

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD MAY 4, 2016
AT THE RIVERDALE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Padernacht, Chair	Marvin Goodman
Rosemary Ginty, Vice Chair	Michael Heller
Karen Pesce, Secretary	Joseph O'Brien
Phil Friedman, Treasurer	Robert Press
Sylvia Alexander	Laura Spalter, (Vice Chair, E&S)
Bob Bender	Sergio Villaverde
Lisa Daub	Martin Wolpoff
Paul Ellis	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steven Froot
Demetrius McCord
Charles Moerdler
Lamont Parker

STAFF:

Patricia Manning, District Manager
Diane Bay, Community Associate

Chair Padernacht convened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

1. Approval of April Executive minutes:

Vote: 13 in favor Opposed: 0 Abstention: 0

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

2. Chairman's Report – D. Padernacht

- A representative of Kelly Ryan's, 5790 Mosholu Avenue, contacted the Board office on April 25, 2016 asking the community board for a waiver of the 30-day notification for renewal of their New York State liquor license. A representative of Kelly Ryan's informed the Board that its notice of renewal to the Community Board and State Liquor Authority was intercepted in the mail. In addition, it received a fraudulent renewal license in the mail. The license expired on December 31, 2015 and was unaware that it received a fraudulent license until it went to renew its insurance. The information in the license renewal application was used by someone to make credit-card purchases. When Kelly Ryans learned of the scam it closed down. The matter is currently under investigation by the NYPD. Due to time constraints, Chair Padernacht asked the Parks Committee and Public Safety committee about placing the application for a waiver of the 30-day notification on the Parks Committee April 27, 2016 agenda. This was the first committee to meet after learning about the incident. B. Bender and J. O'Brien agreed. The waiver of notice was approved by the committee and sent to the SLA with signatures by the Board Chair and Parks Committee Chair. The Parks Committee also voted on a resolution (see #5 – committee resolutions) which will be presented to the full board on May 10, 2016. Following the board vote another letter will go to the SLA from the board. The application for the license renewal will be placed on the Public Safety agenda in May 2016.
- In April R. Ginty attended a meeting held by the Borough President who wanted Community Boards to discuss platforms for veterans affairs within the community boards. The request was

described at the April Executive Committee and discussion continued at this meeting. There are 33,000 Bronx veterans: 15% are women; 35% from Vietnam War; 42% are 65+. There is no breakdown by community board. It was agreed that it was a good idea and the best way would be to form a Special Veterans Committee that might meet two or more times a year to focus on outreach and services. A resolution to this effect will be prepared for the June meeting.

- Chair Padernacht discussed the topic of permitting staffers of elected officials to speak at the General Board meeting. The Chair asked for input on the topic. The committee discussed the pros and cons of allowing staffers to speak at the meeting. R. Ginty noted that City Hall repeatedly speaks to our Board through its agencies whose representatives routinely appear at our committee meetings on various topics and give presentations at committee meetings throughout the year.
- The Chair has spoken with District Attorney Darcel Clark's office about appearing to speak to the Board. The Chair is waiting to hear back from the DA's office to confirm the date.
- The office now has bookmarks for the community. Chair Padernacht thanked L. Daub and R. Ginty for their work on the design and implementation of the printing.

3. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- No report.

4. District Manager's Report – P. Manning

- Today was the last day for our social media intern. We will now work toward getting a summer intern.
- Registration fees for board members to attend conferences is non-refundable at this time.

District Service Cabinet report

- The FDNY is inviting all to open house on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Ladder 52 (Riverdale Avenue) is from 1 to 3PM and Ladder 81 (Bailey Avenue) is from 11 to 1PM.
- The Library has started its letter writing campaign for the budget. Their hoping to reach a goal of 22 million dollars.

Borough Service Cabinet report

- The Department of Homeless Services has merged with HRA under the leadership of Commissioner Banks of HRA. They underwent a 90 day assessment period of their services and they're looking at how they can improve their services. They're focusing on shelter safety and shelter review hotline use. Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) will now be done every quarter instead of yearly. It was suggested to them that they notify community boards, NYPD and FDNY as to when they are placing facilities in neighborhoods.

5. Committee Resolutions

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION – M. Heller

The following resolutions were approved by the Traffic & Transportation Committee on April 19, 2016 and will be presented at the May 10, 2016 board meeting.

- a) Street Naming: In honor of Community Board 8 District Manager Grace Belkin, proposed location: West 246 Street and Henry Hudson Parkway. First step in a three part process.

Motion to approve 6-0-0, M. Heller, R. Press, A. Creaney, J. O'Brien, G. Santiago, H. Young

- b) Street Activity Permit Application: Cayuga Avenue Block Party, June 25, 2016, 12 noon – 8 pm, Cayuga Avenue between West 246 Street and dead end.

Motion to approve 6-0-0, M. Heller, R. Press, A. Creaney, D. Fuchs, G. Santiago, H. Young

Chair Padernacht requested that M. Heller forward a resolution for each of the following issues discussed at the April 19, 2016 Traffic & Transportation meeting:

- A request from DOT for a support letter for installation of a crosswalk near the Reservoir
- A request to DOT to change the Muni Meters on Mosholu Avenue from Broadway to Fieldston Road from 1 hour to 2 hours

PUBLIC SAFETY – J. O'Brien

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

Whereas, the following establishments appeared at the Bronx Community Board Public Safety Committee on April 21, 2016 for a **NEW** full liquor license; and whereas no adverse information was presented; and whereas the Public Safety committee unanimously approved the application;

Be it resolved that the Bronx Community Board No. 8 approve the following **New** applications for New York State liquor licenses:

Q Kachapa 5625-6 Broadway

In favor – 5 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0
M. Yamagata, M. Donato, L. Croft, H. Young, R. Press

Bacco - 3525 Johnson Avenue

In favor – 5 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0
M. Yamagata, M. Donato, L. Croft, H. Young, R. Press

Whereas, the following establishments appeared at the Bronx Community Board Public Safety Committee on April 21, 2016 for a **RENEWAL** for a full liquor license; and whereas no adverse information was presented; and whereas the Public Safety committee unanimously approved the application;

Be it resolved that the Bronx Community Board No. 8 approve the following **Renewal** applications for New York State liquor licenses:

RENEWALS

Compass Group - 6301 Riverdale Avenue (College of Mt. St. Vincent)

In favor – 5 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0
In favor: M. Yamagata, M. Donato, L. Croft, H. Young, R. Press

The Local – 171 West 231 Street

In favor – 5 Opposed – 0 Abstain – 0
In favor: M. Yamagata, M. Donato, L. Croft, H. Young, R. Press

Gaelic Athletic Association – 201 West 240th Street

PARKS & RECREATION – B. Bender

The following resolution was voted on by the Parks Committee on April 27 and will be presented at the May 10 board meeting:

Whereas Kelly Ryan's is a well-known pub located at 5790 Mosholu Avenue; and

Whereas Kelly Ryan's was required as part of its application for a renewal of its liquor license to provide notice of its application to the community board 30 days in advance of application; and

Whereas Kelly Ryan's representative appeared before this committee at its April 27, 2016 meeting to inform the committee that it had sent its form to the community board as required and that this form along with other forms sent to the NY State Liquor Authority had been intercepted in the mail; and

Whereas Kelly Ryan's representative informed the committee that it had been the victim of a scam in which information contained in its application had been used illegally and that this information has been reported to the NYPD; and

Whereas Kelly Ryan's liquor license has now expired, causing the pub to close down; and

Whereas Kelly Ryan's has re-applied for license renewal and has requested from the community board a waiver of the 30-day notice because of the urgency of its situation; and

Whereas the community board agreed to hear Kelly Ryan's request at its next committee meeting, which was the April 27, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting; and

Whereas committee members reviewed the application provided by Kelly Ryan's and found the explanation offered by its representative credible; and

Whereas committee members spoke favorably about Kelly Ryan's contributions to the community; and

Whereas the 50th Precinct reports no complaints against Kelly Ryan's; therefore

Be It Resolved that the Parks & Recreation Committee recommends waiving the 30-day advance notice requirement for Kelly Ryan's application to renew its liquor license.

Vote: 6 In favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention

B. Bender, R. Fanuzzi, M. Goodman, A.J. Robateau, L. Spalter (CB8); C. Taylor (CCM)

6. Issues raised by Committee Members for Discussion

- R. Press reported on how the budget process works. The committee's should hand in their budget priorities identifying the most important one first. Committee Chairs should continue to submit their priorities to the board office as done in previous years. The paperwork R. Press submitted to OMB last year will be sent to the committee chairs.
- R. Press reported that a new Library will be built in Van Cortlandt Village and a new auxiliary police car was approved from last year's CB8's budget requests.
- A meet and greet with the new board members will be held after the June board meeting.

- M. Wolpoff thanked R. Ginty for the legislative updates. He pointed out that City Council has a proposal to establish neighborhood support teams appointed by the Mayor to oversee quality of life issues and report back to him. This will be further discussed at the LRE meeting in May.
- M. Goodman will be presenting the Community Service Awards at the May meeting. There are a total of 6 nominees, 4 are individuals and 2 are groups.
- M. Goodman announced a program at the Riverdale and Kingsbridge Libraries named Picturing the Northwest Bronx. Participants are encouraged to send up to three 11 by 14 digital photographs showcasing the beauty of the Northwest Bronx, no photographs of faces. Contact the library if interested in the above programs.
- P. Ellis announced that Riverfest is on Sunday, June 5th.
- B. Bender reported that within Washington's Walk Park and also along Reservoir Avenue, specifically between Goulden Avenue and Sedgwick Avenue, 32 trees will be removed. They were inspected and require removal due to condition in order to ensure public safety. Following removal of all indicated trees, tree stumps will be removed and new trees will be planted. The tree removal will begin on May 4. Local neighborhood groups and elected officials will be notified by the board.
- B. Bender requested the bioblitz information be posted on the website.
- A Hudson River Greenway meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 26 from 5:30 to 7PM. Senator Klein and Metro North will be present at this meeting.
- The executive committee previously discussed finding someone who can write a grant for funding for the Hudson River Greenway. B. Bender learned of a grant writer who previously worked for the Bronx River Alliance and the Wildlife Conservation Society. She is bonded and certified with the Attorney General's office. It was noted that she must be certified as a city vendor and Chair Padernacht requested that she contact the District Manager.
- P. Manning reported that 5 dead trees will be removed in Riverdale Park.
- R. Press requested a list of the 537 trees that were planted in CB8.
- The Nominating Committee will meet on two different dates in May. All positions are open. There is an opening for Chair of the Environment & Sanitation Committee and Chair of the Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee.

7. Follow up on Outstanding Issues

- None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Dan Padernacht
Chairman