

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2018
BOARD OFFICE – 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

Committee Members Present (11)

Rosemary Ginty, Chair	Eric Dinowitz	Laura Spalter
Lisa Daub, Secretary	Margaret Donato	Martin Wolpoff
Sylvia Alexander	David Gellman	Sergio Villaverde
Bob Bender	Omar Murray	

Committee Members Absent (5)

Marvin Goodman	Dan Padernacht	Rosalind Zavras
Charles Moerdler	Lamont Parker	

Staff

Ciara Gannon, District Manager

Guests

Michael Hinman

Meeting convened at 7:30pm

Minutes

Minutes of October 3, 2018 meeting approved 11/0/0

In Favor: Ginty, Daub, Alexander, Bender, Dinowitz, Donato, Gellman, Murray, Spalter, Wolpoff, Villaverde Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Chairperson's Report

- Mayor's Charter revision – all three ballot propositions passed. Board members will be limited to 4 two-year terms. Current members will be term limited starting in 2027 or 2028, depending on the year of reappointment
- Office Lease – consultants from DCAS are in talks with the landlord of our preferred site
- Meeting Venues – office prepared an expanded list of potential meeting sites. Additional suggestions are welcome. Reminder to be courteous to those who give us space and especially mindful of meeting departure times
- Oversight and Investigations committee members, as requested in last meeting – Members include CM's Torres (Chair) Powers, Kallos, Salamanca, Lancman, Yeger, Treygar
- Some board members received a blind copy email from a former employee – The requested expense reimbursement was approved by CB8 in the FMS System in June 2018
- Procedures manual – Documenting processes will support the office staff and chairs in facilitating training and fulfilling responsibilities. Secretary drafted contents for a guide and reviewed sample checklist for minutes. Requesting chairs to submit suggestions and comments
- Special CB Funding – reviewed updated list of planned expenditures that includes additional technology, including video conferencing equipment that will allow, for example, remote speaker participation. Three events: Housing Forum – to be organized by Housing Committee, Celebrating

Our Generations – an intergenerational fun day to be organized by Aging and Youth committees and Community Connect, an informational and social outreach event

- Housing Chair – election scheduled for December meeting
- Elections schedule for November 13th CB meeting, with nominations taken from the floor, for
 - Vice Chair – Laura Spalter expressed interest
 - Chair of Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs, following affirmative vote to merge the committees. Sylvia Alexander will be nominated
- CM Salamanca bill requiring 15% of new residential units be set aside for homeless if the developer avails itself of city funding – Chair explained her comments in recent Riverdale Press article that the bill exempts 421A funded housing. Since new housing in our district uses 421a, the requirements of the proposed bill would not apply. Member noted that few developments in NYC do not use 421A

District Manager's Report

- New Community Associate – highly qualified and will start in two weeks
- District Services Cabinet meeting this Friday - Chairs should relay issues to DM. Parks should hopefully attend to address issues including logs remaining on Sedgewick. Member noted that agencies should be held accountable
- Sexual harassment training – 18 board members completed the training at CB8 office or, for city employees, at their agencies. Deadline is Dec 14th or members will not be reappointed
- Tech back-up (follow-up) – DoITT advised that server is not backed up outside of our office. Email is archived. Only one NYC board backs up their server using an outside service
- CM Cabrera conference call – most CBs are spending special funding on events, furniture, security, and software platform to track service complaints. Some CBs are pooling funds to create 311 comp stat program. Waiting to hear back on expanded use of consultants beyond zoning
- City planning fellow – working on mapping 311 complaints in our district by type and complaint tracking
- Reminder – submit agendas at least 2 weeks before meetings and minutes 10 days after meeting

Resolutions

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

- E&S – 235th and Palisades Ave / Riverdale Park pumping station that takes sewage waste to treatment plant. Current pumping station is way beyond capacity. Excellent design. Issue is staging plan – closing sections of Palisades to regular vehicular traffic. Committee recognizes hardship and is referring to T&T to help mitigate
- Education – SAPO Hanukkah Candle lighting on Dec 2nd at 239th street monument between 3-6pm
- Public Safety – Three liquor license renewals: Yukka Bistro, Dale Diner, Frankie's Tavern
- Parks – Naming soccer field in Seton Park after Bruce Silverman, who co-founded the soccer league and South Riverdale little league. The naming is supported by both leagues, CM Cohen and others. Parks dept will take request to commissioner if board approves. Committee followed the Board's Street Naming Guidelines when considering the application. Exec members discussed. LRE will look into expanding street naming guidance to include parks for full Board's consideration
- LRE – merging of Education and Libraries & Cultural Affairs committees, as previously presented

- Land Use – Owners of College Road residence received summonses for making changes in historic district without permits. Representative came to LU for vote to accept modifications. Voted not to approve the post-fact changes. Landmarks will make determination
- T&T – Three resolutions:
 - Request for DOT Traffic study to make confusing cross-walks on 238th street safer. Member noted that resolution should not offer solution and that DOT should report back to committee with recommendation [*Note: Resolution adopted by Board in June*]
 - Loeser's Deli street renaming (from May meeting). Family secured community support. Some businesses and organizations object. Motion failed on committee's first vote with one abstention. Passed on second vote when abstention withdrawn. No precedent for business street naming in our district. Committee can present at Board meeting but may table pending LRE review of rules. EcoDev committee working group is developing business recognition award opportunities
 - 237th to 239th & HHP West No parking/standing – proposal from NYC DOT presented at September T & T Committee with no quorum. Suggest moving to next meeting since neighbors in three apartment buildings not notified and no vote from T & T Committee

Issues for Discussion

- B. Bender (for D. Padernacht) – Draft resolution for LU discussion requiring organizations to appear at meeting before applying for permits for work included in master plans. Goal is to resolve potential problems before work starts. Discussion on authority, tone and possible alternative ways to achieve same goal. Will discuss with LU Chair
- L. Spalter - Hearing on Post Rd development was postponed and not communicated until recently
- M. Donato – Several community complaints about Barcelona Bites. Liquor license renewal application will be presented at Nov 20th meeting. Will remind owner of concerns before meeting. S. Villaverde stated that he would speak to management as well
- D. Gellman – Confirmed acceptance of our FY20 budget. Also suggests that committee chairs balance meeting time allotment to hear resident complaints while being respectful of speakers and guests

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

Submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary