

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 via Zoom Conference at 7:00pm

PRESENT (35):

S. Alexander	P. Ellis	R. Kaplan	L. Spalter
C. Barnes- Watson	M. Esema	C. Moerdler	C. Tepelus
B. Bender	R. Fanuzzi	O. Murray	D. Travis
K. Buford	N. Fazio	D. Padernacht	S. Vasquez
C. Calhoun	D. Gellman	T. Pardo	S. Villaverde
J. Campbell	R. Ginty	K. Pesce	M. Wolpoff
Priveterre	J. Gomez	R. Pochter-Lowe	
C. Dastis-Galvin	E. Green	J. Reyes	
L. Daub	R. Jacklosky	R. Singh	
M. Della	M. Joyce		
M. Donato			

ABSENT (6): S. Chittilappilly, D. Escaño-Bell, S. Froot, O. Jimenez, T. Morris, G. Santiago

STAFF: C. Gannon, District Manager
T. Ochoteco, Community Coordinator
P. Romano, Community Associate

GUESTS: Council Member Pierina Sanchez, Council Member Eric Dinowitz, Marilex Santana (Bronx DA's Office), Tyler Wong (Sen. Biaggi's office), Lorenzo Manzano (CM Dinowitz Office), Frederic Klein (AM Dinowitz's office), Sam Liedtka (AM Dinowitz's office)

Chair Spalter welcomed all and convened the meeting at 7:05pm.

1. GALLERY SESSION:

- Deborah Wallace – presented a petition to Attorney General Leticia James regarding the Bronx Fires.
- Mary Serri – Spoke about the ongoing Palisade/Kappock DOT issue.

2. REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER PIERINA SANCHEZ

- Informed the community about another recent fire in District 14.
- Supports the work that Deborah Wallace is doing.
- Participating in Participatory Budgeting.
- New office opening 2065 Morris Avenue. district14@council.nyc.gov

3. REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER ERIC DINOWITZ

- DCWP hearing today, Permanent Outdoor seating, Higher Education Committee hearing next week.
- Participating in Participatory Budgeting
- Food Giveaway at Vladek Hall, 74 Van Cortland Park South, Friday 2/11/2022 9:00am-12:00pm for older adults
- Supports street Co-Naming for Bill Stone, good friend, and fellow member of the Board.

4. REPORT FROM THE 50th POLICE PRECINCT – CAPTAIN GIRVEN

- In 28-day period, no murders; rape is up by 2, suspects identified with probable cause for arrest.
- robberies flat at 10; felonies slightly up on DV, grand larcenies and auto theft are main issue. Anti-crime units are working overnight shifts in Kingsbridge, North Riverdale and Fieldston to prevent stolen cars, tires and rims, catalytic converters, as well as sensors and side-view mirrors.
- Shots fired on Jan. 14th on 234th & Kingsbridge Avenue; three shots fired in the air; person of interest identified.
- Jan. 16 person shot in leg at Webb Avenue and Ames Place over parking dispute. Probable cause to arrest on one subject.
- Update on violent incidents at JFK High School at dismissal time. On January 14th approx. 3:20pm on Broadway & 230th Street, JFK High School two students were accosted by individuals known to them. Property was taken. The perpetrators have been identified. Detective Woods is handling the case. To address this issue in future, YCO Officer James & Officer Rodriguez are assigned to be on site at school dismissal.
- January 24th at Kennedy High School, terroristic threats from former student. YCO James & Rodriguez have contacted the parents.
- C. Moerdler inquired about what is being done about double and triple-parking and that often blocks Johnson Avenue area. Capt. Girven said Officer Casey is tasked with parking issues. Capt. Girven said he would send community affairs officers to that area.

5. REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING – NONE

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – LAURA SPALTER

- Refer to Executive Committee minutes

7. TREASURER'S REPORT – Joy Campbell Priveterre

- No budget modifications
- Operating budget allocated \$120,812 and \$148,542 remaining for FY22
- OTPS allocated \$9,081 and \$25,939 remaining
- \$6,253 encumbered funds, rent \$19,044 and \$48,128 remaining
- PEG Program to Eliminate Gaps, have not heard anything from the city in terms of implementing.
- Thanked D. Escaño-Bell and C. Gannon for support and encouragement.

8. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – CIARA GANNON

- Borough President's office accepting Community Board membership applications due March 4th. New applicants please email the board office for attendance documentation.
- Thanked 50th Precinct for working with her on recent issues; urged residents to call 311 or 911 in case of emergency.
- Bronx District Managers met with the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit.
- Refer to minutes from the Executive committee report.

9. REPORT FROM THE BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT – NO REPORT

R. Jacklosky did a roll call

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION – R. FANUZZI

- DEP will announce new unified storm water rules for new construction. B. Fanuzzi outlined the changes and the new restrictions on water management.
- NYCERTA awarded contract to a series of companies to build renewable energy transmission lines from Canada to Queens. Harlem and Hudson Rivers will be impacted.
- New DEP power structure and Completion of JPR construction will be discussed at next meeting.
- D. Padernacht inquired about the Daylighting of Tibbetts Brook project and the discharge pipe at Jerome Park Reservoir, and whether it's been addressed at the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee (CFMC) meetings. After discussion Chair Spalter said she will circle back on the CFMC. Chair Fanuzzi will check with the DEP Project manager and report on this issue at the next E&S Committee Meeting.

HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES – O. MURRAY

- Department of Health and LiveOnNY presented at last meeting.
- Thanked T. Ochoteco for making the connection with LiveOnNY
- Next meeting tomorrow evening, where a medical authority will report on the impacts of Covid-19 on youth.

B. HOUSING – T. MORRIS – NO REPORT

C. LAND USE – C. MOERDLER

- Presented resolution regarding outdoor dining:

Be It Resolved, the Land Use Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 requests that the representatives of the New York City Council secure a layover of any vote on proposed legislation relating to outdoor dining/ sidewalk cafes until the committee has a chance to review the legislation and comment thereon.

VOTE:

In favor (33): S. Alexander, C. Barnes- Watson, R. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, J. Campbell Priveterre, C. Dastis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Vasquez, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstained (2): M. Della, C. Tepelus

Opposed (0)

- Proposed construction on Riverdale Avenue – Stagg Group representative attended last night’s LU meeting. Still many questions.

L. LAW, RULES & ETHICS – M. WOLPOFF

- Minutes are to be submitted within two weeks when practicable according to OML
- Next meeting 2/14 Valentine’s Day
- Rules for committee meetings

M. PARKS & RECREATION – R. SINGH

- Congratulated Commissioner Iris Rodriguez on her appointment as First Deputy Commissioner. Looks forward to working with the new Commissioner.
- Next meeting February 23rd.
- R. Ginty requested a quarterly schedule for the Department of Parks to report to Parks committee on the status of the CSX greenway project. R. Singh said he would address this in committee.

N. PUBLIC SAFETY – E. GREEN

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider:

WHEREAS, Eileen Connaughton Montague and Terence Connaughton, President, of Riverdale Steak House, located at 5700 Riverdale Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on January 18th, 2022 to renew the establishment’s liquor licence.

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD’s 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints about this establishment.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application. Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

VOTE:

In favor (35): S. Alexander, C. Barnes- Watson, R. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, J. Campbell Priveterre, C. Dastis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Vasquez, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

- Referred to minutes
- Next meeting February 15th at 7:00pm

O. TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION – D. TRAVIS

Resolution to co-name West Manor Terrace in honor of William “Bill” Stone (as Amended to include names of organizations that sponsored him).

WHEREAS, a request for co-naming a street in memory of the late I. William “Bill” Stone has been made and meets the mandatory requirements for a Community Board 8 Street Naming by being deceased for greater than two years and has been nominated by three or more organizations which are on the list required to be kept by the Community Board under the NYC Charter;

WHEREAS, the location bearing the name change has a specific connection to his life as he resided nearby at 3801 Hudson Manor Terrace for nearly 60 years;

WHEREAS, Bill Stone served our community as an active member of Community Board 8 for nearly 40 years and during his tenure chaired the Health & Hospitals and Libraries Committees and was Treasurer, Vice Chair and served three terms as Chair of Community Board 8. Additionally, he served on the Board of Directors of AHRC NYC providing much needed services for people with disabilities for nearly 50 years, eventually leading the organization as President for three of those years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Bronx Community Board 8 supports the co-naming of the corner of Hudson Manor Terrace and West 237th Street in honor of “Bill Stone”.

VOTE:

In favor (34): S. Alexander, C. Barnes- Watson, R. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, J. Campbell Priveterre, C. Dastis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, S. Vasquez, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstained (1): M. Della

Opposed (0)

- M. Wolpoff, B. Bender, R. Ginty, R. Fanuzzi, D. Padernacht and L. Spalter spoke in support.

- Refer to minutes of January 20th
- Next meeting February 17th

K. YOUTH – J. GOMEZ

- Refer to minutes from December
- No meeting in January
- Next meeting February 10th note change in date due to holiday

L. AGING – D. PADERNACHT

- No meeting in January
- Next meeting February 14th, speaker from LiveOnNY

M. BUDGET– D. GELLMAN

- No Budget Hearing today due to OMB documents not received. OMB will send documents by February 15th
- FY24 cycle June 23th-Jan 24th
- Budget hearing in March, encourages chairs to include budget priorities in agendas
- For questions on budget priorities process, please contact D. Gellman.

P. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – N. FAZIO

- Last meeting January 27th, please refer to minutes
- Bailey Avenue fire meeting follow up. Still working with SBS and merchants. Thanked stakeholders for their support.
- Rolando Gonzalez, Legal Aid attorney assisting with evictions at 6661 Broadway. Will be able to further assist once demolition notice is in place.
- Thanked SBS and Mr. Gonzalez for trying to help our merchants that are facing displacement.
- Entrepreneur Assistance Center congratulations to graduates. Thanked Randi Norfleet and Damaris Fergus at Women's Business Outreach Center for their work.
- No February meeting. Next meeting March 24th.

Q. EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS – S. ALEXANDER

- Refer to January minutes
- Chair Alexander corrected the January minutes regarding Van Cortland library opening – The branch is open and virtual programming is also available.
- Next meeting February 22nd

R. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY– B. BENDER

- Planning for Spring meeting

S. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY – M. DELLA

- SCRE met last week with Northwest Bronx Clergy and Community Coalition.
- Reminder to standing committee chairs, extended deadline for list of equity activities to advance racial equity within the community board, due by Monday, February 14th

T. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON VETERAN SERVICES – S. VILLAVERDE

- Refer to minutes
- Further conversation pending on Memorial Grove
- Next meeting will be announced

10. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2022

11. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2022– unanimously approved

12. Miscellaneous Business – None Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Prepared By: Tania Ochoteco, Community Coordinator

Reviewed By: R. Jacklosky, Board Secretary