

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD JANUARY 8, 2014  
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Robert Fanuzzi, Chair	Mike Heller
Maria Khury, Vice Chair	Sergio Marquez
Phil Friedman, Treasurer	Dan Padernacht
Joyce Pilsner, Secretary	Karen Pesce
Sylvia Alexander	Sergio Villaverde
Bob Bender	Nicole Stent, District Manager
Brendan Contant	Diane Bay, Community Associate
Rosemary Ginty	
Marvin Goodman	

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Steve Balicer  
Arlene Feldmeier  
Steve Froot  
Charles Moerdler  
Lamont Parker

**BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:**

Robert Press

The meeting convened at 7:35PM.

1. Chairman's Report – R. Fanuzzi

- Chair Fanuzzi wished all a Happy New Year.
- A new process for the committee: prior months Executive Committee minutes will be adopted at the Executive meeting. December Executive Committee minutes, as amended, were unanimously adopted by members of the committee.
- Chair Fanuzzi reminded Chair's to announce at their committee meetings that applications to join the community board need to be completed by February 2014 and sent to the Bronx Borough President.
- Chair Fanuzzi thanked Chairs who appointed Vice Chairs and engaged committee members in tasks of committee, including minute taking. He asked for all vice chairs to be appointed with names sent to District Manager.
- Before the December 12, 2013 meeting of the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee, Chair Fanuzzi, DEP and elected officials completed a tour of the Jerome Park Reservoir. The new completion date for the plant is in year 2015 and will delay public access to the reservoir's inner pathway. DEP will be doing capital work within the reservoir after year 2015, with further testing and modifications of regional water system projected to last until 2021. Chair Fanuzzi will write DEP asking for an explanation of these delays and also advocate for partial public access to areas not affected by this construction.
- At the December meeting of the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee, Chair Fanuzzi also stated intention to pursue funding for the Pedestrian Bridge spanning the Major

Deegan Expressway, which was listed as an amelioration item under a 1999 ULURP. Though not currently funded, Chair Fanuzzi will continue advocating for this to be a DEP budget item and engage elected officials, community boards, and community members on this matter.

- The Bronx Borough President released the Community Board Bronx Task Force report last month. Chair Fanuzzi will send the Reports' recommendations to applicable committee's to review.
- The Chair reported that P. Friedman offered to have the recordings of outstanding Land Use meetings transcribed. An executive committee member, stating that all board members were members of the Land Use committee, offered to write minutes from several taped meetings, and asked if others on the board would do the same. Discussion ensued and it was decided that C. Moerdler, as chair of Land Use Committee, would choose proposals.
- All committees should complete their discussion of the proposal to upload digital recordings of committee meetings for the February Executive Committee meeting.
- Secretary Joyce Pilsner reported on committee minutes. Most committee chairs responded to her request for minutes and outstanding minutes will be forthcoming. All committee minutes are up to date from July through December 2013 (see attached report).

## 2. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- P. Friedman met with the District Manager and went over the board finances. The report was revised, all is in order, and a report will be distributed to board members for the January 2014 board meeting.

## 3. District Manager's Report – N. Stent

- The District Service Cabinet meeting was held January 7<sup>th</sup>. Minutes will be available for the February meeting.
- Con Ed Storm System Fortification program is still underway. Smart switches will be installed over the next few months and two underground vaults at Kappock Street.
- The oil and gas conversions are continuing. M. Goodman stated that the quality of repaving is poor. D. Padernacht responded that this issue had been discussed at the Traffic & Transportation Committee meeting and 311 should be called to report concerns.
- Department of Transportation handles all snow removal on overpasses and bridges. They have emergency protocols in place citywide based upon a priority listing. However, 311 calls can move an issue up on the priority list. It is important to call 311 for snow emergency or icy conditions.
- Snow removal on stepstreets is handled by the Department of Sanitation (DSNY). Any concerns can be sent to the board office and DSNY will be contacted on the issue. M. Heller expressed concerns over the amount of salt on city streets and stepstreets. N. Stent asked for specific addresses so the board can report it. B. Contant noted emails received from the office during the storm are very helpful. N. Stent will add this information to the newsletter and emphasized that calling 311 is essential.
- The Marble Hill Community Center closed the after school program run by the Children's Arts and Science Workshop program. The program had 120 children ages 5 to 12. The center will be taken over by the Cornerstone Program by Department of Youth and Community Development. One hundred of the 120 children are continuing in this

program which is under the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center. A representative of this program will be a speaker at the Youth Committee meeting on January 22nd.

- The Ft. Independence Community Center will be closing.
- Attendance sheets for use at committee meetings will be on the table for committee chairs at each Executive Committee meeting.
- Office computers will be updated due to a notice received by the New York City Department of Information Technology & Telecommunications (DoITT) informing that Windows XP will no longer be supported by Microsoft in terms of security. One computer will be purchased.

#### 4. Committee Reports

##### A. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

- A resolution on the SAPO application for the South Riverdale and the Johnson Avenue Merchant Fair's was distributed and will be presented at the next board meeting.
- MTA representatives were at the January committee meeting and responded to questions regarding the North and South Riverdale Merchant Fairs. They were grateful to receive advance notice of fairs. The North Riverdale and the Kingsbridge Heights merchant fairs will be further discussed at the next committee meeting.

##### B. Environment & Sanitation – S. Marquez

- There was no December meeting. The next meeting is January 15<sup>th</sup>.

##### C. Libraries & Cultural Affairs – Marvin Goodman

- Committee meetings will be scheduled at the Bronx CB8 Libraries.
- The next meeting is on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

##### D. Traffic & Transportation – Dan Padernacht

- NYS DOT gave a presentation on the reconstruction of the bridge on the Major Deegan Expressway which overpasses the Mosholu Parkway. There is concern over installation of an ADA compliant ramp that leads directly to an incline. The committee will have further discussion on this ramp to see what other options are available. Details are in the T&T minutes.
- The Hudson River Greenway issue is being handled by the Parks Committee. T&T and the Parks Committee will have a joint meeting at the next presentation of the Greenway.

##### E. Law, Rules & Ethics – Rosemary Ginty

- Refer to December minutes.
- Developing a Reference Handbook for community committee members was discussed. The committee feels it will be useful to have a handbook for new community committee members. The draft of the handbook was at the meeting. M. Khury suggested having mission statements of each committee in the handbook and also to have information on the difference of being a community committee member

and a board member. M. Khury will forward appropriate information from the nyc.gov website to R. Ginty.

- Any suggestions or comments on the handbook are welcome.

F. Education – Sylvia Alexander

- The next meeting is January 28<sup>th</sup>.

G. Health, Hospitals & Social Services – M. Heller, reporting for S. Froot

- Please refer to December minutes.
- The committee is interested in knowing what services will be provided at the new Montefiore development.

H. Budget – B. Contant

- The City of New York's budget surplus for the current FY 2014 is expected to be about 2.4 billion dollars, which is a half a billion ahead of what was expected at this time last year.

I. Aging Committee – Karen Pesce

- The next Aging committee meeting is Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehabilitation. The speaker will be talking about the R.A.I.N. friendly visitor program.
- A representative from the Aging Day Activity Program on West 231<sup>st</sup> Street will be invited to a future meeting.
- The Aging Committee was not in favor of recording committee meetings.

J. Parks & Recreation – Bob Bender

- There was no December meeting.
- B. Bender and R. Fanuzzi were introduced to a "City as Living Laboratory" project that is working with the Municipal Arts Society to enhance awareness of environmental history and sustainability; its sponsor, Mary Miss, is seeking the community board's support. The completed project would display, at various stations along Broadway, from the City up to Riverdale, information on transportation, electricity, environment, food, etc. A proposed local site for the temporary installation is in Van Cortlandt Park, with details worked out with the Parks Department. After discussion, R. Fanuzzi will write a letter in support of funding for further research and collaboration with the Department of Parks and Recreation and Bronx Community Board #8 in finding an appropriate venue for this proposed exhibition and locally informed programming.
- The concession for the stables located in Van Cortlandt Park is up for reconsideration.
- At the December meeting of the Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee, DEP stated that it has not yet agreed to fund the replacement of trees removed around the Jerome Park Reservoir and within Fort Independence Park. Negotiations are ongoing between DEP and the Parks Department over how this will be resolved.

- The Parks Department will return to the committee to discuss the Van Cortlandt Park Master Plan when it is ready for review.
- B. Bender is involved in Save the Palisades from LG coalition to do more public demonstrations about the LG building on the New Jersey Palisades. For more information go to [www.protectthepalisades.org](http://www.protectthepalisades.org).
- The Mulchfest is at the Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course parking lot on Saturday and Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10 to 2.
- The next meeting is on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and B. Bender is waiting to hear from DOT on whether the Greenway is going to be ready for presentation at that time.

K. Old Business

- P. Friedman demonstrated how the public could access digitally recorded committee meetings if the community board agreed to go forward with this proposal.
- P. Friedman asked to discuss the issue of staff salaries. A motion to go into *Executive Session* was made by S. Villaverde and seconded by R. Fanuzzi. R. Ginty stated that the motion as presented did not meet the requirements of the Open Meetings Law, which requires a specific reference to the exception relied upon in Section 105(1)(f). Since the issue proposed to be discussed was a staff member's salary, the motion should be stated, "A motion to enter into an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person." This language was substituted. Vote resulted in 10 in favor, 3 opposed and 1 abstention.

In favor:

R. Fanuzzi, B. Contant, J. Pilsner, M. Khury, K. Pesce, S. Villaverde, S. Marquez, M. Heller, M. Goodman, B. Bender

Opposed:

S. Alexander, R. Ginty, D. Padernacht

Abstention:

P. Friedman

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,  
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Joyce Pilsner,  
Secretary

**Executive Committee Meeting  
January 8, 2014**

**Joyce Pilsner,  
Secretary**

Meeting was postponed from January 2 to January 8 due to the inclement weather.

Past outstanding committee minutes have been requested from several chairpersons, many have been supplied, and others are pending.

See list of outstanding and pending minutes below:

**FY2014 (2013-2014):**

All committee minutes completed through December 2013.

**FY 2013 (2012-2013)**

1. Land Use – September, October, November 2012, January, February, April & June 2013 (all 7 meetings taped)
2. Housing – Pending October 2012, February, April & June 2013.  
*Completed January 2013*
3. Public Safety – Pending September, November 2012, February & May 2013
4. *Health – Completed February 2013*

**FY 2012 (2011-2012)**

1. Land Use – September, November, December 2011, January, February, March, April, May & June 2012 (all 9 meetings taped).
2. Public Safety – Pending June 2012
3. *Traffic & Transportation – Completed November, December 2011, February, March, May (need attendance) & June 2012*