

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 8, 2010 AT
RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 4763 HENRY HUDSON PARKWAY**

- PRESENT:** R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, B. Bender, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. Creaney, W. Dolny, T. C. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier B. Fettman, Dianne Kirksey-Floyd, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, Nils Graham, V. Gray, Colleen Hanley, Michael Heller, M. Khury, G. O. Koppell, I. Ladimer, Y. Levy, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, Amy Moore, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, R. Press, J. Reyes, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, A. Zizmor
- ABSENT:** D. Bowden, S. Catechis, B. Feinberg, T. Giallorenzi, Thailary Lim, P. Mullen, J. O'Reilly, S. Villaverde, H. Young
- STAFF:** N. Stent – District Manager, CB 8
D. Bay – Community Associate, CB 8
- GUESTS:** L. Cohen – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein
R. Fedderman - rep. Congressman Eliot Engel
M. Gary – rep. State Senator Pedro Espada
J. Sonett – rep. Assemblyman Adriano Espaillat
J. DeSio – rep. Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.
G. Faulkner – rep. Councilman Fernando Cabrera
A. Sandler – rep. Councilman G. Oliver Koppell
M. Dillon – Office of the Public Advocate
A. Appelbaum – Riverdale Press
S. Anderson – St. Joseph's Methadone Clinic
H. Barret – Memorial Grove
F. Barret – Memorial Grove
J. Certo
A. Chapman – Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Assn.
N. Danyluk – NYC Department of City Planning
J. Donatu
Capt. B. del Pozo – 50th Precinct
C. M. Giove – Riverdale Review
J. Gordon
C. Hart
D. Lennon
M. O'Mara - St. Joseph's Methadone Clinic
P. Moerdler
R. Nazar
V. Pashman
A. Pastrano - Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Assn.
L. Perez – New York Public Library
J. Reznick
E. Ritter
G. Rivera
Det. L. Rodriguez – 50th Precinct
O. Rodriguez - Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Assn.
T. Shelton – Kinsbridge/Riverdale/Van Cortlandt Development Corp.
O. Solano
S. Spielberg
D. Tannen – Memorial Grove
L. Tannen – Memorial Grove

- E. Thompson – Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Assn.
- Nile Williams – Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy
- C. Worchel – Kingsbridge/Riverdale/Van Cortlandt Development Corp.

Chairman McShane called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Gallery Session:

- A. Tracy Shelton, director of KRVDCD announced an Energy Efficiency forum being held on Tuesday, June 15 at 7:30AM at Riverdale Greentree, 5693 Riverdale Avenue.
 - B. Michael Gary reported on the following:
 - War veterans Herb Barret and Don Tannen were honored by Senator Espada.
 - CB8 Seniors were honored at Mother's Day events.
 - Awards were given to a group of women with the Senate "Woman of Distinction Award" for their personal and professional achievements.
 - Senator Espada held a town hall meeting in May addressing quality of life, safety, affordable housing, employment and education issues.
 - A \$25,000 grant secured by Senator Espada is funding Medicare Awareness Workshops.
 - CB8 Youth between ages 13 and 25 are encouraged to audition for a First Annual Bronx Youth Against Violence Talent Showcase and Forum on July 16th, auditions are on the 18th and 25th, 6 p.m. at the Bronx Library Center, 310 Kingsbridge Road.
 - Senator Espada has secured a \$5,000 state grant that will be used to coordinate "National Night Out" activities on Tuesday, August 3rd.
 - Senator Espada's \$10,000 grant will fund June 12th Run Against Obesity
 - There is a special Senate Proclamation for the "Celebration of Life" event sponsored by Amalgamated Park on June 15th which pays tribute to CB8 Holocaust survivors.
 - Senator Espada rent freeze bill passes June 2nd in Housing Committee
 - Senator Espada Charter Schools Cap will benefit all Public Schools
 - Senator Espada Joint Working Families Party for All-Star boycott
 - Senator Espada supported the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights legislation recently passed in the Senate
 - C. Al Chapman, President, Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association, addressed the Board regarding Terrace Healthcare Center proposal for an in-house methadone clinic. He reported residents feel it will have a damaging effect on the quality of life of residents and therefore should require further consideration before going forward.
 - D. Kristen Hart of Fort Independence Park Neighborhood Association asked the board to postpone going forward on the proposal for an in-house and outpatient methadone clinic at the Terrace Health Care Center.
 - E. Irving Ladimer announced there is a run against obesity at Van Cortlandt Parade Grounds on Saturday, June 12th at 10:00 a.m. You can register at YesTheBronx.org.
 - F. Board member, Yael Levy announced the first ever Riverdale Riverfest event on Sunday, June 13 (rain date: June 20th) at College of Mount St. Vincent Campus, Marillac Lawn. She urged all to come to this event.
1. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 13th, 2010

The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Discussion of Executive Board Committee Meeting Minutes of June 2nd, 2010

The minutes were accepted as written.

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

Captain del Pozo announced the next meeting of the 50th Precinct Community Council will be held on June 10, 2010 at 7:30 PM. The Captain reported he has office hours every month and calls can be made to the Community Affairs Officer to arrange a meeting. Captain del Pozo reported on homicides in the district. The monthly crime statistics indicated crime was down 11% for the year; robberies were up 30% and arrests for robberies were up 52%; persons committing robberies were mostly young teens snatching iphone and cell phones.

4. Bronx Borough President's Office – J. DeSio

- Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. made the Bronx Community Board appointments and reappointments and welcomed new members, Steven Catechis, Brendan Contant, Dianne Kirksey-Floyd, Nils Graham, Colleen Hanley, Michael Heller, Thailary Lim, Amy Moore, Patricia Mullen, Robert Press and Alexandra Zizmor.
- The Borough President joined elected officials, labor leaders and community groups at City Hall to announce the introduction of Fair Wages for New Yorkers Act which will mandate that the jobs created at projects that receive significant taxpayer subsidies must offer employees a "living wage" currently defined as \$10 with benefits, or \$11.50 per hour without benefits.
- At the Bronx Ball the Borough President celebrated singer Jerry Vale, founder and chairman of Essence magazine Edward Lewis, Irish traditional music sensations Joanie Madden and Cherish the Ladies and the former Bronx Borough President and Congressman Herman Badillo into the Bronx Walk of Fame.

5. Chairman's Report

- CFMC will take place on June 17th at the DEP's community office at the Croton Filtration Community Outreach Center, 7 PM, 3660 Jerome Avenue, Bronx NY 10467. There will be an update on the ongoing construction and a report on jobs creation for Bronx workers and possibly an update on public access to the reservoir.
- The following are Charter Revision Commission meetings:
 - ▶ Thursday, June 10 on Government Structure, specifically Community Boards, Public Advocate and Borough President. Place: Staten Island Technical High School, 485 Clawson Street, SI, NY at 6:00 PM.
 - ▶ Wednesday, June 16 on Public Integrity. Place: City College, 160 Convent Ave., Manhattan at 6:00 PM.
 - ▶ Thursday, June 24 – Land Use. Place: Flushing Branch, Queens Borough Public Library, 41-17 Main Street, Flushing, Queens at 6:00 PM.
- The Chairman thanked A. P. Cassino, A. Goldman, J. Goris, B. Maybury, K. O'Brien and B. Trebach who were not reappointed to the board for their service and contributions to the community board. The Chair also thanked A. Fana and T. Feerick for their contributions. They did not reapply to the board. The Chair wanted the board to remember and acknowledge the contribution that C. Prentice made to the board. She passed away during this term.
- The Chair reported that the Borough President's office will be scheduling an orientation to the community boards for all board members at the Borough President's office in July. Responsibilities and obligations will be discussed.

- The Chair updated the new board members on which neighborhoods community board 8 represents.
 - A committee sign up sheet was distributed to the board members. The Chair explained that board members are required to serve on two committees and attend all Land Use and Board meetings. All committee agendas and minutes are posted on the website.
 - New board members were asked to contact the board office with their information i.e. address, email, etc.
 - The Chair announced District Manager, Nicole Stent as well as the staff, Diane Bay and Patricia Manning.
 - Chairman McShane introduced and welcomed the following new Board members and invited them to address the Board: Brendan Contant lives in Fieldston a little over 4 years and is involved in several organizations, Dianne Kirksey-Floyd is a resident of North Riverdale and used to teach in Riverdale, Colleen Hanley is a resident of Amalgamated and the mother of three children, Alexandra Zizmor is a resident in Fieldston for 9 years and involved in many organizations and cultural institutions, Nils Graham lives in Amalgamated, Amy Moore is a 30 year resident of Riverdale, former PA President of PS81 and President of PS 81 New Horizons After School Program, Michael Heller is a lifelong resident of Riverdale with a wife and 2 children and Robert Press is a longtime resident and has been an active committee member of two committee's on the community board.
6. Chairman invited Councilman Koppell to address the Board.
- Councilman Koppell welcomed new appointee's and reappointments to the board.
 - Councilman Koppell was pleased to report that with joint efforts of the City Council and the community boards the budget for community boards has almost been fully restored.
 - The City Council is fully committed to no real estate tax increase.
 - There is concern about budget cuts to our schools.
 - There will be no cuts to senior centers.
 - If anyone in the community has particular concerns about the budget, please share them with his office now before the budget is adopted at the end of June.
7. Treasurer's Report – Philip Friedman
- This year there is a surplus of \$5,000 in OTPS funds. Supplies for the office will be purchased and there is a possibility of purchasing advertising space to highlight community board 8.
 - P. Friedman would like to form an Ad Hoc Committee to raise funds for the community board called "Friends of Community Board No. 8". If anyone is interested please contact the board office with your ideas.
8. Report from the Department of City Planning – N. Danyluk
- There are no new applications.
9. Report of the Nominating Committee – R. Abbott

R. Abbott thanked committee members who served with him Bob Bender, Bob Fanuzzi, Maria Khury and Yael Levy. R. Abbott presented the Committee's recommendations of nominations for Officers and Committee Chairs as follows:

OFFICERS:

Chairman	Damian McShane
Vice Chairman	Robert Fanuzzi
Secretary	Joyce M. Pilsner

Treasurer Philip Friedman

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Aging	Karen Pesce
Budget	Philip Friedman
Economic Development	Maria Khury
Education	Debbie Bowden
Environment and Sanitation	Saul Scheinbach
Health, Hospitals & Social Services	Steven Froot
Housing	Thomas Durham
Land Use	Charles G. Moerdler
Law, Rules & Ethics	Irving Ladimer
Libraries & Cultural Affairs	Robert Abbott
Parks & Recreation	Bob Bender
Public Safety	Arlene Garbett Feldmeier
Traffic & Transportation	Daniel Padernacht

J. Reyes questioned whether board member Philip Friedman could be nominated for two positions. B. Abbott reported it was researched and found to be within the guidelines because one nomination was for an officer and the other was for a Chairperson.

Chairman McShane opened the floor for nominations. There were none.

A motion was made to vote on Nominating Committee's recommendations for the Officers and the motion was seconded.

Vote: 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, B. Bender, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. Creaney, W. Dolny, T. C. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier B. Fettman, Dianne Kirksey-Floyd, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, N. Graham, V. Gray, C. Hanley, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, Y. Levy, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, Amy Moore, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, R. Press, J. Reyes, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, A. Zizmor

Abstention –

Michael Heller

A motion was made to vote on Nominating Committee's recommendations for the Chair's and the motion was seconded.

Vote: 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

In Favor –

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Abstention –

Michael Heller

Chairman McShane announced Andrew Cohen as his new Youth Chair appointment.

10. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development – R. Fanuzzi

- The Marble Hill and Riverdale Youthmarkets will open on July 8th from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The Marble Hill Youthmarket is located at West 225th Street between Broadway and Bailey Avenue. The Riverdale Youthmarket is located at the Riverdale Neighborhood House. R. Fanuzzi thanked N. Stent for working with the city agencies and community partners including Department of Transportation helmet giveaway for the opening day at the Marble Hill location on July 8th.
- The South Riverdale Merchant's Association is now incorporated. R. Fanuzzi thanked Tracy Shelton for KRVCDC's involvement in economic development.
- The Plaza NYC program's application will be submitted next year due to time constraints this year.
- There will be a committee meeting in June to discuss how to create an Art's Sidewalk festival in South Riverdale for the fall.

B. Environment and Sanitation – S. Scheinbach

- S. Scheinbach thanked the nominating committee and board members for nominating him to Chair the Environment & Sanitation Committee again.
- S. Scheinbach presented the following resolution approved by the Executive Committee at the meeting held on June 2nd:

Support Senate and Assembly Bills to Establish a Moratorium on Hydraulic Fracturing and Horizontal Drilling -

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling to extract underground natural gas use huge volumes of water laced with chemicals that can potentially pollute the water supply; and

WHEREAS, at its June 2009 meeting, Community Board No. 8, Bronx, passed a resolution calling for the prohibition of hydraulic fracturing and horizontal gas drilling within New York State; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has announced a decision that could allow hydraulic fracturing and horizontal gas drilling in the New York City watershed in the future; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting a comprehensive study to investigate the potential adverse effect of hydraulic fracturing and horizontal gas drilling on water quality and public health; and

WHEREAS, there are companion bills pending in both houses of the New York State Legislature that would establish a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing and horizontal gas drilling until the EPA has released its report thereon; and

WHEREAS, the bills are known as Senate Bill 7592 and Assembly Bill 10490; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That Community Board No. 8, Bronx, supports Senate Bill 7592 and Assembly Bill 10490, and urges passage of these bills by the respective houses of the Legislature.

Vote: 34 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions

In Favor –

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, B. Bender, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. Creaney, W. Dolny, T. C. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, D. Kirksey-Floyd, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, N. Graham, V. Gray, C. Hanley, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, Y. Levy, S. Marquez, D. McShane, Amy Moore, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, R. Press, J. Reyes, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, A. Zizmor

Abstentions –

A. G. Feldmeier, C. G. Moerdler

- S. Scheinbach reminded all that they should be involved in collecting illegal postings by either reporting them and/or by taking them down.

C. Education - S. Alexander reported on behalf of D. Bowden.

- Dr. Jane Bedell from The Department of Health & Mental Health (DOHMH) spoke at the May Education Committee meeting on childhood obesity.
- A letter from Committee Chair D. Bowden will be sent on behalf of the NYPL to keep the hours that are now in place.
- Councilman Koppell announced the Council is working towards restoring the monies in the Education Budget. He reported that PS 24 will not be expanding their Gifted and Talented program but PS 7 will be expanding their program. There is a possibility that the Department of Education is considering the possibility of a new elementary school serving this area.

D. Health, Hospitals and Social Services – M. Khury

- The Committee is planning a health forum and a health fair in the fall.
- The Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee had a special meeting on a proposal for a satellite methadone program at the Terrace Health Care Center. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information to the community about the clinic and to provide an opportunity for the surrounding community to express its views. While a resolution by the board was not necessary for OASIS to go ahead and implement the facility, it would have requested that the community be given an opportunity to have input via a community advisory board. However, the community board will not go forward with that resolution. A letter will be submitted to the regulatory agencies with the board's recommendations. C. Moerdler announced his support for the community's opposition to this program.

E. Housing – T. Durham

- On June 10th there is a hearing at City Hall at 10:00 AM. This purpose of the hearing is to ask for an amendment to the law to inform the community board when the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) has a transitional housing site for the

homeless in their community. Comments can be called in to Ms. Tavares at (212) 442-0140. Councilman Koppell said he feels the city should be required to notify the community of any proposed homeless site in their community.

- Sharon Frey was a guest speaker at the May meeting and reported on the BJCC Emergency Card Program Outreach to the Isolated Elderly. The program targets people who are physically unable to egress from their buildings. She came to gather ideas to help solve this problem of being denied access from property managers and landlords.
- There will be a committee meeting on Wednesday, June 16th with a speaker from DHS on the "Housing First" program.

F. Land Use – C. Moerdler

- C. Moerdler brought forth an annual resolution for the Land Use Committee to act on behalf of the full Board on any time sensitive applications or other matters that come before the Board over the summer while the Board is in recess. C. Moerdler made a motion for Community Board No. 8 to renew its annual resolution;

Vote: Unanimous

In favor – 35

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- C. Moerdler presented the following resolution seeking to address the problem that the Board of Standards and Appeals favor developers, contractors, property owners and the like and seems to ignore the recommendations of the board who try to represent the community as best possible:

WHEREAS, the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals ("BSA") has repeatedly demonstrated its indifference to the views of the community and its concerns respecting the character of its neighborhoods, notwithstanding the command of Section 72-21 of the Zoning Resolution that such be a vital factor; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of the Members of the BSA are drawn exclusively from professions that are dependant for their livelihoods upon the development, construction and related industries and, upon termination of their public service, frequently return to those sectors; and

WHEREAS, the decisions of the BSA have with increasing frequency been decidedly tilted against communities and in favor of development, construction and related industries;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Land Use Committee of Community Board No. 8 Bronx urges and requests the NYC Charter Revision Commission to:

Abolish the existing BSA and reconstitute the BSA and revise its membership, including the following:

1. Not less than one member of the BSA, including any expanded membership, shall be a bona fide resident of each county comprising the City of New York and that in making such appointments the Mayor shall solicit and consider the recommendations of the respective Borough Presidents;
2. A majority of the members of the BSA shall be persons who have not in the one (1) year prior to appointment engaged in any employment by or have received income from any industry or profession whose activities and interests shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the BSA, including, architects, engineers and real property owners, managers and brokers;
3. The term of office of members of the BSA shall be staggered for one (1) year terms, upon the completion of which such person shall be barred for one year from employment by or the receipt of earned income from any industry or profession whose activities and interests shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the BSA, including architects, engineers and real property owners, managers and brokers.

Vote: 32 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

In Favor –

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Opposed – D. McShane

Abstention – A. Moore

- C. Moerdler presented the following resolution to City Planning:

RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 **DENY APPROVAL** of the Department of City Planning – Application No. N100284ZRY, Car Share Text Amendment proposal to the Zoning Resolution, to allow car share vehicles to park in off-street accessory garages, lots and public parking facilities.

Vote: 27 in favor, 5 opposed, and 2 abstentions

In Favor –

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Opposed – R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, M. Heller, M. Khury, S. Scheinbach,

Abstention – D. Kirksey-Floyd, A. Moore

- C. Moerdler presented the following resolution to the Landmarks Preservation Commission:

RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 respectfully requests that the Landmarks Preservation Commission examine and consider the possible creation of a Fort Independence Historic District essentially consistent with the proposed boundaries set forth in the attachment hereto (the Olmstead Street Plan).

Vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

R. Abbott, S. Alexander, B. Bender, B. Contant, A. Creaney, W. Dolny, T. C. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, N. Graham, C. Hanley, M. Heller, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, Y. Levy, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. Pilsner, R. Press, J. Reyes, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff, A. Zizmor

- C. Moerdler presented a resolution to approve a proposed addition in the Fieldston Historic District:

RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves Landmarks Preservation Commission – Docket No. 10-4546, 4686 Waldo Avenue, Block 5817, Lot 1766, zoned R1-2, Fieldston Historic District, a medieval Revival style house designed by Julius Gregory and built in 1924. Application is to construct an addition.

Vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

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G. Law, Rules and Ethics – I. Ladimer

- I. Ladimer invited new members to join the committee.
- The committee will be reviewing the roles and responsibility of community board members in a board guide.

H. Libraries and Cultural Affairs – R. Abbott

- There is a meeting on June 14 in the board office regarding the potential budget cuts and how it will affect the local branches.
- Members were welcomed to join the Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee.
- Councilman Koppell reported the construction at the Kingsbridge Library is fully funded, however more funding is needed to put books in the library.

I. Parks and Recreation – B. Bender

- The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee (CFMC) was created by The Council of the City of New York in Resolution No. 933 specifically to advise the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on all aspects of the design and construction of the filtration plant and all mitigation measures set forth in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and this Resolution;

WHEREAS, this same resolution called upon the Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) to undertake a feasibility study on a pedestrian footbridge, crossing the Major Deegan Expressway linking the east and west portions of Van Cortlandt Park (VCP);

WHEREAS, the *Final Report of the Van Cortlandt Park Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study* was presented to the CFMC by the DEP and DPR at its April meeting, reflecting that such a pedestrian footbridge is “technically, legally and financially feasible;”

WHEREAS, the City Council Resolution No. 993 requires that if such conditions are met, the Mayor shall introduce the necessary budget provisions to the City Council to transfer sufficient funds from DEP to DPR to design and build the pedestrian footbridge;

WHEREAS, the CFMC has received letters from civic groups, community boards and concerned individuals within the community endorsing the design and construction of a pedestrian footbridge within VCP over the Major Deegan Expressway;

WHEREAS, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 asks the Mayor of the City of New York to immediately introduce the necessary budget provisions in the City Council to transfer funds from the DEP to the DPR in order for the DPR to design and construct a pedestrian footbridge within VCP across the Major Deegan Expressway as outlined in the Feasibility Study presented to the CFMC;

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the funds used to design and construct the pedestrian footbridge shall explicitly not reduce or draw from the \$243 million already committed to improving VCP and developing and improving parkland throughout the Bronx, pursuant to the Statement of Findings for the Siting of the Croton Water Treatment Plant.

Vote: Unanimous

In favor – 35

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- The northern half of the Van Cortlandt Park parade grounds is open. Two areas are being monitored where drainage seems to be a problem and will remain fenced off until the drainage problem is resolved.
- There is no committee meeting in June.
- B. Bender reminded all to attend the Riverfest on July 13th from 1 to 5 PM.
- There will be no Philharmonic concert this year due to the budget cuts.

J. Public Safety - A.G. Feldmeier.

- The Public Safety and Youth Committees will seek to establish a Police Athletic League (PAL) in the fall.
- The committee met on June 1st.

K. Technology

- Chairman McShane welcomed anyone interested to join this ad hoc committee.

L. Traffic and Transportation

- Chairman McShane introduced Dan Padernacht as the new Chairman of the Traffic & Transportation Committee.
- Councilman Koppell strongly urged not to take away parking spaces when creating the pedestrian plaza.
- The committee meeting in June has being cancelled.

M. Aging – K. Pesce

- Minutes are posted on the website.
- K. Pesce reported the Aging Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.
- There is no committee meeting in June.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Bay
Community Associate