

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD JUNE 5, 2013
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Fanuzzi, Chair	Rosemary Ginty
Maria Khury, Vice Chair	Dan Padernacht
Sylvia Alexander	Lamont Parker
Andrew Cohen	Joyce Pilsner, Secretary
Brendan Contant	Sergio Villaverde
Arlene G. Feldmeier	Nicole Stent, District Manager
Phil Friedman, Treasurer	Diane Bay, Community Associate
Steven Froot	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Balicer
Bob Bender
Sergio Marquez
Charles G. Moerdler

The meeting convened at 7:30 PM.

1. Chairman's Report – R. Fanuzzi

- R. Fanuzzi thanked all committee chairs for their hard work and participation throughout the year. He also acknowledged the hard work of the District Manager and staff.
- R. Fanuzzi reported that regretfully, Bob Abbott was not reappointed to the board. He read a statement from Mr. Abbott who thanked the community board and expressed how much he enjoyed serving the community, the board, his committee and the office. There were many comments about his dedication and hard work while he served on the community board.
- R. Fanuzzi announced the Croton Filtration Monitoring committee meeting would be held tomorrow, June 6, 2013. The committee will address a construction contract that is presently occurring at Sedgwick Avenue to do park maintenance, sidewalk repairs, and construct a jogging path. The community board has not received notification from the Parks Department about the plans nor the removal of parking spaces that is needed to do this work and R. Fanuzzi will address this at the meeting.
- R. Fanuzzi announced efforts to improve the community board's social media usage through Facebook and to make improvements to the website. He had met with Nicole Stent and Phil Friedman, at which was discussed the need to outreach to the community and make the CB8 website more user friendly. Executive Committee discussion focused on the value of social media, how to handle complaints that should go to 311 and 911 and the board office, and if the page could have intern support. R. Fanuzzi appointed this assignment to P. Friedman and B. Contant volunteered to work on it also. R. Fanuzzi asked for a report for September with a plan to go forward.
- R. Fanuzzi repeated that announcement that the community board received discretionary funding from Councilmen Cabrera and Rodriguez totaling \$6500 for FY2013. The funding description was read. He proposed that the board review and approve a portion of the funding to go to support a youth market located at the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, in accordance with the discretionary funding request. A resolution will be presented to the board to allocate two thousand dollars to pay a required consultancy fee to GrowNYC, a nonprofit agency administered by the Mayor's office to organize a youth market at Kingsbridge Heights Community Center. In the past, GrowNYC had a budget to run the youth markets; however the group now outsources their budget to local community partners. A youth market is a program that the Board has been successfully involved with for many years as evidenced by the

Marble Hill youth market now in its sixth year. The services provided by Grow NYC will be completed by June 30th under the FY2013 budget. In accordance with the discretionary funding request, the remaining monies received from the councilmen will be used for enhancing board operations, including updating older and failing office equipment and supplies. The district manager added that the current computers are 5 years old and increasingly slower and often freeze during work. Printers have failed and the one color/printer/fax machine is a model that HP recommended upgrading as soon as possible as supplies are less available for older models.

2. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- A Treasurer's report was distributed. P. Friedman reported that the community board's financial expenditures are online to the public and can be reviewed at www.checkbooknyc.com.
- P. Friedman responded to an inquiry about why the council funds were being used late in the year. He responded that due to the proposed Mayoral budget cuts in the current fiscal year, the funds were held back to offset any reductions in the board budget.
- A. Feldmeier requested the office purchase a pop up tent to use at community events.
- All monies remaining in the office budget will be used by the end of June 2013 for much needed supplies and office equipment.

3. District Manager's Report – N. Stent

- The district manager has been working with the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC) application for a playstreet which is under review by the Departments of Health and Mental Health and Transportation under the Transportation Alternatives division. N. Stent has been working with parties to the program on the location on Kingsbridge Terrace. In addition, N. Stent worked with Bon Secour and KHCC on a special projects grant from the William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation that will support both the KHCC playstreet and farmers youthmarket that was approved by the Board in March. The KHCC youthmarket anticipates opening on Friday, July 12, 2013.
- The Marble Hill Youthmarket will open for its sixth successful summer on Thursday, July 11th. N. Stent has been working with Bon Secour on market plans which will include health screenings, cooking demonstrations, delivery to homebound seniors and much more.
- Updates on city projects in our area:
 - a. Department of Parks Tree Pit projects – A list of sites that have permits for capital construction and a timeline for plans has been requested of the Parks Department. This may be reviewed under the Parks committee this month.
 - b. Corlear Water Main – the project has commenced with street concrete work to be followed by asphalt paving work. Currently, completed is West 238 to 240th and the cobblestones will be returned.
 - c. Bailey Place Retaining Wall - There has been a change order due to a house foundation that needs to be shored up before work can re-start. Final design is in place. Following this retaining wall work will be the water main and lastly the Green Street will be installed. Street is open with one lane and no parking. It is approximately 60% complete.
 - d. Bailey Avenue Water Main (West 234th Street and across to the Major Deegan with a portion on Ft Independence) will start after the retaining wall is completed, on or around November 2013. Water main will be completed before the winter. There will be street closures and water turn offs with prior notice. Water shut offs (24 hour notice) will affect Bailey Avenue and Ft. Independence but not the Ft. Independence NYCHA houses.
 - e. QED 1012 - Various water main locations along Riverdale, Greystone and Waldo Avenues. There will be water shut offs with 24 hour notice. S. Villaverde asked that DDC do a walk thru with him to speak to the merchants whose

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businesses will be impacted. D. Padernacht reminded everyone that the parking is also impacted in the neighborhood. There will be partial restoration to streets.

f. Palisades Retaining Wall is completed.

- The Board office will once again be an official drop-off location for Volunteers of America Operation Backpack 2013. An informational announcement will be sent to the board by the end of June.
- Endor Park – N. Stent has requested Wave Hill Summer Internship program to support work on the garden over the summer. N. Stent worked with Riverdale Country School to have regular support and maintenance of the garden. This year Laura Spalter coordinated community clean ups with Riverdale School, SAR and the Boy Scouts.
- Community Service Forum – N. Stent assisted in coordinating the Education Community Service forum preparing the press release and certificates for 5 schools and 21 students.
- Worked with committee chairs and city agencies to attend committee meetings to discuss budget requests.

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4. Committee Reports

A. Budget – B. Contant

- B. Contant reminded all committee chairs to submit their budget requests for the next fiscal year as soon as possible. He requested that the board office forward the budget request form to the chairs.

B. Parks & Recreation – reported by R. Fanuzzi

- A resolution that supports the plan for asphalt paving of the Putnam Trail in Van Cortlandt Park was not passed by the Parks & Recreation committee. It was recommended that since the resolution was no longer an action item from a committee, a resolution could be brought from the floor on this issue at the board meeting.

C. Health, Hospitals and Social Services – S. Froot

- Refer to minutes. The next committee meeting is on June 17th at Horace Mann, 231 West 246th Street, faculty dining room. The committee will discuss their budget requests.

D. Aging - A. Cohen

- A representative from Access- A- Ride gave a presentation at the May meeting. Minutes are forthcoming.

E. Environment & Sanitation – L. Spalter

- The May committee meeting was held in Marble Hill in St. Stephen's Church. There was a presentation by I. Terranova, Citywide Community Affairs Officer from the Department of Sanitation (DSNY). He discussed pooper scooper laws, littering issues and some of the committee budget requests. The Department of Sanitation has been invited to meet with the Marble Hill community to provide information on sanitation issues.
- The June 19th meeting will discuss dumping around the Jerome Park Reservoir. A representative from DEP will be attending.
- S. Froot requested that the area on the opposite of the Riverdale train station be cleaned.

F. Education – S. Alexander

- Refer to minutes.
- The Education Community Service Forum on May 28 at the Kingsbridge Library was a success. Twenty one children from five different schools presented their community service projects and they received certificates. They were from Salanter Akiba Riverdale High School, Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy MS/HS 141, MS 368 In-Tech Academy and Riverdale Country School. The schools want to continue to be involved and hope that this will become an annual event.
- The SAPO application of Kinneret Day School's street fair to take place on October 6, 2013 on West 235 Street between Douglas Avenue and Independence Avenue was presented but could not be approved because of the lack of a quorum. S. Alexander will present a resolution at the general meeting on June 11th to be voted on by the full board.
- The next committee meeting will be held on June 25th and the budget priorities will be discussed.

G. Traffic & Transportation – D. Padernacht

- Two new radio dispatch companies requested letters of no objection. The companies requesting the letters are The Veterans Radio Dispatcher Corporation for a new base at 131 West Kingsbridge Road and the other is a new car service application for Alltown Limo Corporation on 244 West 231st Street. Letters from the committee will be presented at the June board meeting. The permits last for 3 years.
- The Riverdale Hatzolah Volunteer Ambulance requested the committee review the street signs changes on West 239th Street and Hudson Manor Terrace and 3 spaces in front of the Riverdale Jewish Center on Independence Avenue at West 237th Street. These are locations where Hatzolah volunteers reside and park their cars. The signs were recently changed by DOT and the current parking permits by the Hatzolah volunteers are not covered under the new signage. A letter will be sent to DOT for clarification on the types of parking permits for the volunteers and also request DOT to allow these permits to be valid in these areas. Additionally, a resolution will be presented at the June meeting regarding parking sign changes.
- There were two slow zone requests, one in Riverdale and one in Marble Hill. Due to time constraints these items will be addressed at the June meeting.
- DDC responded to committee inquiries on the West 238th Street watermain project. The committee was concerned about water shut offs in the area and the impact on the merchants. DDC was asked to provide notice to the merchants well in advance when water shut offs occur.
- Manhattan College will begin construction on the student center on Waldo Avenue in June. DDC should be in contact with the Director of Construction at Manhattan College.
- D. Padernacht noticed on Tuesday, that the Corlear project along West 230th to West 234th Street was blocked off with no parking signs even though no work was occurring.
- A special Traffic & Transportation meeting will be held on June 12th to discuss traffic concerns in the area surrounding Riverdale Crossings retail development at West 238th Street to West 236th Street, from Broadway to Putnam Avenue.

H. Public Safety – A. Feldmeier

- Resolutions for the approved licenses will be forthcoming. Silhouette Restaurant and Lounge and Siam Square Thai Cuisine were approved. The Lounge, 4685 Manhattan College Parkway was tabled because charges against the former owner who was selling the Lounge to its' manager has not been resolved. The Riverdale Garden Restaurant, located at 4576 Manhattan College Parkway will receive a letter with stipulations because the business has no I.D. scanner, loud music is being played, etc. They were reminded that the State Liquor Authority will close a business that is serving underage customers.

I. Youth – L. Parker

- The committee has planned a Youth Day by Van Cortlandt Golf on July 24th, from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Free golf lessons will be provided to children from the community centers. Presently, the Ft. Independence Community Center has signed up and the other community centers are in the plans.
- The Youth Poetry SLAM on May 23rd at the Kingsbridge Library was very successful. There was a full house and great reviews.
- The next committee meeting is on June 26th at the board office.

J. Law, Rules and Ethics – R. Ginty

- The committee did not meet in May.

K. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

- The committee met on June 5th.
- A representative from Manhattan College discussed plans for the new building being constructed on Waldo Avenue.
- The committee discussed the Broadway Plaza, West 230th Street retail development. M. Khury and P. Ellis are working on an employment data base program and after a discussion with Equity One, they agreed to increase local hiring. They also agreed to include OSHA training which is required for construction workers.

L. Miscellaneous

- P. Friedman reported that the May 19th closing of Riverdale Avenue for the Riverdale Festival needs to be reviewed.
- P. Friedman would like a discussion on using electronic tape recordings at all board and committee meetings and uploading all recordings to the Community Board website.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Joyce Pilsner,
Secretary