

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD OCTOBER 7, 2015
AT FT. INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY CENTER**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Padernacht, Chair	Marvin Goodman
Rosemary Ginty, Vice Chair	Michael Heller
Karen Pesce, Secretary	Demetrius McCord
Philip Friedman, Treasurer	Joseph O'Brien (Vice Chair, Public Safety Committee)
Sylvia Alexander	Lamont Parker
Bob Bender	Robert Press
Lisa Daub	Martin Wolpoff
Paul Ellis	
Arlene G. Feldmeier	
Steven Froot	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Moerdler
Sergio Villaverde

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amy Joy Robateau

STAFF:

Patricia Manning, District Manager
Diane Bay, Community Associate

Chairman Padernacht convened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

1. Chairman's Report – D. Padernacht

1. Approval of the September Executive Committee Minutes

Vote: 14 in favor Opposed: 0 Abstention: 1

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. McCord, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, R. Press, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: P. Ellis

- Dana Lennon resigned from the board on September 23, 2015. Beverly Fettman resigned from the board on October 1, 2015.
- A District Service cabinet meeting was held this month and the District Manager was instrumental in getting three agencies to clean-up the 238th step street; Department of Sanitation, Department of Transportation and the Department of Parks & Recreation.
- A Land Use meeting will be held before the board meeting on October 13, 2015 at 6PM. There will be three Land Use meetings on the following Zoning Text Amendments: Mandatory Inclusionary Housing on October 14, 2015, Zoning for Quality and Affordability on October

28, 2015 and a Public Hearing on November 9, 2015 for the community's input on the above. The meetings have been arranged in anticipation that the board will vote on the text amendments at the November 10, 2015 board meeting. The boards 60 day period to comment on these proposals expires on November 30, 2015. The Chair stated that the documents were received on September 28, 2015 which contains approximately 1,000 pages for board members to review. R. Ginty noted that the Land Use Chair asked City Planning for a presentation on the MIH proposal in August 2015 in order for members to learn the basic concept of the proposal but City Planning denied the request.

- The Borough President will hold a Public Hearing on the Zoning Text Amendments, November 12, 2015. On November 19th the Borough President will vote on this at the Borough Board meeting. This goes to the Borough Board because it is a citywide text amendment. City Council gives the ultimate determination as to whether these amendments will pass.
- Committee Vice Chairs should be submitted to the board office.
- It was suggested that Committee Chairs contact committee members who do not attend meetings. Absence of a member/s at committee meetings affects their ability to achieve a quorum. The Board Chair can be contacted by a committee chair if they have such concerns.
- A. Feldmeier is stepping down as Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Vice Chair, Joseph O'Brien was named as temporary Chair for one month. A special election for the Public Safety Chair will be held at the November board meeting. All board members will be informed by email of this available position.

2. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- A preliminary Treasurer's report was distributed.
- \$50,000 from this year's OTPS budget needs to be programmed into the budget. The board needs to engage in conversation on how they want this money to be spent so it can be entered into the city system. Chair Padernacht suggested that the Committee Chairs discuss this with their members.
- The District Manager issued a letter thanking Councilman Rodriguez for the \$1,000.00 he gave the board from his discretionary funds.

3. District Manager's Report – P. Manning

DSC report from October 6, 2015 meeting

- The Department of Sanitation, Department of Parks & Recreation/Forestry and Department of Transportation will collaborate a clean-up of the West 238th Step Street.
- Police reported re-arrest of 1 robber for Verizon, Riverdale Pharmacy and Subway. Gun was not real, 2nd robber – robbed European Wax spa on Johnson Avenue and is not yet apprehended; 3rd robber area of Mosholu not apprehended yet.
- There was a bank robbery October 8, 2015 at Citibank located at 5671 Riverdale Avenue.

Borough Service October 7, 2015

- Economic Development Corporation gave a presentation on the Sales Tax Exemption and Hire NYC Programs: Broadway Plaza is one of the benefactors. They hired 188 Bronx residents which represent 80% of total hired. The program offers incentives for hiring from the low income sectors. Supposedly NYCHA residents rank high with hiring's. Since inception of program, there have been 1,700 permanent placements to date.
- NYSERDA presented on solar energy for homes and businesses. Approximate cost to owners is \$8,000, and expected payback takes between 3 to 4 years. They are seeking

individuals from community boards and elsewhere interested in receiving training to further promote the program.

- P. Manning, B. Press, L. Daub, M. Heller and P. Ellis attended the Borough Budget Consultations. Budget Chair, B. Press will give a report.

4. Capital & Expense Budget Requests – R. Press

- The FY 2017 Capital and Expense Budget reports were distributed. Adjustments were made and distribution will occur before the Board meeting.

1. Committee Resolutions

A resolution on the following two items will be presented at the October 13, 2015 board meeting.

a) Health, Hospitals and Social Services – S. Froot

The HHSS Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 unanimously approved the proposal by Sinergia to establish a group home IRA for three (3) adults with intellectual disability located at 3016 Corlear Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463.

b) Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

Bronx Community Board 8 formally thanks our local elected officials and non-profit organizations for their steadfast opposition to the LG headquarters as originally configured, which helped to bring about this negotiated resolution to the matter, preserving the natural beauty of the Palisades for future generations.

2. Issues raised by Committee Members for Discussion

- M. Wolpoff points of interest
 - ❖ It is important to be very careful when using your Community Board title in any way which is not appropriate. You can be fined/charged.
 - ❖ The public should be notified concerning changes in committee procedures. Reference was made about the public safety committee's conditional approval of a new liquor license request. Applicants should be made aware of the Public Safety rules of a 2am closure in the first year of their operation.
 - ❖ M. Wolpoff is researching information on whether you need to have a reason why you abstain from a vote rather than just abstain.
 - ❖ All Chairpersons are responsible to submit minutes of their meetings. There is a committee chair who did not submit minutes for several months but once they were submitted they stated no minutes, no quorum. The problem was the board received a resolution from this Committee Chair, it was voted on by the board but now the committee minutes do not reflect this. Chair Padernacht will contact the Committee Chair and state that this was discussed at the Executive Committee meeting and let the Chair know that the OML require minutes be submitted. The Chairs responsibility is to generate minutes. This is a law and not an option. This is how we inform the public of what we are doing.
- A complaint was received about an establishment called Barcelona Bites which was previously the Ibiza Lounge. Ibiza SLA application was approved in December of 2014. The community board never received an application for Barcelona Bites. The board office received a noise complaint from a resident about this establishment.

- A number of complaints were received in the board office about the removal of a crossing guard at RKA. A. Feldmeier urged that going forward the committee should reconsider generating a letter to the City about implementing Vision Zero to improve children's safety and traffic flow around schools.
- M. Heller - DOT has stated that speed hump installations are good safety measures. P. Friedman reported public safety is an issue here. The Bronx has the slowest response time for ambulances, 3 minutes later than other boroughs. He also suggested that we get NYPD and FDNY's input on this.
- M. Heller asked the District Manager to send the most recent resurfacing list to the Executive Committee so they can incorporate their resurfacing requests.
- P. Ellis has a series of meetings out of town next week. He will have a similar conflict in early November. A Housing Court forum will be held on October 26th at Manhattan College. October 8th is a Housing meeting on the Mitchell Lama Houses.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Dan Padernacht
Chairman