

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON MAY 11, 2010 AT  
WAVE HILL, ARMOR HALL, 675 WEST 252<sup>ND</sup> STREET**

**PRESENT:** R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, B. Bender, A. Cohen, A. Creaney, B. Fettman T. C. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, B. Feinberg, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, A. Goldman, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, Y. Levy, S. Marquez, B. Maybury, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, S. Scheinbach, I. W. Stone, B. Trebach, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

**ABSENT:** D. Bowden, A. P. Cassino, W. Dolny, A. Fana, A. G. Feldmeier T. Giallorenzi, J. Goris, V. Gray, G. O. Koppell, K. O'Brien, J. O'Reilly, J. Reyes, L. Spalter

**STAFF:** N. Stent – District Manager, CB 8  
D. Bay – Community Associate, CB 8  
P. Manning – Community Associate, CB 8

**GUESTS:** L. Cohen – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein  
L. Copland - rep. Congressman Eliot Engel  
M. Gary – rep. State Senator Pedro Espada  
R. Martos – rep. Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz  
C. McShane – rep. Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.  
A. Sandler – rep. Councilman G. Oliver Koppell  
J. Sonett – rep. Assemblyman Adriano Espaillat  
A. Appelbaum – Riverdale Press  
S. Anderson – St. Joseph's Methadone Clinic  
H. Barret – Memorial Grove  
F. Barret – Memorial Grove  
A. Chapman – Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Assn.  
T. Cole  
K. Corporan  
A. Creany - AARP  
N. Danyluk – NYC Department of City Planning  
Capt. B. del Pozo – 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
G. Denticio – Terrace Helthcare  
J. Donato  
G. Feliciano  
L. Feldman – Terrace Healthcare  
C. M. Giove – Riverdale Review  
M. Good  
N. Landesberg  
J. Linares  
A. Lindsey  
J. Leeds – Horace Mann School  
P. Moerdler  
R. Padmore – PTA President, PS 360  
M. Perron – Van Cortlandt Park  
R. Press – Bronx News  
P.O. Ramos – 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
D. Reynoso  
Det. L. Rodriguez – 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
L. Sambolin  
C. Segal - AARP Chapter 1546  
M. Segal - AARP Chapter 1546  
T. Shelton – Kinsbridge/Riverdale/Van Cortlandt Development Corp.

- E. Thompson – Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Assn.
- B. Silverman – Riverdale Soccer Club
- B. Slater – Terrace Health Care
- N. Soria
- C. Worchel – Kingsbridge/Riverdale/Van Cortlandt Development Corp.

Chairman McShane called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

Gallery Session:

- A. Yael Levy announced and distributed flyers for the first Riverdale Riverfest 2010 taking place on June 13<sup>th</sup>, Rain Date June 20<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 – 5:00 PM, at College of Mount St. Vincent Campus, Marillac Lawn. Admission is free. There will be food, music, crafts, exhibits and more. Sign-up to volunteer on website: [www.riverdaleriverfest.org](http://www.riverdaleriverfest.org); Text: RIVERFEST to 88500.
  - B. Al Chapman, President, Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association, addressed the Board regarding Terrace Healthcare Center proposal for an in-house methadone clinic. He advised that notification had failed to reach the surrounding community. Mr. Chapman requested that Community Board 8 table the resolution from the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee supporting the proposal until the Committee schedules a meeting in Kingsbridge Heights with community members and program sponsors.
  - C. Tracy Shelton introduced herself to the Board as the new Executive Director at Kingsbridge/Riverdale/Van Cortlandt Development Corporation. She announced the upcoming Energy Efficiency forum, which will be tailored to small business owners. All are welcome. It will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>, at Riverdale Greentree Restaurant, at 7:30 AM.
  - D. Susan Anderson, RN, St. Joseph's Hospital, provided particulars about the methadone program operation at Terrace Healthcare Center. She explained that the Hospital has been involved with treatment of patients from Terrace Healthcare over the last eight years, where patients were transported to St. Joseph's for methadone treatment. The new proposal for an in-house methadone clinic at Terrace Healthcare would ease the handling of the patients, offer greater protection of their privacy, and save the high cost of transportation. While the clinic is intended for resident patients at Terrace Healthcare, laws governing such facilities dictate service to a small percentage of community residents.
  - E. Irving Ladimer announced an urgent appeal for a bone marrow donor to benefit Matt Fenster, a member of Board 8's community. Mr. Fenster is suffering from Acute Myelogenous Leukemia and is in desperate need for a life saving bone marrow transplant. Information about this effort including how to make a contribution can be found at [www.mattfenstercircle.org](http://www.mattfenstercircle.org). Donor must be between the ages of 18-60 and in good general health. Others are encouraged to contribute \$54 for a donor kit. Donor screening will be conducted at SAR Academy Blood Drive, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 PM to 8:30 PM, and the Conservative Synagogue, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
1. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2010  
The minutes were approved unanimously.
  2. Discussion of Executive Board Committee Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2010

The minutes were accepted as written.

3. Chairman invited Captain del Pozo to address the Board.

Captain del Pozo reported on the monthly crime statistics. Robberies and arrests were up, persons committing robberies were mostly young teens, some of whom will be referred to programs. The next 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM. The Captain will meet privately with citizens the same evening - speak with Detective Rodriguez to reserve a slot.

4. Community Service Award Presentations – R. Abbott

R. Abbott reviewed history of Community Board 8's Community Service Award established in 1993 to acknowledge the great efforts of groups and individuals who perform unselfish acts of volunteerism for the betterment of the community and its citizens. He called upon Committee members T. Durham, M. Khury, and B. Maybury to assist with the presentations.

The following honorees were presented with awards inscribed with expressions of gratitude for each of the recipients' significant contributions:

- A. Riverdale Country School for opening its athletic field to Riverdale Soccer Club (RSC) when unforeseen circumstances prevented re-opening of Van Cortlandt Park Parade Grounds following renovation. Bruce Silverman, RSC, read a letter of thanks to Riverdale Country School and to N. Stent, District Manager, for making the connections. Mike Gallagher accepted the award on behalf of the School.
- B. Constance and Manfred Segal, AARP Chapter 1546, Riverdale, for their longstanding dedication and comprehensive service to the community as AARP representatives, including fundraising for the Hunger Project, and the food pantry at Church of the Mediator, longtime community membership on Community Board 8's Aging Committee and countless other community organizations.
- C. Jodie Colon and Jane Walmsley, Chiefs of CERT Team serving Community Board 8 as key contact with the Office of Emergency Management, recruitment and training; educating the public on emergency safety measures, being watchful at public events, i.e.; concerts in Van Cortlandt Park and more. (P. Friedman, member of CERT, accepted the awards of behalf of Ms. Colon and Ms. Walmsley).
- D. Horace Mann School, Center for Community Values and Action (CCVA) for carrying out their mission "Connecting Education, Ethics and Action," with students at Marble Hill Community Center's Children's Arts and Science Workshops (CASW). The CCVA's Service Learning Team's students work with Marble Hill CASW children in the after school program between the ages 5 through 12 weekly, acting as mentors, providing homework help, and introducing a new Lego robotics program.

Jeremy Leeds, Ph.D, Director, CCVA, introduced the team's members, and thanked the Board for the honor and N. Stent, District Manager, for making the connections. The honorees were congratulated all around.

Chairman McShane thanked the Committee for their outstanding selections.

5. Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office – C. McShane

- Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. responded to Mayor Bloomberg's Executive Budget cuts to libraries and cultural centers, and possible reductions to FDNY

firefighters. Community boards' budgets were spared. He has called upon Governor Paterson to respect the funds for New York City.

- Bronx Food Summit held on May 1<sup>st</sup> was a huge success.
- Autism Month was in April and Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. reminds all to continue practice of awareness.
- All are encouraged to participate in the annual Bronx Week taking place from Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Flyers announcing the calendar of events were provided.

#### 6. Chairman's Report

- Mayor Bloomberg's Executive Budget included full restoration of community boards' budget.
- Attended a meeting with the State Liquor Authority on behalf of the Public Safety Committee. Thanked State Senator Klein for arranging.
- The long awaited feasibility study report from the Department of Environmental Protection for construction of a pedestrian bridge in Van Cortlandt Park to connect both sides of the park, is available on the Board's website. Chairman encouraged review. The issue will be taken up at the next meeting of the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### 7. Report from the Department of City Planning – N. Danyluk

- Department of City Planning is presenting a NYC Waterfront plan for land use along the city's shoreline.
- Discussed the Car Text zoning change amendment, which proposes zoning to allow off-street parking provisions for "share," cars, i.e.; "zip" cars.

#### 8. Committee Reports

##### A. Environment and Sanitation – S. Scheinbach

1. Refer to Committee minutes.
2. The Environmental Agency recently announced that Croton Water Shed will not undergo impact review for gas drilling.

##### B. Education

S. Alexander reported on behalf of D. Bowden.

1. Refer to Committee minutes.
2. Letters from Committee Chair Bowden were sent to the local schools requesting submission of budget items for FY 2012.
3. The next meeting will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, Board Office, 7:30 PM. Dr. Jane Bedell, Department of Health will be guest speaker on the topic of childhood obesity. Overall attendance urged.

##### C. Health, Hospitals and Social Services – M. Khury

1. M. Khury reviewed the issue of St. Joseph's Hospital Methadone satellite program concerning the proposal for in-house clinic at Terrace Health Care Center. She advised of extensive meetings and discussions with representatives of both entities. However, M. Khury made a decision to table the Committee's resolution on the proposal, until after a special meeting is held in Kingsbridge

Heights with residents. Notification of meeting will be circulated throughout Kingsbridge Heights.

2. The Committee is planning a health forum in the fall.
3. A survey was conducted of businesses to determine support of a resolution to regulate placement of tobacco advertisements in stores, to remove from eye-level view of children. No problem found at local businesses visited.

D. Housing – T. Durham

1. Refer to minutes, which contain information on NYCHA's voucher program.
2. Robert V. Hess who served as Commissioner of the Department of Homeless Services resigned his post and moved on to head a Non-for-Profit, (the Doe Fund) that specializes in many social programs that aid and house/ the homeless.
3. The next meeting will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup>, Board Office, 7:30 PM. Guest Speaker will be Sharon Frey from Bronx Jewish Community Council.

E. Land Use – C. Moerdler

1. The Committee met on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Kingsbridge Heights Rehabilitation Center. Discussions included application for a portion of Kingsbridge Height's to be designated an historic district. C. Moerdler advised of resulting consequences to community with respect to rules governing changes.
2. Department of City Planning made a presentation on the NYC Waterfront plan. Access to waterfront would be created, however the existence of railroad tracks along District 8's border is challenging.
3. The next meeting will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, Conservative Synagogue, 7:30 PM.

F. Law, Rules and Ethics – I. Ladimer

1. The Committee made a determination not to proceed with another Charter Revision resolution proposed at the Executive Board Meeting.
2. Role and responsibility of community board members will be reviewed in a board guide.
3. The resolution proposed by S. Villaverde concerning matters of illegal immigrants in Arizona was determined to be not within the jurisdiction of the board.

G. Libraries and Cultural Affairs – R. Abbott

1. Committee met last evening and the minutes are forthcoming.
2. NY Public Library is facing \$33 million cuts. Could lose ten branches and cut back to four days service.
3. Forum at Spuyten Duyvil will not go forward at this time.

H. Nominating Committee – R. Abbott

The Committee will meet on May 12<sup>th</sup>, Board Office, 7:30 PM. Anyone interested in nominating a candidate, including themselves, should attend.

I. Parks and Recreation – B. Bender

1. Minutes were distributed.
2. Results of water tests from Van Cortlandt Park parade grounds are pending.
3. Putnam trail design study presentation pending.
4. Committee will meet on May 26<sup>th</sup>, Board Office, 7:00 PM Van Cortlandt Park's pedestrian bridge will be discussed.

J. Public Safety

R. Abbott reported on behalf of A. Feldmeier.

Reports received of rowdy teenagers loitering on Johnson Avenue and late night disturbances at Lounge bar on Post Road. Both will be addressed at the next meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct, 7:30 PM. May meeting cancelled due to Jewish holiday.

K. Technology – A. Goldman

1. The website's mail list is open.
2. Will work with Economic Committee to place store vacancies on website.

L. Traffic and Transportation

B. Trebach reported on behalf of A. P. Cassino.

1. Report in minutes.
2. No meeting in May due to Jewish holiday.

M. Aging – K. Pesce

1. Will meet on May 25<sup>th</sup>, Kittay House, 3:30 PM.
2. Will develop list of budget requests.

N. Economic Development – R. Fanuzzi

1. Thanked Cliff Stanton and Tracy Shelton, Kingsbridge/Riverdale/Van Cortlandt Development Corporation for the presentation on NYC Street Plaza's program.
2. Discussed the efforts being made to establish a Street Plaza at triangle area of West 236<sup>th</sup> Street between Riverdale Avenue and Fieldston Road. There is special attention being given to ensure input from merchants, elected officials and general members of the area. The Department of Transportation will complete an impact study before proceeding.
3. Riverdale Arts Association will hold an event at the Bronx Court House on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM.
4. C. Moerdler advised of intentions to hold a joint committee meeting with Land Use, Economic Development, and Traffic and Transportation to address revitalization of Johnson Avenue and other commercial areas.

9. New Business

S. Villaverde made a motion to suspend rules to discuss the resolution regarding problems in Arizona. Motion seconded. Discussion. Chairman McShane will investigate for committee purview. S. Villaverde withdrew motion.

Meeting adjourned 9:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Manning  
Community Associate