

Bronx Community Board No. 8

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 AT THE BOARD OFFICE 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE, SUITE 100

Attendance: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, C. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, A.J. Robateau, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata

Absent: M. Goodman, O. Murray

1. Minutes of last meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Chairperson's Report

-Committee Chairs need to appoint Vice Chairs; attendance is important and members with frequent absences need to be reported to the Chair and they may be contacted by the Borough President's office.

-Additional meeting venues are being investigated and updated lists will be sent to Committee Chairs. Those who charge for usage must be City vendors; those who are not will be informed by the District Manager of the process to become a City vendor.

-Ms. Ginty stated that finding a new, more central office space is a high priority. Suggested was the storage facility on Broadway which has vacancies and is located in a high traffic and visible area. She is developing a letter to city officials detailing CB8's need to be more accessible to all parts of the District and has contacted our local electeds.

-Memorial gathering for Andrew Sandler will be held 9/16/17, 3-6PM at An Beal Bocht. District Manager will send notice to Board members. Councilmember Cohen is sponsoring a street naming for Sandler; Council has its own rules for street naming, not requiring a two year wait as our process does. Dan Padernacht will draft a letter of support to Cohen's office by September 15th. Andrew Sandler street naming as proposed by Councilmember Cohen. Voted: 10 In favor, 2 Abstentions, and 3 opposed: In favor – B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, C. Moerdler, K. Pesce, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, M. Yamagata, Abstentions: D. Padernacht, S. Villaverde, Opposed: A.J. Robateau, S. Alexander, M. Wolpoff. Passed.

-Traffic and Transportation: Chair O'Brien resigned. Election for a new Chair will be held at September Board meeting. DM will send by-law material which identifies particulars of the process.

-District Manager has decided to retire. A Search Committee has been appointed: Diomarys Escano, Marty Wolpoff, Dan Padernacht. They have a goal of November for a recommendation and selection. Newspaper ads will have the same wording as used in prior search. Pesce will do administrative work for the committee. DM search: ads have been placed in Riverdale Press, Idealist, The Chief and on Community Bd. 8's website. Recommended the coverage include Riverdale Review. Pesce to follow up. All newspapers are City vendors.

-Suggested that interviews be conducted week of 10/9-10/13/17. Due to religious holidays interviews may take place the following week.

-DM search: Villaverde suggested exit interview.

3. Miscellaneous

-Thank you to those who helped staff the CB8 table at Marble Hill Family Fair: Daub, Ellis, Goodman, Zavras, Gellman.

-New members: there are seven. Chair and Vice Chair met with them re: by-laws, 197A Plan, SNAD and Ethic Guidance Manual. They will have a separate City oriented instructional program. They were welcomed at the Meet and Greet event over the summer with many board members attending.

- DHS is holding a panel discussion re: shelters on 9/28/17, Church of the Mediator, 6-8PM. Decision needs to be made re: CB8 panel participation and flyer sponsorship.

-DHS panel discussion at Church of Mediator: important to be represented and to determine who the homeless population is, why they are homeless, and what the city and community members can do to help. Consensus to participate. No panel representative identified. Open House at 5731 Broadway shelter 9/13, 11:30-12:30. Board members invited.

-Land Use meeting will be first Monday of the month going forward. Wolpoff may chair October meeting.

-Social Media: Ellis is chairing committee to develop social media accounts including Twitter and Facebook. There is a new City platform in which we encouraged to participate to increase our visibility. Committee members: Myra Joyce, Steve Froot, Rosalind Zavras and Dan Padernacht.

Excerpt from COIB, 2/23/17: Board Rules prohibit the use of City time and City resources for any non-City purpose. ...all private compensated activities and all political activities ALWAYS fall within the prohibition on use of City time or resources, that is, there is no "incidental use" exception for business or political activities. Opinion No. 2017-1, 2/23/17

4. Treasurer's Report: re: budget modifications, no questions.

5. Resolutions

-Addendum to T and T resolution: DOT may require the installation of sidewalk on north side of 254th at homeowner's expense. Passed.

-Environment and Sanitation: no changes to resolution. There are currently two water quality monitoring stations in the park.

-Land Use: no changes

-Public Safety: no changes

6. Budget Chair: Borough Consultations will be held 9/7, 9/14, 9/28 attended by Gellman, Ginty, Heller. Capital budget changes: #1. Allocated funds must be used for identified projects

#12 Make Library request the new #12 and move following ones down.

#16 Insert "Garden" request

#18 New wording

#25 Put Wi-Fi in all libraries

Expense Budget

#4 Amended to read: PEP personnel.....on Broadway in CB8

#18 Changed to #11; #11 now #18

#19 Changed to @12; #12 now #19

#22 now #17 and changed to read "deploy more street sweepers."

#23 now #16

Other items moved down to accommodate changes.

7. Committee Reports

Parks: A bus parking plan is being developed to move the parking of buses during sporting events to Jerome Avenue from Broadway. Also, events in park with more than 20 people

need a permit which doesn't always occur. It is hoped that this new bus parking plan will work.

Submitted by K. Pesce, Secretary