

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2019
RIVERDALE YM-YWHA – RM 5**

Committee Members Present (10)

Rosemary Ginty, Chair	Lisa Daub	Omar Murray
Sylvia Alexander	Eric Dinowitz	Laura Spalter
Bob Bender	Julia Gomez	Sergio Villaverde
Martin Wolpoff		

Committee Members Absent (7)

Margaret Donato	Daris Jackson	Rosalind Zavras
Robert Fanuzzi	Charles Moerdler	
David Gellman	Dan Padernacht	

Staff (1)

Ciara Gannon, District Manager

CB8 & Guests (1)

Heather Smith

Chair Ginty convened the meeting at 7:40 pm

Minutes

- Minutes of October 2, 2019 Executive Committee approved

In Favor (9): Alexander, Bender, Daub, Dinowitz, Gomez, Ginty, Murray, Spalter, Wolpoff,
Opposed: (0), Abstain (0)

Treasurer's Report – C. Gannon for R. Zavras

- OMB has not updated budget modifications so Treasurer could not complete the report

District Manager's Report

- Pleased to announce that Jhenny, a temporary support staff from United Staffing, started today. She is very effective and helpful. Expressed thanks to all for supporting a temp hire. To secure the temp, DM went through the entire city process, involving finding city vendors, quotes, recommendations, contract reviews by board members and BPs office, interviewing, etc. Jhenny went through the city process of fingerprinting, drug test, background checks, etc. Contracting for a temp took a tremendous amount of work.
- Another reminder to complete the mandatory sexual harassment training by December 13th. Please make an appointment with the office. City workers should provide their certificate of completion.
- Expressed thanks to the Riverdale Y for hosting this meeting on such short notice. The office's electricity is out, except for light in the front and small office. An electrician has been called. LRE committee will meet in the office tomorrow.
- DSC meeting is moved to this Friday since Tuesday was election day. Please send any issues that needs discussion.

Pending Committee Approval

- The office distributes a list of office files annually in accordance with Public Officers Law. CB8 schedules this around the end of October. DM shared hard copies of the list and will distribute to the rest of the board by email.
- Outreach proposal – Residents in our district frequently tell the office by phone and email that they did not receive notice on some important issues. This concern was raised at the last board meeting regarding major changes by DOT. The office currently sends notices to properties in the affected area which includes mailing to management for distribution to their residents. Notices are also sent to people who sign up for our emails, to media, and they are posted on Facebook with agendas also posted on our website. When applicable, the DM hands notices to merchants. In an effort to further reach residents on special issues, and as presented last month, the DM shared an outreach proposal that may start when office is fully staffed:
 - Assign the Associate to collect specific building contact names as issues arise, creating a contact list, and personally reach out to the contact to post the notice in their building
 - Reach out to community groups to distribute notices to their contacts
 - Establish a relationship with ARC for outreach to members
 - Post flyers near the impacted location. The office will prepare descriptive notices, laminate (will purchase equipment), and for relevant committee members to post on poles and remove the day following the meeting.

Please remind residents to sign up for CB8 communications and/or visit FB page

Committee Resolutions

Chair called for committee resolutions to be presented at the November Board meeting:

- Law, Rules & Ethics – M. Wolpoff – Second vote on bylaws change to adjust verbiage to include process for disciplinary matters.
- Land Use – M. Wolpoff – (1) A resolution regarding Iselin Ave property may be held over awaiting FPOA statement. FPOA meets after the board meeting. (2) A resolution (not available) may be raised from the floor regarding zoning to affirm that the board will not support requests for variances to allow commercial operations in residential areas
- T&T may raise a resolution (not available) from the floor

Issues for Discussion

- R. Ginty – Following the strong opposition to ZQA, particularly regarding tiny apartments for older adults, M-CB7 is dealing with the reality of mayoral approval: a proposal to include 80 affordable micro apartments for seniors in a 96th street development. Units to be furnished, including Murphy beds to squeeze in the 350 sq ft units. Discussed the absurdity of the developer's proposal.
- B. Bender – Highlighted tremendous research that went into the presentation at the last Parks meeting regarding enslaved people on plantations in the NW Bronx, particularly the Van Cortlandt. Committee wants to publicize the history including reaching out to middle and high schools, historical markers for self-guided tours. Discussed ideas – to move forward before all local slavery history is lost. Most of the thorough research was done by Nick Dembowski, head of the Kingsbridge Historical Society. Discussed approaches to schools and various events for the Spring.
- L. Spalter for R. Fanuzzi – Next E&S meeting will discuss rat abatement and DEP
- S. Villaverde – Attended veteran's ceremony at Memorial Grove. Will speak with Herb Barret and may reach out to Airforce ROTC for interest in community service activities.

Pending Committee Approval

Chair called for an executive session to discuss three items:

Chair called for an executive session per §105.h of the Open Meetings Law at which a “proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property” would substantially affect the value. Chair also called for an executive session per §105.f of the Open Meetings Law at which “the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation” - for two items.

A motion to go into executive session was made, seconded and adopted

In Favor: In Favor (10): Alexander, Bender, Daub, Dinowitz, Gomez, Ginty, Murray, Spalter, Villaverde, Wolpoff, Opposed: (0), Abstain (0)

Motion to End Executive Session – Motion passed:

In Favor: In Favor (10): Alexander, Bender, Daub, Dinowitz, Gomez, Ginty, Murray, Spalter, Villaverde, Wolpoff, Opposed: (0), Abstain (0)

As there was no other business, meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

Submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary