

Bronx Community Board No. 8

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 3, 2017 AT THE BOARD OFFICE 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE, SUITE 100

Attendance: S. Alexander, B. Bender, L. Daub, P. Ellis, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata

Absent: M. Goodman, C. Moerdler, O. Murray, L. Parker, A.J. Robateau

Board Members Present:

H. Young

1. Minutes of previous meeting accepted with one modification.
2. Old Business:

- Chairperson Ginty has sent a 2 page letter to City Council reps. and Boro President Diaz re: the urgent need for more central office space.

- Land Use Committee will meet the 1st Monday of each month after its October 26th meeting.

- DHS/CB8 forum on homeless held on September 28th; meeting focused on how people became homeless and how to help them to not become homeless and what community and not for profits can do to help. There are currently two more Stagg properties under construction/completed in our area and their planned usage is uncertain. DHS was asked to assess those locations and to inform CB8 of their anticipated usage. A Community Advisory Board has been appointed with three people from the community suggested and it will meet quarterly but more often in the beginning. 380 people whose last known address was in CB8 are expected to be sheltered in our community. Unknown when list was last updated. DHS was asked to send a rep. to Public Safety Committee.

- Social Media Committee is looking into developing Facebook page but not Instagram.

3. New Business:

- Officer Bryan Baek, previously with 50th pct., recently expired after a motorcycle accident. Details of funeral arrangements were sent out to the Board office.

4. Treasurer's Report: submitted but questions and discussion deferred at this time.
5. Resolutions

-Environment and Sanitation recommends a ban on disposable plastic bags; this was passed by the City years ago but NYS didn't implement. City and State officials are being asked to resolve the problem. Resolution will be held until discussed at the Economic Development Committee meeting on October 24, 2017.

October 26 at 12:30PM there will be a joint news conference with CSX and Spalter at Verveleen Place, 230-231 Streets to thank CSX for their extensive clean-up of their property. Signage is needed to decrease dumping. CSX has been cleaning up the trail and developing a mulched trail. The appraisal and acquisition of the property still needs to be done.

- There is concern by residents and businesses of 228th and the Broadway Bridge that new street lighting under the elevated train is inadequate and there is continuing drug sale activity in the area.

-Land Use resolution re: Wave Hill will be considered at next meeting, addressing concerns about grounds lighting and access to the main path which seems to be farther from parking lot.

-Law, Rules and Ethics: COIB guidelines for public servants were distributed. In addition, the Nominating Committee recommends the following for addition to the Ethics Manual: any incumbent who wishes to be considered for more than one officer or chair position must announce the vacancy of their current position; Board members who wish to be considered for the Nominating Committee must be available during the period when the committee will be meeting and deliberating.

-Education: responding to the question of placement of youngsters from homeless shelters in area schools, Alexander stated that Amber Charter School has available seats and currently serves some children from shelters.

-Budget Chair: Gellman presented capital and expense budget requests which will be discussed at open hearing (7PM) prior to October full Bd. Meeting.

-Traffic and Transp.: North Riverdale's Merchants Plan will be presented at its October 17th meeting, St. Margaret's School; the group will be asked to send its plan for consideration prior to the meeting. An enhanced crosswalk was placed by DOT at 259th and Netherland, resulting in removal of some parking spaces.

-Parks: a Hudson River Greenway meeting will be held tentatively October 30th; date to be confirmed.

Submitted by: K. Pesce, Secretary