

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2015  
AT ST. STEPHEN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Daniel Padernacht, Chair	Marvin Goodman
Rosemary Ginty, Vice Chair	Michael Heller
Karen Pesce, Secretary	Demetrius McCord
Philip Friedman, Treasurer	Robert Press
Sylvia Alexander	Julie Reyes (rep. Housing Committee)
Bob Bender	Sergio Villaverde
Lisa Daub	Martin Wolpoff
Arlene G. Feldmeier	
Steven Froot	

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Paul Ellis  
Charles Moerdler  
Lamont Parker

**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

- Chair Padernacht thanked St. Stephen's Church for hosting the Executive meeting.
- The Chairman and Officers met with all but two of the Committee Chair's over the summer. Chairs were reminded of the importance of their committee member's attendance and to relay this to their members. If members miss at least 3 meetings the Chair of the Board will intercede.
- The Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) has been contacted seeking a new office location. The plan is to have an office in the middle of the district. The process could be long and the District Manager will continue to follow up on this.
- The Chair thanked Demetrius McCord for suggesting a meet and greet over the summer with all board members and will try to make this an annual event.
- Officers and Staff had an administrative meeting and another is scheduled for next month.
- Terence O'Toole is the new Commanding Officer of the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct.
- A Press Conference was held today with Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. He announced a new report outlining proposed improvements to the Kingsbridge/Broadway business corridor.

## 2. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- P. Friedman's will prepare the Treasurer's report for distribution before the next board meeting.
- As of July 2015 we have a new budget. Current year adopted budget is 229, 895.00. Last year it was 206, 895.00 leaving us an additional \$23,001.00 more. Staffing obligations last year were 197,343.00 and this year, including tomorrow's union raise, it is 169, 456.73 leaving us an additional 27, 886.00 in the personal services budget. Discretionary monies from Councilman Cabrera are \$5,000.00 which gives us a total budget of 234, 895.00. We now have a little over 60,000.00 in the operating budget compared to a 15,552.00 operating budget last year. The Treasurer said this is extraordinary and he is grateful to this new administration and staff for bringing the budget to a place where we now have monies that can be allocated for community projects and other functions of the board. Checkbooknyc.com is a tool to see the boards day to day spending.

## 3. District Manager's Report – P. Manning

- The board office hired a new Community Associate, Lydia Hernandez. She started working on August 24<sup>th</sup> when Diane was on vacation and she filled in skillfully. The District Manager said she is a "dynamo", has a degree in computer science and is a true team player. The District Manager and Diane are extremely happy to have Ms. Hernandez as a colleague.
- The District Manager held a District Service Cabinet meeting in July and September. Because of the explosion at JFK High School agencies were asked to give a report. William Defoe, the Borough Commissioner of the Department of Buildings reported that the contractors filed their plans for reconstruction yesterday. FDNY reported that they responded in 3 minutes. The Director of Education and Youth from the Borough President's office reported there are 7 charter schools that make up the campus and the principals are back. Damaged rooms are sealed off. The School Construction Authority reported the building is safe structurally and environmentally. The bids for repairs should have gone out yesterday and the construction may take until the beginning of next year. The science labs were destroyed in the explosion therefore science carts will be set up in other classrooms. They will open on the 9<sup>th</sup> as scheduled. The Department of Education will hold a Town Hall meeting September 3<sup>rd</sup> at In-Tech Academy, 2975 Tibbett Avenue, at 6:30 PM to discuss the status of JFK school campus.
- The District Manager and Budget Chair R. Press went for training for the new online format for submitting the District Needs Statement. R. Press submitted this statement.
- The District Manager attended Borough Service and Borough Board meetings over the summer. The following reports were given:
  - 1) The Woman's City Club of NY presented on a Citywide Guide to Services and Resources, Bronx Edition. The Bronx edition sent to the board office for review have errors that need to be corrected. Once corrected it will be a good resource.
  - 2) The SLA gave a presentation on their regulations and policies and offered to attend any meetings upon request.
- The office received two backpacks this year for Operation Backpack 2015.
- Office update: there is a new copier that scans and prints, a new server and a new computer is soon to be ordered.
- The office is in compliance with local law 29 to have voter registration forms in the office.
- The FOIL process remains the same as the one implemented by Chair Padernacht.
- The District Manager will research the cost of the Lot Info program, a useful tool the office used in the past to help research addresses of residents needed to be invited to Public Hearings, Land Use meetings, etc.

## 1. Committee Resolutions

### A. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

- The following resolution will be presented at the September 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting:

WHEREAS: Aoyu Sushi, 3532A Johnson Avenue, Bronx, New York appeared at the August 20, 2015 meeting of Bronx Community Board 8's Public Safety Committee in support of renewal of their beer/wine license, and Police at the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct report no problems with this establishment AND

WHEREAS the committee voted unanimously to renew this license, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Bronx Community Board 8 recommends renewal of this license.

WHEREAS: City North Grill, 5693 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, New York appeared at the August 20, 2015 meeting of Bronx Community Board 8's Public Safety Committee in support of a new beer/wine license, and Police at the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct report no issues with the applicants AND

WHEREAS the committee voted unanimously to approve this license, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Bronx Community Board 8 recommends approval of this license.

WHEREAS: Grange Tavern, 5588 Broadway, Bronx, New York (the former Keenan's Bar) appeared at the August 20, 2015 meeting of Bronx Community Board 8's Public Safety Committee in support of a new full liquor license, and Police at the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct report no issues with the applicants AND

WHEREAS the committee voted unanimously to approve this license, with the condition of a 2:00 a.m. closing time for the first year with option to petition the committee for 4:00 a.m. closing one year later, to which the applicant agreed, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Bronx Community Board 8 recommends approval of this license.

## 2. Issues raised by Committee Members for Discussion

- A. Feldmeier would like to initiate a plan to send to Vision Zero with a goal to improve children's safety and traffic flow around schools. Chair Feldmeier will discuss this further with the Chairs of the Traffic & Transportation and Education Committee.
- There was a discussion on the Public Safety committee's policy that requires first time liquor license applicants to close their establishments at 2AM for their first year of operation. This policy will remain in effect.
- Steve Froot questioned the process of repaving private streets. Mike Heller confirmed that private streets are not repaved but will further discuss this with the Traffic & Transportation Committee.
- M. Heller reported that DOT selects streets for resurfacing on a rating system. M. Heller plans to have a representative from the DOT street ratings unit to give a presentation.
- M. Heller reported that DOT works with contractors and will postpone resurfacing a street until the contractors work is complete. In the case of Con Edison, if a street is repaved and a building wants to convert their building to gas, this work is done, and Con Ed only has to repair the trench and is not required to repave the street from curb to curb.
- K. Pesce will contact Committee Chair's with outstanding minutes from the last fiscal year.

- The Housing Committee meeting is September 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be two Housing meetings in October. The first meeting will discuss Housing Court and the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will discuss Mitchell Lama housing. The November meeting will be on financing affordable housing.
- S. Froot reported his committee will hold a Public Hearing on September 19<sup>th</sup> on the intent of Sinergia Inc., under the auspices of the NYS Office of People with Developmental Disabilities establish a Supervised Individualized Residential Alternative for developmentally disabled persons at 3016 Corlear Avenue. S. Froot asked if our budget permits using venues that charge for its use. Chair Padernacht confirmed that it does.
- When the office receives the resolution from City Planning on the Zoning and Quality Affordability it will be distributed to the board.
- There is no Land Use meeting in September.
- The Council of School Supervisors and Administrators (CSA) issued a story of the renaming of PS7 to the Milton Fein School.
- Reverend Dixon thanked the community board for playing an important role in helping the Barber Shop in Marble Hill stay in operation.
- M. Heller reported that if DOT receives a request for a speed hump the site will be investigated for speeding, curb cuts, truck route, etc. and unless there's a reason not to do a speed hump they will be installed. M. Heller asked DOT to send all incoming requests to the board so the T&T committee can give their opinion on them.
- L. Daub announced the Aging Committee has a draft of a Senior guide that her committee will review.
- A. Feldmeier reported that the Bridge Tavern is closed.
- M. Wolpoff thanked R. Ginty for distributing the legislative update.
- Chair Padernacht asked the Chair's if they would agree to rescinding the committee minute 48 hour review. After discussion it was decided to leave it to the discretion of the Committee Chair's.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,  
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Dan Padernacht  
Chairman