

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD
NOVEMBER 5, 2014
AT RIVERDALE MENTAL HEALTH, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Padernacht, Chair	Marvin Goodman
Rosemary Ginty, Vice Chair	Michael Heller
Phil Friedman, Treasurer	Charles G. Moerdler
Sylvia Alexander	Lamont Parker
Bob Bender	Karen Pesce
Lisa Daub (VC Health)	Sergio Villaverde
Paul Ellis	Martin Wolpoff
Robert Fanuzzi	Nicole Stent, District Manager
Arlene G. Feldmeier	Diane Bay, Community Associate

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Froot
Joyce Pilsner, Secretary
Mercedes Zegarra-Soja

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Maria Khury
Robert Press
David Toledo
Herbert Young

GUESTS

Lucy Mercado
Ruby Palma

The meeting convened at 7:30PM.

1. Approval of October minutes.

Vote: 12 in favor Opposed: 0 Abstention: 3

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, R. Fanuzzi, A. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, C. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: – L. Daub, P. Ellis, S. Villaverde

2. Chairman's Report – D. Padernacht

- Chair Padernacht reported that there are 870 community resident email addresses in the board office contacts list and they will receive all notices from the board office. He requested that Chair's ask community residents at their meetings to sign up to receive board notices.

3. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- No Treasurer's report.
- Councilman Cabrera announced at the Law, Rules and Ethics committee meeting that the five thousand dollars of discretionary funds given to the board has been rescinded. This money will not appear on the next Treasurer's report.
- Money allocated for buying office supplies will be reflected in the next Treasurer's report.

4. District Manager's Report – N. Stent

- The Budget Priorities approved at the October public hearing are filed with OMB and are awaiting city agency responses.
- All October committee minutes are complete with the exception of Economic Development and Environment & Sanitation.
- Outstanding minutes from FY 2014 (last year) are Economic Development for March and April and Health, Hospitals & Social Services for April.
- Milton Vargas, the Riverdale Neighborhood House intern and a senior at Clinton High School begins working in the board office on November 6th.
- N. Stent worked with Housing Chair, Paul Ellis and board committee member Sergio Marquez on the Housing committee forum held in October.
- Board members can access our internet at meetings in the board office and upstairs in the Riverdale Mental Health Association.

5. Committee Resolutions

A. Traffic & Transportation – M. Heller

- A resolution for a Street Activity Permit Application for a Menorah Lighting Ceremony on December 21, 2014 will be presented at the next board meeting.

B. Land Use – C. Moerdler

- The following resolution will be presented at the next board meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves Board of Standards and Appeals Common Law Vested Rights Application No. 250-14-A through 257-14-A, 5041, 5031, 5021, 5310, 5300 Grosvenor Avenue, 5030, 5040, 5041 Goodridge Avenue, Bronx, NY for Villanova Heights to continue with development of eight homes, and extend building permits for a period of four years to allow for completion of construction.

C. Environment & Sanitation – R. Fanuzzi

- A resolution asking that DEP reconsider any design changes around the Jerome Park Reservoir will be presented at the next board meeting.

6. Issues raised by Committee members for Discussion

- S. Alexander questioned why the Education minutes she sent to the board office on Monday were not distributed on Monday. The Chairman stated this happened in error. He reviewed the new office policy implemented by the District Manager in which e-mailings will only occur twice a week, on Mondays & Wednesdays, with Fridays designated as mail days.
- There was a review of how agenda's, minutes and resolutions should be submitted to the board office. D. Padernacht stressed the importance of adding the vote to resolutions and N. Stent stated agenda's, minutes with attendance and resolutions with the vote should be submitted prior to the executive committee meeting.
- B. Bender reported that his committee meeting is scheduled tomorrow, November 6th. The agenda includes a design presentation by the Department of Parks & Recreation for a skateboard park in Van Cortlandt Park.
- Law, Rules & Ethics Chairman, M. Wolpoff sent a letter to the Executive Director of the NYS Committee on Open Government that raised the following issues.
 - Definition of quorum
 - Does the public need to be invited/notified for walk-throughs?
 - If the meetings need to be public, how can individual Board/committee members negotiate with elected officials, civil servants or developers/contractors?
 - Are there occasional lines separating efficiency from public disclosure?

The next LRE committee meeting agenda will include the Board chair's prerogative of limiting the number of community committee members, the Freedom of Information Law and the Conflict of Interest Board advisory opinion to the Open Meetings Law.

- M. Heller reported that the next Traffic & Transportation Committee meeting is on Tuesday, November 18th at Manhattan College in the Fischbach room. There will be a speaker from the NYC transit authority to speak about bus service.
- Prior to the Executive committee meeting, S. Villaverde requested that specific items be added to the Executive Committee agenda. The items were emailed to everyone who received the executive committee agenda prior to the Executive committee meeting. It was noted that item #6 on the Executive Committee agenda covers any issues raised by Committee Members. Additionally, Chairman Padernacht noted that the board agenda is pursuant to the bylaws and that the agenda items requested by S. Villaverde were added to the board agenda. K. Pesce made a motion to table this discussion with the following vote:

Vote: 11 in favor Opposed: 0 Abstention: 5

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Abstentions: – B. Bender, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, L. Parker, S. Villaverde

- S. Villaverde asked to review the process for committee sign up by board members. He also asked that board procedures be listed on the website. Chair Padernacht stated that the procedure for signing up on committee's is the same that has been implemented in previous years. Each member signs up for at least two committees. If a Chair does not want the member on the committee then the committee states the same to the Board Chair. Chair Padernacht stated the first time he has known this to be done was this year in the case of Sergio Villaverde stating he did not want Margaret Donato on the Economic Development Committee.

- M. Wolpoff recommended that board minutes not be as voluminous as they are at present, that they be used for the purpose of summarizing presentations and that they reflect any actions taken.
- B. Fanuzzi reported that a letter was received from the MTA Metro North Railroad and they agreed with our June 2014 resolution on the Hudson River Greenway.
- P. Friedman announced that there is a site tour of the Hudson River Greenway on Sunday, November 9, 2014 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.
- The Community Board received another request of support to work on Sundays from the applicant of Riverdale Crossings. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to place this on the November 12th agenda and to have the applicant put out notices of that meeting.

Vote: 16 in favor Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

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Meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Dan Padernacht
Chairman