributed.
- Nominations are due by Friday, April 28, 2017.

**Chairman welcomed Assemblyman Dinowitz to address the board**

- The NYS Assembly budget was passed. They prevented the Governor's proposed cut to Title 20 funding, some of which is used for senior centers.
- The Governor cut 65 million dollars to the MTA operating expenses. The Assembly passed monies of an equal amount for the MTA capital expenses. 700 million to foundation aid which is good for schools. They were also able to secure money for Housing and Environmental Infrastructure.
- New York State will no longer automatically prosecute all 16 and 17 year olds as adults.
- 421A program for developers has expanded. He feels we lose tax revenue and there is no return for our money. Not enough affordable housing is built.

**Chairman welcomed Councilman Cohen to address the board**

- Councilman Cohen acknowledged and appreciated Vice Chair, R. Ginty for speaking on behalf of his resolution introduced concerning the Hudson River Greenway.

11. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2017

- **P. Ellis - Change** - Housing Committee report - Page 3, last bullet to:

The next meeting is on March 27 at the Ft. Independence Community Center and they will discuss problems at two NYCHA developments in Community Board 8, Ft. Independence Houses and Bailey Houses.

Paul Ellis noted that although Bailey Houses is not in Community Board 8 the building has the same management as Ft. Independence Houses.

- **B. Bender - Change** - Parks & Recreation Committee report Page 4, - 5<sup>th</sup> bullet, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence to:

C. Moerdler suggested regulations/licensing for commercial bike riders since there are many incidents involving hazardous bike riders.

Vote for minutes as amended: In favor – 23 Opposed – 0 Abstentions - 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, M. Heller, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, G. Santiago, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, H. Young

## 12. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2017

- Chair Padernacht stated the minutes will be reviewed and distributed.

**Chairman announced results of the top five out of six people for the Nominating Committee. Each vote will be listed in the minutes of this meeting. The Chair asked the committee to meet briefly after the meeting to discuss a meeting date and discuss a Nominating Committee Chair.**

S. Alexander, L. Spalter, M. Wolpoff, J G. Santiago, J. O'Brien

The candidates received the following IN FAVOR votes:

### **S. Alexander: 22 In Favor**

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter-Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, G. Santiago, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, H. Young

### **L. Spalter: 23 In Favor**

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter-Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, G. Santiago, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, H. Young

### **M. Wolpoff: 16 In Favor**

S. Alexander, L. Daub, P. Ellis, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Kornbluh, R. Pochter-Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, H. Young

### **G. Santiago: 21 In Favor**

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, M. Heller, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, G. Santiago, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, H. Young

### **J. O'Brien: 22 In Favor**

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, M. Heller, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter-Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, G. Santiago, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, H. Young



**L. Parker: 10 In Favor**

B. Bender, S. Froot, D. Gellman, S. Gozland, R. Pochter-Lowe, T. Moran, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Santiago, I. W. Stone

13. **The Chair continued the meeting by reading Section 105 from the Public Officers Law.**

Upon a majority vote of its total membership, taken in an open meeting pursuant to a motion identifying the general area or areas of the subject or subjects to be considered, a public body may conduct an executive session for the below enumerated purposes only, provided, however, that no action by formal vote shall be taken to appropriate public moneys:

**Section 105 - Under subsection F** - reason to go into Executive session is as follows: for the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;

**The Chair then made a motion to the board:**

I hereby move the board to go into Executive Session pursuant to Public Officers Law, Article 7, Section 105, in order to discuss the matters leading to the employment of District Manager Of Bronx Community Board No. 8.

Motion approved by a vote of 23 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

In favor – 23    Opposed – 0    Abstentions - 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, M. Heller, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, G. Santiago, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, H. Young

The Chair explained there will be no vote taken at Executive Session, just discussion. The general audience was asked to leave the room.

**Chairman re-opened the meeting and read the following resolution.**

WHEREAS, A District Manager may be employed by Bronx Community Board No. 8 pursuant to the New York City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager serves at the pleasure of the Board;

WHEREAS, a Search Committee was established by the Chair of Bronx Community Board No. 8 in January 2017 to recommend a candidate for the position of District Manager to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Search Committee was comprised of Board Members Steven Froot, Lamont Parker and Karen Pesce;

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board No. 8 advertised a Job Description which is attached to and made a part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board No. 8 advertised the position in the Riverdale Press, the Riverdale Review, The Norwood News, The Chief Reporter, Bronx Community Board 8 website, Bronx Community Board 8 monthly newsletter, Bronx Community Board 8 Facebook page and Idealist.com; and

WHEREAS, the application period extended from January 13, 2017 through February 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Search Committee received 54 applications during the application period;

WHEREAS, the Search Committee called in 8 applicants for interviews;

WHEREAS, the Search Committee has recommended Michael Heller to be hired as the District Manager of Bronx Community Board No. 8;

WHEREAS, the expected hire date is May 8, 2017;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bronx Community Board 8 hires Michael Heller as the District Manager of Bronx Community Board No. 8; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the District Manager is subject to a review period of six months from the hiring date, understanding that this review period does not affect the fact that the District Manager serves at the pleasure of the board.

Vote:

In favor – 22          Opposed – 0          Abstention for cause - 2

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, P. Ellis, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, H. Young

Abstention for cause: L. Daub, M. Heller

**Chairman read the following resolution:**

WHEREAS, the Bronx Community Board No. 8 has decided to hire Michael Heller as the District Manager of Bronx Community Board No. 8;

WHEREAS, the Board Chair recommends that Mr. Heller's salary be set at \$75,000.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Board Chair has consulted with the officers of the Board on the proposed salary for Mr. Heller;

WHEREAS, this decision in concurred in by the Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Community Board adopted a resolution on February 9, 2010 that required any decision concerning internal operating budgets be made by the Chair in consultation with the officers and brought to the Community Board for "ratification, modification or rejection".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 ratifies the decision of the Chair to set the salary of the District Manager at \$75,000.00 per year.

Vote:

In favor – 22          Opposed – 0          Abstention for cause - 2

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, P. Ellis, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Gozland, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, J. Santiago, L. Spalter, I.W. Stone, H. Young

Abstention for cause: L. Daub, M. Heller

14. Miscellaneous – None

Meeting adjourned at 10:00PM.

Submitted by,

Diane Bay  
Community Associate