

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
HELD ON APRIL 3, 2019  
BOARD OFFICE – 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

**Committee Members Present (12)**

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| Rosemary Ginty, Chair | Eric Dinowitz   | Lamont Parker   |
| Sylvia Alexander      | Margaret Donato | Laura Spalter   |
| Bob Bender            | Robert Fanuzzi  | Martin Wolpoff  |
| Lisa Daub             | David Gellman   | Rosalind Zavras |

**Committee Members Absent (5)**

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| Daris Jackson    | Omar Murray    | Sergio Villaverde |
| Charles Moerdler | Dan Padernacht |                   |

**Staff**

Ciara Gannon, District Manager

**Guests**

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| Bob Press | Zak Kostro |
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Chair Ginty convened the meeting at 7:30pm

**Minutes**

Minutes of March 6, 2019 meeting approved:

In Favor: Ginty, Alexander, Bender, Daub, Dinowitz, Donato, Spalter, Wolpoff, Zavras

Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

**Chairperson's Report**

- Election of nominating committee is scheduled for April's board meeting.
- Chair is sending reminder letters to the institutions that submitted master plans to submit changes and to give notice of planned construction
- DOT Bronx Commissioner, Nivardo Lopez, attended the Bronx Borough Board meeting. He noted that the number of traffic cameras outside of schools will increase from 140 to 750 citywide. They will cover a longer distance and will operate M-F from 6am to 8pm throughout the year.
- Meetings must be held in ADA accessible venues as required by existing law. A board member noted that the location of accessible entrances is not always known and interior seating set-up may hinder access. Going forward, office and chairs will ensure that meeting agendas include the location of accessible entrances and that interior set-up considers mobility needs. Office will prepare a new list with the location of ADA entrances.
- Committee members agreed to move the **June board meeting to Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>** in consideration of VCP Philharmonic concert on the 11<sup>th</sup> and to capture committee resolutions for vote before summer recess.

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

- In Favor: Ginty, Alexander, Bender, Daub, Donato, Dinowitz, Fanuzzi, Gellman, Spalter, Wolpoff, Zavras / Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

Motion to End Executive Session – Motion passed:

- In Favor: Ginty, Alexander, Bender, Daub, Donato, Dinowitz, Fanuzzi, Gellman, Spalter, Wolpoff, Zavras / Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

## **Treasurers Report**

- All invoices from last and current FY have been paid. A budget mod is needed to cover required interest on late payments.
- Treasurer will present FY20 operating budget in May for board approval. Goal for next year is to level spending over the course of the year.
- Special funding
  - Moved 10k for technology after conducting a tech audit and needs assessment with DM. Office will add tech inventory to CB8 procedures guide.
  - Reminder to submit special funding event/consultant requests by this coming Monday. Discussed requirement to use city vendors that invoice for payment.

## **District Manager’s Report**

- Office phones are fixed so the main number is now working. Installation date is pending for new phones, as part of the much-needed tech upgrade.
- DM will attend meeting tomorrow with ConEd, DDC and local officials to get updates on ongoing work. Severe delays seem to be caused by coordination issues. Residents are tired of constant work. North Riverdale work should end soon and hoping to expedite completion of 238<sup>th</sup> street work. Construction has blocked fire and sanitation truck turns. Discussed need for better project management and status mapping.
- Our Facebook page has been active with 800 likes and 900 followers. Using it to provide community with service updates and to highlight events. Will use FB tools for improved outreach.
- After a year without, the office now has a cleaning service.
- Following NYC process to auction off old, including broken, furniture to allow us to purchase new furniture. Preparing list of needed purchases for price estimates.
- Reminder to chairs: Bring community outreach materials and resource guides to all meetings

## **Resolutions**

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

- Education, Libraries, CA – S. Alexander: 1) SAPO for Amalgamate Nursery School Block party at Gale Place between VCPS and Orloff on May 19, 2019, 2) SAPO for Kingsbridge Heights Community Festival Block Party at 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace between Perot and Summit Place on May 18, 2019, 3) [No vote since applicant not present To be raised at Board meeting] Lag B’omer Block Party at West 235<sup>th</sup> street between Independence and Douglas Ave. on May 23, 2019
- Public Safety – M. Donato: 1) SAPO for Health and Safety Awareness Day on Sep 22, 2019. Full street closure at W 237<sup>th</sup> between Blackstone and Independence, 2) Moss Café – beer, wine, cider

license renewal, 3) Buffalo Wild Wings – liquor license renewal, 4) Smash Burger – license renewal, 5) Moss Café – sidewalk café for 2 small tables

- Law, Rules, Ethics – M. Wolpoff: Discussed proposed language, what will and will not change regarding Land Use committee as regular standing committee. DM will check with BPs office regarding community committee members, which also applies to LRE and Exec committees.
- Land Use – Resolution not available re 5545 Arlington Ave. LU vote held over due to quorum and misunderstanding regarding notice to neighbors. The office had sent notices.
- Traffic & Transportation – Resolutions not available. Discussion of possible resolution items.

### **Issues for Discussion**

- E. Dinowitz – Reminder and request for chairs to spread the word re CSA awards – mention at meetings and email committee contacts. Application deadline is a week from Friday.
- D. Gellman – Reminder to send prioritized FY21 capital and expense budget requests by April 26<sup>th</sup> to board office. Include responsible agency and submit in distributed format.
- B. Bender – Lower Brusik Park selected for It's My Park Day on May 4<sup>th</sup> (May 11<sup>th</sup> rain date). Partnership for Parks is involved. Spread the word for volunteers at committee meetings. Can participate any time between 10am and 3pm. Supplies and water will be provided. DM will publicize on Facebook.

### **Outstanding Issues – None**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary