

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
HELD ON DECEMBER 5, 2018
BOARD OFFICE – 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

Committee Members Present (12)

Rosemary Ginty, Chair	Eric Dinowitz	Dan Padernacht
Lisa Daub	David Gellman	Laura Spalter
Sylvia Alexander	Charles Moerdler	Martin Wolpoff
Bob Bender	Omar Murray	Rosalind Zavras

Committee Members Absent (4)

Margaret Donato	Lamont Parker
Robert Fanuzzi	Sergio Villaverde

Staff

Ciara Gannon, District Manager

Guests

Zak Kostro	Daris Jackson, VC Ec. Dev.	Marla Sanders
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Meeting convened at 7:30pm

DM introduced CB8's new Community Associate, Maritza Ortiz, who attended for a few minutes to meet the committee members.

Minutes

Minutes of November 7, 2018 meeting approved as amended after adding S. Villaverde's remarks and deleting unnecessary verbiage.

In Favor: Rosemary Ginty, Lisa Daub, Sylvia Alexander, Bob Bender, Eric Dinowitz, David Gellman, Charles Moerdler, Omar Murray, Dan Padernacht, Laura Spalter, Martin Wolpoff, Rosalind Zavras / Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

Chairperson's Report

- Deputy Inspector O'Toole moved to a new position downtown. To acknowledge his fine service to this community, M. Donato will organize a small tribute and is asking for members' ideas
- Meeting venues are more limited given security needs of synagogues. Seeking additional venues for meetings. Reminder to respect time limits at all hosting organizations
- Ownership of 6355 Broadway (formerly Riverdale Manor) has changed and will now serve an older clientele in need of residential mental health services. Owners are continuing extensive renovations
- Informing the Board again that Housing committee chair nominations will be taken from the floor at December board meeting. Daris Jackson expressed interest.
- 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

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Motion to End Executive Session – Motion passed:

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Treasurers Report

- Treasurer presented a comprehensive and understandable report that clearly shows the current budget and expenditure status as well as progress towards cleaning up what was not completed for FY18 &19. She also shared an addendum covering expenditure allocations and tracking for the special funding granted to all community boards. Members thanked Ms. Zavras for her tremendous work

District Manager’s Report

- Community Associate M. Ortiz has experience at NYCHA and senior centers. She accompanied DM to DSC meeting to learn about our various community issues
- Many board members still need to complete the mandatory sexual harassment training before Dec 14th on the one available office computer
- Posted link to community board application on board website
- MTA announced at DSC that 168th street elevator will be closed for one year for replacement. Communications will be available soon along with shuttle bus info for A and 1 train transfers
- Planning fellow attended DSC and continues to map our 311 complaints by type of complaint and will, if possible, create trends illustration. Need 311 record of all complaints to solve and follow-up on issues with city agencies
- DM working closely with Treasurer on FMS, budgeting and developing a parallel user-friendly tracking system. M. Ortiz will attend training soon and start FMS input
- Reminded chairs to notify office when minutes are approved. Office is replacing the posted “pending” minutes with approved minutes. Secretary reminded chairs to review, comment on and follow minutes process/checklist
- OEM booklets on emergency management for elected officials is available at office

Resolutions

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

- Land Use – 695 W 246th – new work and retroactive approval of modified work from a prior plan
 - C. Moerdler expressed concern with the general trend in unauthorized construction work with homeowners dealing with restoration plan and/or relatively low fines if and when discovered. Agencies need to focus on concerns of the community
- Law, Rules & Ethics – (1) question of naming streets on behalf of for-profit businesses, and by extension, non-profit organizations. (2) Second vote to rename Seton Park ballfield

- Public Safety – Approved: (1) New application for Bar 57, (2) Renewal for Hola, (3) Renewal for El Economico. Disapproved (4) Renewal for Barcelona Bites due to serious issues raised by neighbors and confirmed by law enforcement

Issues for Discussion

- M. Wolpoff shared a legislative report which will be culled down. He now appreciates the extensive work R. Ginty did over 7 years to maintain the legislation report in its succinct format
- C. Gannon – will share a report summarizing the Community Associate selection/hiring process
- B. Bender – consensus to send an annual reminder letter to organizations instead of a resolution. The letter reminds organizations to come back to the board before proceeding with work shown on master plans to avert potential problems
- O. Murray – The Hebrew Institute and Bronx Works will present on Dec 13th their plan regarding once per week overnight sleeping space for 5 homeless persons
- D. Jackson (for S. Villaverde) – investigate possibility of NYC email addresses for committee chairs. DM noted that this is not currently allowed but will investigate options
- L. Spalter – stated, “regarding last month’s E&S election for chair, it was at my urging that it be put on the November agenda. It came from a strong desire to have a speedy and smooth transition”.
- R. Ginty - Responses to the multi-item FOIL request are being sent as they are gathered to M. Hinman, Riverdale Press. Will be shared with members upon request to DM

Strongly believes that the Press has 1st Amendment rights even if it contains falsehoods - although journalistic ethics should be followed. As a government agency, our documents are public under FOIL. Ms. Ginty also has 1st Amendment rights, and she objects to being a target as it appears from the editor’s emails and published items in the Riverdale Press. If board members have concerns about board operations, they should speak to the chair, other officers or DM

This is about the Board and the community. It is not about her.

This is an exciting year with planned community events, pending new office space, progress on social media and more. People are engaged and she urges everyone not to lose enthusiasm by reading negative press and should continue to do good work

L. Spalter and L. Daub added remarks in agreement with Chair Ginty’s comments

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary