

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD JANUARY 2, 2013  
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Robert Fanuzzi, Chair	Steven Froot
Maria Khury, Vice Chair	Rosemary Ginty
Bob Abbott	Sergio Marquez
Sylvia Alexander	Damian McShane
Steve Balicer	Dan Padernacht
Bob Bender	Lamont Parker
Andrew Cohen	Joyce Pilsner
Brendan Contant	Nicole Stent
Phil Friedman	Diane Bay

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Robert Press

**ABSENT:**

Arlene G. Feldmeier  
Charles G. Moerdler  
Sergio Villaverde

**PUBLIC:**

Andrew Sandler, rep. Councilman Koppell  
Miawling Lam, Riverdale Review

The meeting convened at 7:30 PM.

1. Chairman's Report – R. Fanuzzi

- R. Fanuzzi would like to make the Executive Committee meeting productive and distinctive and therefore recommended having a Chair report instead of a committee report.
- R. Fanuzzi explained to all in attendance that questions will be taken after the meeting but this meeting is primarily discussion for members of the Executive Committee.
- Street activity permit applications (SAPO) have been referred to committee's for January 2013 agendas. The committee's should begin discussion on their ideas for the SAPO guidelines.
- The Chair invited the Environment & Sanitation and Parks & Recreation committees chair's to the Croton Filtration Plant Monitoring Committee meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the DEP office. There will be discussion on funding in the parks and where monies are being allocated. B. Bender said the money from the Mayor to Bronx Parks had declined over the last several years. The filtration money had become a substitute for what would have been the regular capital spending. This topic will be discussed at future Parks & Recreation Committee meetings.

2. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- P. Friedman reported that the NYC Office of Management and Budget subtracted \$11,172.00 from the personal services budget for the current fiscal year until the Mayor's FY 2013 budget is reviewed. If this money is not restored, there will be approximately a \$1600 deficit for the year. This will be monitored closely. R. Fanuzzi affirmed the role of Community Board 8 in advocating restoration of community boards proposed budget cuts.

3. District Manager's Report – N. Stent

- Congressman Rangel sent calendars to the office. N. Stent told everyone to feel free to take one.

4. Committee Reports

A. Youth Committee – L. Parker

- The Youth Committee met on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- A School Safety executive spoke about the role of School Safety officers.
- L. Parker is working on creating a youth day with Van Cortlandt Skating Rink and Uptown Sports.
- L. Parker is working on the first Bronx Community Board 8 spoken words contest, a "Poetry Slam," involving various community centers. It will be held in May 2013 at the Kingsbridge Library.

B. Libraries & Cultural Affairs – B. Abbott

- The Network Manager for the Bronx Library Branch has resigned and there is currently no replacement.
- The Branch Manager from the Jerome Park Library was a speaker at the December meeting. She brought the committee up to date on budget issues.
- The committee will meet on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- Street activity permits will be discussed and what role the Libraries and Cultural Affairs will play in the new procedure.
- R. Fanuzzi said there are four committees that have the street activity permits on their January agendas and all are invited to contribute ideas for the guidelines and for how to interact with the public and how to bring event applications to the board for approval.

C. Environment & Sanitation – S. Marquez

- The Committee is planning on having a meeting with the MTA in hopes of doing a cleanup at the Promenade.
- The next Committee meeting is on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The Department of Sanitation will speak about the recycling and the Adopt-A-Basket program.

D. Traffic & Transportation – D. Padernacht

- Residents of Independence Avenue between West 246<sup>th</sup> and 247<sup>th</sup> Streets asked the committee to support its request for No Parking signs to be placed on both sides of the street. FDNY said that FDNY trucks can safely go down the street. The committee decided to vote on placement of No Parking signs on the street. Five members of the committee voted in favor of placement of the No Parking signs but D. Padernacht said the final decision comes from the Department of Transportation. D. McShane suggested

inviting the residents of the co-op buildings to weigh in on their opinions about adding the no parking signs. D. Padernacht agreed to put this back on the agenda and invite the residents of the co-op buildings.

- Residents of Sycamore Avenue between West 252<sup>nd</sup> and 254<sup>th</sup> Streets asked the committee to support its request for No Parking signs to be placed on both sides of the street. D. Padernacht stated that more information is required and this will be on the January T&T agenda. Councilman Koppell's office is moving forward with a proposal to the Department of Transportation. The proposal details will be on the January agenda. SAR and residents of the co-op buildings will be invited.
- The January agenda will include a discussion on the street activity permit guidelines. Two street activity permit applications and two unenclosed sidewalk café's applications are on the agenda.
- The December minutes were submitted to the board office this evening.

#### E. Law, Rules & Ethics - R. Ginty

- The committee met on December 27, 2012.
- The committee has been following new legislation introduced to the city council or the state and trying to follow new rules and regulations that are being promulgated by the city.
- R. Ginty reported that SAPO is promulgating a new rule that puts a moratorium on street fair permits for 2013 if a permit was not approved in 2012. Comments are being accepted until January 22, 2013.
- The Committee was asked to reconsider concerns of the non-reappointment of an officer or committee chair to the board. Since this occurs late in the nominating committee process, the board members may not have an opportunity to place their names into consideration and the nominating committee may not have the information or time to notify board members, interview and consider candidates. The committee decided that the wording in the by-laws is sufficient, and that should the nominating committee be unable to select a chair or officer position due to non-reappointment, the board, in accordance with existing by-laws may nominate candidates from the floor at the election meeting or put the matter over until the September meeting.

#### F. Education – S. Alexander

- S. Alexander said her committee report was not recorded in the December board minutes.
- The next committee meeting is on January 29, 2013. A. Diacou was invited to speak about his Charter School.
- The Committee did not meet in December because of Christmas.

#### G. Housing – S. Balicer

- There was no December Housing meeting. There will be a meeting on January 28th.
- A speaker from the Mayor's office will discuss the fuel oil conversions and the clean energy law. The committee will reach out to landlords and co-ops to attend.

#### H. Health, Hospitals and Social Services – S. Froot

- The committee did not meet in December because the venue where they were to meet was locked.
- A. Diacou of Yes the Bronx program is involved in a program called "Run for your Life". The goals of these races are obesity prevention and increased awareness and usage of local parks to get Bronxites more physically active. He is currently seeking support from

CB8 to host a road race, in conjunction with YES the Bronx. After a discussion, it was decided the board would be unable to provide financial support for this event.

- The committee is considering planning another health care forum about the affordable health care act before it goes into effect in 2014.
- Another forum the committee is planning is on underage drinking and prescription drug usage. The plan is to have a panel of emergency room doctors, Department of Health representatives, school social workers, etc.

I. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

- There was no December meeting. The committee will meet on January 23, 2013. They will discuss forming a “Friends of” for various parks. They are close to forming one for Vinmont Park. They will also discuss park funding and where the money is allocated and a location for It’s My Park Day.
- The annual mulchfest is on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> between 10:00AM and 2:00PM at the golf course parking lot in Van Cortlandt Park.

J. Budget – B. Contant

- No report

K. Miscellaneous

- J. Pilsner will be reviewing the committee attendance for the past 3 months. The process was clarified.
- J. Pilsner requested the Chair’s to review section 6 of the bylaws. It describes who is an actual voting member of a committee and who is not and what standards we apply for attendance for board members as well as community committee members.
- J. Pilsner reminded committee Chairs to appoint a Vice Chair for their committee.
- R. Press wanted to report on the Economic Development Committee meeting since he is a committee member. R. Fanuzzi explained that as per the Community Board 8 bylaws, only committee chairs report at the Executive Committee.
- M. Khury expressed her appreciation to everyone for their thoughts, prayers and support during this difficult time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay  
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Joyce Pilsner,  
Secretary