

Bronx Community Board No. 8

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD MAY 2, 2018

AT THE BOARD OFFICE

5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE, SUITE 100

Present: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, C.G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, M. Wolpoff

Board Members Present: R. Fanuzzi

Absent: O. Murray, L. Parker, A. J. Robateau, J. Santiago, S. Villaverde, M. Yamagata

Guests: M. Hinman, P. Loeser, L. Loeser, R. Press, P. Moerdler

The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm by Chair Ginty. She welcomed guests and identified there was a quorum.

1. Minutes of previous Executive Committee meeting corrected to indicate B. Bender was absent. He corrected funding report for the proposed Van Cortlandt Pedestrian Bridge to read, "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."

Clarification of street naming protocols for business entities was discussed by Padernacht who said there have been others. The Economic Development Committee was going to issue an opinion but hasn't yet. Padernacht said the NYC Council has requirements for the approval of naming a NYC Street after a "business as opposed to a person". The NYC policy is "Co-naming for a business will be considered if: (a) the business is a non-profit or otherwise engaged heavily in giving back to the community, or (b) the business is an institution in the community, like a famous diner or deli."

2. Chair's Report

- Councilman Cabrera's office is willing to schedule a meeting with DCAS to discuss the lease for new office space. Chair Ginty has prepared a binder with historical documents relating to the actions and documents requesting new office space for CB8. This has been submitted to Councilman Cabrera's Chief of Staff. Councilman Cohen is helping with the application process.
- The Chair attended the Homeless Forum at the Borough President's Office. Matt Bordon (DHS) said they would notify the community board as to reasons for homelessness in CB8. A subsequent email from Nicole Jordan stated the sources of our area's homeless: 30% domestic violence, 30% eviction, 20% overcrowding. Housing and Health, Hospitals and Social Services will follow up.

- The Community Advisory Board has been in existence for 5 months. 14 families now have permanent housing outside the Shelter. 146 people have gained employment. Praxis, the service provider, is willing to increase community involvement on the CAB Board.
- Community Board Appreciation Day will be held 5/10, 6-8pm at the Borough Hall. RSVP is needed and Committee members were advised to check their emails for the invitation.
- The Hebrew Home hearing will be held 5/7 with a full Board vote 6/18. EAS documents are available for review on line or at the CB8 Office. A DEC newsletter stated there are 30 days to respond to EAS. Moerdler suggested sending the Bronx office identifying that the 30 day notification period hadn't been conveyed to CB8.
- Land Use Chair: By-laws have been checked and there is no rule to undo a resignation. Mr. Moerdler submitted his name to the Nominating Committee for Chair of Land Use Committee. A slate with nominees for officers and chairs will be submitted at the June meeting at which time a Land Use Chair for next year will be voted. Chair Ginty is appointing C. Moerdler as Land Use Chair for the two intervening committee meetings in May and June.
- Responses to media articles: the commitment of CB8 Committees and all members to working on many significant projects in our community was noted in a Letter to the Editor, Riverdale Press, 4/19, signed by CB8 Officers. All Chairs made statements supporting the informed and dedicated efforts of CB8 members. Chair Ginty was acknowledged for her dedication to Board responsibilities and time investment. There was praise for Moerdler's many years and significant contributions to CB8.

3. Committee Report

- Traffic and Transportation:
A letter requesting 254th Street as a priority capital project has been received. There are many street obstructions and sewer work may be required to address effects of drainage, especially on Railroad Place. Padernacht will place this item on agenda for next Committee meeting.

Mr. Padernacht reported that 16 businesses on 231st Street were in favor of the Loeser Deli street naming.

Crosswalk has been requested by an area resident of West 237th Street and Hudson Manor Terrace. There is a curb cut but no street marking. Padernacht stated that T&T Committee voted in favor of a resolution to support this request. He will forward Resolution to the Secretary and the Board Office.
- Concerning the District Manager Search Committee Chair Ginty moved to go into an executive session, 8:15pm.
VOTE

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In Favor: 13 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0
Motion Passed.

Ellis moved to exit Executive Session, 8:45pm.
VOTE

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In Favor: 13 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

- Public Safety:

Resolution for Renewal Liquor License
Gaelic Athletic Association
201 W. 240th
Committee approved unanimously

Resolution for New Liquor License
Amor Eterno
308 W. 231st Street
Committee approved unanimously

- Libraries & Cultural Affairs

Resolution for street activity permit application at Eames Place between Clafflin Avenue and University Avenue, 6/7
Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee approved unanimously

- Nominating Committee: A meeting has been scheduled for 5/3 to interview candidates
- Media Working Group

Ellis summarized the report with its focus on website development and media generally. Other Boards had positive results from using Facebook and CB8 anticipates increasing usage. Instagram isn't planned at this time. Website needs site hosting and it's been difficult to find a vendor to do only hosting. The question was asked if CB8 has a policy on re-tweeting. Undetermined at this point.

4. Miscellaneous Issues

Moerdler asked if there was any information on needed repairs at Ft. Independence and Marble Hill. There may be a request for additional funding from the Housing Authority and, as a stipulation, he could request some of the

funding to Ft. Independence and Marble Hill housing. Ellis will research and respond.

Meeting concluded at 9:17pm.

Submitted by K. Pesce, Secretary