

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2015 AT THE
RIVERDALE YM/YWHA, 5625 ARLINGTON AVENUE**

PRESENT: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, H. Young

ABSENT: L. Baez, S. Balicer, A. P. Creaney, M. Donato, A. Fella, M. Felix, P. Friedman, D. Kornbluh, D. Lennon, S. Marquez, A. Moore, J. M. Pilsner, J. M. Reyes, G. Singleton, M. Wolpoff, D. Toledo, M. Zegarra-Soja

STAFF: D. Bay – Community Associate
P. Manning – Community Associate

GUESTS: J. Dinowitz, Assemblyman
A. Cohen, Councilman
J. Horstman – Department of City Planning
M. Blaustein – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein
J. Demko – Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
D. Greenblatt – rep. Congressman Eliot Engel
T. Edwards – rep. Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez
K. Theobald – Office of Councilman Andrew Cohen
D. I. Rasa – NYPD, 50th Precinct
P.O. Cordero – NYPD, 50th Precinct
R. Barbieri – Riverdale Library
S. Glaser
N. McDonald – Jerome Park Library
R. Palma – CB8 Housing Community Committee Member
W. Abedrabbo - NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award Honoree
M. Adams – NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award Honoree
C. Ramirez – NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award Honoree
R. Sanchez – NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award Honoree
B. West – NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award Honoree
J. Cuevas - KHCC
S. Diacou
M. Dresinger
M. Fehrman
S. Follet
S. Glaser
P. Khouri
J. Klein
D. Kobal
L. Kobal
A. Luciano
S. Mahoney – KHCC
L. Mercado – CB8 Housing Community Committee Member
L. Michel

M. Minkley
P. Moerdler
J. Odrich
R. Odrich
A. Osterling
A. Plasencia – News 12 Bronx
C. Ramirez
A. Shrage
D. Steinberger
E. West

Chairman Padernacht convened the meeting at the meeting at 7:15 PM.

1. Presentation of New York Yankees Youth Leadership Awards

Chairman Padernacht announced the program for the annual NY Yankees Youth Leadership Awards. He advised that the award candidates were reviewed and selected by the Board's Youth Committee, under the chair of Lamont Parker, and the final selections were ratified by the Board. The press release can be read on the Board's website. Chairman gave a warm welcome to Dr. Roscoe Brown, Co-President, New York Yankees Community Council. Dr. Brown is one of the well-known distinguished Tuskegee Airmen; recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of his service to our country, past President of Bronx Community College and is currently a professor of Urban Education at the CUNY Graduate Center. Chairman expressed honor and gratitude to Dr. Brown for carrying on the tradition by personally making the presentations of the Youth Leadership Awards.

Dr. Brown reviewed the background of the NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award which was created to acknowledge young people who are providing a positive service to their community. The New York Yankees work in conjunction with the 12 Bronx community boards on an annual basis to identify five area youths in each district that are making a difference. These young people make up The New York Yankees Community Council Leadership Corp. They are provided with a \$750 stipend to assist them in continuing their work in the community. These awardees perform at least 50 hours of leadership, volunteer work as a tutor, mentor, community unity developer, and/or a youth leader against violence and substance abuse in the community. These students are all positive role models for their peers and the community. They are highly motivated teens who have a hard work ethic and demonstrate leadership skills, responsibility and dependability. These Youth Leaders will be recognized on-field during a pre-game ceremony at Yankee Stadium in 2015 on their respective Bronx Community Board's Day. Dr. Brown offered congratulations and called upon following five honorees to receive their award:

Waleed Abedrabbo

- Was nominated by Riverdale Neighborhood House and is a high school senior at Bronx High School of Science.
- Since his sophomore year, he has volunteered to work with seniors at Schervier Nursing Home and Hebrew Home for the Aged.
- Waleed's work in the community includes volunteering at the Riverdale Islamic Center and at Friends of Van Cortlandt Park.
- Waleed is also actively involved in the UNICEF Club at his school and with supporting fundraising activities to aid underserved countries.

Christopher Ramirez

- Was nominated by the Riverdale Community Center (RCC) and is a high school senior at The Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy (MS/HS 141).
- He is an energetic and a creative young man who has been involved with the Riverdale Country School since 6th grade.
- He volunteered as a Youth Mentor Leader in the After School Program of which he is now an alumnus.
- Christopher demonstrates great leadership qualities especially leading activities in the Teen Center Program such as soccer, basketball and running.

Raimundo Sanchez

- Was nominated by Riverdale Neighborhood House (RNH) and is a high school junior at the High School of Environmental Studies in New York City.
- Raimundo is a great role model for his peers and community.
- He has interned over 100 hours with the Friends of Van Cortlandt Park.
- He has completed 2 years in the Riverdale Neighborhood House Youth Internship Program and now assists with that Program.

Brian West

- Was nominated by Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC) and is a high school senior at the New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science on the local JFK campus.
- Brian has been a member of the KHCC Youth Community since the age of 4!! He continues to be a strong role model to his peers now in the teen center.
- He has worked on the Reading Buddy program developing younger children's love of reading.
- Brian's peers elected him as a delegate to KHCC's Youth Leadership Council and he has encouraged other new participants to pursue a role with leadership initiatives.

Muslima Adams

- Was nominated by a Marble Hill community member and she is a student in Bronx Community College.
- Muslima has displayed the heart and willingness to help her community.
- She volunteered and worked at the Marble Hill Community Daffodil Planting Day.
- Muslima assisted in the mentoring of Orientation and Career Development Students who were on academic probation to help improve graduation rates at Bronx Community College.

2. Gallery Session

- A. Jeff Mueller, President of FPOA, strongly urged the Board to adopt the resolution regarding the Bloomfield development from the previous meeting of Land Use Committee to deny the project. He stated that the project is not the right project for the community and Mr. Mueller further stated that FPOA only had five weeks to respond to the application.
- B. Ron Mandel, counsel for Bloomfield, referred to the memorandum dated February 10, 2015 placed before the members of the Board which he stated its purpose to clarify some of the misleading comments raised concerning the Bloomfield project at the Land Use meeting on February 5,

2015. The memorandum covered the scope of the project, changes to project based on CB8 and FPOA suggestions, concerns raised regarding impervious surfaces, and the Special Natural Area requirements. Additionally, he advised that all construction activity will occur on the proposed property driveway, or within the footprint of the proposed house.

- C. Steve Byrns, architect for Bloomfield project, related that he had presented the plans to the Land Use Committee in 2010 and there had been some concerns which are addressed in the revised plans. Changes include increased set-back of the house from the pond, that is much further away from the pond than any other houses near the pond; that the house sizes will be between 3500sf and 4900sf, and is within the range of the neighborhood. All trees will remain along the perimeter of the property. He further stated that it is a mis-conception that SNAD forbids any construction on steep slope or rocks or removal of almost any trees, It must be demonstrated that impact is minimized on the landscape.
 - D. Jennifer Klein, Riverdale Coalition, spoke on the topic of the SAR project. She referenced the letter of commitment from SAR dated December 14, 2010 sent to Community Board 8 agreeing to conditional terms set forth by the Board for subsequent approval of its project plans for SAR's site at 655 West 254th Street. Ms. Klein stated that certain conditions had not been met and therefore she objects to SAR moving forward with new plans before there is former compliance.
 - E. David Steinberger, Chair of FPOA subcommittee, discussed the importance of preservation of the pond in Fieldston to leave that inheritance to the next generation. He appealed to the Board not to approve the Bloomfield plan.
3. Chairman welcomed Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz; Councilman Andrew Cohen; Deputy Inspector Paul Rasa, NYPD 50th Precinct, P.O. Steve Cordero, NYPD 50th Precinct; David Greenblatt, representing Congressman Eliot Engel; Justin Demko, Office of Assemblyman Dinowitz; Kate Meehald, Office of Councilman Cohen; Tony Edwards, representing Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez; Nicola McDonald, Manager, Jerome Park Library; and Rebecca Barbieri, Manager, Riverdale Library.
4. Chairman invited Assemblyman Dinowitz to address the Board.

Assemblyman Dinowitz informed the board that with the election of NYS Assembly Member Carl Heastie as Speaker marks the first time ever that a Speaker is from The Bronx. The number one issue in the State Legislature this year is the renewal and strengthening of rent protection laws and Speaker Heastie and Mayor de Blasio are in support of strengthening rent protection measures. The largest share of residences in Community District 8 are those covered by rent protection. Assemblyman Dinowitz recently proposed health related legislation having to do with stemming the diabetes epidemic to require warning labels on drink products noting sugar content.

Assemblyman Dinowitz led into the evening's surprise celebration and honoring of beloved Board member Irving Ladimer on his 99th Birthday, 27 years of serving on Community Board No. 8 as well as participating with countless other community

organizations and notable causes. The Assemblyman presented Irving with a proclamation signed by him and Senator Jeffrey Klein acknowledging such; and to Irving's delight, a beautiful array of celebratory cupcakes were rolled out to the singing of "*Happy Birthday Irving.*"

Irving responded in a very gracious and humble manner. He extended heartfelt thanks for the tribute adding that it was a nice and complete surprise.

5. Chairman invited Councilman Cohen to address the Board.

Councilman Cohen reported that the Mayor signed his first piece of legislation a week ago; Was briefed on Mayor's Preliminary Budget; Councilman Cohen and many other Councilmembers co-sponsored bill for a number of streets co-namings and Debbie Bowden's street naming is included; He will be traveling to Israel the week of February 15th for eight days as a member of the City Council delegation.

6. Chairman invited DI Rasa to address the Board.

DI Rasa reported that 2014 stats closed out with 973 serious crimes and this is a great reduction from 1990 when that stat was over 5,000, last year it was over 100,000; Announced and encouraged attendance at the monthly meeting of the 50th Precinct Community Council being held on February 12th, at the Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue. He announced that the NYPD is on Twitter. He recommended viewing for public safety tips, reports and announcements.

7. Board Office Report

P. Manning reported:

- The Board Office has received its new Konica Minolta Copier and it is a really great multi-tasking machine that connects to the computers for copying, scanning, faxing and more;
- The February Newsletter went out the end of January;
- The record of Committee Meetings Attendance, and completed Committee minutes from September 2014 – January 2015 has been submitted to the Executive Committee;
- The Board Office was one of three drop sites for the clothing collection for the victims of the fire in Van Cortlandt Village. The community at large responded generously with 25 bags of clothing brought to the Board office;
- Board office staff Diane and Pat thanks the officers for their great assistance in the office, and Lisa Daub for coming into the Board office to help out.

8. Chairman's Report

- Chairman advised that February 20, 2015 is the deadline for making requests for City Council Members Discretionary Funding. Chairman discussed the need for funding. He read a statement that would be submitted with the applications requesting \$2,000 each from the Board's three representing Councilmembers. There was discussion and revisions made. A motion was made to approve the following statement as amended:

Bronx Community Board #8 is seeking funding for office operations and supplies to continue board initiatives, provide e-newsletters, flyers for public forums and

hearings including mailings to inform, educate, outreach and support the community. Funds may be used to defray costs for appropriate venues, advertise events and otherwise promote the work of the board and its committees. Past examples of our forums and outreach events include a Health forum on underage drinking; a Housing forum on landlord-tenant issues; and a clean-up in Marble Hill. This work will continue with the help of some additional funding. Our Community Board is a diverse population that could value from information and community outreach on health issues, sanitation and social and senior programs, after school programs, affordable housing and economic development. The work of Community Board #8 to work for these goals will continue with this aid. The Board will take any steps necessary to acquire the funds as stated.

Vote: 30 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, H. Young

- Chairman reminded the Board and Chairs that there are only two Board staff members at the present time due to the vacancy of the District Manager. He asked that the chairs be cognizant of this and make every effort to minimize the workload to the Board office by doing as much as they can on their own.
- Chairman explained that the next matter of business would be dealing with a Board issue concerning personnel salary, and in accordance with Section 105 (f) of the Open Meetings Law, he proposed a motion that “the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person.”

Vote: 28 in favor. 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, S. Froot, M. Galvin, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, H. Young

Abstentions –

D. Fuchs, R. Ginty

The Board reconvened to open session. A motion was made to present the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the former District Manager accumulated unused annual leave and sick time during her employment, and

WHEREAS, a portion of the total amount accumulated exceeds the maximum limits established by New York City, and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the board is empowered to determine the disposition of any amounts above the limits set by New York City, and

WHEREAS, the Chair decided to agree only to the limits set by New York City, which decision is concurred in by the Vice-Chair 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, amendment or rejection”,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board #8 ratifies the decision of the Chair.

The resolution passed by a vote of 25 in favor, 4 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, J. O’Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, H. Young

Opposed –

R. Fanuzzi, M. Khury, L. Parker, S. Villaverde

Abstention –

D. McCord

9. Committee Reports –

A. Land Use – C. Moerdler

1. C. Moerdler presented the following resolutions passed at the Land Use Committee meeting on February 5, 2015:

Re: Bloomfield Project

RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Bronx DISAPPROVES the following application: City Planning Commission Application No. N 100337 ZAX regarding Bloomfield Residence, Block 5819, Lots 2168, 2170, 2175, 2167, 4680 Fieldston Road, Special Natural Area District (NA-2), Bronx, for the grant of authorizations involving a development, enlargement, or site alteration on a Tier II site or portion of a zoning lot having a steep slope or steep slope buffer, alteration of rock outcrops, modification of botanic environment and tree preservation planting requirements, modification of lot coverage controls, modification of spacing between buildings on the same zoning lot, and modification of requirement for driveways on Tier II zoning lots to allow the development of three single-family homes; and Landmarks Preservation Commission Application No. 096026 for proposed new construction of houses;

The Board factually finds that the application, if granted, would materially violate and undermine both SNAD and the Fieldston Historic District designation and is not in the public interest.

Following discussion, the following vote resulted:

24 in favor, 2 opposed, and 4 abstentions

In Favor –

B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier,
B. Fettman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman,
M. Khury, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler,
J. O'Brien, L. Parker, K. Pesce, J. Rather, G. Santiago, I. W. Stone,
S. Villaverde, H. Young

Opposed –

M. Heller, R. Press

Abstentions –

S. Alexander, D. Padernacht, A. Piscitelli, L. Spalter

2. Following presentation of the resolution regarding SAR, there was lengthy discussion regarding SAR's failure to comply with some conditions made in 2010 for submission of the master plan, issue of installation of a sidewalk, restoration of trees. The resolution was amended to include a caveat of four conditions that must be met by the applicant by the deadline of February 13, 2015. The following amended resolution was presented:

RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Bronx APPROVES the following application on condition: City Planning Commission Application No. N 150210 ZAX and the related drawings submitted by Salanter Akiba Riverdale ("SAR") Academy pursuant to Sections 105-422 and 105-425 of the Zoning Resolution, for the grant of authorizations involving a development, enlargement, or site alteration on a portion of a zoning lot having a steep slope or steep slope buffer and modification of botanic environment and tree preservation planting requirements to expand the existing playground and to permit a 13,329 sf enlargement for a new gymnasium and classroom space on property located at 655 West 254th Street (Block 5947, Lot 1) within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2), within Community District 8, Borough of The Bronx;

Such grant is conditioned on SAR's submission of a letter to Community Board No. 8 Bronx by February 13, 2015 agreeing to the following:

1. It will submit a Master Plan for future potential development on both the Lower School campus at 655 West 254th Street and High School campus at 503 West 259th Street on or before May 31, 2015;
2. It will plant and maintain 51 new trees in the locations indicated on the attached site plan;
3. During the construction proposed under this application, no construction vehicles or equipment will be parked on West 254th Street; and
4. If the Department of Transportation and other relevant government agencies agree, SAR will install a sidewalk in front of its property on West 254th Street.

S. Froot made a motion to table the resolution pending submission of the Master Plan. The following vote resulted:

Vote: 13 in favor, 15 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor –

S. Alexander, R. Bender, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Khury, D. McCord, J. O'Brien, K. Pesce, J. Rather, G. Santiago, L. Spalter

Opposed –

L. Daub, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, D. Fuchs, M. Goodman, M. Heller, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, H. Young

Abstention –

D. Padernacht

Motion made for vote on the resolution.

Vote: 18 in favor, 6 opposed, and 5 abstentions

In Favor –

L. Daub, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, M. Goodman, M. Heller, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, G. Santiago, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, H. Young

Opposed –

R. Bender, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, R. Ginty, J. Rather, L. Spalter

Abstentions –

S. Alexander, M. Khury, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce

3. C. Moerdler noted the receipt of Riverdale Country School letter of commitment responding to requests made at the Land Use Committee meeting on February 5, 2015 along with re-submission of Master Plans for both the River and Hill Campuses. He discussed the locations of the tree replacements plan. He would like to arrange a site visit with the applicant to be attended by P. Ellis, and R. Ginty to review other locations for consideration of tree plantings along Post Road. For the benefit of the Board, Chairman Padernacht read the letter aloud. C. Moerdler presented the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Bronx **APPROVES** the following Applications: City Planning Commission Application No. N 150190 ZAX - **Riverdale Country School River Campus Perkins Building**, and the related drawings submitted by Riverdale Country School pursuant to Sections 105-421 of the Zoning Resolution, for the grant of an authorization to modify topographic features on a Tier I site to permit the construction of a 23,242 sf classroom building on the Riverdale Country School River Campus located at 1 Spaulding Lane (Block 5937, Lots 360 and 380) within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2), within Community District 8, Borough of The Bronx.

City Planning Commission Application No. N 150191 ZAX and the related drawings submitted by Riverdale Country School pursuant to Sections 105-422 of the Zoning Resolution, for the grant of an authorization for a site alteration on a portion of a zoning lot having a steep slope or steep slope buffer to permit the construction of a 23,242 sf classroom building on the Riverdale Country School River Campus located at 1 Spaulding Lane (Block 5937, Lots 360 and 380) within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2), within Community District 8, Borough of The Bronx.

City Planning Commission Application No. N 150192 ZAX and the related drawings submitted by Riverdale Country School pursuant to Sections 105-425 of the Zoning Resolution, for the grant of an authorization for a modification of botanic environment and tree preservation planting requirements to permit the construction of a 23,242 sf classroom building on the Riverdale Country School River Campus located at 1 Spaulding Lane (Block 5937, Lots 360 and 380) within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2), within Community District 8, Borough of The Bronx.

City Planning Commission Application No. N 150193 ZAX – **Riverdale Country School Hill Campus Natatorium Building**, and the related drawings submitted by Riverdale Country School pursuant to Sections 105-421 of the Zoning Resolution, for the grant of an authorization to modify topographic features on a Tier I site to permit the construction of a 13,097 sf natatorium building on the Riverdale Country School Hill Campus located at 5260 Fieldston Road (Block 5836, Lots 3101, 3127, 3262, 3266, and 3268) within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2), within Community District 8, Borough of The Bronx.

City Planning Application No. N 150194 ZAX and the related drawings submitted by Riverdale Country School pursuant to Sections 105-422 of the Zoning Resolution, for the grant of an authorization for a site alteration on a portion of a zoning lot having a steep slope or steep slope buffer to permit the construction of a 13,097 sf natatorium building on the Riverdale Country School Hill Campus located at 5260 Fieldston Road (Block 5836, Lots 3101, 3127, 3262, 3266, and 3268) within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2), within Community District 8, Borough of The Bronx.

City Planning Commission Application No. N 150195 ZAX and the related drawings submitted by Riverdale Country School pursuant to Sections 105-425 of the Zoning Resolution, for the grant of an authorization for a modification of botanic environment and tree preservation planting requirements to permit the construction of a 13,097 sf natatorium building on the Riverdale Country School Hill Campus located at 5260 Fieldston Road (Block 5836, Lots 3101, 3127, 3262, 3266, and 3268) within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2), within Community District 8, Borough of The Bronx.

Discussion.

Vote: 29 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, J. O'Brien, D.

Padernacht, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, H. Young

4. Expect discussions in the next 6 to 8 months with the City on Affordable Housing; and SNAD.

B. Law, Rules & Ethics – I. W. Stone, Vice Chair

1. Most of the work of the committee and bylaw subcommittee is contained in the Committee minutes and Executive Committee minutes.
2. The subcommittee is about 90% finished with its work. Did not try to re-write bylaws, simply brought them up to date, an example being there is no longer a simple majority must have a super majority to pass anything, also the Open Meetings Law that requires that almost all meetings must be open.
3. There was no agreement on the Nominating Committee. One suggestion was to disband the committee and let the full Board make nominations. It was decided that for this year the meeting would be open to anyone who wish to attend.
4. The Committee will hear from Board members wishing to bring up anything at the next meeting.
5. Discussed a Conflict of Interest Board Opinion that dealt with a community board member who was removed from the board for accepting a free gym pass.
6. I. Ladimer announced that for the next year he will be working on the 3rd revision of the Ethics Manual. Anyone with ideas, or proposals should contact the Committee or Board office.

C. Traffic & Transportation – M. Heller

1. M. Heller noted that there was no quorum at the January 20th Committee meeting. The Committee passed three resolutions. He corrected the vote for the Kingsbridge Road Merchants Association SAPO application to reflect that R. Press had abstained for cause. M. Heller brought the following resolutions to the floor:
 - I. Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves Kingsbridge Road Merchants Association SAPO Application for *Kingsbridge Road Unity in the Community* single block festival with full street closure on June 20, 2015 to be held on Reservoir Avenue between West Kingsbridge Road and West 195th Street. This event has been held previously.
 - II. Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves South Riverdale Merchants Association SAPO Application for *Movie on the Avenue* block festival with full street closure on July 30, 2015 to be held on Riverdale Avenue between West 236th and 238th Streets. This event has been held previously.
 - III. Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves Kingsbridge Riverdale Van Cortlandt Development Corporation SAPO Application for *Johnson Avenue Block Festival*, with full street closure on May 3, 2015 to be held on Johnson Avenue between West 235th and 236th Streets. This event has been held previously.

Discussion. The resolutions were voted as a single resolution as follows:

Vote: 29 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, 1 abstention for cause-
No. I: R. Press

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press (*Note R. Press abstained for cause - Resolution No. I), J. Rather, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, H. Young

D. Youth – D. McCord, Vice Chair

1. Presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Youth Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the Farmers Market Youth Run Farmers Stand Street Activity Permit Application for Marble Hill Youthmarket, to operate at West 225th Street between Broadway and Exterior Street, on Thursdays from July 9, 2015 through November 19, 2015. This event has previously been held.

Vote: 29 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, H. Young

E. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

1. A. G. Feldmeier presented the following resolutions for a single vote:

I. **Be it resolved**, that Bronx Community Board 8 approves renewal of a New York State liquor license for Piper's Kilt 170 West 230th Street.

II. **Be it resolved**, that Bronx Community Board 8 approves renewal of a New York State liquor license for Mulgriff Tavern DBA The Punch Bowl 5820 Broadway.

III. **Be it resolved**, that Bronx Community Board 8 approves renewal of a New York State liquor license for Burke's Beal Bocht 445 West 238th Street.

IV. **Be it resolved**, that Bronx Community Board 8 approves renewal of a New York State liquor license for Santa Fe Grill 6025 Broadway.

V. **Be it resolved**, that Bronx Community Board 8 approves an

application for a new New York State liquor license for FMFS of Riverdale DBA Buffalo Wild Wings 193 West 237th Street. Buffalo Wild Wings reported that they will have multiple scanners and that they have a corporate policy against underage drinking. They described their facility as a family restaurant with 384 seats and a separate lounge area. They stated that they plan to be open to 12 AM weekdays and 1 AM on weekends. The company employs its own security force.

Vote: 29 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, 1 abstention for cause-
No. 4: S. Piscitelli

In Favor –

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, S. Froot, D. Fuchs, M. Galvin, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, D. McCord, C. G. Moerdler, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, A. Piscitelli, R. Press, J. Rather, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, H. Young

F. Libraries & Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman

1. The Committee will hold its next meeting on February 12th, at the Board Office, at 6:30 PM. Guest speaker will be Ben Spierman, Associate Artistic Director Bronx Opera Company and Orchestra.

G. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

1. The January meeting was a joint meeting with Environment & Sanitation and minutes were sent.
2. With regard to the resolution passed at the January meeting restoration of funds for Van Cortlandt Park Forestry Restoration Group, Councilman Cohen has advised that funding has been restored.

H. Aging – K. Pesce

1. The Committee will hold its next meeting on February 17th, at Hudson House, at 2:30 PM.

I. 2. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

1. There was no February meeting.
2. The next meeting will be on March 3rd at a venue on the eastern side of the district.

J. Education – S. Alexander

1. The Committee will hold its next meeting on February 24th, at the Board office, at 7:30pm.
2. Will look forward to Street Naming for Debbie Bowden when weather is warmer.

K. Environment & Sanitation – R. Fanuzzi

1. Met with Parks in January. Discussed Van Cortlandt's Park water run-off issues. See minutes.
2. The next meeting will be held on February 18th, at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, at 7:30 PM. Will address water runoff, 252 and Fieldston Road, proximity to Riverdale Country School.

L. Housing – P. Ellis

1. The Town Hall Forum on NYCHA regarding Marble Hill held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in January had a very good turnout and good results. Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer attended. She focused on Sanitation and has arranged a walkthrough of Marble Hill on February 11th.
2. The next meeting will be held on February 23rd. The agenda will include illegal dumping in Marble Hill; abusive landlord practices; and fuel conversion.

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

1. The Committee met February 9th. The next meeting will be held on its regular date March 16th, at an earlier time at 6:00PM, at Riverdale Mental Health Association. The Administrator of Riverdale Manor Adult Home is expected to attend to discuss the facility and the progress of the consent decree between the Governor and the Plaintiffs in the lawsuit in the Eastern District of New York for the deinstitutionalization of the mentally ill in large facilities.

N. Budget

No report.

O. Special Committee on Greenway – B. Bender

1. The Committee is reaching out to neighbors along the Greenway route.

10. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2015

- R. Press advised that page 8, Item 10 under Approval of Board minutes the listed names for both the "Abstentions" and Opposed votes should be added. The minutes will be corrected accordingly.

The minutes were approved with the stated corrections unanimously.

11. Discussion of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2015

- A. Piscitelli made a correction to page 4, second bullet, under Issues Raised By Committee Members for Discussion. He advised that the bill for community board members appointments is calling for term limits of six two-year appointments.

Respectfully submitted

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