

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

June 1, 2022

Held on Zoom

(pending approval)

Committee Members Present

Laura Spalter (Chair), Sylvia Alexander, Bob Bender, Joy Campbell-Priveterre, Margaret Della, Ed Green, David Gellman, Nick Fazio, Julia Gomez, Rob Jacklosky, Omar Murray, Daniel Padernacht, Ramdat Singh, Deb Travis, Martin Wolpoff.

Committee Members Absent

Robert Fanuzzi, Rosemary Ginty, Charles G. Moerdler, Ted Morris, Sergio Villaverde.

Staff

Ciara Gannon, District Manager

Guests and CB8 Members

Sachi McClendon.

Chair Spalter called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Executive Committee Minutes of May 4, 2022 were approved unanimously.

Chairperson's Report

Chair Spalter reported that the next Full Board meeting will be fully in person on Wednesday June 29th. As of now, we do not have a location.

Chair Spalter asked the Executive Committee about what we thought our framework should be for the hybrid model.

1. She asked that the Executive Board to consider how committees will choose the hybrid model or not.
2. We develop our list and processes for extenuating circumstances for exemptions.
3. The protocols for the board members and the public for meeting in our conference room, i.e. masks, etc.

She noted that if a committee adopts a hybrid model, then some members can request to attend via Zoom and enter remotely if there are "extraordinary circumstances." These members won't count towards quorum but they would be allowed to vote. She went through various scenarios that might count towards "extraordinary circumstances." She reminded that the remote attendance and the reasons for it would be noted in the minutes.

Chair Spalter said that we should take it in stages. We would start with the trainings in our office and how the public will Zoom into that meeting.

D. Gellman said the office staff should have a large say on whether masks are required in the office.

People raised concerns about ventilation. C. Gannon said she had purchased air filters and purifiers.

It was established that if a committee chooses to meet in person (and not use a Zoom hybrid model) we can meet in person and not provide the hybrid option for the public to Zoom in. We are having difficulty finding venues for in-person meetings. A lot of committees will have to meet in the conference room.

Chair Spalter noted she has spent several months contacting CB7 and CB12 trying to arrange for the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee (CFMC) meeting with DEP. CB12 hasn't had a chair for the past few months and doesn't have an acting chair. CB7's chair is on leave. Without the personnel in place, we haven't been able to arrange a meeting. We will pick it up on the fall.

Treasurer's Report

J. Campbell-Priveterre presented on the June 2022 report. She drew the committee's attention to the operating budget and the \$61,797 remaining, most of that salaries. The other-than-in-person-services there is \$12,145 remaining. No Budget Mods. In Item 1.3, there is \$12,660 remaining. There has been a lag for some of the more recent purchases. Item 1.4 is the rent and energy detail and we have \$17,786 remaining.

District Manager's Report

C. Gannon said we are preparing the office for hybrid. Accelerated Technology (recommended by Doit) provided the hardware that will allow us to do it. She acknowledged Chair Spalter's help in readying the office. We will hold trainings for the meetings. It will get tricky for when committees hold their meetings outside the office. She is exploring what hiring a consultant would look like.

Currently we are working on awarding the Yankee tickets to our awardees, and the distribution of 250 tickets to youth groups, homeless shelters, and various community centers.

She requested a meeting with CM Dinowitz's office with Chair Spalter and D. Gellman to go over budget priorities, our requests and what is being funded by City Council.

C. Gannon noted that Councilwoman Sanchez's participatory budgeting resulted in \$500,000 funding for 4 basketball courts.

C. Gannon reminded everyone that the office is busy in closing out the accounts and reminded everyone to get their agendas in on time, as it takes time to get the agendas on letterhead and send them out.

There was some discussion of the timeline on the office construction.

Committee Resolutions

Public Safety

E. Green presented a resolution. *Estrellita Poblana Taqueria Express*, 5975 Broadway, appeared on May 17th to apply for a new full liquor license. They signed a 2 am Closing agreement. 50th Precinct was not aware of any violations and the committee unanimously approved the application.

Traffic and Transportation

Deb Travis presented a resolution on request for a street activity permit and partial sidewalk closure for the outdoors farmers market for James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center on the closed slip lane off of Goulden Avenue at Sedgewick Avenue on Saturdays from June 18th to October 29th.

Special Committees

The resolutions for renewal of the three special committees (the Special Committee on Veteran Services; The Special Committee on Racial Equity; The Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway) were presented.

Budget Committee

Chair Spalter introduced the discussion of the Capital and Expense budget priorities as a work in progress. The discussion will continue in September and the board will vote on it in October. She noted that Ciara will continue to reach out to agencies and committee chairs over the summer regarding budget items. D. Gellman talked about the Capital and Expense Budget items. D. Travis noted the nice balance across community and across committees.

D. Gellman introduced Expense budget items and a discussion ensued.

Issues for Discussion and Follow-up on Outstanding Issues

M. Wolpoff brought up the LRE guidelines again, and asked that the guidelines be discussed at the full board. It was sent out June 1st, 2022. He welcomes our comments and input.

There was a question about whether the Nominating Committee had a report. D. Padernacht said there was not one at this time. The next Nominating Committee meeting is June 13th and in accordance with the Ethical Guidance Manual, the report is due June 15th.

Executive Session

There was a motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with Section 105 of the Open Meetings Law regarding personnel issues. It was unanimously approved without abstention or objection. There was a motion to exit Executive Committee. It was also unanimous.

The meeting Adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted by Rob Jacklosky, Secretary

Reviewed by Ciara Gannon, District Manager