

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD MARCH 2, 2016
AT THE RIVERDALE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Padernacht, Chair	Marvin Goodman
Rosemary Ginty, Vice Chair	Michael Heller
Karen Pesce, Secretary	Demetrius McCord
Phil Friedman, Treasurer	Joseph O'Brien
Sylvia Alexander	Lamont Parker
Bob Bender	Robert Press
Lisa Daub	Sergio Villaverde
Paul Ellis	Martin Wolpoff
Steven Froot	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Moerdler

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amy Joy Robateau

STAFF:

Patricia Manning, District Manager
Diane Bay, Community Associate

Vice Chair Ginty convened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

1. Approval of February Executive minutes:

Vote: 12 in favor Opposed: 0 Abstention: 1

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, P. Friedman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, J. O'Brien, K. Pesce, R. Press, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: D. McCord

2. District Manager's Report – P. Manning

- A new office Intern from Mosholu Montefiore Community Center started this week and she will work for a 14 week period.
- The social media intern presented her marketing plan which was very impressive.
- Reminder to committee chairs to start working on their budget priorities for 2018.
- Borough Service Cabinet meeting had a presentation on the boy scouts. They're looking for new members.

- Office of Emergency Management distributed a packet at the District Service Cabinet. They can be ordered if needed.
- There is a new process to add information to the website. The Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DOITT) is requesting that a form be filled out for every posting to the website. P. Manning will discuss this at a future meeting DOITT is having with the District Managers.
- The District Service Cabinet minutes are now posted on the website.

3. Chairman's Report – D. Padernacht

- The social media intern is working diligently to improve communication and outreach in the community. She is focusing on the board's facebook. P. Friedman informed the intern that there are guidelines to follow when using facebook and he asked the intern to examine them.
- Decisions must be made on how to spend money in the budget. The Chair would like more resource guides. This is good information for the community. K. Pesce asked that our email address, website and phone number be placed on all publications.
- D. McCord would like our data collection and management with Google Analytics so we can have an accurate view of our customers and how they interact with our technology. The Chair will ask our intern to gather this information.
- The ZQA and MIH is now within the City Council. The City Council has the power to approve, modify, or disapprove these proposals. Any changes made by the City Council must be within the boundaries of what has been studied in the Environmental Impact Statement. The City Council held two public hearings. Chair Padernacht, Vice Chair Ginty and board member L. Spalter gave their testimonies. There was much opposition to the ZQA since it would allow buildings with affordable or senior housing to be taller, eliminating parking requirements for affordable senior housing that is located near subway lines, changing rules which affect the shape of new and enlarged buildings, and the unit size.
- When the CPC redid the ZQA text they included a special permit requirement for Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs). To approve the special permit they need to find that such use is compatible with the character or the future use or future development of the surrounding area. The Chair and Vice Chair gave testimony on behalf of the board and stated that the special permit was very easy to overcome and that most community members and board members are opposed to multifamily building in a R1 and R2 district.
- D. Padernacht announced that the Public Safety meeting was moved to March 3rd since the board needs to respond to the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) regarding a cabaret license request by Ibiza Lounge Inc., d/b/a Barcelona Bites which is located at 220 West 242nd Street. The boards response to DCA is due next week.
- R. Ginty took on the task of recreating the missing Economic Development committee minutes. They were then sent to the committee members of 2014 and 2015 and asked them for any further information they may have that could be added to the minutes.

4. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- P. Friedman said the request for new office space will be revisited.

5. Committee Resolutions

Public Safety – J. O'Brien

The following Liquor License applications were approved by the Public Safety Committee on February 15, 2016 and will be presented at the March 8th board meeting.

- Whereas, the Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course appeared at the Bronx Community Board 8 Public Safety Committee on February 18, 2016, for a full liquor license renewal; and whereas no adverse information was presented; and whereas the committee unanimously approved the application; be it resolved that Community Board 8 approves the application.

Vote – in favor: 5 opposed: 0 abstentions: 0

In favor: Joseph O'Brien, Margaret Donato, Robert Press, Mary Yamagata, Robert Press, and Community Committee member Myra Joyce

- Whereas, the Caribbean Grill, 6393 Broadway, appeared at the Bronx Community Board 8 Public Safety Committee on January 21, 2016, for a beer and wine license; and whereas no adverse information was presented; and whereas the committee unanimously approved the application; be it resolved that Community Board 8 approves the application.

Vote – in favor: 5 opposed: 0 abstentions: 0

In favor: Joseph O'Brien, Margaret Donato, Robert Press, Mary Yamagata, and community committee member Myra Joyce.

Traffic & Transportation – M. Heller

The following resolutions on Street Activity Permit Applications were voted on at the Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting of February 16, 2016 and will be presented at the March 8, 2016 board meeting:

- Community Board 8 approves the SAPO application for a full street closure for an event entitled "Amalgamated Nursery School Spring Bazaar", May 22, 2016, on Gale Place, between Orloff Avenue and Van Cortlandt Park South. The event has taken place before. The street will be closed from 11 AM – 6 PM. A motion to approve the applications was approved 7 – 0 – 0 with members M. Heller, R. Press, S. Alexander, J. O'Brien, D. Fuchs, S. Sarao, and community committee member M. Joyce in favor.

6. Issues raised by Committee Members for Discussion

- M. Heller reported that the BX1 bus stop at West 231 Street, near the International Leadership Charter School on Irwin and Riverdale Avenue was moved around the corner when there was construction being done at this location. The MTA said it is expected to return the bus stop to its original location and the bus stop shelter will be re-erected. MTA is requesting a letter from the board to return the bus stop to its original location. The school is opposed and would like the bus stop to remain around the corner.

- The Chair noted that a request was made to change the muni meter signs on Mosholu Avenue from 1 hour to 2 hour parking. He asked M. Heller to put this on the Traffic & Transportation agenda.
- M. Heller reported that a bus bulb was requested at West 227 Street and Broadway. This will be on the next meeting agenda.
- P. Ellis reported that his committee is working on gathering information for a Housing resource guide and they find this process very enlightening.
- B. Bender reported that since December of 2015 the nomination for Parks Without Borders Initiative was discussed with his committee. M. Perron, the Administrator of Van Cortlandt Park thought that the park entrance at Broadway and West 242 Street would be a good choice and suggested widening this entrance, removing the chain link fence, and put in seating and plantings. The committee agreed. M. Perron mentioned that KRVC, the Friends of VCP, and Manhattan College also agree. The deadline to send in a nomination was February 29, 2016. If the Parks Department chooses this location B. Bender will hold public hearings to inform the public. He will see if he can get a list of the Parks that were nominated. Chair Padernacht would have preferred the community's input before this location was nominated.
- M. Wolpoff was in contact with COIB regarding the question of recusal and also about stepping out of a meeting to avoid voting. M. Wolpoff was informed they are bound entirely to Chapter 68 of the City Charter and if it does not mention it in there, to them it doesn't exist. He was told to contact the Borough Presidents office for clarification. He did this the night of the last board meeting but has not yet received a response. As of now, we can't 1) demand someone recuse, 2) stating for cause because someone is not at a meeting is not a valid excuse and 3) if you step outside a meeting to avoid a vote he believes that's inappropriate.
- M. Wolpoff thanked R. Ginty for putting together the legislative updates. Bob Bender noted a proposed resolution requesting MTA to allow riverfront access to Yonkers.
- S. Froot reported that Councilman Cohen, Assemblyman Dinowitz and CB8 is hosting a Wellness Fair on Saturday March 5 at Amalgamated Houses from 11-4PM.
- On February 18, 2016 there was a Department of Health outreach to set priorities in each community. Their goal is to improve everyone's health and to make greater strides with groups that have the worst health outcomes so that our city becomes a more equitable place for everyone. A Community Health Profiles 2015 booklet for Bronx Community Board 8 was distributed. Click here to see the booklet:
<http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/data/2015chp-bx8.pdf>
- The next Health, Hospitals and Social Services meeting is on Monday, March 21 at the Methodist Home, 7:30PM.
- S. Villaverde announced that the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority is presenting Learn How to do Business with the MTA - Tuesday, March 8, 2016 - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse. This announcement will be distributed to the community.
- P. Ellis is expecting to have a Housing forum on March 28, 2016. HPD, HFA, a developer and a consultant is invited to speak. The goal is to educate as to the process and tools for financing affordable housing. S. Froot suggested having refreshments and R. Ginty suggested filming the forum. Chair Padernacht agreed and also suggested buying microphones, a recording device and video tapes for future forums.

7. Follow up on Outstanding Issues

- B. Bender followed up on his request from the last executive meeting for board members to receive the list of master plans that are in the board office. Chair Padernacht will report on this at the Tuesday, March 8, 2016 board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Dan Padernacht
Chairman