

(Pending Committee Approval)

Minutes of the Special Committee on Racial Equity Meeting
June 2, 2022, via Zoom

Attendees

Committee: Bob Bender, Margaret Della, Ramdat Singh, Camelia Tepelus, Julie Reyes

Absent: Bob Fanuzzi, Julia Gomez

Community Board members: Laura Spalter

Community: Israel Tejada, Sachi McClendon

Agenda

The Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) meeting began at 7:02 pm and Chair Margaret Della welcomed the community to the meeting. Minutes of May 2022 were unanimously approved.

- **Resource pilot project:** Camelia set out to explore and identify which agency to use to review resources provided to the District in comparison to other districts in the Bronx, overall Borough and other Boroughs. In the process, she discovered that in December 2021, the Mayor's Office of Climate & Sustainability released a scope of work for the Environmental Justice for All Report. The scope outlines the environmental justice concerns the report will study and our approach to analyzing them. Camelia documented that these Environmental Justice areas in the Community Board 8 (CB8) District overlapped with the highest concentration of capital asked by the Board (as noted in the CB8 capital project mapping). These asks are aligned with community needs and indicate that the Board is serious about identifying needs to where they are greatest in the community. It was suggested that SCRE present to the Executive Committee on its findings of the Environmental Justice Report, as well as work to come up with ways to build upon what we've learned.
- **Interim report plan:** Camelia added three important sections to the report as the Committee discussed earlier: Environmental Justice areas in the Community Board 8, CB8 capital project mapping and data on CB8 representation. It was agreed that the Chair would draft the updated introduction and the interim report would be submitted to the Board by June 2022.
- **CB8 Community statement:** Bob B. took the lead in helping SCRE and CB8 expand its community statement to be more inclusive:
 - FORMER: The Bronx Community Board 8 (CB8) proudly represents residents and the interconnectedness of Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI), Black, White, Caribbean, Hispanic/Latinx, Muslim, Disabled, Hispanic/Latinx, Jewish, LGBTQIA, Indigenous and many other populations.
 - REVISED: *Bronx Community Board 8 proudly represents the diverse communities of Fieldston, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Marble Hill, Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil, and Van Cortlandt Village, who reside or work here, inclusive of all races and ethnicities, gender expressions, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability, national origin, and citizenship.*

- **Board member data:** Camelia reached out to the Borough President's office and they expect to have the 2021 report done in July 2022. SCRE will update its CB8 representation in its annual interim report as long as SCRE continues to be renewed each year.
- **Next agenda:** September 1st Meeting 7pm (tentative)
 - Environmental Justice areas, FY24 Capital asks, Prioritization and how CB8 can work with orgs, elected officials and community to get resources allocated and projects completed in most urgent areas - Discuss next steps

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Minutes submitted by Margaret Della

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