

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
HELD ON MAY 1, 2019  
BOARD OFFICE – 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

**Committee Members Present (13)**

Rosemary Ginty, Chair	Eric Dinowitz	Dan Padernacht
Sylvia Alexander	Margaret Donato	Lamont Parker
Bob Bender	David Gellman	Laura Spalter
Lisa Daub	Omar Murray	Sergio Villaverde
Rosalind Zavras		

**Committee Members Absent (4)**

Robert Fanuzzi	Charles Moerdler
Daris Jackson	Martin Wolpoff

**Staff**

Ciara Gannon, District Manager

**CB8 & Guests**

Luis Lopez, CB8	Joseph Konig
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Chair Ginty convened the meeting at 7:30pm

Welcomed Joseph Konig, a new reporter with the Riverdale Press

**Minutes**

Minutes of April 3, 2019 meeting approved:

In Favor: Ginty, Alexander, Bender, Daub, Dinowitz, Donato, Gellman, Padernacht, Parker, Spalter, Villaverde, Zavras    Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

**Chairperson's Report**

- Reminder that the June board meeting moved to June 27<sup>th</sup>. Exec meeting remains on June 5<sup>th</sup>
- As in the past few years, NY Yankees tickets were distributed to youth organizations and meeting hosts. This year, CB8 also provided tickets to the Broadway shelter; 40 kids with perfect attendance and five chaperones attended the game.
- SNAD Working Group (Bender, Fanuzzi, Froot, Ginty) will distribute their final report in a few days. City Planning's SNAD proposal will be certified on May 6<sup>th</sup> but will reach the Board after our May 6<sup>th</sup> Land Use meeting. SNAD will be discussed at May's LU meeting. **ULURP hearing and vote to take place at 7pm on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. All board members urged to attend to ensure a quorum.**

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, Dinowitz, Donato, Gellman, Murray, Padernacht, Parker, Spalter, Zavras Opposed: 1 Villaverde Abstain: 0

Motion to End Executive Session – Motion passed:

- In Favor: Ginty, Alexander, Bender, Daub, Dinowitz, Donato, Gellman, Murray, Padernacht, Parker, Spalter, Villaverde, Zavras Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

## **Treasurers Report**

- R. Zavras reviewed Treasurers Report. We are operating within our budget. OTPS was incurred in prior FY as well as current year. Most expenses from special funding will be incurred in May and June. Special funding report is shown in addendum. Need to allocate and pay expenses in this fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. Furniture and technology purchases determined and event budgets are needed quickly. It is unlikely that special funding will be repeated next year.
- Prepared FY2020 operating budget and final FY2019 budget modification along with a resolution for board approval. For FY20 budget, reviewed 3 years of expenses to allocate by expense codes.

## **District Manager's Report**

- Transition of our website onto NYC platform is near completion. It is ADA compliant and has mobile and other new features. Our links remain the same.
- DSC will be next Tuesday so please give DM issues to discuss.
- Borough President is hosting CB appreciation dinner on May 9<sup>th</sup>. RSVP to BPs office.
- At next Bronx Borough Board meeting, will discuss responsible agency where accountability is gray, e.g., step streets, reservoir, green streets.
- At last Borough Board meeting, discussed dumping which is an issue throughout the Bronx. Increased fines but it is difficult to prove wrongdoing.
- Chair and DM completed LGBTQ training. Information on upcoming sexual harassment training for board members will be available soon.
- Completely renovated 229<sup>th</sup> step street is now open.
- Received complaints and queries about a food truck on Johnson Ave. Following investigations, it appears that the food truck and its' location, if not parked on street overnight, is lawful.
- D. Gellman raised concern over downed tree limbs near Manhattan College Parkway.

## **Resolutions**

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

- Law, Rules & Ethics – R. Ginty mentioned the second vote on LU committee structure
- Public Safety – R. Donato: Committee approved 1) new license for Game Day Sport, 2) new license for Greek Express, 3) renewal license for Bronx Ale House. 4) Corporate change for Yukka Bistro to be presented at board meeting since paperwork was not available at meeting.
- Traffic & Transportation – D. Padernacht: Committee approved no parking and no idling on school days, 7am-4pm on W 244<sup>th</sup> between Waldo and Tibbett to facilitate drop-off and pick-up at Horace Mann Lower School, supported by FPOA. Discussed whether a full day of no parking was needed or if shorter drop-off and pick-up time hours would suffice.
- Parks & Recreation – B. Bender: Committee approved endorsement of the Play Fair for Parks campaign to advocate for increased NYC parks funding.

## Issues for Discussion

- Reminder that May board meeting starts at 7:15pm for award presentations.
- E. Dinowitz discussed four awardees for the Irving Ladimer Community Service Awards.
- L. Parker discussed the Comeback Kid awards and this year's awardee.
- O. Murray provided background and an update on the proposed for-profit substance abuse clinic planning to open on Broadway at 232<sup>nd</sup> street. HHSS hosted EKAWA at two meetings that were attended by local residents and members of the Kingsbridge BID. Community raised concerns and opposition. Heard from only one supporter. HHSS wrote to OASAS expressing opposition, as did five elected officials. If and when EKAWA submits an application to OASAS, HHSS will bring this matter back to committee and to the Board. We have not received the State required needs assessment, although B. Bender noted that this district has a higher than average number of accidental overdoses.
- D. Gellman shared the preliminary prioritization of submitted capital and expense budget priorities for FY21. Adjustments to within-committee prioritizations will be reflected in revised priorities list for initial borough budget consultations.
- B. Bender noted that the VCP Conservancy and Friends of VCP combined into the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance, having similar goals. VCP administrator, Margot Perron, is moving on to another city park. Shared a draft letter of thanks to Ms. Perron for her years of service to this community.
- B. Bender asked for participation in the final It's my Park Day at Brust Park.
- Shout out to the Save the Date flyer for Woman's Suffrage event
- M. Ramos will soon retire from the NYPD. P.O. Ventura passed sergeant exam.

## Outstanding Issues –

- L. Daub reminded chairs to review and suggest changes to the distributed sections of the CB8 internal procedures guide. Will adjust agenda timing as noted by B. Bender (*with thanks*).

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary