

# **Executive Committee Minutes February 1, 2023 held on Zoom (pending approval)**

## **Committee Members Present**

Laura Spalter (chair), Sylvia Alexander, Bob Bender, Kelli Buford, Lee Chong, Lisa Daub, David Gellman, Rosemary Ginty, Ed Green, Robert Jacklosky, Scott Krompinger, Charles Moerdler, Omar Murray, Camelia Tepelus, Deb Travis, Sergio Villaverde, Martin Wolpoff

## **Committee Members Absent**

Margaret Della, Nick Fazio, Julia Gomez

## **Staff**

Ciara Gannon (acting District Manager)

Chair Spalter called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. A quorum was present.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of January 4, 2023 were approved with one abstention (Rosemary Ginty).

## **Chairperson's Report—Laura Spalter**

- The board will celebrate Ciara Gannon's promotion on February 7<sup>th</sup> at Yucca Latin Bistro at 6:30 (cash bar). Chair thanked Ciara for her outstanding service to the Board and community, noting next district manager will have big shoes to fill.
- Captain Srour has been appointed new Commanding Officer of the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct. An introductory meeting has been set up with the chair, Pablo Romano, and Ed Green.
- District Manager Search committee has been formed composed of Bob Bender (chair), Omar Murray, and Julie Reyes. The position will be widely advertised: City Career System, City & State, Linked In, social media, and newspapers. Anticipate posting for six weeks initially. Process is subject to the Open Meetings Law with balance for candidates need for privacy
- Moving into executive session tonight to discuss hiring of Community Coordinator position and personnel matters. Moving into executive session at the full board for same, plus update on new office search.
- Public Hearing for comments on the City's responses to our FY 24 budgets requests will commence at 6:30 PM prior to our February 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report—Scott Krompinger**

- There is a balance of \$115,292 in Personal Services (PS) and a balance of \$29,717 in Other than Personal Services (OTPS).
- Worked with FISA to reduce encumbered funds which has increased our budget
- A budget modification for fy23 was presented and discussed. Resolution allows the board to add or reduce funds in various codes where necessary to support the work of the Board office. For example, advertising budget and security needs have increased, need for furniture has decreased.
- The office is purchasing a new doorbell, camera security system. The old antiquated system was destroyed in last years flood.
- Question raised regarding future treasury reports and bill paying procedures without full staffing. Chair stated Ciara is serving as acting district manager overseeing the process with the borough president's office until a new district manager is hired.

### **District Managers Report—Ciara Gannon**

- Thanked the board for opportunity to serve and that in her new capacity as Director of Community Boards she will continue to assist and support CB 8. CB 8 is the goldstar of Bronx boards.
- The reappointment process has begun and there are some changes. It is fully on line, requires documentation, and phone or zoom interviews will be conducted. To request assistance, please call or email Pablo to make an appointment to come to the office.

### **Committee Resolutions (Discussion)**

- **Traffic & Transportation**—Kelli Buford presented a resolution that states no objection to the renewal of the Livery Car Base License for Alltown Limo Corp. located at 206 W. 231<sup>st</sup> Street, Bronx, NY 10463.
- **Parks and Recreation**—Deb Travis presented a resolution to request a Park Enforcement Patrol Command in Van Cortlandt Park and thanked the committee for their suggestions.
- **Public Safety**—Ed Green presented resolutions unanimously supporting the renewal of three liquor licenses: The Punchbowl, 5820 Broadway, Spanglish, 6697 Broadway, and Bronx Post 95 War Veterans, 3960 Orloff Ave.
- **Land Use**—Chuck Moerdler presented a resolution demanding the Department of Buildings amend the Homeowners Relief Program in order to comply with mandates and enforcement in the Special Natural Area District.

## **Committee Member Issues for Discussion**

Marty Wolpoff—Presented Draft Procedures for Hybrid Meetings  
After the city's emergency order, which allows fully remote meetings is lifted the board must return to in-person meetings. Summary follows.

- A member may request attending remotely using the **Extraordinary Circumstances (EC)** provision of the Open Meetings Law. Extraordinary Circumstances includes illness, disability, caretaking responsibilities, or other unexpected circumstances.

### **Board Member Actions:**

- Requests EC to board chair or committee chair via email no later than noon, day of meeting.
- Member may vote, but will not be counted towards quorum.
- Member must show face during meeting.

### **Board Chair and Committee Chairs Actions:**

- Responds to member request in writing.
- Announces members attending remotely at start of meeting
- List member(s) separately in the minutes.
- Discussion on how Procedures are adopted, and requirement that committee chairs record minutes via cell phone or office recorder for office, when zoom option not available. Recording not required by law.

Chuck Moerdler--Expressed need for hiring an architect/city planner to assist with Board duties. Rosemary Ginty said this is allowed under the charter. Chair Spalter reported free interns programs through college master programs in Urban Studies. More information is needed on both.

## **Follow-up on Outstanding Issues**

- David Gellman reviewed the budget timeline for committee chairs
- David Gellman raised forming a committee to oversee the new office process.
- Camellia Tepelus—Raised recent *Riverdale Press* article re Tishman Speyer moving forward with 115.2 million dollar financing through HDC. Chuck Moerdler will oppose.

## **Executive Session:**

- The chair moved to go into executive session in accordance with section 105.f of the Open Meetings Law regarding matters related to employment and personnel. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted. A

motion to end executive session was made, seconded, and unanimously adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Submitted by Rob Jacklosky, Secretary

Reviewed by Laura Spalter, Chair