

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 2015
AT RIVERDALE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
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	Karen Pesce
Steve Balicer (Vice Chair, Housing)	Laura Spalter (Vice Chair E&S)
Bob Bender	Martin Wolpoff
Arlene G. Feldmeier	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Paul Ellis
Robert Fanuzzi
Charles Moerdler
Lamont Parker
Mercedes Zegarra-Soja
Sergio Villaverde

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Press

STAFF:

Diane Bay, Community Associate

GUESTS

Jane Folloro, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

Chairman Padernacht convened the meeting at 7:45 PM.

1. Approval of February Executive Committee Minutes

An amendment was made to page 4, second bullet, under Issues Raised By Committee Members for Discussion. The bill for community board members appointments is calling for term limits of six two-year appointments.

The minutes were approved with the stated corrections by a vote of in 11 – in favor, 0 - opposed and 1 abstention with cause.

In Favor – 11, S. Alexander, B. Bender, A.G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, M. Wolpoff

Opposed - 0

Abstention with cause – L. Spalter

2. Chairman's Report – D. Padernacht

- A SAPO permit for the Kingsbridge Heights Community Festival to be held April 11, 2015 from 10:00 to 4:00 PM on Kingsbridge Terrace between Perot Street & Summit Place was heard. The applicant was on medical leave which caused a late submission of the application. The applicant thanked the Executive Committee for allowing this presentation at the executive committee meeting. This was the only committee that could examine the application before the full board vote at the March 10th board meeting. After discussion there was a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

In Favor - 12, S. Alexander, S. Balicer, B. Bender, A.G. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, M. Heller, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, M. Wolpoff

Opposed - 0

Abstention – 1, R. Ginty

- Chairman Padernacht reported that on April 9th the NY Yankees will be hosting the recipients of the NY Yankee Youth Leadership Awards. Chair Padernacht and Youth Chair L. Parker will attend this event. The NY Yankee's will provide Bronx Community Board 8 with 200 complimentary tickets. The board office will send an email to the organizations within our district and allow 10 tickets for each organization.
- The office is continually working hard without a District Manager. Volunteers are welcomed to help with office operations.
- The first meeting of the Search Committee was held this evening.
- The Environment & Sanitation Committee will have a meeting this month providing information on composting pilot programs in the community. Vice Chair, L. Spalter will give further information.
- Elections for the nominating committee will be held at the April board meeting.
- The budget Chair, Mercedes-Zegarra Soja has not been to a number of meetings. The Chair and the Borough President's office have reached out to her with no response. Chair Padernacht will run the Public Hearing on the Budget responses at the March 10th board meeting.
- At the request of some committee chairs the Chairman has been asked to remove certain members of committees who have a large number of absences from the committee. Sections 3 & 4, under article 6 in the bylaws clarify this.

3. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- P. Friedman developed a draft report today and is hoping to distribute a Treasurer's report before the board meeting tomorrow.

4. Board Office Report – D. Bay

- Discretionary funding applications were completed and submitted to the City Council members.
- Reminder – Board meeting start time tomorrow is **7:00 PM** and will begin with a public hearing for FY 2016 Preliminary Capital & Expense Budget Responses from city agencies. In the March newsletter distributed on February 27th there is a link you can click on to look at the responses for CB8.

5. Committee Resolutions

A. Public Safety – A. G. Feldmeier

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

- Jake's Steakhouse, 6031 Broadway
- Great Performances/Artists as Waitresses Inc. and Wave Hill Inc., 675 West 252nd Street
- Blue Bay Restaurant, 35-33 Johnson Avenue

NEW Applications:

- Smashburger #1485, 193 West 237th Street
- Zonea Food and Beverage Two, Inc., 3524 Johnson Avenue
- Q Kachapa Restaurant LLC, 5625-6 Broadway

Vote:

In favor – 7, Opposed – 0, Abstentions – 0

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

B. Education – S. Alexander

RESOLVED, the Education Committee approves the following street activity permit for the Amalgamated Nursery School to be held on May 17, 2015 from 11:00 to 4:00 PM at Gale Place between Orloff Avenue and Van Cortlandt Park South.

Vote: In Favor – 4, Opposed – 0, Abstentions - 0

Sylvia Alexander, Marvin Goodman, Rita Pochter-Lowe, Robert Press

C. Law, Rules & Ethics – M. Wolpoff

- Amendments made to the bylaws by the Bylaws Working Group were discussed and additional revisions were made by the Executive Committee. Board members received a copy of the amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by resolution of the Board adopted at two (2) consecutive regular meetings by a majority of Appointed Members present and entitled to vote at each meeting. The full text of the proposed amendment shall be included in the notice of each such meeting.
- The Bylaws Working Group recommended that there be no change in the bylaws with respect to the nominating committee at this time.
- M. Wolpoff requested that the Open Meetings Law be posted on the board's website.

D. Traffic & Transportation – M. Heller

- B. Press, Vice Chair of the Traffic & Transportation will Chair the next committee meeting since the Chair will be unable to attend.
- Chair M. Heller will write a letter to Councilman Cohen urging him, as part of the city's budget process, to greatly increase the resurfacing program since the roads are in desperate condition.

6. Issues Raised by Committee Members for Discussion –

- L. Spalter, Vice Chair of the Environment & Sanitation Committee reported that they will hold a Special Meeting of the Environment & Sanitation Committee on Organic Recycling featuring Councilman Cohen and the Department of Sanitation on March 31st. The E&S Committee will hold its regular meeting on March 18th at Manhattan College.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,
Community Associate