

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD
OCTOBER 1, 2014
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 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
Steve Balicer (Vice Chair, Housing)	Karen Pesce
Bob Bender	Martin Wolpoff
Robert Fanuzzi	Nicole Stent, District Manager
Arlene G. Feldmeier	Diane Bay, Community Associate
Steven Froot	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Paul Ellis
Joyce Pilsner, Secretary
Sergio Villaverde

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Maria Khury
Robert Press
Julie Reyes

The meeting convened at 7:35PM.

1. Approval of September Executive minutes

Vote: 7 in favor Opposed: 0 Abstention: 1

In favor: S. Alexander, A. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman,
D. Padernacht, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: – B. Bender

2. Chairman's Report – D. Padernacht

- Chair Padernacht reported that the officers are continuing with their administrative responsibilities and they are also trying to improve the board's budget. Vendors have been contacted to re-negotiate contracts.
- The Chairman, Vice Chair and District Manager attended a meeting at Borough Hall hosted by the Borough President's office on dealing with Special Needs and Supportive Housing in our Community.

- Outreach to the community is a priority. Meeting locations will be expanded to all neighborhoods in the community. The Chairman stated that he would like the Board to reach the four corners of the Community Board and asked the Committee Chairs to employ this “Four Corners” approach in their committees. M. Wolpoff asked to consider parking when selecting these locations.

3. Treasurer’s Report – P. Friedman

- P. Friedman’s gave a PowerPoint presentation to depict how the board’s budget is categorized. Rentals represent a very large portion of our other than personnel services (OTPS) budget and this is the reason why they’re trying to scrutinize what is spent on office machines/supplies. For FY 2014-2015 there is almost \$1,100.00 allocated for supplies. P. Friedman would like feedback from board members on what the goals of the board are and how these monies can be re-allocated for better use for the board.
- The union staff received a salary adjustment this past pay period. P. Friedman learned from the Borough President’s office that the board budget has not been adjusted to reflect the union staff salary. This will be monitored.
- S. Froot raised the issue of the board office’s tight quarters for committee meetings. He asked that we consider finding an alternative location within the building. This was agreed on.
- S. Balicer requested that the Treasurer’s report be put on the website.

4. District Manager’s Report – N. Stent

- Old electronic equipment in the office will be disposed of.
- There is an updated link for the “Join our Mailing List” option on the website.
- Handbooks for the Community Committee Members have been distributed with only 2 more committees to meet and distribute. Copies are available in the office.
- All committee participants will be added to our mailing list.
- There is a new process in place for committee mailings. All agendas will be due 2 or more weeks in advance. Chairs will receive advance notice when agenda is due. E-Mailings will only occur twice a week on Mondays & Wednesdays with Fridays designated as mail days. Committee agendas are being sent to the media, elected officials, committee members, and a 70 plus list of emails.
- N. Stent attended 3 borough consultations on September 11th, 19th and 30th. Chairman Padernacht and several chairs attended as well. We were updated on funding availability, process, procedures and new plans and initiatives by the new administration. The notes and handouts will be forwarded to the respective chairs once they are received from OMB.
- The Borough President called a meeting with Chairs and District Managers of the Bronx community boards to discuss NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS). He is greatly concerned about placement of the homeless in the Bronx and he feels very strongly that the homeless be treated with respect and dignity, but the lack of notification to the communities was of great concern. DHS is under an emergency declaration and must find 1,200 units to house the homeless as of August 2014. The Borough President urged each community board to try to find possible sites within their community. He also recommended developing a community advisory board with the providers who are providing homeless services, and with the community. There are no homeless shelters within Community Board 8. D. Padernacht reported on the need to talk and meet with HRA in order to keep families in their homes since it would be more cost effective than building new centers and placing families in centers. D. Padernacht also reported that

each board was advised to issue resolutions on the 421-a tax abatement program and to send to City Council and to the state elected to include community board and community input in a timely fashion. N. Stent stated that the handouts and memo are available and can be emailed.

- District Manager attended the Borough President's Borough Service meeting. The discussion was fire education and safety by the FDNY. They are available for committee meetings and community events. Also discussed was the NY Works Program at BOEDC. The Governor's program Bronx to Work Initiative (Bronx Strike Task Force) focuses on high unemployment areas, a state program helping the community prepare for employment. The State Department of Labor is looking for sites where they will place representatives in community locations for 2 to 3 days, 9am-5pm and be open for the community to walk in. N. Stent provided them with sites in the community and they were at the Riverdale Library for several days this month. More sites and plans will be coming up in October.
- We sent our Internship Opportunity for a Community Action Plan through Social Media and from the Aging Committee to do a Senior Resource Guide to Mt. St. Vincent, Manhattan College and Fordham University.
- A list of new board and committee meeting sites was distributed. There is a required advance notice when booking some of these sites. Please review.

5. Committee Resolutions

A. Land Use – C. Moerdler

- A resolution was presented to not approve nor provide permission for BE Bronx Builders, LLC, a modification of the After Hours Variance to start at 7:00 AM on the construction sites located at 5959 Broadway and 6155 Broadway. This will be voted on at the October 14th community board meeting.

B. Capital & Expense Budget Requests – D. Padernacht

- The FY 2016 Capital and Expense Budget reports were distributed. Adjustments were made and distribution will occur before the Board meeting.

6. Issues raised by Committee members for Discussion

- S. Alexander would like the board office to double check with the Riverdale Press to confirm committee meeting time and location before it goes to print.
- M. Wolpoff reported that at the Law, Rules and Ethics committee meeting the topic of how long of notice needs to be given before a meeting under the Open meetings Law (OML) was raised. There will also be a follow up discussion and recommendations at next month's meeting. Chair Wolpoff believes there needs to be some changes in the bylaws and he will make a list of what some of those changes might be.
- The previous Chair of LRE, R. Ginty, collated a number of issues being addressed before the City Council. M. Wolpoff asked that each Chairperson review them because the City Council is looking at specific issues that impact the community. The City Council is also trying to create an order where the Borough President's will be mandated as to how to make appointments to the community boards. This item is tabled at the present time.
- M. Wolpoff reported that the State Legislature passed the recommendation to the City to appoint up to two 16 year old members to the community board. He referred this to both

the Education and the Youth Committee to look into whether or not this is something we should take a position on or not.

- C. Moerdler suggested a representative from Equity One come to the next Land Use meeting.
- A. Feldmeier pointed out that on the Public Safety agenda there are 2 businesses applying for a new liquor license. One is Asian Tokyo, which is at the previous location of The Lounge.
- M. Heller reported that the next Traffic & Transportation will deal strictly with street resurfacing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Dan Padernacht
Chairman