

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD JANUARY 7, 2015
AT RIVERDALE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Padernacht, Chair	Steven Froot
Rosemary Ginty, Vice Chair	Marvin Goodman
Philip Friedman, Treasurer	Michael Heller
Sylvia Alexander	Lamont Parker
Bob Bender	Karen Pesce
Robert Fanuzzi	Sergio Villaverde
Arlene G. Feldmeier	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Moerdler
Martin Wolpoff
Mercedes Zegarra-Soja

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sergio Marquez
Robert Press (Bronx News)

STAFF:

Nicole Stent, District Manager
Patricia Manning, Community Associate

Chairman Padernacht convened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

1. Approval of December Executive Committee Minutes

An amendment was made to Page 3, Item 6, 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence, as follows: "*B. Bender, R. Fanuzzi, J. Reyes and S. Froot*" agreed that allegations were made against the former Chair and gave further remarks.

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

In Favor –

B. Bender, R. Fanuzzi, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce

Abstentions –

S. Alexander, A. G. Feldmeier

2. Chairman's Report – D. Padernacht

- Signed off on new copier for Board office which will be approximately \$30 cheaper, and with greater output.

- In view of the District Manager's resignation, the Chair met with the Borough President's office to discuss what will be required of the Board in moving forward with the search for a new district manager.

3. District Manager's Report – N. Stent

- All Committee minutes are up to date for 2013. Outstanding minutes for 2014 include April Health, Hospitals, & Social Services; and March and April Economic Development.
- Fordham and Manhattan Colleges have agreed to repost internship opportunities for developing the Board's Aging Resource manual, and Community Action Network plan through Social Media.
- The announcement of her resignation was sent to the Board and January 16th will be her last day. N. Stent thanked all for the opportunity to work with them and expressed gratitude for the wonderful experience she had both as a board member and as district manager. She will be moving upward and onward with a position with New York State. She was applauded by all.

4. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- The Budget Report has been issued. The budget has not been modified to reflect the union raises for the Personal Services budget for about \$5,200. Currently the Board is operating within budget. However the modification will be needed. The modifications should be occurring every three months and this will be tracked. P. Friedman will take another look at OTPS "deficit" referred to by S. Alexander.

5. Committee Resolutions

A. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

WHEREAS, the VCP Forestry Restoration Group will lose its Croton Mitigation Funding in June 2015, and

WHEREAS, the VCP Forestry Restoration Group performs necessary daily maintenance and inspection in the park and assists in maintaining the Parade Grounds in addition to fulfilling its core mission of forestry restoration, and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Committee has already urged continued funding of this group after its current funding expires in June 2015, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board No. 8 Bronx urges our elected officials and DPR to continue to fund the Van Cortlandt Park Forestry Restoration Group beyond June 2015.

Discussion. B. Bender will amend the resolution to reflect OMB's funding request.

B. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

RESOLVED, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves the following Renewal applications for New York State liquor licenses:

1. Bronx Post No. 95 Veterans of Foreign Wars, 3960 Orloff Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463
2. Hola Restaurant, 5586 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10463

(It was noted that there was no quorum of the Committee and therefore the resolutions above will be presented from the floor at the next Board Meeting)

3. A resolution to approve the Renewal application for liquor license for Sante Fe Grill, 6025 Broadway, in spite of their failure to attend two consecutive meetings of the Public Safety Committee was withdrawn with the understanding that they would be given another opportunity to attend the January 15th meeting.

C. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves Burke's Beal Bocht Corp. **RENEWAL APPLICATION** for and Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 4 tables and 20 chairs, at 445 West 238th Street, Bronx, NY 10463.

D. Traffic & Transportation – M. Heller

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves Yo-Burger, Inc., D/B/A Yo-Burger **RENEWAL APPLICATION** for an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 26 tables and 52 chairs, at 3720-3726 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, Community Board No. 8 Bronx approves Salvatore's of Soho **RENEWAL APPLICATION** for an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café with 17 tables and 42 chairs, at 3738 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463
3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, Community Board No. 8 approves Street Activity Permit ID No. 193054, PS 24 Springfest Block Party to be held on June 3, 2015 at West 235th Street between Independence Avenue and Douglas Avenue. The event has been held the past 5 years with no problems.

6. Issues Raised by Committee Members for Discussion –

- Chairman Padernact discussed the process for the District Manager's Search. He is considering a five member committee that is diverse from communities across the board. He proposed the following members: Either Rosemary or

himself, Steven Froot, Karen Pesce, Demetrius McCord, and Lamont Parker. Chairman opened the floor for discussion.

- M. Heller advised that the SAPO for North Riverdale that is on the Traffic & Transportation Agenda for January. The problems that occurred during last year's event were discussed. He will advise the organizers in advance of the meeting of modifications that will be needed for consideration of the SAPO with regard to the requirements for 15 feet of street opening for emergency vehicles, the bus shuttle operation, etc.
- B. Bender passed around map for the Parks Department tree plantings surveyed for spring 2015 resulting from the recent solicited public requests. It's My Park Day will be at a location chosen in Van Cortlandt park. A meeting will be arranged at the site. The focus will be on a botanic "study" over the course of a day. There will be historical tours. Looking for volunteers from high school and college students. Would like to partner with the Education Committee on the project and would like to involve other different committees.
- R. Fanuzzi advised that the Environment & Sanitation Committee is working on a joint meeting with Parks & Recreation for January. He referred to the December committee minutes regarding Clean Water, the Harlem River, and the Clean Water Act. DOE is invested in the converting of composting and recycling. He discussed the pilot program for Section 3 in District 8, Central Riverdale and Fieldston for composting.
- Chairman opened the floor for discussion on the December Agenda item for Establishment of a Diversity committee that was referred back to the Executive Committee. S. Villaverde stated the need to review diversity with the Board with respect to inequity with delivery of service, etc. There was an extensive discussion and an exchange of ideas for increasing diversity in all aspects. Chairman Padernacht concluded that the Executive Committee is in fact the "Diversity Committee" and that committees should take charge to think of these matters. Outreach should be enhanced and reports given.

Meeting adjourned 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia Manning,
Community Associate