

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD MAY 6, 2015
AT SCHERVIER APARTMENTS, 2995 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Padernacht, Chair	Marvin Goodman
Rosemary Ginty, Vice Chair	Michael Heller
Philip Friedman, Treasurer	Demetrius McCord, Vice Chair Youth Committee
Sylvia Alexander	Karen Pesce
Bob Bender	Robert Press, Vice Chair Public Safety Committee
Paul Ellis	Martin Wolpoff
Robert Fanuzzi	
Arlene G. Feldmeier	
Steven Froot	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Moerdler
Lamont Parker
Joyce Pilsner
Sergio Villaverde

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Kornbluh

STAFF:

Diane Bay, Community Associate

Chairman Padernacht convened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

1. Approval of April Executive Committee Minutes

Vote: 14 in favor Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, D. McCord, M. Heller, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, M. Wolpoff

2. Chairman's Report – D. Padernacht

- Chair Padernacht will announce at the May board meeting that in June board members will need to sign up for new committees and will stress their responsibilities as members of the committee they sign up for. It was noted that new board members should be allowed more time to sign up and also to arrange an orientation for them so they will be better informed of the committee mission statements.
- The Chair stated the office is doing a great job with only two staff members.
- R. Ginty attended the Borough Board meeting in April and reported on a presentation given on the under-utilization of the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program. A hand-out was distributed showing only 31% signed up in the Riverdale/Kingsbridge location. Although the Housing Committee, Aging Committee and Councilman Cohen have had meetings on this program it is unclear how to better inform the community. The representatives who gave this presentation are willing to come and

talk to the community. Information on the SCRIE program will be given to each committee chair to bring to their meetings. Housing and Aging Committee's will discuss approaches for additional outreach. Additional suggestions are welcomed.

3. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- P. Friedman reported that we are nearing the end of FY 2015. The remaining funds for the year in the community board's account may be rolled over for FY 2016. The \$5,000.00 that Councilmember Cabrera allocated for CB8 and then announced his intent to redirect elsewhere, remains in our budget. P. Friedman contacted OMB concerning rolling it over to the 2016 budget until it is decided where this money will be allocated.

4. Board Office Report – D. Bay

- The June newsletter is expected to be sent out on May 28th. Any events or news for the newsletter are welcomed.
- The Bronx Borough President is honoring centenarians of the Bronx on May 7th at a Vila Barrone luncheon. Irving Ladimer is one of the honorees.
- D. Bay thanked S. Alexander, P. Friedman, R. Ginty, L. Daub, K. Pesce and all the Chairs who helped ease the workload in the board office.

5. Committee Resolutions

A. Public Safety – R. Press

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Safety Committee approves the following **RENEWAL** application for New York State liquor license:

1. Bronx Ale House - 216 West 238th Street

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

1. Chipotle – 193 West 237th Street. Chain, all customers are carded, but Chair insisted on store getting an ID scanner. Hours 11AM – 10 PM. Opening April 26th.
2. City North Grill - 5693 Riverdale Avenue. Old Greentree to become Kosher family restaurant, 259 seats, possible sidewalk cafe next year, Kosher beer, wine, and liquor only.
3. Khalle Bar and Grill - 3638 Bailey Avenue. Two stores from other new bar that was the old Bottom line bar, this was a 2nd hand store. 54 seats, with 5 counter and 10 bar seats. Hours 9AM – 2 AM Monday – Thursday, 4 AM weekends. Full meals to be served.
4. Ping Kang Liu/Lu Guo - 3717 Riverdale Avenue. New owner is old chef from Ginger Grill. He wants to keep Kosher Asian/Chinese food. Beer, Wine, and Sake, opening mid May.

The following vote was the same for above renewal and new applications:

Vote - In favor: 7 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

Board members - A. Feldmeier, R. Press, S. Alexander, M. Donato, H. Young

Community Committee Members: M. Joyce and E. Molina

B. Libraries & Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman

The Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee approved the following Street Activity Permit application at their April 20th committee meeting:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Street Activity Permit Application be approved:

New York Public Library Summer Reading Kick-off Block Party with full street closure on Eames Place between Claflin Avenue and University Avenue on June 15th, 2015 from 2 to 5PM. This event has been held previously.

Vote: In Favor - 4, Opposed - 0, Abstention - 0

S. Alexander, M. Goodman, P. Friedman, M. Wolpoff

C. Traffic & Transportation – M. Heller

The following (3) resolutions were voted in favor of at the April 21st committee meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Street Activity Application be approved for the Cayuga Avenue Block Party for a full street closure, between west 246 street and dead end, on June 20, 2015, from 12 Noon to 6 PM. This event has been held previously.

The event was approved 8 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions

In favor: M. Heller, R. Bender, A. Creaney, S. Alexander, J. O'Brien, R. Press, J. Rather, G. Santaigo

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Street Activity Application be approved for the 2015 Health and Wellness Fair for a full street closure, on Reservoir Avenue, between West 197 Street and University Avenue, on September 19, 2015, from 10 AM to 6 PM. This event has been held previously.

The event was approved 8 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions

In favor: M. Heller, R. Bender, A. Creaney, S. Alexander, J. O'Brien, R. Press, J. Rather, G. Santaigo

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Street Activity Application be approved for North Riverdale Block Festival for a full street closure, on Riverdale Avenue, between West 258 and 259 streets, on September 20, 2015, from 12 Noon to 6 PM. One traffic lane will be open on the west side of the fair adjacent to the Skyview Shopping Center, for the purpose of bi-directional bus traffic and emergency vehicle use. This event has been held previously.

The event was approved 7 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstentions

In favor: M. Heller, R. Bender, A. Creaney, J. O'Brien, R. Press, J. Rather, G. Santaigo
Against: S. Alexander

6. Issues Raised by Committee Members for Discussion –

- There was a request for further clarification of the requirement by the NY State Liquor Authority that a liquor license cannot be granted within 200 or 500 feet of a School or Church. It was agreed to be further examined and reported on at the next board meeting.
- The State Liquor Authority (SLA) will be taking up the matter of the Raine Lounge a few days after the May 12th board meeting. Public Safety Chair A. Feldmeier changed the committee meeting to Monday, May 11th so the committee can prepare a resolution that the board can vote on at the May 12th board meeting. The resolution can then be forwarded in time for the SLA's review of this establishment. A. Feldmeier will continue to work with Fenwick's and The Bridge Tavern to make sure they continue to cooperate with the 50th Precinct.
- K. Pesce distributed a draft that will instruct building managers and doorpeople about how to handle people who might be verging on dementia. K. Pesce said it would be a challenge to distribute this letter to every building in the community. One consideration is to place the letter in the Riverdale Review and the Riverdale Press.
- M. Heller had a walk thru with NYPD, NYFD, DOT and the MTA before voting on the North Riverdale block festival. Previous issues concerning disruption of bus service and blocking of emergency vehicles by this event that affected the community were discussed and worked out with the agencies. Chair Padernacht thanked M. Heller for arranging this walk thru.
- M. Wolpoff reported that all Borough Presidents, including the Bronx Borough President, are opposing the City Council bill to put term limits on community board members. This will be reported at the May board meeting.
- Chairman explained that the next matter of business would be to discuss the employment history of candidates for the position of District Manager. He proposed a motion that the Executive Committee enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 105 (f) of the Open Meetings Law.

Vote: 14 in favor Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, A. Feldmeier, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, D. McCord, M. Heller, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, M. Wolpoff

- The Executive Committee reconvened to open session.
- An announcement will be made at the May board meeting of the passing of Bert Feinberg, a previous long time board member and also the passing of the mother of previous board member Ari Spett.
- The Bronx Department of City Planning (DCP) held a meeting on May 4th to which they invited all the Bronx community boards. They gave a presentation on their proposed Zoning text for Affordable Housing. Chair Padernacht said that DCP is willing to come to every community board in May or June and they plan on certifying the question on the change in the zoning text in September or October. DCP will be invited to an upcoming Land Use meeting in June.
- Vice Chair R. Ginty distributed the updated Legislative spreadsheet, current as of April 22nd. The next update will come out on May 28th.
- The Health, Hospitals & Social Services Chair, S. Froot reported that their committee will hold a public hearing on May 18th on the Special Citizens Futures Unlimited (SCFU) plans to

establish a non-24- hour Individual Residential Alternative (IRA) for five adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders, at 6129 Delafield Avenue, between West 261st and 263rd Streets. The hearing will be held at 7:00PM at Park Gardens Rehab & Nursing Center which is close to the facility.

- P. Ellis, Housing Chair reported that the Self Help Working Group is having a meeting this Monday, May 11th at the Riverdale Y. Self Help is requesting that the board approve their application to BSA to reduce their parking spaces from 19 to 11.
- E&S Chair, R. Fanuzzi reported that he will not be at the next Executive Committee meeting. L. Spalter will report on his behalf. Their committee will request DEP to work with the community board for the long term to start planning for green infrastructure. Another issue will be sewer overflows into the Harlem River, both of which violate Clean Water Laws.
- Parks & Recreation Chair, B. Bender reported on the Bio-Blitz event held on May 3rd in Van Cortlandt Park. He had special thanks to Dennis Burton of the Parks Department, Christina Taylor & Friends of VCP, Sylvia Alexander, who was able to get over 100 kids from RKA and all the other different organizations involved. The chair thanked all those who made this such a success. Please click on the following report on the bioblitz.
<http://bronx.news12.com/news/student-scientists-attend-bioblitz-in-van-cortlandt-park-1.10374984>
- B. Press gave the board office a brochure of events for Bronx Week, May 7-17th.
- M. Heller reported that Montefiore is having a Health Fair next Friday.

With no further business the meeting adjourned 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,
Community Associate