

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
January 4, 2023
Held on Zoom
(pending approval)

Committee Members Present

Laura Spalter, chair, Sylvia Alexander, Bob Bender, Kelli Buford, Lisa Daub, Nicolas Fazio, David Gellman, Rosemary Ginty, Ed Green, Rob Jacklosky, Scott Krompinger, Martin Wolpoff.

Committee Members Absent

Margaret Della, Julia Gomez, Chuck Moerdler, Deb Travis, Stephen Vazquez.

Staff

Ciara Gannon, District Manager

Chair Spalter called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. and wished all a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of December 7, 2022 were approved with one abstention (Rosemary Ginty)

Chairperson's Report – Laura Spalter

Zoom. Mayor Adams has again extended the Executive Order for thirty days, authorizing the continuation of fully zoom meetings until January 22.

Meeting with Senator Jackson. The Chair noted that due to redistricting, newly elected Senator Jackson now represents Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Van Cortlandt Village, and Marble Hill. An introductory call is scheduled with the Senator and his staff to discuss constituent issues and other areas of concern. The proposed school and housing development at the former Visitation site is the number one issue.

6661 Broadway Homeless Shelter. The Board called a meeting with Senator Rivera, Assemblyman Dinowitz, Councilman Dinowitz, Chuck Moerdler, and Omar Murray to discuss the proposed shelter. Letters have been written to DSS Commissioner Jenkins expressing opposition to the congregate model, lack of transparency, and attempt to substitute one provider for another without an appropriate vetting process. A meeting with the commissioner will be arranged shortly.

New Commanding Officer. Both Ciara and the chair were invited to participate in the interview process for the new commanding officer for the 50th Precinct. A final selection should be made shortly.

Treasurer's Report- Scott Krompinger

There is \$120,814 remaining in personal services and \$32,408 in other than personal services. Scott noted that absent our community coordinator, working with the Borough President's office is a slower process. Next month there will be a budget modification. A new security doorbell system will be discussed.

A question was previously asked regarding the September 2022 spending report that indicated zero dollars spent on telecommunication equipment under object code 302. That is because the City narrowly defines telecommunications as purchases of telephones, fax machines, pagers, and the like. We used code 315 for general office equipment. Another question from FY 2022 concerned the reason why \$9,000 was unspent, which was more than anticipated. Less was spent because a large order of outreach items (i.e., CB8 bags, folders, etc.) could not be processed by July 1, several W.B Mason items were processed after June 30th, and anticipated purchase/installation of new computer software was not necessary because the DOITT supplied it for free.

District Manager's Report – Ciara Gannon

--The office has been updating the new board website, YouTube Page, and contact lists.

--The staff is participating in required sexual harassment training.

--There was a meeting with the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM), a new state agency tasked with overseeing legal marijuana dispensaries. Complaints were given to them regarding illegal stores dispensing marijuana. OCM will attend a meeting to explain the role of CB8 in their application process, which is similar to our role with the State Liquor Authority.

--Interviews are underway for the position of Community Coordinator.

--Reminder to chairs to submit their agendas well in advance and to notify the office as soon as possible if a meeting is cancelled.

Committee Resolutions

Parks

Approval of Amateur Astronomers Association Public Observatory

Rob Jacklosky presented a resolution regarding the committees' unanimous approval of the Amateur Astronomers Association proposal for a public observatory at Jerome Park, located along Goulden Avenue south of Jerome Park Reservoir

Gatehouse number 5. Their proposal includes hosting public events, and will be considered by the Public Design Commission.

Environment and Sanitation

Submission to the US Army Corps of Engineers New York New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Study Tier 1 Feasibility Study

Camelia Tepelus presented the committees' comments regarding the multi-year study conducted by the Army Corp of Engineers, which addresses potential measures to reduce flooding in lower Manhattan. Discussion focused on the concern that mitigation measures to alleviate flooding there might adversely impact flooding conditions in Community Board 8. The resolution includes the 7-page document, produced by the E and S Water Working Group and adopted by the committee. The water working group consists of Karen Argenti, Bob Fanuzzi, Deb Travis, and Rob Spalter.

Public Safety

Ed Green presented two resolutions for liquor license renewals that were unanimously approved with no complaints noted by the 50th Precinct. They are Yukka Latin Bistro, located at 5684 Riverdale Avenue and TCR Tennis Club of Riverdale, Inc. located at 2600 Netherland Ave.

A resolution for a new establishment, Ezili Luxury Hall Corp, located at 5540 Broadway was unanimously approved. The Board received a signed 2:00 AM agreement.

Committee Member Issues for Discussion

David Gellman asked that committees consider budget items in January, specify them in February, review and prioritize items in March and submit complete lists to the office by April 20th.

Marty Wolpoff discussed the definition of a Hybrid Meeting under the Open Meetings Law. The Law Rules and Ethics committee will offer recommendations regarding procedures at its upcoming meeting. Chair Spalter noted that several questions regarding OML protocols have been submitted to the borough president's office and that she will follow up.

Follow-up on Outstanding Issues

Sergio Villaverde raised the issue of board members obtaining city emails. Ciara has asked numerous times but has not received a written response. She will continue to follow up.

Executive Session: New Office Space

In accordance with Section 105 of the Open Meetings Law pertaining to discussion of acquisition or lease of real property, a motion was made and seconded to go into executive session. A motion was made and seconded to exit executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

Submitted by Rob Jacklosky, Secretary

Reviewed by Ciara Cannon, District Manager