

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 AT THE  
RIVERDALE YM/YWHA 5625 ARLINGTON AVENUE**

**PRESENT:** R. Abbott, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. P. Creaney, W. Dolny, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, B. Feinberg, A. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, N. Graham, C. Hanley, I. Ladimer, Y. Levy, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone

**ABSENT:** S. Alexander, D. Bowden, A. Cohen, B. Contant, B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, T. Giallorenzi, V. Gray, M. Heller, M. Khury, G. O. Koppell, T. Lim, S. Marquez, J. O'Reilly, P. Reyes, S. Scheinbach, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, A. Zizmor

**STAFF:** N. Stent - District Manager, CB 8  
D. Bay – Community Associate, CB 8  
P. Manning – Community Associate, CB8  
S. Mujanovic – Manhattan College Intern, CB8

**GUESTS:** R. Barbier – Riverdale Branch Library  
P. D. Cassiere  
N. Danyluk – NYC Department of City Planning  
J. Duval  
M. Ewing  
D. L. Harris  
C. Hilo – NYS United Teachers, Manhattan College  
A. Korall – Manhattan College  
U. Lane – Hunter College  
B. McHugh – Riverdale Review  
M. Mernacat – Manhattan College  
P. Moerdler  
A. Rubio – Van Cortlandt Branch Library  
M. Sawyer  
R. Schmitz – Manhattan College  
J. Schwartz-Leeper – Riverdale Senior Services  
T. Shelton – Kingsbridge Riverdale Van Cortlandt Development Corp.  
Dr. R. Schutz  
M. Shroff – Hunter College  
A. Toledo – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.  
E. Wall-O'Brien  
A. Weler – CUNY School of Journalism  
L. Wolf

**Gallery Session –**

- A. Julia Schwartz-Leeper, Executive Director, Riverdale Senior Services (RSS) advised of the senior center operation and senior resource services. Staffing includes a social worker and nurse. Discussed loss of funding for Adult Daycare Program for individuals with Alzheimer and dementia. She discussed the cost savings measure with the program rate of \$75.00 per day as opposed to the alternative nursing home rate of \$300.00 per day. Other programs include: computer classes, medical transportation services and nutritious meals. There is also a Men's Club at the center. RSS partners with Riverdale Mental Health Association on the Men's Group. Copies of RSS Newsletter were made available.

- B. Tracy Shelton, Executive Director, Kingsbridge Riverdale Van Cortlandt Development Corporation, announced the summer release of the Restaurant Guide for Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation/KRVC and thanked Councilman G. Oliver Koppell for funding it. She advised of the following upcoming events: Stop Graffiti Day, Kids Play Jeopardy to Learn about Graffiti, in coordination with the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct's Graffiti Task Force and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at PS 24, at 12:30 PM. Presentation will take place at the school and will be followed by a clean-up demonstration; there will be a meeting for North Riverdale businesses on September 29<sup>th</sup>, at Riverdale Neighborhood House, at 7:00PM, State Senator Jeffrey Klein will be in attendance.
- C. Dr. Randolph Schutz, Adjunct Professor, Manhattan College, requested support for unionization of adjunct professors for purposes of better pay, job security, medical benefits, etc. Chairman McShane advised that historically the Community Board does not become involved with private labor issues.
- D. Mark Sawyer discussed the recently completed Kappock Street guard rail project. He stated that a safety hazard is posed by ¼ of missing rail running east to west. Mr. Sawyer also discussed the No. 34 bus and the limited hours of the No. 20 and need for a transfer to the train at 204<sup>th</sup> Street. Chairman McShane referred both issues to the Traffic and Transportation Committee.
- E. Joelle Duval spoke about late night concerns, loud noises, drinking and other activities taking place behind the Sunoco Station located at 5914 Riverdale Avenue. She presented a petition from residents of Delafield Avenue calling for safety. Additionally she requested verification of the legal status of the business' State Liquor Authority license. Chairman McShane referred the matter to the Public Safety Committee.
1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2010  
The minutes were approved unanimously.
  2. Discussion of Executive Board Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2010  
The minutes were accepted as written.
  3. Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office – A. Toledo
    - September 13<sup>th</sup> will be the first day of school.
    - Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and Advocates for Children will sponsor a Back to School Information Session for parents and families on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Office of the Borough President from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. For more information call Jesse Mojica at 718-590-3515.
    - Mondays and Fridays throughout the month of September and the first week of October, attorneys from the New York Lawyers for Public Interest and advocates for Children of New York will be available at the Borough President's office to answer parents and guardians questions about New York City schools.
    - Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. has sent a letter to State Senator Suzi Oppenheimer, Chair, Education Committee, to hold a Public Hearing to address low test scores.
    - Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. and the Bronx Clergy Task Force invite you to join the "Peace in Our Streets" Initiative sessions in districts of each Bronx Community Boards to address the rise in Bronx crime over the summer. Greater Faith Temple, Community Board 12 will host a session on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. Check the Borough President's website for others.

#### 4. Chairman's Report

- Chairman McShane thanked the committee chairs for meeting with him over the summer. He apologized to those he missed.
- Chairman urged review of rules and procedures governing Board meetings contained in the Guide to Parliamentary Procedure for New York City Community Boards. This guide is also available on the Boards website for review.
- Advised of notification for West Nile Virus spraying on September 6<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- No official report.
- With respect to the question of fundraising, the Conflicts of Interest Board advised that community boards can conduct fundraising. Chairman McShane will assist on the Friends of Community Board 8 ad hoc committee. Others are welcome.

#### 6. District Manager's Report

- N. Stent advised that Board committees were actively starting the year
- Staff is available to answer questions and provide information.
- The board website also provides great information, including board news, meeting schedule, agendas, minutes, district and health profiles and access to city agencies.
- The fall season starts with the borough consultations that are held between community boards and top managers of 14 city agencies that deliver local services. This is an opportunity to for community boards to discuss long range needs, budget requests, agency policy choices, fiscal constraints and funding for programs and projects. Community Boards can present their needs and budget suggestions (and criteria for making difficult spending choices) and city agencies can explain their choices.
- September 15, 22 and 28 are the meeting dates. On the 15<sup>th</sup> the 12 Bronx district managers, board chairs and committee chairs will meet with the Departments of Sanitation, Buildings, Fire and Police; on the 22<sup>nd</sup> they meet with the Departments of Aging, Human Resources, Homeless Services and Administration of Children Services
- Finally, Community Board 8 will meet individually with the Departments of Environmental Protection, Economic Development and Parks on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- An update on the outcomes of these meetings will be presented next month.
- N. Stent introduced the Board office new intern Seid Mujanovic, a student at Manhattan College.

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

Long awaited applications for SAR and Delafield Estates will be sent to the Board.

#### 8. Committee Reports

##### A. Aging – K. Pesce

The Committee will meet on September 28<sup>th</sup>, at Hudson Pointe Riverdale, at 3:30 PM. There will be a speaker from United Cerebral Palsy.

##### B. Budget – P. Friedman

1. Reviewed the timetable and components of the Capital and Expense Budget Requests process.
2. A public hearing on budget requests for FY 2012 will be held at the October Board meeting. The Committee's budget requests for Fiscal Year 2012 will be reviewed and prioritized for a vote at that same meeting. Capital budget requests submissions can be up to 40 and Expense up to 25.

C. Economic Development

1. P. Friedman reported. The Committee met on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2. There will be an event for business card exchanges. Refer to minutes for full report.

D. Education

I.W. Stone reported. Contact has been made with PS 24 and PS 244 to request the principals to present to the Committee either at the October or November meeting.

E. Environment and Sanitation

Chairman McShane announced that the Committee will meet September 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Board Office, at 7:30 PM.

F. Health, Hospitals and Social Services – S. Froot

1. The Committee will meet on September 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Board Office, at 7:30 PM.
2. A public Health Forum is being planned for December 8<sup>th</sup>.
3. There is a current Dengue Fever travel advisory for the Caribbean and South America.
4. A walk in support of Lymphoma cure will take place on October 14.
5. Riverdale Mental Health Association will hold its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5K Run/Walk and Tot Trot September 26<sup>th</sup>, Van Cortlandt Park Stadium and Trails.

G. Housing –T. Durham

1. The Housing Committee will not meet on September 27<sup>th</sup> due to religious observances.
2. A letter from Volunteers of America (VOA) was received expressing interest in 3882 Cannon Place. VOA will be invited to the Committee meeting for October 26.

A. Land Use – C. Moerdler

The Committee will meet on October 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Riverdale YM/YWHA, at 7:30 PM. The agenda will include the ULURP application for the Putnam Greenway, and possibly SAR (if received in a timely manner). C. Moerdler reviewed the matters that come before the Land Use, including all ULURP and Natural Area applications.

B. Law, Rules and Ethics – I. Ladimer

1. The Committee will meet one half hour before the October 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Anthony Creaney is the Vice Chair.
2. A guide on How to Prepare a Resolution has been distributed to Board members.
3. The Ethics manual will be updated. Suggestions and comments are welcome.

C. Libraries and Cultural Affairs – R. Abbott

1. The Committee will meet October 4<sup>th</sup>.
2. Libraries in Community Board 8 received no reduction in hours.

D. Parks and Recreation – B. Bender

1. The Riverfest event was a great success. B. Bender thanked Y. Levy for her wonderful efforts.
2. The July Tornado caused extensive damage.
3. Memorial Grove restoration job was let to the lowest bidder. Work will not be done this fall.
4. No work has started on Sid Augarten Field.
5. The presentation made at the Committee meeting to ban smoking at parks and beaches was very effective.
6. The Committee will hold its next meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>, Board Office, at 7:00 PM.

E. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

The Committee will meet on September 16<sup>th</sup>, at the 50<sup>th</sup> Pct., at 7:30 PM.

F. Traffic and Transportation – D. Padernacht

The Committee will meet on September 21<sup>st</sup>, Board Office, at 7:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Manning