

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2019
BOARD OFFICE – 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

Committee Members Present (14)

Rosemary Ginty, Chair	Margaret Donato	Dan Padernacht
Sylvia Alexander	Robert Fanuzzi	Laura Spalter
Bob Bender	David Gellman	Martin Wolpoff
Lisa Daub	Daris Jackson	Rosalind Zavras
Eric Dinowitz	Omar Murray	

Committee Members Absent (3)

Charles Moerdler	Lamont Parker	Sergio Villaverde (*)
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Staff

Ciara Gannon, District Manager

Other CB8 and Guests

(*) Luis Lopez, VC EDev	Zak Kostro
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Chair Ginty convened the meeting at 7:35pm

Minutes

Minutes of January 2, 2018 meeting approved

In Favor: Ginty, Bender, Daub, Donato, Fanuzzi, Gellman, Jackson, Spalter, Wolpoff, Lopez /

Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

Chairperson's Report

- Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee – Mosholu Golf Club House construction will start Oct 1st. Construction cost negotiations are currently underway. No new information on Van Cortlandt Park bridge. Reminder that residents can request tap water testing kit by contacting 311. Excellent presentation on water supply system
- Borough President hosted meeting for all Bronx community boards with James Vacca who sits on Charter Revision Commission. Few Chairs but most DMs attended. The Commission will not revisit Mayor's charter changes but discussed ways to increase community boards' voice, including ULURP suggestion from Chair Ginty. Land Use is one of the four focus areas of the Commission.
- CM Cabrera scheduled a citywide community board conference call with Cory Johnson to highlight how CBs are using the special funding.

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, Bender, Daub, Donato, Fanuzzi, Gellman, Jackson, Murray, Spalter, Wolpoff, Zavras, Lopez Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

Motion to End Executive Session – Motion passed:

- In Favor: Ginty, Bender, Daub, Donato, Fanuzzi, Gellman, Jackson, Murray, Spalter, Wolpoff, Zavras, Lopez / Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0
- A recent story in The Riverdale Press quoted a board member. The city agency involved called the office very disturbed due to inaccuracies published. In consultation with M. Wolpoff, the Chair reiterated the importance of Article 9 of the board's Bylaws regarding member communications with the press. If a press query is substantive (i.e., more than a simple clarification), board members need to first consult with the board Chair.

Treasurers Report

- R. Zavras presented the Treasurer's Report explaining its further enhancements. OTPS is still showing negative pending approval of budget modification. There was a delay in FMS processing due to OMB shutdown to focus on citywide capital and expense budget. Shifting ~ 40k from PS to OTPS. New table shows funds requested but not yet in FMS.
- Special funding includes new women's suffrage and T&T events and allocation for marketing all events to enhance outreach and community participation. [Chair provided background on the women's suffrage event to be hosted by E,L&CA committee with presentation by Bronx Historical Society. Next month, committee chairs should briefly present on their events at Exec committee.]
- Treasurer worked with DM on the proposed budget modification shown on the last page of report. Shared draft resolution which will go to OMB following board's vote. This is the first time that a budget modification will be presented for a board vote.
- Treasurer showed demo of the preliminary Expense Tracker workbook/spreadsheets to run in parallel with FMS. This should enhance our internal financial reporting capabilities
- Treasurer drafted a procurement guide for all purchases made at the CB office using the board's operating budget. It shows approval levels and requirements by cost levels. [Consultant contracts may incur additional review]. Guide shows key dates for review of budgets and approvals.

The Committee and DM thanked Treasurer Zavras for her extraordinary work.

District Manager's Report

- Water shutoff on Riverdale Ave. may cause the office staff to temporarily work off-site. Resolutions and other items for distribution should be submitted promptly as a precaution.
- If up for renewal, board members need to submit their application to BPs office quickly. Due either by Feb 8th or 15th (conflicting deadlines)
- A DoITT technician is scheduled to fix office telephone problems. The office is significantly behind other boards' technology, including internet speed which also impacts phone and email capability. NYC has contracts in place that we will avail of and move from 10 to 150 mb internet upgrade. This is essential for efficient board operations.

- Representative from NYC Commission on Human Rights provided excellent training to office staff regarding communications with residents. A representative is available to the board for further training, upon request.
- Violations issued on 2395 Palisades. Neighbors calls to 311 are helping to drive agencies' involvement. Office is loaning its' space for a small meeting on this matter.
- Will invite a 311 representative to the next District Service Cabinet meeting. A member noted that although important, multilingual translations slows 311 call time. Another member praised the 311 app.
- DM reminded everyone to RSVP for the State of the Borough address on Feb. 21st.

Resolutions

Chair called for committee resolutions to be presented at February's Board meeting

- Public Safety – M. Donato shared two renewal license resolutions for the Punch Bowl and Bronx Post 95 War Veterans.
 - Regarding Barcelona Bites, SLA pulled their liquor permit and denied the corporate change. The establishment can serve food but no alcohol (and no BYOB).
- Economic Development – L. Lopez shared resolution to consider issuing "community stakeholder numbers" to expedite calls to 311 from merchants and others in the community.
 - Executive Committee discussed the pending Merchant Awards and discussed board briefing v. approval of awardees for all of the various CB awards.
- Land Use – Four resolutions (pending receipt)

Issues for Discussion

- Health, Hospitals & Social Services – O. Murray reported that three topics will be discussed at February 13th meeting at the Citadel, two of which are highly sensitive: 1) Neighbor complaints regarding a group home at 5743 Faraday Ave and their request to intervene on lease renewal, and 2) A proposed opiate addiction clinic at 5622 Broadway (232nd street), 2nd floor. The owner will present at the meeting.
- Environment & Sanitation – R. Fanuzzi reported updates: 1) Clean water advocates, 311 outreach, 2) Palisades Avenue pumping station near 235th and also the 254th street pumping station – the latter will be over capacity with HHaR development, and 3) DEC and DEP will conduct an environmental survey and feasibility study on the CSX property.
- Budget – D. Gellman reported that we will receive last year's budget responses on Friday following the Mayor's press conference. They will be sent to chairs to share with committee members for summarized comments before Wednesday's budget hearing. The late receipt of City's responses, shortening our review time, is unfortunate.
- Law, Rules & Ethics – M. Wolpoff reported that the next meeting will be in March and will continue discussions regarding the Land Use committee's designation as standing v. committee of the whole
- Parks & Recreation – B. Bender reported that 1) four capital construction projects will start in Van Cortlandt Park in the Spring: skate park, Mosholu playground, Putnam trail and 242nd st. Parks Without Borders entrance, 2) good conversation at last meeting regarding the Putnam Trail with various constituents such as Parks Dept and cycling groups stepping up to their responsibilities, 3)

the VCP Conservancy will conduct radar survey to document and prove burial site of slaves. They will connect this with educational outreach and offered to come to E,L&CA committee meeting, and 4) discussed finding interim solution for BBQ pits that will close during construction project

- Housing – D. Jackson reported that he will be on the panel at Feb 21st NYCHA Marble Hill Town Hall. Two committee members will attend and he hopes for larger CB member participation.

Outstanding Issues – None

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary