

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAY 10, 2011
AT THE RIVERDALE TEMPLE,
4545 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE**

PRESENT: R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, W. S. Dolny, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, N. Graham, C. Hanley, M. Heller, M. Khury, G. O. Koppell, I. Ladimer, D. McShane, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. L. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, R. Press, G. Santiago, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

ABSENT: D. Bowden, B. Contant, B. Feinberg, D. Kirksey-Floyd, T. Lim, J. M. Reyes, P. Reyes

STAFF: N. Stent – District Manager
D. Bay – Community Associate
P. Manning – Community Associate
F. Pozo - Intern

GUESTS: R. Agdern – rep. State Senator Gustavo Rivera
J. Doyle – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein
R. Fedderman – rep. Congressman Eliot Engel
R. Martos – rep. Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
T. Mercado – rep. Assemblyman Guillermo Linares
A. Sandler – rep. Councilman G. O. Koppell
J. Sonett – rep. State Senator Adriano Espaillat
N. Danyluk – Department of City Planning
Lt. J. McMahon – 50th Pct. NYPD
Det. L. Rodriguez – 50th Pct. NYPD
D. Balcarran – Lehman College
R. Barbier – Riverdale Branch Library
F. Barret
H. Barret – Memorial Grove
G. Bova – Memorial Grove
J. E. Gordon
K. Green
D. Kornbluh
Y. Levy
R. Lowe
M. Martinez – Lehman College
B. McHugh – Riverdale Review
P. Moerdler
J. Murray
V. Simmons, Jr. – Kingsbridge Branch Library
E. Sullivan – Lehman College
G. Thompson
A. Wisnieski – Riverdale Press
M. Meo – Cub Scout Pack 24
R. Meo – Cub Scout Pack 24
N. Nunez – Riverdale Neighborhood House
D. Tannen- Memorial Grove
L. Tannen – Memorial Grove
H. Winkler – Memorial Grove

Chairman McShane convened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

1. Gallery Session

- A. Yael Levy announced the Riverdale Riverfest 2011 event would take place on Sunday, June 12th, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM, hosted by the College of Mt. St. Vincent, Riverdale Avenue at West 263rd Street. She invited all to take part in the celebration of the Hudson River and support the future Bronx Greenway. Admission is free. There will be food, music, exhibits, rides on the Mystic Whaler, tugboats, Museum Barge and more. Free shuttle bus service will be available. Volunteers can sign-up at the website: www.riverdaleriverfest.org; facebook address: www.facebook.com/riverdaleriverfest
Flyers were left on the table.
- B. Herb Barret discussed the contractor's delay and failure to commence work on restoration of the Memorial Grove in Van Cortlandt Park, in spite of Councilman Koppell's discretionary funding of the project.
- C. Victor Simmons, Kingsbridge Library Branch, provided information on various programs offered at the Branch including upcoming Book Discussion Groups (both English and Spanish) Toddler Storytime, and Craft programs. The Branch has gone viral, visit at www.facebook.com/kingsbridgelibrary; and www.twitter.com/NYPL_KBR. Flyers were left on the table. The Kingsbridge Library will be moving to its new building sometime in June 2011. An invitation will be extended to members of the Community Board 8 for a tour of the new branch before the official opening.
- D. Rebecca Barbier, Riverdale Branch Library spoke on the urgency of stopping the budget cuts to the New York Public Library that will cause services to be cut from six days to four days. She urged all to join the Library's online letter writing campaign to public officials to advocate for budget restoration.
- E. Elena Sullivan, Lehman College, presented the "For Women, By Women Female Veteran Resource Guide." The guide provides resource information for female veterans struggling with mental health issues and offers assistance in areas of mental health, hospitals, shelters, food pantries, child care services, substance abuse services, legal aid, learning and career centers, and dentists.

2. Approval of regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2011

Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Discussion of Executive Board Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2011

- R. Ginty asked for clarification of the Parks and Recreation Committee report with regard to the Ice Skating Rink RFP and public hearings.

B. Bender explained that there will be a meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee that will discuss the skating rink proposal, once it has been made available. Following the proposal, a public hearing will be scheduled by the NYC Parks Department before the Franchise Review Commission's review.
- S. Villaverde raised a question about the Executive Committees discussion about Board guidelines for the nominating committee.

I. Ladimer stated that the issue will be discussed in September 2011.

4. Chairman invited Lt. McMahon to address the Board.

Lt. McMahon reported an increase in burglaries and decrease in violent crimes.

5. Report from the Office of the Bronx Borough President

Chairman McShane reported on behalf of Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.

- Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. kicks off the 40th Anniversary of Bronx Week. He announced that the Empire State Building will salute the borough during Bronx Week and on Saturday, May 14th, the Empire State Building will be lit in the colors of the Bronx flag to honor the 40th anniversary celebration of Bronx Week.
- Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. blasted a study released by Mayor Bloomberg which states that the Fair Wages for New Yorkers bill that would require developers receive heavy taxpayer subsidies to pay their employees a living wage would harm the city's economy. The Borough President noted that there is a host of evidence contradicting the report. City Council members G. Oliver Koppell and Annabel Palma introduced the Fair Wages for New Yorkers bill to the City Council at the behest of Borough President Diaz. The bill is currently co-sponsored by 30 Council members. A City Council hearing on the bill will be held on May 12, 2011.
- Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. commented on the Mayor's Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2012. He stated that it will drastically reduce crucial services and have a negative effect on the quality of life in the City; that certain services especially public schools, must be held harmless from budget cuts and that the Mayor's plan to lay off more than 4,000 teachers is unacceptable.
- Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. issued a statement on the appointment of Dennis Walcott as new NYC Schools Chancellor. The Borough President expressed that he is looking forward to working with the Chancellor on education issues.

The Borough President's full report was submitted to the Board office and is on file.

6. Chairman invited Councilman Koppell to address the Board.

- The Councilman discussed his support of the Living Wage Bill and his disappointment with the Mayor's stance. The bill would ensure that New Yorkers who work on large development projects that receive public subsidies receive at least a \$10/hour salary, which is considered New York City's living wage for a single adult with no children. The bill would also give employees a \$1.50 hourly bump if their employer does not offer health insurance; and it would exempt very small mom-and-pop business establishments that might legitimately be hurt by such constraints. At least 15 other U.S. cities have similar laws and have suffered no ill effects economically.
- City Council is in budget negotiations and will support libraries, but is doubtful there will be a full restoration of the Mayor's full cuts. It was suggested that teacher cuts could be saved if the Mayor tapped reserve funds.
- The Councilman praised Community Board 8 for its precedent setting of reduced Alternate Side Parking (ASP) regulations in the community. The Council has just adopted measures to apply reduced ASP city-wide where practical.
- The Councilman discussed the merits of a resolution coming before the Board regarding wheelchair accessible taxi cabs. The Councilman stated Mayor Bloomberg's one type of new taxis does not move in favor of accessibility.
- The Councilman discussed the dangerous impact of FDNY fire company closings.

7. Chairman's Report

- Chairman McShane announced that R. Abbott was elected by the Nominating Committee as chair. The committee will convene meetings on May 12th and May 26th at the Board office at 7:00 PM. Board members wishing to make comments or recommendations for nominations are urged to contact the committee by mail/ email to the Board office, or by telephone or by personal appearance before the Committee. The members elected by the Board to serve on the nominating committee with B. Abbott are: A. Cohen, T. Durham, R. Ginty, and M. Khury.
- Borough President Diaz, Jr. has issued a letter to the Department of Environmental Protection expressing concern with non public access at the Jerome Park Reservoir. He will hold a public meeting at the Amalgamated Houses on June 2nd, at 6:30 PM. Notice will be sent to the full Board. Chairman urged attendance.

8. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

No report.

9. District Manager's Report

N. Stent introduced Francisco Pozo, the new middle school intern working in the Board office. He was recruited from the Riverdale Neighborhood House (RNH) and is the fifth intern from RNH hosted by the Board office in the last 3 years. Francisco is a student at Salesian High School in New Rochelle.

10. Report from the City Planning Commission – N. Danyluk

A meeting was held with representatives of Delafield Estates. City Planning has again advised them to be in touch with the Community Board's Land Use Committee.

11. Presentation of Community Service Awards – R. Abbott

R. Abbott presented the Community Board No. 8 Community Service Award for the 2011 honorees:

The Bronx Community Board No. 8, Community Service Award was established in 1993 to acknowledge the many volunteer efforts of groups and individuals within our community. It is our belief that by recognizing our committed community volunteers, we can in some small way reward those most deserving and inspires others to follow their example.

The only criteria for consideration is that the nominee has acted on a volunteer basis to improve or enhance, in some way, the quality of life of those living or working in the Community Board No. 8 area. Those who are salaried for their efforts, or who perform these services as an extension of their professional responsibility, *are not eligible* for this award. Nominations are open to individuals, students and organizations or groups with an interest in the community.

R. Abbott expressed gratitude to all who submitted nominations.

He thanked committee members B. Fettman, M. Khury, A. Moore, and T. Durham for their assistance with the selection of the honorees. He also thanked the Board's staff and District Manager for coordination of the program.

R. Abbott called upon the committee members to join him with the presentation of the awards. The awards were signed by Community Board 8's Chairman Damian McShane and District Manager Nicole Stent.

B. Fettman made the first presentation to:

Ed and Rita Lowe

Ed and Rita Lowe have been serving their community for many years, and are both active members of the community. Mr. Ed Lowe is the owner and operator of the bus company Exec-U-Van and provides transportation throughout the community. Ed and Rita Lowe have organized various charity services. In August 2005, they organized Riverdalian's Against Katrina's Effects (RAKE), rented eleven U-Haul trucks to accommodate about 17 tons of donations, which were unloaded at the Houston Astrodome. They collected \$5,000 for the relief effort. Throughout the years, they have sponsored collections for people in need; food drives for the holidays; trips for children to attend Mets baseball games; and provided transportation services for community events.

The Community Service Award was inscribed as follows:

For your leadership in mobilizing community response to those in need and for generous contributions of time and resources in local events and projects, Bronx Community Board No. 8 honors you for your many years of community service.

A. Moore made the second presentation to:

Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scouts, Pack 24, Leaders: Cubmaster Mike Meo, Bear Den Leader Damaris Nunez, and Webelos Den Leader Tim Murphy

The leaders of the Cub Scouts, Pack 24 have always placed the youth of Riverdale as a first priority. It is because of their commitment and service to youth that Pack 24 is one of the strongest and most active Packs in the Bronx. Scouting is a positive outlet for local children, and Pack 24 reflects the diversity within the community. The leaders have organized a variety of outdoor activities in the parks and at Scout camps in New Jersey. The troop has also been involved in charitable activities including volunteer work for the Salvation Army over the holidays.

Years ago, Riverdale did not have a Cub Scout Pack. Mike Meo, who achieved Eagle Scout in his youth, a very prestigious award, wanted to share his passion for the Boy Scouts; he wanted to make Riverdale's first pack. He did this with the help of Damaris Nunez and Tim Murphy. They started a new pack in the community with the help of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church in September 2008. It started with 12 boys and today they have 45 registered Scouts, 11 registered leaders, and are regarded as one of the strongest and most active packs in the Bronx.

The Community Service Award was inscribed as follows:

For your community service in the formation and successful leadership of Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scout Pack 24, Bronx Community Board No. 8 honors you for your contribution to the youth in our community.

M. Khury made the third and final presentation to:

Schervier Nursing Care Center (part of Bon Secours New York Health System)

We recognize Schervier for their years of outreach in the community and their leadership in very effective, innovative programs affecting the lives of young people and senior citizens.

The Young Adult Internship Program (Y.A.I.P) and Work Study/ High School Programs; The Lend-A-Hand Program; The Schervier Community Garden- Growing Together; and The McSweeney Occupational Training Center are volunteer programs at Schervier that work through partnering collaborations with community based organizations.

Schervier provides community youth with valuable work experience, mentoring, educational guidance, and support. Through intergeneration programs, garden projects and vocational training, youth learn the importance of education in achieving their future goals and they learn good work habits from staff with whom they interact. Ongoing support, training and counseling is provided to the students from staff at BSNYHS (Bon Secours New York Health System).

These programs bring opportunities to all teens and young adults, including those who would not be able to seek these opportunities themselves. Volunteers are valued members of the care-giving team at Bon Secours New York Health System. Working alongside staff in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust, the volunteers make an investment of their time, labor and talent to help provide the best possible care for its residents.

The Community Service Award was inscribed as follows:

For your continuing commitment to community outreach and exceptional dedication and leadership to the youth in the community through innovative volunteer programs, Bronx Community Board No. 8 honors you for your years of service to the community.

All honorees expressed their gratitude to the Board for the recognition.

12. Committee Reports

A. Land Use – C. Moerdler

1. C. Moerdler advised that he filed a brief on behalf of Community Board No. 8 at the Board of Standards and Appeals regarding the 3333 Giles Place development. A supplemental brief will be filed within the next ten days. A copy will be submitted to the Board.
2. The address of 3469/3475 Cannon Place lies in an R-6 zoning and is therefore an as-of-right project. Due to the narrow street on Cannon Place, a request was made to the developer to locate the garage entrance/exit on Ft. Independence Street. The change was made. Drawings of the development will be sent to the Board for comment. The application has to be approved by the Housing Development Corporation for funding.
3. The Bloomfield application in Fieldston has been moved to the fall.
4. Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Association (FIPNA) is trying to get Historic District designation for streets in the Van Cortlandt Village area. The request was not considered by NYC Landmarks Preservation and the Association has now applied to NYS Historic Preservation for designation.

B. Law, Rules and Legislative – I. Ladimer

The Committee met in advance of the Board meeting.

1. All members are expected to participate in training for Board membership.
2. Board members are reminded to follow guidelines and protocol when speaking to media with respect to Board issues.
3. Committee will continue discussions on co-sponsoring outside activities and the use of the Boards name. Discussions will also continue on nominating committee elections.

C. Libraries and Cultural Affairs – R. Abbott

1. The new Kingsbridge Branch Library will open in June. Councilman Koppell largely funded the library through discretionary monies.
2. Councilman Koppell proposed that the old site be used for a small elementary school and would like to meet with the Education Committee to advance the proposal.

D. Parks and Recreation – B. Bender

1. The next committee meeting will discuss the Jerome Park Access.
2. It's My Park Day will be held on May 21st at Vinmont Park. Volunteers are urged to help out with painting, clearing dead branches and much more. The event is sponsored by Community Board No. 8 and PS 81 Parents Association.
3. The Ice Skating Rink site visit occurred on April 28th and was attended by three board members and District Manager N. Stent. The RFP due date was pushed back one week due to an addendum in the proposal. R. Bender is working closely on this issue.

R. Press made a motion to present a resolution from the floor calling for certain measures to be taken with respect to the Ice Skating Rink in Van Cortlandt Park with the chiller system, noise, and other environmental concerns. The motion was seconded and the resolution was presented. Following discussion, the resolution was withdrawn and discussions will continue in the Parks & Recreation Committee.

E. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

1. The Riverdale YM/YWA will host Police Day on May 22nd.
2. Looking into a field trip to the Police Museum for the Committee.
3. Discussions on the State Liquor Authority renewal application for The Lounge bar will continue at a meeting on May 19th.
4. The following resolutions were presented:

New Applications

WHEREAS, new liquor license applicants presented information about their proposed establishments to the committee,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the following **NEW APPLICATIONS** for liquor licenses:

- Metate Mexican Restaurant – 3515 Johnson Avenue
- Generico's Pizzeria and Café – 3535 Riverdale Avenue

Renewal Applications

RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the following **RENEWAL APPLICATIONS** for liquor licenses:

- Ginger Grill – 3717 Riverdale Avenue
- Jessie James – 5723 Broadway
- Keenan's Bar – 5588 Broadway
- Kelly Ryan's – 5790 Mosholu
- Manhattan College – 4513 Thomas Hall
- Piper's Kilt – 170 West 231st Street
- Wave Hill – 675 West 252nd Street
- New Tokyo House – 5648 Riverdale Avenue
- Siam Kitchen Inc. – 564-566 Kappock Street
- Bronx Alehouse – 216 West 238th Street
- Riverdale City Grill – 3541 Riverdale Avenue

Vote: 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, W. S. Dolny, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, N. Graham, C. Hanley, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, D. McShane, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, A. L. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, R. Press, G. Santiago, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

F. Traffic and Transportation – D. Padernacht

1. The Committee will meet on May 17th at Amalgamated Houses, Vladek Hall. The Department of Environmental Protection will present plans concerning work on Goulden Avenue related to the Croton Water Filtration Plant project.
2. The following resolution were presented:

WHEREAS, the New York City Taxi & Limousine Commission (TLC) licenses 13,237 medallion (yellow) taxicabs of which only approximately 240 taxicabs are wheelchair accessible; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 60,000 (according to data from 2006) people who use wheelchairs or other mobility device in New York City (NYC) as well as tourists and visitors; and

WHEREAS, while the entire bus system is accessible the subways are largely inaccessible (only 76 of 468 subway stations) making street hail taxi services important with respect to the daily transportation needs of the City's residents with mobility disabilities subway; and

WHEREAS, the City's taxicab industry should play an important role in providing accessible transportation; and

WHEREAS, by creating an accessible fleet, it will significantly expand the ability of people with mobility disabilities to travel in NYC; and

WHEREAS, used NYC taxis are sold for use as taxis in other localities, hopefully accessible taxis will become the norm in many localities;

WHEREAS, Intro 0433 is a proposed Local Law to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York to require that any taxicab designated by the Taxi & Limousine Commission, be accessible to wheelchair users;

WHEREAS, thirty-seven Council Members, including Council Member G. Oliver Koppell, have co-sponsored and call upon Speaker Quinn to allow Intro 0433 a hearing so that it can come to the floor of the City Council for a vote that the Mayor cannot veto;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Bronx Community Board No. 8 supports Intro #0433 and calls upon Speaker Quinn to allow Intro 0433 a hearing so that it can come to the floor of the City Council for a vote that the Mayor cannot veto.

Vote: 33 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, W. S. Dolny, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, N. Graham, C. Hanley, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, D. McShane, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, R. Press, G. Santiago, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff

Opposed –

S. Villaverde

3. The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, Howard E. Padernacht, who resided at 3605 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, New York died on February 2, 2009;

WHEREAS, Howard E. Padernacht has been nominated for the honor of this proposed street change by Our Lady of Angels Church, the Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Association and Visitation Church, three organizations which are on the list required to be kept by Bronx Community Board No. 8 under the new City Charter;

WHEREAS, the evidence and testimony presented to Bronx Community Board No. 8 has demonstrated that Howard E. Padernacht has benefited a cross-section of Bronx Community Board No. 8 and the Borough of the Bronx; Specifically, Howard E. Padernacht was a local community leader who, for over 30 years, advocated for the needs of the community in various issues, dealt with local landlords and negotiated on behalf of tenants when they were having difficulty with owners, he used his creativity to lead the tenants of the Shalom Alechem houses in receipt of the first PLP loan which drastically improved living conditions in the Kingsbridge community, and he systematically helped individuals when they were in financial need;

WHEREAS, this street has a specific connection to the life of Howard E. Padernacht, as it is the street where Howard E. Padernacht resided for approximately 60 years, it is the street where Howard E. Padernacht maintained an office for close to 40 years and it is the street that Howard Padernacht spent countless hours cleaning the street

with a broom and garbage pail making himself available to community residents with a helping hand;

WHEREAS, the name change will not engender confusion as there are no other streets with similar name in the vicinity;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Giles Place and the cross street of Cannon Place shall be renamed to add Howard E. Padernacht Place.

Vote: 33 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention with cause

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, W. S. Dolny, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, N. Graham, C. Hanley, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, D. McShane, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, K. Pesce, J. M. Pilsner, R. Press, G. Santiago, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention With Cause –

D. Padernacht

4. Representatives of the Department of Transportation attended the Committee meeting and presented plans from a traffic study on the dangerous intersection at West 230th Street and Broadway.
5. C. Moerdler has been in contact with Con Edison regarding repair of streets impacted by the M29 project. Contact him with any problems noticed.

G. Youth – A. Cohen

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP) is a school-based domestic violence prevention and anti-bullying program that reaches over 50,000 ethnically and culturally diverse students in 65 NYC middle and high schools. One of the locations where RAPP operates is on John F. Kennedy High School campus in Bronx Community Board 8;

WHEREAS, RAPP is the largest program of its kind in the United States – is highly recognized for bringing the prevention of domestic violence to high school students. Since 1999, Teen RAPP has taught New York Public School students how to have healthy relationships, recognize bullying and abuse, and help themselves, family, and peers handle dangerous relationships;

WHEREAS, each RAPP school has a dedicated, full-time social worker who provides educational and counseling services through: classroom workshops; daily school-based individual, group and crisis counseling; continuous training for school staff, parents, and community members; and an intensive summer Peer Leadership training program;

WHEREAS, one in seven NYC high school students is physically or sexually assaulted by a dating partner. Nearly 80% of NYC teen girls who experience relationship abuse continue dating their abuser. Two out of three teens are bullied. Teen relationship abuse victims are more likely to struggle with depression, anorexia, and bulimia, drug

and alcohol abuse, gun violence, coerced unprotected sex and teen pregnancies. They are also less likely to complete high school or graduate high school in for years;

WHEREAS, teen RAPP is a \$3 million program serving over 50,000 students citywide. At \$60 per capita annually, it is the City's most cost-efficient social intervention program. Teen RAPP saves New York City millions in potential costs related to medical treatment, hospitalization, juvenile detention, teen pregnancy, shelter placement and other social services;

WHEREAS, after 11 successful years, funding for this valuable program has been eliminated from Mayor Bloomberg's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2012. Teen RAPP asks the New York City Council to re-appropriate the \$3 million funding for this vital program in the New York City FY2012 budget;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Youth Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 strongly supports the restoration of funding for RAPP in the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

Vote: 32 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, S. Catechis, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, W. S. Dolny, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, N. Graham, C. Hanley, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, D. McShane, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, G. Santiago, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Opposed –

M. Heller

Abstention –

J.M. Pilsner

H. Aging – K. Pesce

The next meeting will be held on May 24th, at the Board Office, at 3:30 PM.

I. Budget – P. Friedman

1. There is a small budget surplus for the year.
2. Friends of Community Board 8 ad hoc Committee report – Comments from Board members will be integrated into report at next meeting.
3. Committee budget priorities requests are due at the end of May.

J. Education – Vice Chair S. Alexander

1. Extended invite to Councilman G. Oliver Koppell to the May 24th meeting to discuss use of the site of the old Kingsbridge Library Branch for school.
2. Reported on the letter received from the Department of Education (DOE) in response to a letter from the Committee regarding the planned phase-out of John F. Kennedy High School. The letter advised that the current students will complete high school at Kennedy by the scheduled phase-out date of June 2014, provided they earn credits on schedule. Students who are not on schedule will receive support needed

to succeed including the opportunity to apply to transfer schools designed to work with students who are behind in high school or have dropped out. Additionally other measures will be taken to arrange placement for students who have not accumulated sufficient credits or who have not passed the minimum number of State Regents by June 2014.

K. Economic Development – M. Khury

1. The meeting was held at Sotheby's.
2. Presentations were made by South Riverdale Merchants Association. Their Arts Festival is being held on May 15th, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Board members are encouraged to collect flyers to pass out to spread the word;
3. Small Business Services, and the Department of Consumer Affairs provided an overview of services and informed about "Community Waiver Day" taking place in October whereby the agency will offer advice over written violations on infractions.
4. The Committee will discuss the Business Survival Act at the next meeting.
5. Three new businesses are opening in the community.
6. Funding approved for satellite Small Business Office in the district.

L. Environment and Sanitation – S. Scheinbach

1. Monitoring invasive vines sprouting up around the community.
2. Wells checked in Pennsylvania near hydrofracking drilling site showed presence of natural gas levels at 17 times above normal range.
3. Bird A-Thon in Van Cortlandt Park set for May 19th.

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

1. American Cancer Society presented to the Committee. Their Hilltop Relay for Life event will take place on May 20th from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM, conducted by the Ethical Culture Fieldston (the host and location), Horace Mann, and Riverdale Country schools.
2. Bon Secours Healthy Communities Initiative presented on the Food Survey project in neighborhoods of Marble Hill, Kingsbridge and Kingsbridge Heights.
3. The Committee will meet on May 16th, Board office, at 7:30 PM. There will be a presentation from EMS. Anyone interested in the EMS restocking station should attend.
4. The week of April 10th is National Nurses Week.
5. A forum on Suicide Prevention will be held at Jacobi Hospital on May 26th.
6. No Tobacco Day is May 31st.

N. Housing – T. Durham

1. The committee will meet on May 23rd, at the Board office, at 7:30 PM. New York City Housing Authorities representatives have been invited to discuss matters of vouchers, vacancies, budget and security for Fort Independence, Bailey, and Marble Hill Houses.
2. Heating fuel conversion from No. 6 fuel oil will take effect 2015.

Meeting adjourned 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia Manning
Community Associate