### (PENDING BOARD APPROVAL)

# **BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8**

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING Held on Thursday, October 13, 2022 on Zoom

# PRESENT (34):

S. Alexander	M. Donato	M. Joyce	R. Singh
C. Barnes-Watson	M. Esema	R. Kaplan	L. Spalter
R. Bender	R. Fanuzzi	S. Krompinger	L. Teten
K. Buford	D. Gellman	R. Pochter-Lowe	C. Tepelus
C. Calhoun	R. Ginty	C. G. Moerdler	D. Travis
S. Chittilappilly	J. Gomez	O. Murray	M. Wolpoff
L. Chong	E. Green	D. Padernacht	S. Vazquez
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L. Daub R. Hilliard J. Reyes M. Della R. Jacklosky G. Santiago

# ABSENT (7):

I. De Leon

N. Fazio T. Morris S. Froot S. Villaverde

STAFF: T. Ochoteco, Community Coordinator

C. Gannon, District Manager

GUESTS: Sen. Alessandra Biaggi, Tyler Wong (Sen. Biaggi's office) AM

Jeffrey Dinowitz, Randi Martos (AM Dinowitz office), CM Eric Dinowitz, Tanbir Chowdhury (CM Dinowitz office), Brent Schneider (Senator Rivera's office), Alina Dowe (NYC Mayor's Office), Jeffrey

Laufer (BXBPO), Greer Mayhew (Comptroller Lander's office),

Camila Thomas (DCP)

Chair Spalter welcomed all and turned the **FY24 Public Budget Hearing** over to D. Gellman at 6:35pm. Deirdre Burke expressed support of the Parks capital budget requests particularly Van Cortlandt Park's Putnam Trail. Ms. Burke suggested more PEP enforcement officers to address speeding motor bikes and ATVs as well as increased maintenance to the trail such as speed bumps. Increased safety and PEP enforcement is needed around the streets and sidewalks in the community. M. Della and C. Tepelus also expressed a need to prioritize enforcement at Parks. M. Esema inquired about the renovation for the bathroom at PS24. The Budget Public Hearing was closed at 7:00 pm.

Chair L. Spalter convened the Full Board meeting at 7:00 PM and welcomed all.

#### 1. GALLERY SESSION:

- 1. Deidre Burke opposed proposed suggestion of a board member to have all students at PS81 be dismissed through 256<sup>th</sup> Street exit to reduce vehicular traffic and double parking on Riverdale Avenue. Suggested a return to general ed bussing that was eliminated many years ago.
- \*D. Padernacht motioned to amend the agenda to present the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center resolution. J. Gomez seconded

# **VOTE on Motion to amend the agenda and include the Kingsbridge Heights Resolution:**

In Favor (27): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, C. Calhoun, L. Chong, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Pochter-Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teten, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, M. Wolpoff Opposed (3): B. Bender, D. Gellman, E. Green Abstain (2): S. Chittappilly, K. Bufford

D. Padernacht also reminded the Chair that there should be an election to fill the Parks committee chair vacancy. L. Spalter stated she did not mean to ignore or disregard the bylaws as she was under the impression that the summer months did not count. Chair Spalter then said that nevertheless, the board can move forward and have a vote for Park's chair tonight. The Parks vacancy was initially announced in June and B. Bender also announced the vacancy at the September Executive committee and full board meeting. The Parks chair vote was scheduled for November.

M. Wolpoff, Parliamentarian confirmed that the board in fact was due for a vote according to the bylaws. J. Gomez stated that we do not have the authority to table the bylaws. D. Gellman moved to table the Parks chair vote to next month, B. Bender seconded.

Roll Call R. Jacklosky 32 present (R. Fanuzzi joined later)

M. Wolpoff proceeded to read Robert's Rules and determined that the Board must follow the bylaws to have a vote for Park's chair and motioned to move the question to add the Parks chair election.

J. Gomez seconded D. Padernacht's motion to add the Park's chair vote to the agenda.

#### **VOTE to add the Park's Chair vote to the agenda:**

Opposed (3): B. Bender, D. Gellman, E. Green Abstained (2): S. Chittillapily, K. Bufford All else voted in favor.

Nominations from the floor for Park's Chair: B. Bender nominates D. Travis to be parks chair; she accepted. Discussion about process ensued. S. Alexander nominated R. Ginty for Parks chair, she declined. R. Singh motion to close nominations, seconded by C.G. Moerdler.

C. Moerdler motioned to adjourn the meeting. C. Tepelus seconded.

The Chair called for a vote for Parks Chair.

**VOTE** on motion to adjourn the meeting:

**In Favor (7)**: S. Alexander, C. Calhoun, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, C. G. Moerdler, C. Tepelus, M. Wolpoff

**Opposed** (25): R. Pochter-Lowe, D. Gellman, M. Esema, B. Bender, L. Teten, M. Della, R. Singh, E. Green, D. Padernacht, L. Daub, J. Gomez, L. Chong, R. Ginty, R. Hilliard C. Barnes-Watson, S. Krompinger, Julia Gomez, D. Travis, K. Bufford, M. Donato, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, O. Murray, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter **Abstained** (1): S. Chittappilly

Chair Spalter called for a vote for nominee Deb Travis Parks Chair.

**VOTE** for nominee Deb Travis as Parks Chair:

In Favor (29): C. Barnes-Watson, R. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Pochter-Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teten, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, M. Wolpoff

Opposed 0,

Abstained (4): S. Alexander, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, D. Padernacht

Chair Spalter congratulated Deb Travis on her new position.

## 2. REPORT FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBER JEFF DINOWITZ

- PPE distribution, Shredding and having another flu shot event along w/CM Dinowitz Oct. 27
- Nov. 6 Election Day early voting
- Concerned about the scale of construction projects in the district whether on Van Cortlandt Park South or Visitation site
- Another charter school scheduled to open, concerned about parking between Tibbett Avenue and Irwin Place.
- Office continues open and available to constituents

## 3. REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER ERIC DINOWITZ

- Recognized Tanbir Chowdhury who will be the new CB8 Liaison
- Concerned about Visitation site, too many housing units and not enough school
- Daylighting of Tibbets Brooks has been a priority of his, got over 5 million dollars in capital funding for Van Cortlandt Park.

- Oct. 17 5:00pm hosting a Citizen's Committee Grant info session
- Latest 311 bill would require customer satisfaction survey
- Clean Up locations in the district, contact the office
- Allocated funding to address Illegal dumping, in terms of redistricting, one building in Marble Hill will be added to district 14.

## 4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - L. SPALTER

- Refer to Exec minutes for full report
- Public Hearing on Visitation site on 9/29, SCA did not attend, public comments were submitted along with our cover letter outlining the issues identified. SCA and Tishman don't appear to be coordinating with each other. We will schedule a public hearing once SCA confirms that they will attend.

# 5. T. Wong Senator Biaggi's office

• Job Fair and working on awards programming please forward recommendations

# 6. REPORT FROM THE BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT OFFICE – JEFFREY LAUFER

- Welcomed and congratulated new members
- BP released strategic policy statement on website, 200-page report
- Tour de Bronx October 24 check website for more details
- Halloween events in various parts of the Bronx, partnering with 50th precinct
- Congratulations to new chair of Parks committee

D. Padernacht inquired about Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee (CFMC) meeting, Chair Spalter is working on setting up that meeting with Chairs of CB7 & CB12.

#### 7. TREASURER'S REPORT – B. BENDER

- Chair Spalter announced J. Campbell Privettere's resignation due to additional
  work responsibilities. She thanked Joy for her service. We wish her well. An
  election for Treasurer will be held at the November Full Board meeting. An
  email announcing the vacancy will be sent to the board.
- PS and OTPS unchanged from last month
- Item #1 \$2500 FY23 allocation by CM De la Rosa for Marble Hill. We are scheduling a meeting with the Council member to discuss the funding.
- No change due to OMB being busy working on budget consultations and was not processing payments at the same speed as they normally would.
- C. Tepelus revisited the topic of the \$5000 allocation from Council member Rodriguez for Trees planted and requested precise addresses of where they are located. L. Spalter responded that the trees are planted in front of the post office. The funds went to the NYC Parks & Recreation Department after planting.

## 8. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT - C. GANNON

- Please refer to Exec minutes for full report
- P. Romano and C. Gannon attended DOT Academy for Community Board Staff
- Senator Biaggi's office dropped off Tests and Sanitizers available at the Board Office
- Tishman doing a cleanup of the Visitation Site this weekend
- DOB offered to train staff and Land Use committee on new DOB Now program
- Welcome Camila Thomas new DCP liaison a CB8 resident, will be meeting with C. Gannon, L. Spalter and C. Moerdler to catch up on CB8 issues,
- New York DCP "City of Yes" presentation October 17, more to follow in email

## 10. REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING - NONE

#### **11.** COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### a. Land Use - C. Moerdler

- City Planning City of Yes information session scheduled for next Monday (on a holiday) is problematic.
- Visitation Site: suggests a date for a special board meeting to be on a date where every agency involved can participate. AM Dinowitz thank you for helping set up with SCA
- 3 Resolutions were presented by Chair Moerdler:
  - **1. Be It Resolved,** the Land Use Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves an Application for a BSA variance for an extension of basement variance for a stationery store and for a late filing at the location of 600 West 246th Street.

#### **VOTE: Unanimous**

In Favor (33): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, R. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Pochter-Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teten, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, M. Wolpoff

2. Be it Resolved, the Land Use Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 authorizes the Board or Land Use Committee Chair to (1) communicate with the New York State and New York City Health Departments to request a formal investigation as to whether the licenses and regulatory authorizations of Schervier should be revoked and appropriate disciplinary and/or regulatory penalties imposed based on continuing willful violations of law following notice and (2) notification of Department of City Planning and City Planning Commission that an ongoing and documented series of SNAD violations have occurred and are occurring on premises owned by or under the authority or control of Schervier and affiliated entities, including unauthorized wholesale tree removals at premises at Independence Avenue and West 231 St (violations have been issued by DOB and were previously issued by DOB); since workmen have indicated construction is planned and no permits therefor have issued nor application therefor made to the Board, a stay of any permit issuance to Schervier and its affiliate or parent entities is formally requested.

#### VOTE:

In Favor (32): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, R. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Pochter-Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teten, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, M. Wolpoff Abstained (1): J. Gomez

3. **Be It Resolved,** the Land Use Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves a change in Saturday work Hours for 3745 Riverdale Avenue from 10 am to 9 am during concrete operations.

#### **VOTE: Unanimous**

In Favor (33): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, R. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Pochter-Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teten, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, M. Wolpoff

M. Wolpoff went over Robert's Rules for new members to understand the voting process

## b. Public Safety - Edward Green, Chair

- Presented 7 resolutions, 2 renewals, 4 new applications,
  - 1. WHEREAS, Norberto Farciert Torres, Owner of **Andare, located at 5782 Mosholu Avenue**, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on September 20th, 2022 for a new liquor license.

WHEREAS, a 2AM agreement was signed by the establishment's owner and received by the Board. WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

2. WHEREAS, Richard Berroa, Owner of Claudy's Kitchen, located at 5981 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on September 20th, 2022, to renew the establishment's liquor license. WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of the establishment.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

3. WHEREAS, Angela Vuceljic, Representative of **Cote Wine Bar, located at 5639 Mosholu Avenue**, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on September 20th, 2022 for a new liquor license and temporary retail permit.

WHEREAS, a 2AM agreement was signed by the establishment's owner and received by the Board.
WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

 WHEREAS, Norberto Farciert Torres, Owner of Frida Tacos, located at 5786 Mosholu Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on September 20th, 2022 for a new liquor license.

WHEREAS, a 2AM agreement was signed by the establishment's owner and received by the Board.
WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

5. WHEREAS, Ortencia Jimenez Gomez, President of La Villa, located at 240 West 231st St., appeared before the Public Safety Committee on September 20th, 2022 for a new liquor license and temporary retail permit. WHEREAS, a 2AM agreement was signed by the establishment's owner and received by the Board.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

 WHEREAS, Efrain Farciert, President of Sante Fe Grill, located at 6025 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on September 20th, 2022 to renew the establishment's liquor license.

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of the establishment.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

## VOTE:

In Favor (32): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, R. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esema, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Pochter-Lowe, C.G. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teten, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, M. Wolpoff

Opposed 0
Abstention (1) R. Fanuzzi

- Application for alteration, Kalle Bar & Grill VOTE: resolution withdrawn and brought back to committee until the establishment can provide information regarding all the complaints that have been made.
- No October meeting, next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 15 due to holidays

# c. Traffic & Transportation - Kelli Buford, Chair

- Refer to Sept. 15 meeting minutes
- Thanked Ms. Burke for her comment and recommendation
- Next T&T meeting October 20

## d. Youth - Julia Gomez, Chair

- Refer to September meeting minutes
- No meeting in October due to holiday

#### e. Aging - Lisa Daub, Chair

- No October meeting
- Next meeting November 14

## f. Budget - David Gellman, Chair

- VOTE on FY24 Budget priorities:
   Expense Budget Priorities: VOTE: Abstain (1) Camelia Tepelus Opposed: 0
- FY24 Capital Budget, VOTE: Opposed (1): R. Ginty; Abstain (4):
   C.Tepelus, M. Della, B.Fanuzzi and D. Padernacht
- Reminder this winter please bring your ideas to committee meetings in December and January, committee chairs ideas on paper in February, Create preliminary prioritization in March, finalize prioritization in April

## g. Economic Development - Moses Esema, Vice Chair

- Had first in-person meeting in September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Kingsbridge Social Club, thanked hosts. Please refer to minutes.
- Boo on Mosholu Oct. 29 12-3pm
- City Council voted to approve one stop shop portal for Businesses
- Next meeting Oct. 27, 7:30pm at Ezili Luxury Hall 5540 Broadway, thanked Kingsbridge BID and venue owner for hosting the committee
- Riverdale Restaurant Week Oct 1-8 please come out

## h. Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs - Sylvia Alexander, Chair

- No September or October meetings due to holidays
- Next meeting in November
- Looking forward to SCA's response

## i. Environment & Sanitation - Dr. Camelia Tepelus, Chair

- Thanked L. Spalter for attending Hybrid meeting in September
- Received notification from DEP regarding TAG (Tibbets Advisory Group) on Oct. 17
- Next meeting Oct. 19 at the Board Office with a hybrid option

# j. Health, Hospitals & Social Services - Omar Murray, Chair

- Last night's HHSS meeting, DOH spoke about COVID and Monkey Pox, vaccinations increasing, BX has highest number of vaccinations, DOH has encouraged everyone to get vaccinated
- Next meeting on November 9 will focus on Monkey Pox and Rat infestation and there will be a speaker from the Health Department

## k. Housing - Stephen Vazquez, Chair

- No September meeting
- Over summer received complaint from Marble Hill tenant
- June 18 tabled at Marble Hill event, thanked C. Gannon and P. Romano
- Oct. 6 partnered with CM Dinowitz office HPD Van in district to address Housing complaints
- Next meeting November

## I. Law, Rules & Ethics - Martin Wolpoff, Chair

- Next meeting Oct. 31
- We will review the Hybrid model and using telephones that don't have Zoom capability. If using a phone and cannot be visible, it may pose a problem.
- The Mayor's Executive Order for use of Zoom continues until October 22<sup>nd</sup>

### m. Parks & Recreation - Bob Bender, Interim Chair

- Please refer to September 28 meeting minutes
- Presented Resolution on Johnson Avenue Staircase in Ewen Park:
   WHEREAS, representatives from the Department of Parks and
   Recreation (DPR) met with the Parks & Recreation Committee of
   Community Board 8 on September 28, 2022, and presented plans for
   repairing the Johnson Avenue stairs in Ewen Park; and
   WHEREAS, DPR representatives answered questions from committee
   members and from members of the public who attended the meeting to
   the general satisfaction of the committee members;
   THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parks & Recreation
   Committee approves the plan for repairing the stairs in Ewen Park as
   presented to the committee, with the understanding that DPR will return
   to the committee for further discussion if there are any substantive
   alterations to the plan that was presented.
  - D. Travis proposed a friendly amendment, R. Singh moved to move the resolution with the friendly amendment.

#### VOTE:

In Favor (32): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, R. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, L. Daub, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Pochter-Lowe, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teten, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, M. Wolpoff Opposed (0)

Abstained (1): M. Della

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolution proposed by D. Padernacht: Kingsbridge Heights Center: WHEREAS, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC) provides early childhood, youth, adult and family, nutrition and food access and case management services to residents of Bronx Community District 8; WHEREAS, the landmarked building in which KHCC operates is owned by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation;

**WHEREAS**, the landmarked building in which KHCC operates is in deteriorated condition that requires immediate and emergency repairs to prevent water from infiltrating the building's interior;

**WHEREAS**, KHCC is using funds from its operating budget to pay for temporary measures to safeguard the occupants and visitors from possible falling debris and repair damaged walls;

**WHEREAS**, KHCC must install a sidewalk shed before winter months to ensure those entering and exiting the building will be safe as an additional temporary measure;

WHEREAS, the expenses for these temporary measures and repairs could drain up to \$400,000 of KHCC's operating budget annually; WHEREAS, in order to prevent water from infiltrating the building's interior, repairs must address the building's upper and lower roofs, the landmarked building's façade, which currently suffers from deteriorated mortar joints, insufficient waterproofing and inadequate water drainage ("Emergency Repairs");

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of Emergency Repairs now stands at \$4.2 million dollars;

WHEREAS, KHCC has raised \$2.8 million dollars of the total cost of Emergency Repairs;

**WHEREAS**, this project needs a minimum of \$1.5 million dollars to cover the cost of these Emergency Repairs;

WHEREAS, if these Emergency Repairs are not completed in the near future, KHCC will be required to move and jeopardize its long-standing services and resources in the community;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 urges our elected officials and all city agencies to examine their budgets to locate and fund the necessary repairs to keep KHCC in place and the continuation of its important programs;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8 urges our elected officials to identify the best funding conduit, whether through an agency such as NYC's Economic Development Corporation, or another to complete the necessary repairs in an expedited basis and mitigate jeopardizing KHCC operations and programs.

#### VOTE:

In Favor (32): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, R. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, L. Daub, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Pochter-Lowe, C.G. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teten, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, M. Wolpoff Opposed (0)

Abstained (1): M. Della, present ineligible to vote

- D. Padernacht asked about Nov. 9 CSX public hearing, Chair Spalter will testify in support on behalf of the Board.
- Thanked D. Travis, for accepting the nomination for new Parks chair.
- n. Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway Bob Bender, Chair No Report
  - No meeting in September
- o. Special Committee on Racial Equity Margaret Della, Chair No Report
  - No meeting in September
- p. Special Committee on Veteran Services J. Gomez
  - Upcoming Veteran's Ceremony on Sunday Nov 6, 12:00pm at Memorial Grove in Van Cortlandt Park
- 9. \*Resolution Offered by C. Tepelus to Amend the Bylaws to Provide an Equitable and Transparent Process Determining Committee Composition, in Case of Size Limitation by Committee Chairs:

**WHEREAS**, all appointed CB8 members serve on the Board as volunteers and are equally entitled to choose the committees where they will serve during the course of the year;

**WHEREAS,** CB8 values a diversity of opinions coming from all ethnic, cultural, racial and socio-economic backgrounds of its members, as a valuable conduit to representing the diversity of the CB8 district community;

WHEREAS, this proposal was presented at the CB8 Executive Committee meeting on September 7, 2022 and to the LRE Committee on September 12, 2022;

WHEREAS, the CB8 Bylaws Article VI, Section 2, provide that size of a committee may be limited by its Chairperson in consultation with the Board Chairperson: "Each standing committee shall consist of a committee Chairperson, such other Appointed Members as volunteer and are approved by the Chairperson of the Board and such other members of the Community nominated by the Chairperson of the committee and appointed by the Chairperson of the Board. The committee chairpersons in consultation with the Chairperson of the Board shall determine the size and membership for each committee."

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, for the Bylaws of CB8 to be amended with a sentence providing a fair, transparent and equitable system of establishing committee composition, in the occasional situation of explicit size limitation by a Committee Chairperson as per Bylaws Art VI, Section 2. The sentence highlighted in blue below will be added to the text of the bylaws Art VI, Sec. 2, and take effect upon voting by CB8 members in 2 consecutive full Board meetings, as per Art XI, Section 1 of Bylaws, and be applied retroactively to the committees' compositions of the CB8 2022-2023 proceedings (September 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023): Sec. 2 – Each standing committee shall consist of a committee Chairperson, such other Appointed Members as volunteer and are approved by the Chairperson of the Board and such other members of the Community nominated by the Chairperson of the committee and appointed by the Chairperson of the Board. The committee chairpersons in

consultation with the Chairperson of the Board shall determine the size and membership for each committee. Following a Committee Chair decision to limit the size of a committee, in a situation of over-subscription committee membership shall be determined by using an equitable, objective, transparent, and randomized process (lottery), administered by the Board Chair, and under the supervision of the Board Chair. Community committee members shall serve through the next June meeting, subject to reappointment, unless removed by the Board Chairperson in consultation with the Committee Chairperson [5/12/15].

 M. Wolpoff made a motion to table this resolution to return to the LRE committee on October 31<sup>st</sup> and seconded by D. Gellman and B.Bender.

## VOTE:

In Favor (27): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, R. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, L. Chong, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, D. Gellman, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, S. Krompinger, R. Pochter-Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, L. Teten, D. Travis, M. Wolpoff Opposed (1): C. Tepelus Abstained (5): R. Ginty, D. Padernacht. R. Singh, S. Chittilappilly, Bob Kaplan

- 10. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2022 NONE
- **11.** Approval of Amended Board Meeting Minutes of June 29, 2022 **VOTE:**

In Favor (30): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, R. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, D. Gellman, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, R. Pochter-Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teten, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, M. Wolpoff Opposed (0)

Abstained (3): R. Ginty, L. Chong, S. Krompinger

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2022

**VOTE:** Unanimously approved:

In Favor (33): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, R. Bender, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, R. Pochter-Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, L. Teten, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, M. Wolpoff

12. Miscellaneous Business – C. Calhoun regarding Marble Hill trees, inaudible, will send email to Board office. C. Tepelus alerted L. Spalter and the Board office to update

Elected officials on website. Chair Spalter clarified that all is corrected on the new website.

Motion to Adjourn meeting at 10:17 PM by R. Singh, seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

Prepared By: Tania Ochoteco, Community Coordinator

Reviewed by: Rob Jacklosky, Board Secretary