

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD DECEMBER 2, 2015
AT THE RIVERDALE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Padernacht, Chair	Steven Froot
Rosemary Ginty, Vice Chair	Michael Heller
Karen Pesce, Secretary	Joseph O'Brien
Phil Friedman, Treasurer	Lamont Parker
Sylvia Alexander	Robert Press
Bob Bender	Martin Wolpoff
Lisa Daub	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Paul Ellis
Marvin Goodman
Demetrius McCord
Charles Moerdler
Sergio Villaverde

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amy Joy Robateau

COMMUNITY RESIDENTS PRESENT:

Terence Miller, rep. Senator Gustavo Rivera

STAFF:

Patricia Manning, District Manager
Diane Bay, Community Associate

Chairman Padernacht convened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

1. Discussion of Executive Minutes

S. Alexander requested that the November Executive minutes be amended. The last bullet in Issues Raised by Committee Members for Discussion will be changed to read: The following suggestions to spend board funds were discussed and will be brought to the officers. The executive committee voted to approve the November Executive Committee Minutes as amended.

Vote: 12 in favor Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

In favor: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Friedman, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Heller, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, M. Wolpoff

2. Chairman's Report – D. Padernacht

- D. Padernacht welcomed Terence Miller, Senator Gustavo Rivera's representative. Terence Miller reported that Senator Rivera is hosting a Canned Food Drive for the Holiday Season. Drop off date/time is Monday through Friday until December 16, 2015 from 11AM-5PM at 2432 Grand Concourse, Ste. 506.
- D. Padernacht attended the Borough Board meeting with all Bronx Community Board Chairs and Council members. Every Bronx Board voted against the MIH and the ZQA along with Six Council members, two Council members did not appear and one abstained. City Planning is holding a public hearing on December 16 at The National Museum of the American Indian, One Bowling Green at 9AM. The board will submit all documents and testimony from the public on the MIH and ZQA to City Planning. It is possible that after this hearing City Planning may make amendments to the text. City Council has the final vote on these zoning amendments.
- D. Padernacht chaired the Public Safety meeting in November due to the Public Safety Chair's absence. Since there was no quorum the SLA applicants will appear at the December 3, 2015 meeting.
- The Chair announced that P. Ellis's father passed away and expressed his condolences. D. Padernacht will Chair the Affordable Housing forum for Paul on December 9, 2015.
- If there are any committee members who have not attended the last 3 meetings please inform the Chair of this information.
- A. Feldmeier and M. Galvin resigned from the board. There are now 45 board members.

3. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

No Report

4. District Manager's Report – P. Manning

- Lydia received training for in-house posting to our Website and is conducting some postings; she has also started working on the production of the Newsletter with Rosemary. P. Manning thanked Rosemary, Diane and Lydia for the work that has been done on the newsletter.
- Pat and Dan interviewed and hired Christina Migliachi, a senior at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, for our Social Media internship. We are seeking to broaden the Board's outreach through social media. She expects to start toward the end of January.
- Board members are permitted to park in the lot only at night when coming to meetings and can only park at the back of the building up against the building. (This is stipulated in the lease)
- The stationery has been updated with the new Public Safety Chair Joseph O'Brien.

1. Committee Resolutions

a) Traffic & Transportation – M. Heller

The Committee voted in favor of two street activity permit applications. The resolutions will be forthcoming.

There was a discussion on the South Riverdale Merchants Fair (one of the street permit activity applications). The application requests a full street closure on Riverdale Avenue between West 236 and 238 Streets. In August of 2015 there was a full street closure at the same location for Movie Night. For public safety reasons the FDNY complained to the NYPD about the full street closure. For that reason, M. Heller is going to request the applicant change the application to keep one lane opened in case of emergency, as required by SAPO regulations.

2. Issues raised by Committee Members for Discussion

- M. Wolpoff learned his Synagogue is trying to reduce the amount of waterflow into the sewer system. B. Bender said there is a long-term plan by the Department of Environmental Protection to construct and maintain sustainable green infrastructure such as green roofs, gardens and Bioswales on City-owned property such as streets and sidewalks. Green infrastructure promotes the natural movement of water by collecting and managing stormwater runoff from streets and sidewalks and prevents stormwater runoff from entering the City's sewer systems. R. Ginty reminded the Chairs that the Environment & Sanitation Committee sent a survey to all board members and the community that relates to this issue and recommended that all partake in filling out the survey.
- R. Ginty noted that a Committee Chair can create their own survey to get the public's opinion on a topic. The instructions on how to create a survey were distributed.
- M. Wolpoff distributed the legislative update and thanked R. Ginty for preparing the updates.
- J. O'Brien announced concerns about some of the SLA applications on the Public Safety agenda tomorrow. An FDNY representative will be requested to attend all Public Safety meetings.
- M. Heller will try to hold a Public Hearing in December on a proposed change of the West 231st Street bus stop placement for the # 1, 7, 10, and 20 buses between Riverdale and Kingsbridge Avenues.
- M. Heller pointed out #983-2015 on the legislative update stats regarding crossing guard deployment. He is curious what the criteria is to attain crossing guards and how that could be a future project.
- B. Bender, Chair Padernacht and District Manager Pat Manning attended a meeting on the Parks Commissioner's Parks without Borders Initiative. It is the Parks Commissioner's initiative to make parks more accessible, open, welcoming, and beautiful by focusing on improving entrances. One way this can be achieved is by removing the tall 10-12 ft. fences. The Parks Department has a \$40 million fund. They will select and fund the best eight parks to showcase the program. B. Bender will hold a meeting to discuss the parks in our Community which may be good candidates for this program.
- B. Bender reported that the Parks Department was scheduled to give a presentation at the Parks Committee meeting in November on the design of the Putnam Trail but cancelled two days before the meeting. It may not be on the agenda again until January of 2016. Chair Padernacht reported that the Parks Department cancelled the presentation because they are awaiting comments from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation concerning the City's proposal for the Putnam Trail.
- L. Daub reported that the Aging Committee's Senior Resource guide is near completion.
- S. Froot may invite the representatives of Sinergia to discuss the Individual Residential Alternative that opened at 3018 Corlear Avenue. They were not required to inform the community about this residence since it does not fall under the Padavan Law. This will be discussed with the committee members but may not come back to the board.
- M. Wolpoff requested that the Executive meeting be held in the Riverdale Mental Health Association since no outsiders attend this meeting. All members present agreed. The Chairman will consider this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Dan Padernacht
Chairman