# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 BOARD OFFICE – 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE

#### **Committee Members Present** (14)

Rosemary Ginty, Chair Eric Dinowitz Dan Padernacht
Paul Ellis, Vice Chair Margaret Donato Laura Spalter
Lisa Daub, Secretary David Gellman Sergio Villaverde
Sylvia Alexander Marvin Goodman Marty Wolpoff

Bob Bender Charles Moerdler

## **Committee Members Absent** (3)

Omar Murray Lamont Parker Steven Sarao

#### Staff

Ciara Gannon, District Manager

#### Guests

Michael Hinman

Meeting convened at 7:30pm

#### **Minutes**

Minutes of June 6, 2018 meeting approved 14/0/0/0

<u>In Favor</u>: Ginty, Ellis, Daub, Alexander, Bender, Dinowitz, Donato, Gellman, Goodman, Moerdler, Padernacht, Spalter, Villaverde, Wolpoff

Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Abstain for Cause: 0

## **Chairperson's Report**

- Treasurer resigned from Board without closing out FY18 or setting up FY19 budgets. DM is working with OMB and BP's office to complete these functions
- We will hold election for Treasurer at September 12<sup>th</sup> CB meeting. Bylaws require us to fill vacancy no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> CB meeting following vacancy. Rosalind Zavaras expressed interest and has relevant background. All nominations will be taken from the floor
- Chair and DM met with representatives from DCAS and the Mayor's office with assistance from CM
  Cabrara and his Chief of Staff, G. Faulkner regarding site for CB8 office. Discussed our issues and
  needs. DCAS will submit sites to consider by Friday
- Distributed committee list. Newly appointed member made his committee selections. Another new member to replace Amy Robateau may or may not be appointed
- Mayor's Charter Revision Commission ("CRC") is complete and on ballot in November. Four
  Borough Presidents raised concerns regarding Board Member term limits and the new Community
  Engagement office. City Council CRC is holding their first hearing in the Bronx on 9/12. The Bronx
  is represented by J. Vacca. LRE will coordinate the CB's positions for submission to CRC

- CM Torres heads new Oversight and Investigation committee. Requests that CBs raise issues about any agency waste or mismanagement
- All CB members required to review and sign EEO policy one time and return to BP office for file. A
  new sexual harassment one-hour e-training is required annually of board members and staff. Must
  be completed on office computer or at DCAS. Log-in info will be provided. Keep proof of completion
- The Chair called for an executive session at which a particular person's work history, medical, financial, credit or employment history on matters that could lead to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation would be discussed. A motion to go into executive session per §105.f of the Open Meetings Law was adopted unanimously. Motion passed: 14/0/0/0 Unanimous In Favor: Ginty, Ellis, Daub, Alexander, Bender, Dinowitz, Donato, Gellman, Goodman, Moerdler, Padernacht, Spalter, Villaverde, Wolpoff // Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Abstain for Cause: 0 Motion to End Executive Session Motion passed: 14/0/0/0 Unanimous In Favor: Ginty, Ellis, Daub, Alexander, Bender, Dinowitz, Donato, Gellman, Goodman, Moerdler, Padernacht, Spalter, Villaverde, Wolpoff // Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Abstain for Cause: 0
- Update on open Community Associate position by DM & Sec'y ads placed, posted on website,
   FB, newsletter with responses due Sept 21. Rolling interviews are being scheduled
- BP's office inputting into FMS since Treasurer's departure. Rule change now allows only city
  employee access to FMS. Discussed two invoices requiring some adjustments. BP and Controller's
  office assisting with invoice resolution
- Need to confirm allocation of \$42,500 additional funding for furniture, tech updates, zoning consultants and/or community events. Members should provide input very soon

# **District Manager's Report**

- It has been a busy summer at the office and with trainings. BPs office held Bronx DM meeting.
- All CBs will need to answer a sexual harassment audit within 21 days from receipt. Received posters to post in office and obtaining other required employment related posters
- Hosted two District Cabinet Services meetings. Will reach out to Chairs for issues to bring up for each meeting
- Prepared proposal to secure a Community Planning Fellow from Oct through April to work on quality of life issues. Fellow program is part of participants' Masters degree. No cost to CBs
- Presentation at the Borough Board meeting MTA is conducting a bus network redesign for the Bronx to align transportation with community needs. Closest public meeting will be held on Oct 18<sup>th</sup> at Christ Church
- Presentation at the Borough Board Meeting Center for NYC Neighborhoods presented on energy savings programs for homeowners and they are willing to present to E&S committee
- City Record person retired and now all Boards need to place their own hearing notices in city record. Checking if applicable to all hearings or only legally required hearings, e.g., ULURP, Budget

## Resolutions

Chair called for resolutions to be presented at September Board meeting.

<u>Public Safety</u> – (1) Pizzaria Supreme – wine & beer application approved by Committee, (2) MoonStar renewal will return with eligible presenter at next meeting, (3) Alltown car service move approved by Committee. T&T Chair attended. Move necessitated due to unsafe conditions at current location

<u>Land Use</u> – 360 W. 253<sup>rd</sup> Street - conditional resolution: with consent of neighbor, applicant can develop per plan on easement. If not, can develop per plan only on applicant's property

#### **Issues for Discussion**

- M. Wolpoff: LRE committee to discuss (1) Bylaws change to reflect changed FMS responsibilities (2) Proposal to combine Libraries with Education committees. Will forward this month for members to consider for vote in Oct & Nov meetings, (3) Will continue discussions regarding Land Use committee to keep as committee of the whole and members also sign up for two committees, or change to a standing committee (4) Led discussion regarding Charter Revision and Mayor's plan on term limits and new Community Engagement office and its impact on community, diluting BPs and CBs influence, (5) Hand-out: Conflicts of Interest for CBs
- D. Gellman: Tomorrow is first budget consultation. Handed out city's capital budget process guide. Will discuss priorities at next Exec meeting in advance of October's public hearing
- L. Spalter Held productive meetings with State agencies in Albany with local groups re Tibbet's Brook daylighting, CSX, other issues.
- S. Villaverde Agencies are not responsive to issues around portion of reservoir near our district. Interagency issues may require council member involvement
- B. Bender Reviewed dispute between city and CSX over purchase price. CSX new leadership is not abiding by valuation agreement. CB will write letter to federal officials upon advice from our local officials. Friends of VCP already sent a letter. Bob will draft letter.
- D. Padernacht Meeting tomorrow with Con Ed and DDC regarding responsibility of issues on 238<sup>th</sup> and Johnson and Riverdale Avenue
- M. Goodman briefing on reasons to possibly rename the Community Service Award to the Irving Ladimer Award for Community Service
- L. Spalter Many complaints over elimination of significant number of parking spots on Broadway near Lakeview, contrary to DOTs Broadway plan. Merchant problems. Sent letter to elected officials.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

Submitted by

Lisa Daub, Secretary