

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD MARCH 6, 2013  
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bob Abbott	Steven Froot
Robert Fanuzzi, Chair	Rosemary Ginty
Maria Khury, Vice Chair	Dan Padernacht
Sylvia Alexander	Joyce Pilsner, Secretary
Bob Bender	Nicole Stent, District Manager
Andrew Cohen	Diane Bay, Community Associate
Brendan Contant	
Arlene G. Feldmeier	

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Steve Balicer  
Sergio Marquez  
Phil Friedman, Treasurer  
Damian McShane  
Charles G. Moerdler  
Lamont Parker  
Sergio Villaverde

The meeting convened at 7:30 PM.

1. Chairman's Report – R. Fanuzzi

- R. Fanuzzi thanked Vice Chair M. Khury for chairing the January board meeting on such short notice. The Chair had unexpected health issues.
- S. Balicer underwent surgery and is doing well. Vice Chair Khury visited him and sent regards. A Card was sent on behalf of the board.
- J. Pilsner has been in touch with K. Pesce and she is doing well.
- R. Fanuzzi reminded all Chairs of the importance of managing and listing separately their committee lists and committee members' attendance at committee meetings in order to meet quorum requirements, which are a majority of appointed community board members on the committee. Community members on the committee cannot be counted for a quorum. Without a quorum, no valid vote may be taken.

2. District Manager's Report – N. Stent

- In cooperation with the Borough President's Office, the board office held a flu clinic on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Flu shots were administered by Montefiore Hospital. Flu shots will be offered again next year earlier in the flu season.
- A press release was issued stating that there will be a special receptacle for Pre-Passover cleaning to help accommodate the end of the traditional chomezt disposal that precedes the Jewish festival of Passover. A dumpster will be located near the Riverdale Jewish Center at the southeast corner of West 237<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue. It will be installed by 7:00AM and removed by 2:00PM on March 25, 2013.

3. Committee Chair Resolutions

- D. Padernacht, Traffic & Transportation committee chair reported that the committee approved a new unenclosed sidewalk café application for Tin Marin Bar and Lounge at 3708 Riverdale Avenue. This resolution will be presented at the March board meeting.
- S. Froot, Health, Hospitals & Social Services committee chair presented a resolution from the committee in support of a playstreet to be created in front of Kingsbridge Heights Community Center on Kingsbridge Terrace, between Perot Street and Summit Place on Thursdays, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM in July and August 2013. This resolution will be presented at the March board meeting.
- A. Feldmeier, Public Safety committee chair discussed liquor license approvals from her committee meeting for An Beal Bocht, Wave Hill and Blue Bay. These resolutions will be presented at the March board meeting. Applicants who did not show for the committee meeting and did not call the board office with notice for their absence will not be considered for approval of their liquor license application.
- The Executive Committee discussed Street Activity Permit Guidelines that were submitted by the Economic Development, Traffic & Transportation, Public Safety and the Law, Rules and Ethics Committee's. After discussion the Executive Committee decided on a final version of guidelines, which will be presented as a resolution at the March board meeting.

#### 4. Committee Reports

##### A. Libraries & Cultural Affairs– B. Abbott

- Mike Alvarez, is the present NYPL network manager. He had this position previously.
- There is a vacancy at the Van Cortlandt Park library for a branch manager.
- The Jerome Park library branch is having some renovations.
- The Mayor called for significant cuts in the FY2014 NYPL budget. The impact on the branch libraries has not been detailed.
- The committee meeting will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> in the board office at 7:00 PM.

##### B. Aging – A. Cohen

- The committee met at the Van Cortlandt Senior Center with good attendance. There was a speaker from the Department for the Aging. There are no proposed cuts to the senior centers in the Mayor's Executive budget. The committee discussed budget priorities and minutes will be forthcoming.
- The next committee meeting will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>, one week earlier than usual due to the Passover holiday. The committee will be meeting at the Elder Serve Hebrew Home on Johnson Avenue.

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

- Refer to minutes
- Residents are being invited back to the March Traffic & Transportation Committee meeting to discuss truck traffic concerns for the Riverdale Crossings Shopping Center on Putnam Avenue.
- Resident Request for No Parking Signs and Removal of Parking on Sycamore Avenue from West 252nd to West 254th Streets between the hours of 7:00AM and 5:00PM will be on the March 13<sup>th</sup> agenda.
- Two Street Activity Permit Applications are on the agenda; Lag B'omer Picnic a block party to be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> and a Springfest a block party to be held on June 5, 2013.
- The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Riverdale Temple.

##### D. Public Safety – A. Feldmeier

- R. Montesano from the Fire Department sent in 2 two capital budget items for FY 2015 that were denied in FY 2014 because of insufficient funds. They will be considered for FY2015 budget requests.
- The committee would like to request funding for the 50 Precinct Auxiliary officers who are doing a great job in our community. This will be added to the committee budget request for FY2015.
- In addition, funding will be requested for the Explorers Program.
- There was a poor showing of liquor license applicants at the February meeting. If an applicant renewing a liquor license contacts the board office indicating they are unable to attend the committee meeting and, if the NYPD confirms no issues with the applicant, the committee will reach out to speak to the applicant and will approve the application. All new applicants must come to a committee meeting.
- The next Public Safety meeting is on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### E. Budget – B. Contant

- The FY2014 budget priorities chart with city agency responses should be referred to when preparing for FY2015 boards budget requests due June 2013.
- In February a power point presentation was presented to the executive committee on the committee's budget request process. R. Fanuzzi asked that copies be sent to committee chairs along with the FY2014 budget priorities chart with city agency responses.

#### F. Education – S. Alexander

- Refer to minutes.
- The board office received a copy of a letter that was sent to PS 24 by a Riverdale resident upset by students congregating at the Spuyten Duyvil Library and engaging in social activities. The board office referred the letter to both the Education and the Libraries & Cultural Affairs committees. The resident attended the Education meeting on February 26. After much discussion it was determined that the students attend MS 141. The resident said she would write to the Principal of MS 141. She then contacted the board office to share her many emails with the Education committee chair but was still very concerned about the issue. The chair of the Education committee gave copies of the emails to the Libraries committee chair to inform him of the ongoing dialog with the resident. Education Chair, S. Alexander visited the library and spoke to the head branch librarian and together monitored the situation and it was under control that day. However, the resident was at the library several days later and again was dismayed at the behavior of the students. The Libraries and Cultural Affairs Chair, Bob Abbott communicated with the head branch librarian and the unruliness appears to be under control with the head branch librarian's personal oversight of the teens.
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2013, one week earlier than usual due to the Passover holiday.

#### G. Law, Rules and Ethics – R. Ginty

- Refer to minutes.
- R. Ginty attended a Conflicts of Interest Board workshop.
- The next meeting is March 28<sup>th</sup> in the Riverdale Mental Health Association.

#### H. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

- Refer to minutes.
- B. Bender attended the PS 81 Parents Association meeting to describe the “Friends of Vinmont.” There was a positive response and many promised to sign up. The first meeting will be on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Riverdale Neighborhood House at 7:00 PM.
- The committee discussed DPR’s new plan for “It’s My Park Day.” It was agreed that Ewen Park is a good location for the day’s activities. This will be discussed at the April committee meeting. The Parks Department will also present renovation work that will be occurring at Ewen Park. The “Friends of Ewen Park” will be invited to attend.
- The March meeting has been cancelled due to the Passover Holiday.
- Numerous emails have been sent to the board office by members of the “Save the Putnam Trail” group who do not support paving the Putnam Trail in Van Cortlandt Park. DPR presented this project to the Parks & Recreation Committee in February of 2011. There were many questions at this meeting. In October of 2011, Councilman Koppell held a meeting with good attendance, lots of questions and the Councilman agreed that this was a reasonable plan. The Community Board Parks committee also reviewed it and supported the DPR plan. The plan then went to the NYC Public Design Commission which approved it. Then to the NYSDOT which approved it. It also went to the NYS DEC which approved it. The Department of Parks and Recreation is going forward with the plans with work beginning in the fall of 2013.

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

- S. Froot is very supportive of Play Streets, which brings active recreation spaces to communities in need. A resolution in support of a play street in Kingsbridge Heights will be presented at the March board meeting.
- A representative from Montefiore gave a presentation on the Kidney Transplant Living Donor program.
- The next committee meeting is on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the board office. A representative from the Services for the Developmentally Challenged will discuss a new service it is providing. They plan on opening a home for people with an eating disorders and are considering 3001 Independence Avenue as the location.
- The committee is planning an underage drinking forum in collaboration with the Education Committee for April 16<sup>th</sup> at RKA - MS/HS 141.

J. Miscellaneous

- M. Khury attended a very informative Affordable Health Care Act presentation by the Attorney General’s office. Effective October 1, 2013 the health insurance exchange goes online. Everyone is required to have health insurance.
- N. Stent reminded the Chair of the Libraries & Cultural Affair Committee about the 2013 Bronx Community Board 8 Community Service Awards.
- N. Stent informed the committee that the 197-a plan is available on the website. Also, the Department of City Planning site now has it available free of charge. The Council’s letter which changed the zoning to 1-1 will also be added to the website so Board members can familiarize themselves with this material.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,  
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Joyce Pilsner,  
Secretary