

Bronx Community Board No. 8
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD APRIL 4, 2018
AT THE BOARD OFFICE
5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE, SUITE 100

Present: R. Fanuzzi, M. Goodman, L. Daub, L. Spalter, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, P. Ellis, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, S. Villaverde, A.J. Robateau, K. Pesce, M. Yamagata,

Absent: B. Bender, S. Alexander, C.G. Moerdler, O. Murray, L. Parker, J. Santiago, S. Sarao, M. Wolpoff

Guests: M. Hinman, R. Jacklosky, R. Press

1. Chair's Report:

-DCAS notified the Chair that OMB has turned down a proposed lease for the Cube Smart space based on cost per sq. ft. The issue must be resolved. DCAS has not returned recent calls from the Chair. Councilman Cohen has offered to help with securing space and Councilman Cabrera will go to the Commissioner to request approval for the original space identified.

-Councilman Cabrera will join us at the April 10 board meeting. He is interested in seeking additional funding in the FY19 city budget for Community Boards. The Chair asked the Committee what might be accomplished if more funds were available so we might demonstrate that to Councilman Cabrera. Possibilities stated included covering rental charges to use school sites and houses of worship which currently charge for custodial services; developing an advertising budget to publicize forums; technology equipment to facilitate filming/broadcast of meeting; advertising for other outreach to the community with staff person to support the outreach. Other thoughts should be forwarded to the board office.

-The Chair reminded the Committee that the Nominating Committee will be chosen at the April board meeting.

-The City Council has introduced a bill to create a Charter Revision Commission to revise or draft a new City Charter. The Mayor has also stated his intention to establish a Charter Revision Commission. There cannot be two Charter Revision Commissions at the same time. The Mayor's Commission may pre-empt the Council's. Not yet settled. Revisions would impact powers of Community Boards, elected officials and city agencies. It will probably take 1-2 months for proposals to appear. The Chair suggests that LRE be the central point to gather information and disseminate it for each Committee for review and position. Committees may also have suggestions for Charter changes. There will be no special committee.

-The Chair reported on the Bronx Borough Board meeting presentation Made by Montefiore Hospital on city and borough health statistics. HHSS Chair, O. Murray will be asked to arrange with the Montefiore physician to make her presentation at his committee meeting. It was very informative and would be a service to the committee and community to view it.

-The Chair discussed a draft list of items to be purchased this fiscal year with estimated costs. Some are necessary for usual year-end replenishing of supplies, etc. Other items are necessary for our eventual move to new office space and should be purchased since our FY 18 budget has the additional funds. The printing of the Parks Guide will be done soon and included in these expenditures.

-The Chair stated that the District Service Cabinet meeting will be on May 1. Items for inclusion on the agenda should be received by the board office by April 20.

2. Reports:

-Community Service Award: Chairperson Daub stated there were several nominations.

-Education: SAPOS to be considered are Lag B'omer Block Party, 5/30/18 between W. 235th and Independence, 1-9pm. This event has been held before. Amalgamated Nursery School requested a Block Party celebrating spring 5/20/18, 9-6pm. This event has been held before.

-Parks: V. Chair R. Fanuzzi reported.

Discussion regarding converting skateboard park and adult exercise area in Seton Park. There is enough space but concerns were raised about safeguards between adults and toddlers. Security cameras would be needed. Resolution presented.

A conceptual design has been received for consideration by Boards 7, 12 and 8 of the proposed Van Cortlandt Pedestrian Bridge, a long standing priority of CB8. A hearing was held 3/28/18. Funding is at the previously agreed upon level which is \$12 million but the cost of the Bridge is now estimated at \$22 million with no further commitments for more money." Resolution presented.

-Public Safety: Chair M. Yamagata reporting.

Renewal Applications for Liquor License or Beer/Wine License
Compass Group USA
The Local, 171 W. 231st
A1 & J1, 5977 Broadway

-Traffic and Transportation: D. Padernacht reporting.

DOT plan for the Broadway Corridor is moving forward with street marking to begin 4/18. Discussion of the precedent to name a street after a local business. Can the business be considered an institution in the community or a not-for-profit? Economic Development Committee will discuss. Final action/decision is made by the City Council. DOT is planning enhanced crosswalks at 4 locations which will result in the loss of approximately of 4 parking spots.

-Housing: V. Chair J. Reyes reporting. Chair S. Sarao has written a draft letter to DHSS re: definition of "homeless in our community." There was proposed a DHSS forum at NYCA in May-June.

J. Reyes reported that the Housing Resource Guide cannot be accessed on the board's website.

-Budget: D. Gellman reporting.

Budget will be developed by end of April with priorities identified. Work will continue into May.

3. Minutes of 2/7/18

In Favor: 12

Ginty, Ellis, Goodman, Spalter, Villaverde, Yamagata, Robateau, Gellman, Fanuzzi, Daub, Padernacht, Reyes, Pesce

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Social Media: P. Ellis, Board V. Chair.

The report is not in final form. It will suggest expanding Facebook and Twitter to circulate information with consideration of Instagram in the future. Website needs an update. Committee members are researching approved vendors from the work.

5. District Manager Search Committee: D. Padernacht Committee Chair reporting. There have been 9 interviews since 3/9. The Officers participated in second interviews with 5 final candidates and gave general comments as feedback for the Search Committee to consider. Plan is for May presentation to Executive Committee.

6. Treasurer's Report: A.J. Roboteau reporting. 2018 adopted budget was \$243, 911 with \$148, 366 uncommitted.

Submitted by,

K. Pesce, Secretary