

## Executive Committee: Minutes of 4/5/17

### Attendance:

Present:

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, C. G. Moerdler, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, L. Spalter, S. Villaverde, M. Yamagata

### Absent:

L. Croft, L. Parker, A.J. Robateau, M. Wolpoff,

### Board Members Present:

D. Gellman

### GUESTS:

P. Moerdler

A. Capote, Riverdale Press

J. Motse – Riverdale Press

R. Press – Bronx Voice

1. Minutes of previous meeting: corrections—Parks will have presentation on Greenway project 4/6/17. Sanitation: CSX scope of work has been done but work has been delayed due to recent snow and is anticipated to be done by end of April. Minutes approved as corrected.
2. Chairperson's report:
  - D. Padernacht chaired District Service Cabinet meeting.
  - Dept. of Buildings: there is total stop work order for 3472 Fort Independence Street due to contractor Stagg chipping away rock contrary to the ratio established by DOB. The rock chipping was causing excessive noise and traffic issues. Stagg has to submit new plans.
  - 3061 Scenic Place - stop work order has been lifted. Trees have been removed in SNAD area with no information on enforcement by Department of Buildings. Agency will be asked why stop order was lifted.
  - 6054 Netherland: retaining wall work should be done soon.
  - Dept. of Homeless Services has new director, Nicole Jordan. New shelters are to be placed in all boroughs.
  - New traffic light requested at Heath and Ft. Independence.
  - Chairperson, C. Moerdler, R. Ginty and L. Daub met with new management at Schervier Nursing and Rehab. The new owner of the Schervier is TL Management. There is a separate unit within TL Management that handles any real estate issues/development for the site.

- Community Service Awards: Committee will consist of Goodman, Gellman, D. Santiago, Stone, Daub and Fuchs.

3. Treasurer's Report: deferred.

4. Resolutions:

- Traffic and Transportation: SAPO for Israeli Independence Block Party was approved unanimously by Committee with the requirement that one lane width be maintained for emergency and other vehicles. Yukka Café requested and was approved for sidewalk portable benches, not imposing on foot traffic.
- Land Use: there has been no approval from MTA on new traffic pattern. In Manhattan accidents have increased.
- Environment and Sanitation: slight wording change made to Resolution to CSX. (Laura will contact you)

5. Reports:

- Parks: Van Cortlandt Park is included in Parks without Borders and its plan was approved by Committee with qualifications including cameras in barbeque area and new central plaza on site of old tennis courts and ice rink, replaced with benches. The goals are decreased pavement, enhanced tree pits and mist sprayers. If there are significant changes to the plan they will be referred back to Parks Department.
- Environment and Sanitation: Putnam South Greenway—CSX owns right-of-way. Residents anticipate using firm discussion to request CSX to either donate the land as it did for High Line or decrease sales price since the area has a long history of limited upkeep with significant litter accumulation. A slight change to the Resolution was made (L.S. will confirm).
- 100 Rain barrels will be available for area residents on May 6, 2017 to attach to downspouts to collect water for irrigating plants. This Board is working with DEP and Friends of Van Cortlandt Park on this program.
- Step street list was distributed. Committee members, Parks, DOT will assess their safety and condition.
- Traffic and Transportation: DOT will present its plan on Broadway reconfiguration from 242<sup>nd</sup> St. to city line with protected bike lanes, allowing two lanes in each direction.

- DOT didn't accept proposed resurfacing plans for Broadway and Riverdale Avenues. Mosholu to be done. Recommended the Committee do a Resolution.
- There will be a walk thru to consider sidewalk needs on 254<sup>th</sup> between Riverdale Av. And Metro North Station. Suggested was a public meeting on the issue. Likely the work would be done by the City with residents on that street billed for the cost.
- Proposed is a left turn signal on 256<sup>th</sup>, northbound.
- Parks: Governor Cuomo is proposing the Empire State Trail for multi-use. Proposed time frame is completion by 2020 to Canadian border.
- Formal groundbreaking for VCP Skateboard Park 4/11 at 11 AM.
- Road Runners asked to eliminate parking at 252<sup>nd</sup> and entrance to VCP to allow parking for buses/vehicles during competitions. Negative responses from Executive Committee since there is already limited parking on Broadway.

6. Other Issues:

- Community Service Awards: application availability was announced this week with nominations to be submitted by 4/28. At May meeting recommendations will be announced.
- Recommended letter to OMB expressing displeasure at unfunded budget proposals.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:40PM-9:20PM

7. Outstanding Issues: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:25PM.

Submitted by K. Pesce, Secretary