

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD
SEPTEMBER 3, 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	Karen Pesce
Sylvia Alexander	Laura Spalter (Vice Chair, Parks & Recreation)
Brendan Contant	Sergio Villaverde
Paul Ellis	Martin Wolpoff
Robert Fanuzzi	Nicole Stent, District Manager
Arlene G. Feldmeier	Diane Bay, Community Associate
Steven Froot	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bob Bender
Charles G. Moerdler
Lamont Parker
Joyce Pilsner, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Press

The meeting convened at 7:30PM.

1. Approval of June Executive minutes

- Prior to voting on the June 2nd, 2014 Executive minutes, R. Ginty requested clarification on parking regulations in the board office parking lot for meetings. N. Stent specified that the board is allowed to park twice a week in the board office parking lot.
- The Executive minutes of June 2nd, 2014 were approved by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions.

In favor: S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Heller, M. Goodman, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, L. Spalter, S. Villaverde

Abstentions: – P. Ellis, M. Wolpoff

2. Chairman's Report – D. Padernacht

- Chair Padernacht appointed P. Friedman as a second payment approver under the Financial Information Services Agency (FISA). See Treasurer's report for clarification.

- The Chairman designated P. Friedman and Vice Chair, R. Ginty as additional signers for the District Manager's weekly timesheets that are forwarded to the Borough President's Office. Internal timesheets have been created and are available in the office for review by board members or members of the public.
- Chair Padernacht attended his first Borough Board meeting with the District Manager on July 24. Following the borough board meeting there was an internal office meeting with the staff to apprise them of the meeting.
- On July 25th, D. Padernacht, P. Friedman and N. Stent met to discuss what the Treasurer and Chairman's role should be with regards to codes and payment approval. The Chair and Treasurer attended a training session at the Financial Information Management Systems (FISA).
- Manhattan College, The College of Mt. St. Vincent, Fordham University and Lehman College have been contacted to pursue an intern from their institution. Our objective is to ensure the intern assists the office in reaching out to the community through social media/technology. The district consists of 108,000 people and the office currently has two email lists that only reach approximately 860 people.
- Local Law 29 deals with voter registration and the community board's requirements for community outreach. A report completed by Patricia Manning will be circulated to the board and additional information and recommendations will be discussed with the District Manager.
- Chairman Padernacht raised the importance of submitting minutes before each community board meeting.
- The Chairman appointed the community committee members for the upcoming fiscal year.

3. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- P. Friedman's and D. Padernacht received codes to operate the NYC Financial Management System (FMS). They went to FISA to gain knowledge of this system which was and still is an enormous challenge. B. Becker from the Borough President's office assists them with her knowledge and information of the system. In obtaining the codes to FMS it is also a requirement to become a security officer. Chair Padernacht requested P. Friedman become the security officer for this fiscal year and he accepted. This enables him to approve and move money for payment. R. Ginty noted that she witnessed and acknowledged the extraordinary amount of work the Chairman and Treasurer have provided.
- P. Friedman learned that the board's budget is included when remitting the rent. The Treasurer's report will be changed to reflect this information.
- P. Friedman is still learning the process of whether we can roll over monies left over from one fiscal year to another.
- P. Friedman learned that for all Community Board's, once a lease is negotiated between the NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), we must move the monies in FMS to cover that rent.
- We are past the two year span since signing the lease; therefore, the lease can be broken with a 30 to 60 day notice to DCAS. P. Friedman suggested opening this up for discussion. The board can collectively decide if another space for the board office may be more appropriate.
- P. Friedman reported in detail about paying our real estate tax obligation.
- P. Friedman and Chairman Padernacht are in the process of reviewing all contracts; copier machine, Neopost machine, etc. Our budget is under \$10,000. Their purpose for

reviewing these contracts is to be fiscally responsible by saving money wherever possible and having technology that better serves the needs of the office. The Chair will attempt to re-negotiate certain contracts and if unable to do so will have further discussion with the board.

- Checkbooknyc.com is an online transparency tool to see not only the boards but the City's day to day spending. P. Friedman recommended visiting this site.

4. District Manager's Report – N. Stent

- On July 31st 6 backpacks filled with supplies were dropped off at Duane Reade for Operation Backpack 2014. These backpacks were provided to the board from board members and the community.
- The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Community District Needs Statement was completed and submitted to city planning and OMB. This was worked on in conjunction with the chair of the Budget Committee Brendan Contant. It has been posted on the web.
- On September 11, 19 & 30th, the Charter mandated FY 2016 Borough Consultations will take place. Borough consultations provide an opportunity to meet with city agency officials about service and budget needs, funding for programs and projects, to outline area problems and discuss possible solutions. All 12 Bronx district managers meet as a group with charter mandated city agencies. The agencies scheduled for the 11th are: DOB, HPD, EDC/SBS and Parks. On the 19th the agencies will be: DFTA, ACS, DHS, DEP and DOT. On the 30th the agencies will be: DSNY, HRA, FDNY and NYPD. Committee chairs are invited to attend these meetings. Information has been sent to committee chairs.
- The board has registered with Manhattan College, Mt. St. Vincent College and Fordham University for interns to work for the Board on two issues: one is a Community Action Networking Plan using Social Media and working with the Aging committee on a Senior Resource Guide. Lehmann College has also been contacted to work with as well.

1. Committee Resolutions

A. Health, Hospitals & Social Services – S. Froot

- A resolution from the Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee meeting of June 30th, 2014 for an Individual Residential Alternative (IRA) at 251 West 261st Street was reviewed and will be presented at the next board meeting.

B. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

- Two resolutions from the Public Safety Committee meeting will be presented at the September 10th board meeting. The June 19th resolution is for a renewal of the NYS liquor license application for the Gaelic Athletic Association of Greater New York, 201 West 240th Street and the August 19th resolution is for new applications at Q. Kachapa Restaurant, 5625-6 Broadway, Tilila Bar and Grill, 3648 Bailey Avenue and Estellita Proplanita, 240-242 West 231st Street.
- A resolution opposing the proposed five new entrances into Van Cortlandt Park was presented. After discussion it was decided to table the resolution since the Parks & Recreation Committee will also be discussing this at their committee meeting.
- A resolution supporting enactment of a NYC online gun offender registry was presented. After the resolution was edited, Chairman Padernacht agreed to present this resolution

to the Borough Board meeting and ask all community boards to take part in creating such a resolution.

C. Resolution for A Special Committee – D. Padernacht

The following resolution by Chairman Padernacht will be presented at the next Board meeting:

WHEREAS, residents of Bronx Community Board 8 support a Hudson River Greenway extending from Spuyten Duyvil to Yonkers, providing runners, walkers, people with disabilities, cyclists and others an enjoyable riverfront experience with a superb view of the Palisades, as well as access to the Greenway to the north and the Greenway to the south, so that a continuous Greenway runs from Manhattan to Westchester;

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 has resolved that consideration of an all-river Greenway route should continue under the auspices of Bronx Community Board 8 in cooperation with local residents, community groups, elected officials, government agencies, the affected rail companies and any other stakeholders;

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 desires to continue the consideration of an all-river Greenway route in an efficient, transparent and inclusive manner;

BE IT RESOLVED that a Special Committee be created to hold public meetings and report to the Community Board its findings and recommendations leading to implementation of a resolution, if any, on the creation of an all river Greenway route;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Committee be comprised of three members who shall be Robert Bender, Philip Friedman and Laura Spalter;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Committee shall select a Chairperson by majority vote of its three members;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Committee be discontinued immediately following the next Annual Board elections unless it is specifically continued either by resolution of the Board or by public declaration of the newly elected chairperson, which declaration shall be recorded in the minutes.

- D. Padernacht created this Special Committee because the Greenway discussions at committee meetings took away time from other topics. The Chairman noted that a three member committee can work more efficiently and focus specifically on the Greenway. He felt that if the committee was larger, the meetings become more controversial and less efficient. The Chairman is looking to see these three dedicated individuals work together and come to a consensus as a result of their work.
- R. Ginty added that the Special Committee would be subject to the Open Meetings Law which means the meeting has to be advertised and a quorum is required. If a board member joined this committee they would still have to commit to the two committees they joined in June.
- P. Friedman noted that all board members and the public will be invited to come to the meetings to discuss this one particular topic and as a result feels it is the best process to reach the most effective decisions.

Vote: 13 in favor Opposed: 1 Abstention: 1

Vote in favor: S. Alexander, B. Contant, P. Ellis, A. G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, L. Spalter, M. Wolpoff

Opposed: S. Villaverde

Abstention: R. Fanuzzi

D. Resolution for Street Name Change for addition of Debbie Bowden Way

- A proposal for Street Name Change for Addition of Debbie Bowden Way on Independence Avenue between West 235th Street and West 236th Street will be voted on at the September 10th, 2014 board meeting. Our community board guidelines require that once added to the agenda, upon written notice, to the members the proposal will be submitted to a vote at two successive Board meetings (unless it is defeated at the first vote of the Board). Two successive affirmative results are necessary (one at each of two monthly meetings) to approve the name change. This was previously voted on, unanimously in favor of, at the June 10th, 2014 board meeting. The District Manager informed the officers during the summer session that this resolution was not on the June, 2014 board agenda. Chairman Padernacht stated that it was on the T&T agenda in May, 2014 which served as a written notice under the guidelines. Robert Fanuzzi stated that he believed the listing on the board agenda was previous practice but he did not believe it to be requirements under the guidelines.

2. Issues raised by Committee Members for Discussion

- M. Heller received a list of approximately 80 private streets that cannot be paved by the City. The Traffic & Transportation committee will discuss this at one of their meetings.
- R. Fanuzzi questioned why some of the community committee members were not appointed this year if they met all the requirements to join a committee. Chairman Padernacht does not want the vote of community committee members to dilute the vote of board members. R. Fanuzzi noted that he does regret the change in policy. Chairman Padernacht stated that while he did not agree with a large number of appointments on a committee he did not object because it was at the discretion of the previous Chair.
- P. Ellis spoke about his inability to hold an informal meeting of his committee under the Open Meetings Law. Although M. Wolpoff, Chair of Law, Rules and Ethics committee agreed with his disappointment, board members are required to abide by the Open Meetings Law. The Law, Rules and Ethics Committee will further discuss this law at their committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Dan Padernacht
Chairman