

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 4, 2015  
AT ST. STEPHEN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
146 WEST 228<sup>TH</sup> STREET AT MARBLE HILL AVENUE**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Daniel Padernacht, Chair	Steven Froot
Rosemary Ginty, Vice Chair	Marvin Goodman
Sylvia Alexander	Michael Heller
Bob Bender	Lamont Parker
Paul Ellis	Karen Pesce
Arlene G. Feldmeier	Martin Wolpoff

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Robert Fanuzzi  
Philip Friedman, Treasurer  
Charles Moerdler  
Mercedes Zegarra-Soja  
Sergio Villaverde

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joseph O'Brien

**STAFF:**

Diane Bay, Community Associate

**GUESTS**

Tony Edwards, rep. Councilman Rodriguez

Chairman Padernacht convened the meeting at 7:45 PM.

1. Approval of January Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions

**In Favor –**

B. Bender, A. Feldmeier, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, M. Wolpoff

**Abstentions –**

S. Alexander, P. Ellis

2. Chairman's Report – D. Padernacht

- The Officers have been gathering information for the District Manager's Search Committee. T. Lucania from the Borough President's office said that we are required to post the position in at least 2 newspapers. Chair Padernacht will call a meeting of the Search Committee to begin the process.
- The Chair reported that the N. Stent, the prior District Manager, is owed monies for time she accumulated in sick leave and annual leave. The City limits that amount to 1/3 of her sick leave and 315 hours of accumulated annual leave. N.

Stent accumulated 361 hours in annual leave (46 excess hours). The District Manager put in a request to receive payment for the excess time of 46 hours. This is a discretionary decision. The Chair and the Officers discussed this and they believe she should receive what the City allows. At the next board meeting each member will vote on whether the Officer's decision will be confirmed. If the board upholds this decision she will still receive 1/3 of that time. Because of this lump sum payout, there is not enough money in the budget to hire another district manager for approximately 4 months. After N. Stent received a raise in 2010 the board passed a resolution that required a decision of the Board Chair relative to the internal operating budget to be ratified by the full board. After further discussion Chair Padernacht tabled the discussion until the next board meeting of February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

- Chairman Padernacht asked the Committee Chair's to take on more responsibility in doing their agenda's, minutes and resolutions in order to assist the board office staff.
- If needed, T. Lucania from the Borough President's office can come and help with office operations.
- S. Froot complimented the office staff in doing a good job.
- R. Ginty attended the Borough Service Cabinet meeting in January and reported on a Technical Assistance Program to Assist with Fuel Conversions. There are 34 buildings within Community Board No. 8 that have not converted. The contact information to get further information was given to the Paul Ellis, the Housing Chair.
- The Land Use Committee meets tomorrow. The agenda includes SAR, Riverdale Country School and the Bloomfield Development.
- There was a discussion on discretionary funding applications that need to be completed this month.

### 3. Board Office Report – D. Bay

- On January 27<sup>th</sup> the office received a new Konica Minolta machine. This machine will be connected to the office computers for better functionality.
- The February newsletter was distributed on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- A record of Committee Meeting Attendance and completed Committee minutes from September 2014 thru January 2015 has been submitted to the Executive committee.
- Reminder – Land Use meeting tomorrow – February 5<sup>th</sup> – Conservative Synagogue at 7:30PM.
- Reminder – Board meeting start time is 7:00 PM and will begin with presentation of the NY Yankee Youth leadership Award. The Press Release was in the Riverdale Press on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Discretionary funding applications need to be filled out and submitted by February 20<sup>th</sup> - <http://council.nyc.gov/html/budget/application.shtml>.
- Board renewal applications are due by February 6<sup>th</sup> and they have to be notarized.

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

- No Treasurer's Report.

## 5. Committee Resolutions

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

**RESOLVED**, the Public Safety Committee approves the following Renewal applications for New York State liquor licenses:

- Mulgriff Tavern, Inc., D/B/A The Punch Bowl, 5820 Broadway
- Burke's Beal Bocht Corp., 445 West 238<sup>th</sup> Street
- Piper's Kilt, Inc., 170 West 231<sup>st</sup> Street
- 6025 Broadway Restaurant Corp. D/B/A Santa Fe Grill, 6025 Broadway

**RESOLVED**, the Public Safety Committee approves the following NEW application for New York State liquor licenses:

- FMFS of Riverdale, LLC D/B/A Buffalo Wild Wings, 193 West 237<sup>th</sup> Street

### B. Youth – L. Parker

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Youth Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves the Farmers Market Youth Run Farmers Stand Street Activity Permit Application for Marble Hill Youthmarket, to operate at West 225<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway and Exterior Street, on Thursdays from July 9, 2015 through November 19, 2015. This event has previously been held.

**Vote:** 3 in favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

In Favor: L. Parker, D. McCord, and Rita Pochter Lowe

### C. Traffic & Transportation – M. Heller

- The Traffic & Transportation discussed 3 SAPO applications, the South Riverdale Merchants Association Movie on the Avenue, Johnson Avenue Block Festival and the Kingsbridge Unity in the Community single block festival. There was no quorum of the committee and therefore the resolutions will be presented from the floor at the next board meeting.
- The North Riverdale Block Festival was laid over to the next committee meeting so that any problems that may have occurred in the past are resolved.

## 6. Issues Raised by Committee Members for Discussion –

- M. Heller reported that the NYS Department of Transportation is going to mill and resurface the Henry Hudson Parkway from the bridge to the City Line.
- K. Pesce asked about signals that are equipped with countdown timers. M. Heller asked her to submit specific locations so he can forward them to DOT.
- The T&T committee is reviewing West 254<sup>th</sup> Street parking down by the train station.

- M. Wolpoff noted a Conflict of Interest Board report in which a Manhattan community board member was fined for taking a complimentary membership at a gym
- M. Wolpoff reported on a legislative action that City Council is considering. It is a bill that calls for term limits for community board members appointed after April 1, 2016 to six two-year terms (12 years). Members who are presently serving on the board are grandfathered and can continue as board members with no term limits.
- The Bylaws Working Group Committee met on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The minutes of that meeting include the complete bylaws as recommended. The recommendations will be discussed at the next Law, Rules and Ethics Committee meeting first, and if approved it will go on the board agenda next month.
- M. Wolpoff noted that J. Reyes resigned from the Bylaws Working Group Committee. Her suggestion was to appoint someone in her place but since the work of the committee is near completion the committee decided at their meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> not to replace J. Reyes.
- M. Wolpoff reported that the Nominating committee discussions are subject to the Open Meetings Law.
- Emergency or Special meetings can be held but requires 72 hours' notice in 3 places; 1) A fixed location, i.e. the board office door, 2) Mail to email list and 3) Post notice on our web site.
- The Housing Committee did not have a formal meeting this last month since they participated in Councilman Rodriguez's Housing forum. An important issue that concerns the community is the illegal dumping on the NYCHA property. The 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct will begin issuing tickets for this violation. Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer who was in attendance at this forum has scheduled a walkthrough at Marble Hill Houses next Wednesday. P. Ellis will attend.
- S. Alexander reported that the street renaming for Debbie Bowden will be held in about a month.
- It was confirmed that meetings cannot be held outside the district.
- The Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee is meeting on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and a representative from the Riverdale Manor has been invited to attend this meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,  
Community Associate