

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 2010 AT THE
RIVERDALE YM/YWHA 5625 ARLINGTON AVENUE**

- PRESENT:** S. Alexander, S. Balicer, R. Bender, A. Cohen, B. Contant, A. P. Creaney, W. S. Dolny, T. Durham, R. Fanuzzi, A. Feldmeier, B. Fettman, D. Kirksey-Floyd, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, N. Graham, C. Hanley, M. Heller, M. Khury, G. O. Koppell, I. Ladimer, Y. Levy, S. Marquez, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, A. Moore, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, J. M. Reyes, S. Scheinbach, L. Spalter, M. Wolpoff, H. Young, A. Zizmor
- ABSENT:** D. Bowden, B. Feinberg, T. Giallorenzi, V. Gray, T. Lim, J. O'Reilly, J. M. Pilsner, I. W. Stone, P. Reyes, S. Villaverde,
- STAFF:** N. Stent - District Manager, CB 8
D. Bay – Community Associate, CB 8
S. Mujanovic – Manhattan College Intern
- GUESTS:** J. Dinowitz, Assemblyman
R. Fedderman – rep. Congressman Eliot Engel
D. Johnson - Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
R. Martos - Office of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
R. Martinez – rep. Assemblyman Jose Rivera
A. Sandler – Office of Councilman G. Oliver Koppell
N. Danyluk – NYC Department of City Planning
Cpt. B. del Pozo – 50th Precinct
Lt. J. McMann, Esq. – 50th Precinct
P.O. M. Ramos – 50th Precinct
S. Bernzweig
D. Bethea
B. Byers
W. Carlson
E. Casey
M. Casey
A. Cassino
B. Chong
K. Cordero
L. Degidon
S. Fonte
L. Frisch
D. Galperina
L. Galperina
M. Kaufman
S. Kazanjian
H. Leventhal
P. Moerdler
R. Patt
E. Rodrigues
A. Rubio – Van Cortlandt Branch Library

C. Sandorf
V. Sceto
S. Shaikh
T. Shelton – Kingsbridge Riverdale Van Cortlandt Development Corp.
J. Sween
T. Tureski – Spuyten Duyvil Branch Library
J. Warman
B. Warren
L. Warren
D. Westphal

Chairman McShane convened the meeting at 7:40 PM.

D. McSchane began the meeting by expressing his sympathy on behalf of the Board and paused for a moment of silence for the passing of Bill Stone's son and Patricia Manning's sister.

Public Hearing on the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2012

Chairman called upon Budget Chairman P. Friedman to conduct the Public Hearing on the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2012. An open discussion commenced. S. Alexander, Vice Chair of the Education Committee requested a reverse in numbers 8 and 14 in the Expense Priorities, making number 14 the priority. Hearing from no other public speakers, a motion was made to accept the budget as revised. The motion was seconded.

Vote: 30 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor –

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Opposed - J.M. Reyes

Abstained – C. G. Moerdler

Chairman McShane thanked Budget Chairman P. Friedman for his work.

Gallery Session –

- A. Louise Warner requested a new bus shelter at the corner of Orloff Avenue and Van Cortlandt Avenue. Chairman McShane referred this request to the Traffic and Transportation Committee.
- B. Tracy Shelton, Executive Director, Kingsbridge Riverdale Van Cortlandt Development Corporation had the following announcements:

- Breakfast seminar on Financing your Business, Wednesday, October 20th at 8:30 - 11AM, Wave Hill, Mark Twain Room, 675 West 252nd Street, RSVP to Nancy Catala by October 18th, (718) 248-5332
- A Meeting for merchants to plan for North Riverdale, Wednesday, October 20th at 7PM, Riverdale Neighborhood House, 5521 Mosholu Avenue
- For free – Merchants can set up a table at the farmers market on October 24th from 11 to 3 PM at PS81 and Riverdale Neighborhood House
- Be a “Hot Stop” off the Holiday Shopping Shuttle Sunday, November 21, 2010 from 12 noon to 4PM – if interested call Tracy Shelton at 917 570-9027

C. A. Cassino reviewed the NYC Charter Commissions 2010 Ballot Questions

D. S. Shaikh thanked the board for its partnership with Grow NYC. S. Shaikh introduced S. Kazanjian the new Vice President of Bon Secours and announced that the Youthmarket will be open every Thursday from 2:00PM to 6:00PM at West 225th Street and Broadway between Starbuck’s and Applebee’s.

B. Fanuzzi thanked S. Shaikh for her outstanding work.

E. Ricky Martinez of Assemblyman Jose Rivera’s office announced he would like to see Community Board’s 7 and 8 work closely with the Kingsbridge Armory project.

F. Dart Westphal supports the establishment of a park running generally alongside the Major Deegan Expressway, between West 230th Street and Van Cortlandt Park South.

Chairman McShane called the regular Board meeting to order.

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2010

The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Discussion of Executive Board Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2010

The minutes were accepted as written.

3. Chairman welcomed Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and staff members Randi Martos and D. Johnson; R. Martinez – rep. Assemblyman Jose Rivera, Richard Fedderman, representing Congressman Eliot Engel; Councilman G. Oliver Koppell and staff member Andrew Sandler, Commanding Officer Brendan del Pozo, P.O. Mindy Ramos and Special Operations Officer Lieutenant J. McMann, Esq. – 50th Precinct, Ana Rubio, Van Cortlandt Branch Library and N. Danyluk – NYC Department of City Planning

Chairman invited Assemblyman Dinowitz to address the Board.

Assemblyman Dinowitz welcomed the new board members and announced:

- Free Flu Shots are available Tuesday, October 19th from 10 a.m. to 1:00 pm at Vladeck Hall Amalgamated Houses, Van Cortlandt Park South and Tuesday, October 26th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Riverdale YM-YWHA, 5625 Arlington Avenue.
- Assemblyman Dinowitz has a list of greenstreets that have been submitted to the appropriate agencies. The Assemblyman would like the board to support these greenstreets.

- The coming year will bring more state budget cuts.
 - The Assemblyman discussed the NYC Charter Commissions term limits and how it will be listed on the ballot on Election Day.
4. Chairman invited Captain del Pozo to address the Board.

Captain del Pozo introduced Special Operations Officer Lieut. J. McMann who is responsible for the units addressing the problems with Manhattan College. The Captain went on to give a review of crime statistics noting there has been a reduction in serious crime.

5. Chairman invited Councilman Koppell to address the board.

Councilman Koppell announced:

- The actions of the City Council in conjunction with the budget which was adopted in July, 2010 and is very consistent with the views of the board. The board's priorities for FY 2012 are also similar to the City Council.
 - The city budget for FY 2012 looks more optimistic than the state budget.
 - The bidding for a contractor was completed for the Sid Augarton field and the winning bidder will be chosen shortly. The construction should start by the end of the year.
 - He continues to work on cleaning the weeds and branches from the summer tornado and his office is working closely with the Parks Department.
 - The Council also recently passed the Silver Alert program, which will identify lost seniors. This is similar to the Amber Alert program.
6. Chairman's Report
- The Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee is meeting on October 27th at 7:00 PM and the designer of the golf course will make a presentation.
 - Chairman thanked KRVDCD for the community planning meeting held last month and encouraged people to attend the meeting for merchants and community members on organizing North Riverdale on October 20th at 7:00 PM at the Riverdale Neighborhood House.
 - The Board is working on having a South Riverdale Art's Festival next year.
 - Dr. Flynn, President of the College of Mt. St. Vincent was named one of the Irish Echo's top 100 Irish American's in Education. He was sent a letter of congratulations.

7. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- A report will be distributed in November.

8. Report by the Department of City Planning – Nestor Danyluk

- No new projects at this time.

9. Committee Reports

A. Economic Development – M. Khury

- The Committee meetings will be on the first Thursday of every month.
- The minutes for the September meeting are on the website.

- Future meetings will be in different locations throughout the Community Board area.
- The November meeting is a business to business card exchange meeting. To expand the outreach, M. Khury asked that when you receive the flyer invite a friend. Refreshments will be served.

B. Education – S. Alexander

The Education Committee is meeting on October 26th at 7:30 PM. The Parent Coordinator and UFT Chapter Chair will be speaking on events at PS24. There will also be a report on the Gifted & Talented Program by Board Chairman Damian McShane.

C. Environment and Sanitation

- In August of 2010, the State Senate passed a bill to suspend hydrofracking until May 15, 2011. S. Scheinbach is hoping the Assembly will pass a bill that plans a moratorium.
- Invasive vines are attacking our woodlands. In lieu of the Environment and Sanitation Committee meeting in October there will be an invasive vine tour in hopes of making people familiar with these invasive vines. The tour begins at West 246th Street and Independence Avenue at 2:00 PM on October 13th. All are welcome.

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

- HHSS will sponsor a Health Forum focusing on the new federal health care reform legislation on Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00 PM. It will be held at the Manhattan College Leo Hall auditorium - Scala Room.
- The Committee will meet on October 18th at 7:30 PM.

E. Housing –T. Durham

- The next Housing Committee meeting there will be an update on 3882 Cannon Place regarding the 2010 letter from Volunteers of America along with a discussion on illegal conversions.
- The Housing Committee will meet on October 25th at 7:30 PM in the board office.

F. Land Use – C. Moerdler

- SAR was tabled at the October meeting and will be on the agenda at the November 8 meeting. A subcommittee was formed and will be meeting to discuss SAR issues.
- The following resolution was presented to the full board from the Land Use Committee meeting on October 5th:

WHEREAS, the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) is a standardized procedure whereby applications affecting the land use of the city are publicly reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the ULURP application process requires Bronx Community Board No. 8 (the Board) to conduct a public hearing which was announced in The City Record, September 27, 2010 and other local newspapers and was held on October 5, 2010 with more than twenty percent of the appointed board members in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation is the applicant and seeking the approval of the Board under the ULURP process for:

City Planning Commission ULURP Application No. C 090196 MMX, CEQR No. 08DPR004X, Putnam Greenway City Map Change –an application submitted by the Department of Parks and Recreation, for an amendment to the City Map involving:

- The establishment of a park running generally alongside the Major Deegan Expressway, between West 230th Street and Van Cortlandt Park South; and
- The establishment of a park addition to Van Cortlandt Park, between Van Cortlandt Park South and The Bronx-Westchester County Line, including authorization for any acquisition or disposition of real property related thereto, in Bronx Community District 8, in accordance with Map No. 13129, dated May 21, 2010 and signed by the Borough President.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 recommends approval of the Department of Parks and Recreation ULURP application for an amendment to the City Map.

VOTE: 33 in favor, 2 opposed and 0 abstentions

In Favor –

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Opposed –

J. Reyes, M. Wolpoff

G. Law, Rules and Ethics – I. Ladimer

- The Committee will meet in November to discuss how the Board can acquaint the community with their rights and privileges to government services.

H. Parks and Recreation – B. Bender

- B. Bender is glad to hear the Sid Augarton field project will have a contractor in the near future. Work is expected to begin by the end of this year.
- There is a Hudson River Valley Greenway meeting on October 20th at the Church of the Mediator at West 231st Street from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The project team will present the work that has been completed to date as well as the next steps for the project. Input from the community is important at this time.
- The Committee will hold its next meeting on October 27th, Board Office, at 7:00 PM.

I. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

- The next Committee meeting will be October 21st at 7:00 PM at the 50th Precinct. Two quality of life issues on Riverdale Avenue will be discussed.

J. Traffic & Transportation – D. Padernacht

The next meeting will be held on October 19, 2010 in the board office at 7:30 PM. The following are the agenda items:

- Dyckman Street Renovation project by representatives from the MTA presenting the effect it will have on the #1 train line and impact on West 231st and 238th Streets stations.
- Hebrew Home Bus Line Proposal.

K. Youth – Andrew Cohen

- The Youth Committee will meet on October 27th at 1:00 PM in the board office. The meeting agenda includes the Yankee Youth Leadership Awards and plans for the year.

L. Aging – K. Pesce

- The Committee will meet on October 26th at the Methodist Church home for Nursing and Rehab at 3:30 PM. There will be a speaker from the United Cerebral Palsy organization.

M. Miscellaneous

- I. Ladimer announced an Annual Bazaar at the Riverdale Senior Center on Sunday, October 31st, 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Bay