

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 8TH, 2011 AT THE
CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE
475 WEST 250TH STREET**

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

ABSENT: R. Abbott, D. Bowden, B. Contant, B. Feinberg, D. Kirksey-Floyd, S. Froot, T. Giallorenzi, V. Gray, G. O. Koppell, Y. Levy, T. Lim, J. O'Reilly, J. Reyes, P. Reyes, S. Scheinbach

STAFF: N. Stent - District Manager, CB 8
D. Bay – Community Associate, CB 8
P. Manning – Community Associate, CB8

GUESTS: J. Dinowitz – Assemblyman
S. Dym – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein
R. Fedderman – rep. Congressman Eliot Engel
R. Martos – Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz' Office
A. Sandler – rep. Councilman G. Oliver Koppell
J. Sonett – rep. State Senator Adriano Espaillat
A. Toledo – rep. Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.
Capt. R. Carr – 50th Precinct, NYPD
N. Danyluk – NYC Department of City Planning
A. Cassino – Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy
B. McHugh – Riverdale Review
K. Pederson – Community Food Assessment
M. Perron – Van Cortlandt Park
P.O. M. Ramos – 50th Precinct, NYPD
S. Shaikh – Bon Secours New York/Schervier
T. Shelton – Kingsbridge/Riverdale/Van Cortlandt Development Corp.

Chairman McShane called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

1. Gallery Session –

- A. Rebecca Patt presented her strong opposition to the Department of Environmental Protections' new route plan to tear up Sedgwick Avenue for the Croton Water Filtration project. She asked for the support of Community Board 8 in this challenge.

Chairman McShane advised that through his knowledge from the Croton Water Filtration Monitoring Committee, use of the route along Sedgwick Avenue had not been confirmed. Chairman further stated that DEP should appropriately discuss its plan with Community Board 8. In that respect Chairman will direct the matter to the Board's Environment & Sanitation and Traffic & Transportation committees.

- B. Eric Stern, Princeton University, asked for assistance with a survey in gathering data on Community Boards for his senior thesis research on the potential for altering the Land

Use Review process to empower communities. He distributed a questionnaire for providing information generic to Community Board 8. Responses will be anonymous.

- C. Tracy Shelton, Kingsbridge/Riverdale/Van Cortlandt Development Corp., advised of continuing efforts with setting up merchant associations throughout District 8. Upcoming merchant meetings are as follows:

Johnson/Kappock Avenue Area: Wednesday, February 16, 7:30pm at the Atria, 3718-3726 Henry Hudson Parkway. This is the second meeting for the Johnson/Kappock Avenue area and will feature a presentation by Michael Nixon of the BOEDC. These meetings are being planned in conjunction with Country Bank and Blue Bay Restaurant; Marble Hill: March 2, 2011, 7:00pm at River Plaza, 94 West 225th Street, Suite 205. This is the first meeting for Marble Hill and will feature Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez as guest speaker, and is also being planned with the Councilman's office; Woodlawn: March 3, 2011, 7:00pm at the Rambling House Restaurant, 4292 Katonah Avenue. This meeting will feature a speech by State Senator Jeff Klein and is being planned with the Senator's office.

KRVCDC will participate with Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz' Stop Graffiti Day on April 7th. Additionally they are working with schools to educate against graffiti vandalism; KRVCDC will hold its fundraiser on May 12, 2011.

- D. Anthony Cassino, Chair, Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy, explained the organization's function which is primarily focused on helping the Parks Department improve on its services and activities offered to the public. He informed that a skating rink will be coming to the Park hopefully as early as next year. The Parks Department is looking toward duplicating the Bryant Park's rink design.
- E. Lauren Scott, student, Columbia University and Riverdale resident is seeking Riverdale residents to take part in an academic online survey for her master's thesis. Subject is "Activities." There will be a chance to win \$25 Amazon gift card. Slips with the survey link were left for pick up.

2. Approval of regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2011

The minutes were approved unanimously with 1 abstention (S. Balicer).

3. Discussion of Executive Board Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2011

I.Ladimer will clarify the Law, Rules, & Ethics report with regard to "meetings" in the Committee report.

B. Bender noticed Captain del Pozo was incorrectly spelled with capital "D" instead of a lower case "d."

The minutes were accepted as amended.

4. Chairman invited Captain Carr to address the Board.

Captain Carr reported that crime stats are down by 5% over last year. Grand Larceny Auto is down. The 50th Precinct has received eight new officers. They will be generally assigned along Broadway's commercial district.

D. Padernacht conveyed appreciation to Deputy Inspector del Pozo for efforts with traffic and parking complaints in the locale of SAR. He invited the Deputy Inspector and Captain Carr to the meeting of the Traffic & Transportation Committee on February 24th.

5. Chairman invited Assemblyman Dinowitz to address the Board.

Assemblyman Dinowitz discussed the Croton Water Filtration plant having to abandon route plans along Webster Avenue due to discovery of trolley tracks, and the tentative plans to use Sedgwick Avenue where there may be tracks as well; Mayor Bloomberg was in Albany testifying on funding and the Assembly is concerned with possible elimination of Title 20 senior funding of \$25 million, which would impact on closings to a high number of senior centers; Additionally, school funding for New York City is in jeopardy.

6. Report from Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. – A. Toledo

- Distributed Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. Statement on the Closure of John F. Kennedy High School.
- Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. will deliver the State of the Borough Address on February 24, 2011, at 11:30 AM, at De Witt Clinton High School, Auditorium, 100 Mosholu Parkway South. All are invited to attend. RSVP at soth@bronxbp.nyc.gov, or call 718-590-6116.
- Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. and La Gran Parada Dominicana de El Bronx, Inc. invite all to Dominican Heritage 2011 on February 15th, at 5:30 PM, at Bronx County Building, Veterans Memorial Hall, 851 Grand Concourse. RSVP at smalave@bronxbp.nyc.gov, or call 718-590-3989.
- Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. in partnership with Bronx Tourism Council, sponsored by HealthFirst will host Black History Month celebration of African American Culture on February 16, 2011, at 5:30 PM, at the Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse. RSVP at lroldan@bronxbp.nyc.gov, or call 718-590-3522.
- Community Board membership reappointment applications are due at the Borough President's office.

7. Chairman's Report

- Chairman regrettably informed of the passing of the brother of Board Member Julie Reyes. Heartfelt condolences were extended to Ms. Reyes and her family.
- Chairman reported that he has stepped down from chair of Croton Water Filtration Monitoring Committee after fulfilling his one year commitment. Fr. Richard Gorman, Chair, Community Board 12 is the new Committee chair. Chairman shared that Fr. Gorman was recently released from the hospital and extended good wishes for his full recovery. He urged attendance at the Monitoring Committee meetings.
- The Board's Patron Mail system is up and running. General public is encouraged to sign-up to receive information pertaining to Community Board 8. Chairman asked for Board volunteers to work on the system.

8. Treasurer's Report

- P. Friedman handed out the Board budget. The budget is in the black for remainder of the year.
- Friends of Community Board 8 will meet on February 15, 2011.
- Referred to discussion in Executive minutes regarding lease and new location for Board office.

9. District Manager's Report

N. Stent reported on the Board's new Youthmarket initiative. The Board coordinated the community partners Bon Secours New York Health System/Schervier; Kingsbridge Heights Community Center; and GrowNYC to establish the new Kingsbridge Heights Youthmarket. The new Bronx Community Board 8 Kingsbridge Youthmarket will open July 2011 at Barnhill Square on Kingsbridge Road and Reservoir Avenue (right across from the Kingsbridge Armory). The market will run from July through October, and is tentatively set for Fridays from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. With the opening of Marble Hill Youthmarket in 2009, Board 8 became the first in the City in this accomplishment. Funding for both Kingsbridge and Marble Hill markets is being provided by Bon Secours New York Health System/Schervier. This is an effort to bring fresh healthy locally grown fruits and vegetables into the communities where the population is disproportionately affected by diet related health issues such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease.

B. Fanuzzi thanked N. Stent for following through on the Youthmarket and thanked Bon Secours for funding.

10. Report from the Department of City Planning – N. Danyluk

- There are no new projects.
- City Planning Commission Public Hearings for February 16, 2011 will include SAR Academy and Landmarks Historic designation of the Alderbrook House, 4715 Independence Avenue.

Discussion ensued over whether or not City Planning had been provided with SAR's "final" drawings and amended agreement. It was concluded that CPC was in receipt of those documents.

11. Committee Reports

A. Environment and Sanitation

Chairman McShane informed that the February meeting was cancelled.

B. Health, Hospitals and Social Services

M. Heller, Vice Chair reported.

The following resolution was presented:

Whereas, there are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions considered rare (each affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans) in the United States;

Whereas, while each of these diseases may affect small numbers of people, rare diseases as a group affect almost 30 million Americans;

Whereas, many rare diseases are serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected;

Whereas, while approximately 340 orphan drugs and biologics have been approved for the treatment of rare diseases affecting between 11 and 14 million people according to the Food and Drug Administration, that leaves well over 15 million Americans with rare diseases who have no treatment specific to their disease;

Whereas, individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options, and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment;

Whereas, although some rare diseases, such as “Lou Gehrig’s disease” and Huntington’s disease, are relatively well known, many others are not known at all by the public, so that patients and their families must bear a large share of the burden for activities such as raising funds for research;

Whereas, thousands of residents of Bronx Community Board 8 are among those affected by rare diseases, since nearly one in 10 Americans has a rare disease;

Whereas, the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) is organizing a nationwide observance of Rare Disease Day on the last day in the month of February each year, and patients, medical professionals, researchers, government officials and companies that are developing treatments for rare diseases are joining together to focus attention on rare diseases as a public health issue on that day;

Therefore, be it resolved that Bronx Community Board No. 8 urges the Governor of the State of New York and the Mayor of the City of New York to establish the last day in the month of February to be observed annually as Rare Disease Day in New York City and New York State.

Vote: 32 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor -

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

C. Housing – T. Durham

1. Minutes will be amended to include the attendance of Adam Wisnieski, Reporter, Riverdale Press, and report on Operation Hope regarding the Homeless count.
2. There was a presentation at the Committee meeting by “Rebuilding Together NYC,” a nonprofit organization supported entirely by contributions of time, labor, material and money. They are dedicated to repairing homes of those who, due to financial hardship, age, and/or disability, cannot do the work themselves.

D. Land Use – C. Moerdler

1. Board of Standards and Appeals re-application documents for 3333 Giles Place were received at the Board office. A request has been made to BSA to layover hearing to give the Board sufficient time to review.
2. The application for Bloomfield development, 4630 Fieldston Road, has been recalled by City Planning Commission based on flaws found by the attorney for Fieldston Property Owners Association.
3. Land Use will hold its next meeting March 1, 2011. The agenda will include the BSA re-application for 3333 Giles Place, and the proposed building project at 3475 Cannon Place.
4. Manhattan College Master Plan will be on the Land Use meeting agenda sometime in April or May.

5. SAR Monitoring Subcommittee – M. Wolpoff, The Monitoring Subcommittee met for purpose of dealing with SAR’s “on-campus” issues. Minutes are pending approval. Parking plan suggestions should be forthcoming. The next meeting will be scheduled following approval of plans submitted to City Planning Commission.

E. Law, Rules and Ethics – I. Ladimer

The Committee will be meeting in advance of regular Board meeting in a separate room. The half hour meeting time may be increased to 45 minutes.

F. Parks and Recreation – B. Bender

1. The Committee will meet on February 23, 2011, at Riverdale Mental Health Association, at 7:00 PM. The agenda will include a presentation by the Parks Department of the Design for the Putnam Trail in Van Cortlandt Park and a discussion of the new ice skating rink in Van Cortlandt Park.
2. The annual Bronx Parks “Speak Up” will be held on February 26, 2011 at Lehman College Faculty Dining Room, Music Building, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The main topic is Bronx Waterways.

G. Public Safety – A. Garbett-Feldmeier

1. The Committee did not meet in January.
2. Lauded new Deputy Inspector del Pozo on his performance as commander of the 50th Precinct and offered best wishes and congratulations on his well deserved promotion to Deputy Inspector.
3. The following resolutions were presented:
 - 1) **RESOLVED**, the Public Safety Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 approved the following **NEW APPLICATION** for a liquor license:
 - a. Taqueria Rancho Escondido Mexican Restaurant, Inc. - 257 West 231st Street
 - 2) **RESOLVED**, the Public Safety Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the following **RENEWAL APPLICATIONS** for liquor licenses:
 - a. Riverdelight - 3534 Johnson Ave
 - b. Nonno Tony's- 554 West 235th Street,
 - c. Montezuma Restaurant -119 West Kingsbridge Road,
 - d. Dale Restaurant - 189 West 231st Street,

Vote: 32 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

In Favor:

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

H. Traffic and Transportation – D. Padernacht

1. SAR recommendations will be presented following second meeting on issue.

2. The following resolution was presented by W. S. Dolny, Committee's Vice Chair:

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 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 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 shall be renamed to add Howard E. Padernacht Place.

Vote: 31 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention with cause

In Favor –

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

Abstention With Cause –

D. Padernacht

In keeping with the Community Board 8's Street Naming Guidelines, the resolution will be presented for a second vote at the March 8, 2011 regular Board meeting.

3. D. Padernacht presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs pursuant to the Rules of the City of New York subchapter G concerning Sidewalk Stands, has forwarded a

newsstand license application for a sidewalk newsstand at the northwest corner of Broadway and West 231st Street; and

WHEREAS, a business must have a Newsstand license if it operates a stand or booth on a public sidewalk that is not readily removable and is primarily used for the sale of newspapers and periodicals;

WHEREAS, the Traffic & Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 unanimously approved the application and further referred to the Economic Development Committee for review;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the request for a newsstand at the Northwest corner of West 231st Street and Broadway.

M. Khury made a motion for amendment. Discussion ensued.

The question was called. The motion did not carry. The resolution was voted on as presented.

Vote: 21 in favor, 10 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor-

S. Alexander, A. Cohen, A. P. Creaney, W. S. Dolny, R. Fanuzzi, A. G. Feldmeier, R. Ginty, C. Hanley, M. Heller, D. McShane, C. G. Moerdler, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Marquez M. Wolpoff, H. Young

Opposed –

S. Balicer, B. Bender, S. Catechis, T. Durham, B. Fettman, N. Graham, M. Khury, I. Ladimer, J. M. Pilsner, S. Villaverde

Abstention –

A. Moore

I. Aging – K. Pesce

The next Committee meeting will be held on February 22, 2011 at the Riverdale YM/WHA, at 3:30 PM.

J. Budget – P. Friedman

1. Offered to present to Committees a budget priorities process review. The following committees will receive presentation as requested: Traffic & Transportation, Parks & Recreation, and Housing. Other committees may contact him if interested.
2. Requested a volunteer to assist with the various projects undertaken by the Budget Chair.

K. Education – S. Alexander, Vice Chair

1. D. Bowden is out of the hospital and is at Schervier and is coming along nicely.
2. Thanked Chairman McShane for chairing the January Committee meeting.

3. The next meeting will be held on February 22, 2011, at Riverdale Mental Health Association, at 7:30 PM. There will be a guest speaker from New Vision Charter Schools and discussion will include Charter Schools at JFK's High School campus.
4. R. Press announced the meeting on the closing of JFK High School will be held on February 9, 2011.
5. Complimented PS 24's young student who was the winner of "Voices of Darkness."

L. Economic Development – M. Khury

1. Reported on the Banker's Forum. It was well attended and she thanked the members for assisting.

I.Ladimer praised M. Khury on a job well done.

2. The Committee will hold its next meeting on March 3RD, 2011, at Santa Fe Grill Restaurant, 6025 Broadway, at 7:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Manning
Community Associate