

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD DECEMBER 4, 2013  
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Robert Fanuzzi, Chair	Steve Froot
Maria Khury, Vice Chair	Rosemary Ginty
Phil Friedman, Treasurer	Marvin Goodman
Joyce Pilsner, Secretary	Sergio Marquez
Sylvia Alexander	Dan Padernacht
Steve Balicer	Lamont Parker
Bob Bender	Karen Pesce
Brendan Contant	Nicole Stent, District Manager
Paul Ellis	Diane Bay, Community Associate
Arlene Feldmeier	

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Charles Moerdler  
Sergio Villaverde

**BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:**

Robert Press

**GUEST:**

Thomas Durham

The meeting convened at 7:35PM.

**A. Chairman's Report – R. Fanuzzi**

- Chair Fanuzzi spoke about the tragic Metro North derailment and thanked District Manager for her prompt response. Also noted appearance of several interested Board members at crash site.
- Recap of the importance of committee meeting minutes. Secretary Joyce Pilsner reported on committee minutes and requested that committee chairs send all pending minutes to board office. She also noted that several committees' chairs had responded to her request for minutes and were planning to submit past minutes. See report attached.
- There was discussion on minutes. R. Fanuzzi reminded the chairs that minutes are the responsibility of the chairs and according to Roberts Rules of Order; minutes are required to cover what is achieved or actionable at meetings; committee chairs are free to add supplementary discussion. Committee members also have the opportunity to amend committee minutes at the committee meeting. Several chairs noted that it is very helpful for committee work if minutes explain issues that are going on in the community.
- R. Fanuzzi reported on the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee (CFMC). The chair position rotates between Community Board 8 and 12. December 12<sup>th</sup> will be the last meeting for Board 8 to chair the CFMC. As chair of the CFMC, Chair Fanuzzi arranged a walk-through of the Jerome Park Reservoir with DEP to inspect progress on filtration-plant related work on the reservoir, to review maintenance contracts, and to begin planning public pilot access to the reservoir as promised by DEP.

- Regarding the Land Use Committee's 6469 Broadway project, HPD has been named the lead agency for its CEQR review of the site and its a capital authorization of \$500,000 for supportive housing has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget.
- Chair Fanuzzi initiated discussion on the topic of making digital recordings of committee meetings available on the CB8 website. Using ftp file transfer protocols sites, which is a cloud based storage system that accommodates digital records and could be accessed through the CB8 website via a link. DOITT, which runs the city websites, has stated that the data storage on the website is not sufficient for digital recordings. Under the open meeting law, recording a meeting is permissible, but that under the Bylaws and the City Charter, it is not required and that is per the Borough President's office, written minutes remain the official record of Board activity. Committee chairs debated the benefits of making digital recordings of their committee meetings available through a link on the CB8 website. Committee chairs intended to discuss the matter with their committee members. Chair Fanuzzi asked committee chairs to report back on results of committee discussion on issue of uploading digital recording at February Executive Committee meeting.

B. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- P. Friedman met with the District Manager and went over the board finances. All was in order; a full report will be distributed in January.

C. District Manager's Report – N. Stent

- N. Stent reported that she had visited the Metro North derailment site on Sunday and updated the community board via email with information that afternoon. The first responders, FDNY, NYPD, OEM, MTA and OCME did a magnificent job.
- In August 2012 the Borough President announced the formation of the community board's district office management taskforce. The final report was issued by the Borough President on November 12<sup>th</sup> and has been forwarded to all board members. Chair Fanuzzi advised that all executive committee members read the report and discuss recommendations with their committees. Committee chairs were asked to forward committee recommendations to Executive Committee.
- The Pastor at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church has reached out to the community board office for assistance in planning a Christmas celebration on Thursday, December 12 at the Bell Tower. Details will be forthcoming.
- The new Internet Explorer 11 impacted the NYC email program as well as the office's web-based optonline program. This update began last week and it still continues. The New York City Department of Information Technology & Telecommunications (DoITT) is working with the office to rectify the issue.

D. Committee Reports

A. Environment & Sanitation – S. Marquez

- Refer to minutes. There is no December meeting.

B. Aging Committee – Karen Pesce

- Refer to minutes.

- Next meeting is Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Riverdale Senior Services. They will discuss the caregivers program.

C. Parks & Recreation – Bob Bender

- There was a great deal of discussion on the proposed Hudson River Greenway at the November meeting. Please refer to the minutes. There will be a follow up meeting on this subject.
- A skateboard park funded by Councilman Koppell will be located in Van Cortlandt Park, south of Van Cortlandt stadium.
- The December 9<sup>th</sup> Public Design Commission agenda includes the construction of a tot lot and reconstruction of a basketball court in Ewen Park and installation of interpretive signage on the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail from Van Cortlandt Park to High Bridge Park.
- There has been a pattern of vandalism in Seton Park. The 50<sup>th</sup> precinct is aware of this problem.
- There is no December meeting.

D. Youth - Lamont Parker

- Refer to minutes
- Upcoming events the committee is working on include the Borough President's C-Ball Tournament – as team has been established comprised of members of the community and a youth team for basketball clinic is nearly completed; Comeback Kid Award will be held at the March 2014 Board meeting; Ice Skating Rink Day is planned for February 13, 2014 and the Poetry SLAM scheduled for May 15, 2014. The community centers are actively involved in these projects with their youth.
- The December meeting is cancelled.
- The January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be held at the Riverdale Neighborhood House.

E. Libraries & Cultural Affairs – Marvin Goodman

- Refer to minutes.
- The committee is focusing on some of the cultural affairs activities that go on in the community.
- The next meeting is on December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Riverdale Branch Library at 6:00 PM.
- The Bronx Arts Ensemble has a free concert called Music for St. Nicholas at Philips Manor Hall. Everyone is invited.

F. Education – Sylvia Alexander

- Refer to minutes.
- There is no December meeting.

G. Health, Hospitals & Social Services – Steven Froot

- The Underage drinking forum was a success but the Chair was disappointed in the turnout. If another forum is planned it would be approached differently.
- The next committee meeting is on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the board office. There will be a presentation on the Riverdale Hatzalah and Lisa Daub will report on the Montefiore development that will be discussed at the Land Use meeting.

H. Public Safety – Arlene Feldmeier

- The Lounge located on Post Road is an ongoing trouble location. They will be asked to come before the committee in January.
- Little Havana's representative did not attend the November meeting and will be asked to come before the committee in January.
- Chair Feldmeier is working on planning a Responsible Beverage Server training.
- The Children's Aid Society plans a day-long workshop in February for law enforcement and community members about teen use of the internet to find establishments willing to sell alcohol to them
- There is no December meeting.

I. Law, Rules & Ethics – Rosemary Ginty

- There was no November meeting. The committee will meet on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

J. Traffic & Transportation – Dan Padernacht

- Concerns about Access-A-Ride's operations were raised and will be discussed at the January meeting.
- Con Ed projects and some of the challenges it causes the community were raised with Con Ed. Information can be found in the minutes. Con Ed agreed to tell the community board about capital projects. They also agreed to come back to the committee to discuss how to best notify residents in the community and coordinate traffic plans.

K. Budget – Brendan Contant

- No report.

L. Housing – Steve Balicer

- The committee met in November. The minutes will be forthcoming. The primary discussion was about Mitchell-Lama housing and affordable housing. This will be discussed further at the next committee meeting on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

M. Economic Development – Paul Ellis, Vice Chair

- Chair Fanuzzi noted Paul Ellis, Vice Chair of the committee.
- Minutes were discussed.
- There was a discussion on the recently signed tenants of the Equity One, West 230<sup>th</sup> Street Development
- Several people have been hired from the resume bank for the West 230<sup>th</sup> Street development; additional information will be forthcoming.
- The Johnson Avenue Street fair was very successful.
- S. Villaverde asked P. Ellis to pass on to P. Friedman that he felt that emails that happened prior to the meeting were overly inflammatory and not constructive. P. Friedman stated desire to share the emails with the executive committee.

N. New Business

- P. Friedman asked that issue of staff salaries be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,  
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Joyce Pilsner,  
Secretary

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**Bronx Community Board No. 8**

**Executive Committee**  
**December 4, 2013**

**Joyce Pilsner,**  
**Secretary**

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, emails were sent to request minutes from several chairpersons, several agreed to provide them forthwith. See list below:

**FY2014 – (2013-2014):**

1. Housing – Pending
2. Public Safety – Pending

**FY 2013 (2012-2013)**

1. Health – Pending February 2013
2. Housing – Pending January, February & April 2013
3. Land Use – No Response for September, October, November 2012, January, February, April & June 2013 (meetings taped)
4. Public Safety – Pending September, November 2012, February & May 2013

**FY 2012 (2011-2012)**

1. Land Use – No Response for September, November, December 2011, January, February, March, April, May & June 2012 (meetings taped).
2. Public Safety – Pending June 2012
3. Traffic & Transportation – No Response for November, December, February, March, May & June 2012