

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD APRIL 1, 2015  
AT MANHATTAN COLLEGE, STUDENT COMMONS, 3900 WALDO AVENUE,  
MEETING ROOM 3B**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Daniel Padernacht, Chair	Michael Heller
Rosemary Ginty, Vice Chair	Demetrius McCord, Vice Chair Youth Committee
Sylvia Alexander	Karen Pesce
Bob Bender	Robert Press, Vice Chair Public Safety Committee
Paul Ellis	Martin Wolpoff
Robert Fanuzzi	

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Arlene G. Feldmeier  
Philip Friedman, Treasurer  
Steven Froot  
Marvin Goodman  
Charles Moerdler  
Lamont Parker  
Joyce Pilsner  
Sergio Villaverde

**GUESTS:**

Morgan Jones – PlaNYC

**STAFF:**

Diane Bay, Community Associate

Chairman Padernacht convened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

1. Approval of March Executive Committee Minutes

**Vote:** 9 in favor      Opposed: 0      Abstentions: 2

**In favor:** S. Alexander, B. Bender, R. Fanuzzi, R. Ginty, M. Heller, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, M. Wolpoff

**Abstentions:** – P. Ellis, D. McCord

**Opposed - 0**

2. PlaNYC 2015 Presentation – Morgan Jones, Mayor’s Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability

PlaNYC 2015 is a blueprint for New York City’s future. The Mayor’s Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability (OLTPS) oversee the development of PlaNYC. A survey completed by agencies, organizations, and New Yorkers is reviewed by OLTPS and helps make this plan a reality. The plan addresses New York City’s challenges; some of them being education, housing, changing climate conditions, the economy, aging infrastructure,

public safety, transportation and the environment. The plan comes out every four years and was originally released in 2007. It is estimated there will be another 1 million New Yorker's by the year 2030.

Some of the programs that are a direct result from the previous PlaNYC programs is a millions trees NYC, bike lanes and reducing emissions by using lower number oils or natural gas in buildings. The Mayor's office would like all New Yorker's to participate and make their voices be heard. Share ideas in helping the City move forward by filling out the survey at <http://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/planyc-survey.page>.

Chair Padernacht suggested that the Office of Sustainability present PlaNYC at a much earlier time so they can engage the community to partake in the survey. He also suggested that each Chair bring this to their committee and spread the word about the survey.

Mr. Morgan was invited back to give an updated report on the PlaNYC 2011 report.

### 3. Chairman's Report – D. Padernacht

- Chairman Padernacht reported that on April 9<sup>th</sup> the NY Yankees will be hosting the recipients of the New York Yankee Youth Leadership Awards. Their families will receive 5 tickets each. The office also received tickets that will be dispersed to 17 organizations in the district. Each organization will receive 10 tickets.
- The discretionary funding requests that were sent by the office through the online system seeking funding from each Council member were not received by the City Council members. A letter was sent to each Council member with a copy of the application informing them of this occurrence.
- The Chair, Vice Chair and Health, Hospitals and Social Services Chair Steve Froot met with an individual whose organization is purchasing The Kingsbridge Heights Rehab Nursing Care facility at 3400 Cannon Place. The interior of the facility will be rehabilitated and this will take approximately 2 to 3 years. When the renovation begins on a floor the patient's will be moved to a different floor. The construction begins in about 8 months. The Chair asked the new Director to reach out to the community as soon as they have their plans in place. This was a 400 bed facility and will be reduced to a 385 bed facility. It is a for-profit agency. They also own Hudson Point Rehab facility on Henry Hudson Parkway and 232<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- The Nominating Committee vote is at the April board meeting. The nominating committee section pursuant to the bylaws will be read at the board meeting.
- The board meeting is at St. Patrick's Nursing Home. They will provide 16 parking spots.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

- No report.

## 5. Board Office Report – D. Bay

- D. Bay asked the Committee Chair's to submit their items for the May newsletter as early as possible. The May newsletter will be sent out on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. Committee Resolutions

## A. Public Safety – R. Press

The following **new applications** were approved by the Public Safety Committee at their March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- (Louie's) Dale Diner, 189 West 231<sup>st</sup> Street
- Acapella Gourmet Pizza & Restaurant Corp., 124 West 238<sup>th</sup> Street

**Vote:**

In favor – 6, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0

R. Press, M. Donato, S. Alexander, J. O'Brien, H. Young and community committee member M. Joyce.

## B. Education – S. Alexander

The Education Committee approved the following street activity permit at their March 24<sup>th</sup> committee meeting:

Lag B'Omer Picnic Block Party to be held on May 7, 2015. There will be a street closure on West 235<sup>th</sup> Street between Independence Avenue and Douglas Avenue from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Vote: In favor – 4, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0

In Favor: Sylvia Alexander, Marvin Goodman, Rita Pochter-Lowe, Robert Press

## C. Land Use – M. Wolpoff

The following resolutions were voted in favor of at the March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting:

1. **RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves Landmarks Preservation Commission Docket No. 15-3796 regarding 331 West 250<sup>th</sup> Street, (aka 5001 Fieldston Road) Bronx, for window sash replacement. The proposed sash is wood with an exterior metal cladding.
2. **RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves Landmarks Preservation Commission Docket No. 164012 regarding 350 West 246<sup>th</sup> Street, for replacement of steel casement windows with modern aluminum-clad double-paned wooden casements of the same color and a configuration as close to the originals as possible.

**Vote:** 20 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

**In Favor –**

S. Alexander, B. Bender, A. Creaney, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, D. Fuchs, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, M. Khury, D. Kornbluh, S. Marquez, C. G. Moerdler, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, L. Spalter, M. Wolpoff, H. Young

D. Law, Rules & Ethics – M. Wolpoff

- Law, Rules and Ethics Chair M. Wolpoff distributed a copy of the proposed amended bylaws and they will also be on the April board meeting agenda.
- The following resolution is from the March 26<sup>th</sup> Law, Rules and Ethics meeting:

In that a nominating committee will be elected at the April meeting of the Board, it was suggested that LRE provide an outline of what is permitted.

1. *The activities of the nominating committee should still be guided by the principals that Board 8 previously established*
  - a) *A potential candidate for an officer position should not be on the nominating committee*
  - b) *Members of the nominating committee who seek to be candidates for chair positions, **should** (must) absent themselves from all interviews, discussions, **executive sessions** and votes concerning that position*
  - c) *Incumbent chairs have five day from the creation of the nominating committee to notify of their desire to vacate the position. Even though all officer and chair positions are considered vacant, the committee will then notify all board members of the incumbents' intent.*
2. *The actions of the nominating committee are subject to the OML: meeting notice must be given, the meeting is open to the public and minutes must be taken, including the recording of votes taken*
3. *The nominating committee may go into executive session if it is to discuss the "medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular individual." It is recommended that, if interested, the committee establish a question schedule that includes such questions. If that is the case, a motion must be made to go into executive session and a recording of the votes on the motion be recorded. While in executive session, there are no minutes, votes or discussion relating to the selection of a slate. Such discussions and votes must be made in open session with minutes taken and votes recorded.*
4. *The committee, while acknowledging the requirements of the OML, strongly recommends that, in the interest of fairness, if there are two or more candidates for any chair position, all individuals seeking nomination absent themselves from interviews of the competing candidates.*

6. Issues Raised by Committee Members for Discussion –

- M. Heller is working with State DOT to rectify water run off on the Henry Hudson Parkway before the entrance to the Mosholu Parkway.
- R. Press stated that when amending the Bylaws by resolution they have to be adopted at two consecutive meetings of the board.

- The Law, Rules and Ethics Committee will continue their discussion on reinstating a second Vice-Chair.
- At the Public Safety meeting R. Press inquired as to the tenure of DI Rasa and was told he will be in the precinct for at least another year.
- M. Wolpoff reported that The Open Meeting Law is now posted on the website under member resources.
- R. Fanuzzi reported that the Environment & Sanitation committee is putting together an analysis of water run-of sites. The members have also surveyed possible sites where green infrastructure might be needed and useful. R. Ginty suggested that this should be one of the ideas submitted to PlaNYC.
- Chair Wolpoff thanked R. Ginty for updating the Legislative spreadsheet.
- Chair Padernacht reported on the Health, Hospitals and Social Services committee meeting in the absence of Committee Chair, Steve Froot. The Executive Director from The Riverdale Manor on Broadway came prepared to discuss Riverdale Manor's operations as well as any concerns raised by community members who live or work near Riverdale Manor. The committee put forth the idea of having a Community Advisory Board with the community and the Riverdale Manor. They will be meeting this April and will continue to meet quarterly to keep an open dialogue.
- M. Heller reported that North Central Bronx Hospital used to have a Community Advisory Board to represent each community board and recognized the absence of this. He will investigate.
- Chair Padernacht reported that the Search Committee has submitted the opening for the District Manager's position in the Riverdale Review, the Bronx Times and the Riverdale Press. The Borough President's office reviewed and approved the Job description. The deadline to apply is April 17<sup>th</sup>. The position is also listed on our website, newsletter and the Department of Labor. Applicant's are directed to send their resume's to a Post Office Box and not the board office.
- Chairman explained that the next matter of business would be dealing with an issue concerning a staff member. In accordance with Section 105 (f) of the Open Meetings Law, he proposed a motion that "the Executive Committee enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person."

**Vote:** 11 in favor    Opposed: 0    Abstention: 1

**In favor:** S. Alexander, B. Bender, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, M. Heller,  
D. McCord, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, M. Wolpoff

**Abstention:** - R. Ginty

**Opposed** - 0

- The Executive Committee reconvened to open session.

With no further business the meeting adjourned 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,  
Community Associate