

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 1, 2016, AT
RIVERDALE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

Present: Alexander, Bender, Daub, Ellis, P. Friedman, Froot, Ginty, Goodman, Heller, O'Brien, Padernacht, Pesce, Villaverde, Wolpoff; Manning, District Manager

Absent: McCord, Moerdler, Parker

- Minutes of previous meeting were approved.
- Chairperson's report: three people were shot in Van Cortlandt Park 5/29/16 during a late evening picnic at 10:30pm. The park officially closes at 10pm and there were no permits for a DJ or a large group. Discussion: more Police presence is needed in the park. A meeting with the 50th Police Precinct, Parks Chairperson, Margot Perron, Administrator of Van Cortlandt Park, and the Bronx Parks Commissioner is needed.
- A change in City Council rules allows the police person to decide to stop and frisk; what had been certain demeanor is become violations.
- Budget Chair position is now vacant. Board members will be notified of the vacancy and interested candidates interviewed.
- Committee sign-up: scheduled for next full Board meeting. Froot asked if there was a mechanism to "even out" Committee membership. Chairs were encouraged to solicit members for their committee. Newly appointed Board people will be asked for Committee choice after orientation.
- Spanish translations of Aging Resource Guide and bookmarks are being done. The former is being done with Cabrera's funding and should take approx. 8 days.
- Riverfest volunteers were recruited.
- Board get together: 7/20/16, 7pm at Bronx Barbeque Pit, W. 233rd between Broadway and Bailey.
- Veterans Services resolution to approve establishment of a special Committee: there are 6 Board members plus Herb Barrett. The Committee will stand for one year with 3-4 meetings.
Unanimously approved by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
In Favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff
- District Manager's Report: the Postmaster will attend the District Cabinet meeting to discuss plans for post office on Broadway/228th. Chairpeople are encouraged to attend budget consultations for each Committee; they are held in Sept./Oct. Emergency management was discussed at the Borough Service Meeting. We are in the "green area" for hurricanes with 141 the sole evacuation center for CB8. Additional volunteers

are needed for CERT team which has training programs of 2x/wk for 5 wks. or a 10 wk. course, once weekly.

- Treasurer's Report: None
Greenway Committee: suggested that this special committee continue for an additional year.
Vote: 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
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Bender will report on Greenway Committee at full Board meeting. Heller will replace P. Friedman on committee. Bender is trying to recruit someone to write grants for the Greenway. Metro North will do its own study but no big expenditure is planned for this year. It was suggested that foundations be asked to fund grant writers initially and then plan for longer term funding.
- Health/Hospitals/Social Services: Affinity Health Plan is holding a "health and fun" fair at Van Cortlandt Park 6/25/16. Froot checked references and all had had a positive experience. It has been approved by Parks Dept. and a letter of support has been sent by Froot to 50th Pct. Community Affairs office. Support resolution to be presented at next Board meeting with a wording suggestion, be it resolved that "CB8 has no objection" or "appreciates"... Parks Commissioner approved the concept so it didn't go to Parks Committee. A bond requirement has been set and met. There aren't multiple branding events at VCP and many events are held at other parks with corporate sponsors.
- Public Safety: Kelly Ryans liquor license renewal has been reviewed. And supported. \$9 million has been allocated by Port Authority to widen bike/pedestrian path on George Washington bridge, extending it on water side and not impacting car routes.
- Traffic and Transportation: Sycamore Ave. will have 6-7 parking spots instead of 13. Per DOT measurements, the street is wide enough for 2-way traffic. Street improvements: concrete barrier at Kappock will be extended; safety zone near Target will be increased. Play streets: some are established informally by the school. Visitation School has requested one with approval needed by 6/1. Dep. Inspector O'Toole asked for expedited treatment. This is not a SAPO or Playstreet. Once approved, there is no need to renew. PS 81 and St. Margaret's School are being considered. Vote on the resolution due to concerns that play street requests go through regular committees, i.e.; traffic and transportation, education, youth. This type of resolution can be considered for approval at July Land Use meeting.
- Voting Guide was distributed by Law, Rules, and Ethics for review and discussion of scenarios. Abstention for cause can be challenged by anyone at Committee or by full Board.
- Residents for Neighborhood Support Teams: Councilman Cohen is one supporter. Members stated they were uncertain the program has merit.
- Civics Program: Ladimer has suggested working with LRE for presentations at senior centers about role of Community Boards, including voter registration efforts.

- Graffiti: Fedcap and discretionary funding from Councilman Cohen are possible sources for removal.

Submitted by K. Pesce, Secretary