

Executive Committee: Minutes of 3/1/17

Attendance:

Present:

S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, K. Pesce, A.J. Robateau, L. Spalter, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff,

Absent:

L. Croft, C M. Heller, C. G. Moerdler, M. Yamagata

GUESTS:

R. Press – Bronx Voice

Meeting called to order at 7:31PM by Chair Dan Padernacht.

-Chair's report:

Town Hall meeting with Mayor DeBlasio was held on February 21, 2017 and well attended by the community.

The CB8 on-field presentation of the Yankee Youth Leadership Award is scheduled for June 9, 2017. The Yankees are not sure whether there will be a presentation at a Board meeting as of yet. The Chair noted that Roscoe Brown, recently deceased, normally presented the awards to the recipients at the various Boards.

-Treasurer's Report:

\$243,912 in modified budget. Personal Service Budget is \$184,640. OTPS (other than personal service) is \$58,472 with uncommitted balance of \$39,788 available.

Annual leave and comp. time have been updated. A.J. Robateau will verify.

-Resolutions

Public Safety: 3541 Riverdale Corp, a full service restaurant with 2AM closing was approved. Buffalo Wild Wings and Great Performances/Artists at Wave Hill were renewed. Mr. Magoo's, 5602 Broadway, was approved by SLA despite not appearing before Committee. River City Grill has new owner and is not open yet;

it will be primarily dining and close by 2AM. Parilla Latina has no listing on web site.

Note: In Manhattan, SLA approved liquor licenses despite CB opposition.

-Traffic and Transportation: 3 SAPO applications for events previously held; request for a SAPO at 236th and Netherland (Hebrew Institute) was not acted upon. Boro President's request for a SAPO not considered since it's in another CB.

Rehab of Broadway Bridge: major issues with bridge infrastructure and traffic backups.

D. Padernacht presented a resolution at the Traffic and Transportation Committee seeking crosswalks at Fort Independence Street at Heath Avenue, Bailey Place and Orloff Avenue.

-General Issues:

P. Ellis reported two community gardens, Ft. Independence and NYCHA, are seeking funding. CB8 can't contribute since we're not a conduit. Possibly Green Thumb has funds to aid community gardens.

Environment and Sanitation: Spalter did a visual inspection of CSX and the scope of work is expected to be completed by the end of April, 2017.

Parks: the Committee will be discussing the acquisition of the land belonging to CSX which was the site of the Old Putnam Rail between West 230th Street and Van Cortlandt Park South for use as a greenway. D. Padernacht suggested that resolutions come from several committees, ie. Parks, Environment and Sanitation, Econ. Devel, Traffic and Transp. Padernacht will speak to Riverdale Press, highlighting the issues.

Special Committee on Greenway, Empire State Trail: there is now a feasibility study with Metro North and funded by Senator Klein who will attend a public meeting if available. Bender stated that a first interim report is needed by 4/17.

Reminder: in Letters to Editor, Board members are not to self-identify as members of CB8 but write as community members.

Community Service Award: Chair will propose members to the Board for this ad hoc committee. Awards will be given at June meeting.

Come Back Kid Awards: awardees to be notified by end of March with awards given in April.

Correspondence: Marble Hill School traffic issues have been addressed.

Charter School on Corlear: uncertain of future plans.

NEXT MEETING: The April Board meeting will take place on 4/19/17 due to religious holidays. Chairs are asked to look at the calendar to make any scheduling changes necessary.

Submitted by K. Pesce, Secretary