

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD MAY 1, 2013
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Fanuzzi, Chair	Rosemary Ginty
Bob Abbott	Sergio Marquez
Sylvia Alexander	Dan Padernacht
Steve Balicer	Lamont Parker
Bob Bender	Joyce Pilsner, Secretary
Tony Creaney	Sergio Villaverde
Phil Friedman, Treasurer	Nicole Stent, District Manager
Steven Froot	Diane Bay, Community Associate

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andrew Cohen
Brendan Contant
Arlene G. Feldmeier
Maria Khury
Charles G. Moerdler

The meeting convened at 7:30 PM.

1. Chairman's Report – R. Fanuzzi

- R. Fanuzzi will be participating in the Municipal Arts Society and City as Living Laboratory, "Broadway 1000 Steps" walk on Sunday, May 5th beginning at 10:00AM at the northeast corner of Broadway and West 240th Street and Van Cortlandt Park and continuing to Marble Hill, 225th Street. The sponsors of this aim to present the oldest Avenue of NYC as a model of sustainable development and site of future design projects.
- R. Fanuzzi reported that on May 7th, the City Council will be holding a hearing on proposed legislation from the Mayor's Office to shorten community board review time for sidewalk café licensing applications. The information was forwarded to D. Padernacht, Chair of Traffic and Transportation Committee and shared with the Executive Committee. Although Community Board 8 does not currently have a position on this legislation, R. Fanuzzi stated that the effect on the calendar of committee meetings and board resolutions would be adverse. He also shared that Manhattan Community Board No. 6 passed a resolution against a proposed change. R. Ginty will attend the May 7th hearing at 1:00 pm in 250 Broadway and report back to the executive committee and to her committee.
- No committee or board minutes should go to the board unless approved by the committee or the board. Henceforth, minutes will now say draft minutes pending committee or board approval.
- R. Fanuzzi reiterated a long standing board policy and recommended that all resolutions or any important piece of business should be brought before the Executive Committee before going to a board meeting.
- The May board meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 2013 instead of Tuesday due to a religious holiday.

2. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- A Treasurer's report will be distributed next month.
- All financial records of every city agency can be reviewed at www.checkbooknyc.com and it was suggested that this be posted on our website. R. Fanuzzi confirmed it will be posted under member resources.

- P. Friedman stressed the importance of coming up with a plan in case the budget cuts go through.

3. District Manager's Report – N. Stent

- B. Contant was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He wanted to remind the Chairs to meet with their respective city agencies to discuss your budget requests. Budget requests are due in June.
- N. Stent attended the Borough Service meeting today and briefed the Executive Committee on a presentation given by Dr. Salvo, Department of City Planning on: The Changing Face of the Bronx, A Demographic Update. This information in the presentation was from the 2010 census with additional statistics from the more recent American Community Survey which updates every 1 to 3 years. This is a useful tool for each committee. It was sent to the board on April 30th, 2013.
- The district manager asked that each committee chair review the board member committee list (handed out) and add or delete board members on their committee to confirm quorums. It was emphasized by R. Ginty that the community committee members were not on this list. She asked the Chair for his opinion on whether the community members should be listed on the website since they are voting members and also requested that committee chairs categorize their attendance by separating board members from community committee members and others in their minutes.
- An explanation of our board's quorum requirements was reviewed by R. Ginty (see detailed report in the April 2013 Law, Rules and Ethics committee minutes). A copy of these minutes will be sent to the Mayor's Office and the Borough President's Office. In summary, the by-laws of the community board govern. The board's bylaws state that community committee members can vote but they do not count for a quorum.
- The office will design new attendance sheets for committee members to better assist in the preparation of minutes. All sheets must be submitted to the board office after each committee meeting.

4. Committee Reports

A. Law, Rules and Ethics – R. Ginty

- Please see minutes for information on the Law, Rules and Ethics review on the liquor license questionnaire.
- R. Ginty drafted a follow up letter reiterating Board support for Int. No. 948, which would reform the public hearing and notice requirements of the Franchise Concession and Review Committee (the "FCRC") to insure sufficient time for community boards to hold a public meeting on any proposal and send a recommendation to the FCRC for a hearing. R. Fanuzzi agreed to send the letter on behalf of the board to remind legislators of the need for the legislation.
- At the February board meeting in the gallery session, a member of the public presented a legislative proposal to have cameras mandated in the public schools. Please see a detailed report in the April 2013 Law, Rules and Ethics Committee minutes. In summary this will be reviewed by the Education Committee as it is not a Law, Rules and Ethics committee issue.

B. Public Safety – A. Creaney, Vice Chair

- A. Creaney, Public Safety committee vice chair reported that A. Feldmeier will be sending a resolution regarding the Public Safety liquor license questionnaire requesting information from applicants.

- Resolutions for liquor license renewals were approved from the committee meeting for Bronx Ale House, Generico's Pizzeria and Café and River City Grill. They will be presented at the board meeting in May.
- There was a homicide on Manhattan College Parkway.
- The next committee meeting is on Thursday, May 30th.

C. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

- A resolution was passed by the committee asking LG Electronics' to re-configure its plan to construct an office tower along Englewood Cliffs, just behind the Palisades Preserve. It will rise well above the tree line in New Jersey. This will be presented at the May board meeting.
- In preparation for an appearance before the Public Design Commission, the Department of Design and Construction gave a presentation on the Mosholu Golf House design. There were many unresolved questions relating to contracts and funding for maintenance of the golf course and its design features. A vote was taken by the committee to approve the design for the PDC hearing subject to a commitment by Departments of Parks and Environmental Protection to return to the committee in the near future with a plan for operating and maintaining the facility, including the nature of the concessionaire's responsibilities. The city agencies agreed to this condition. The committee vote was 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. This will be brought before the board as a resolution in the future. R. Fanuzzi, Chair of the Croton Facility Monitoring Committee will include a statement of the CB8 Parks and Recreation's provisional support for the project from the minutes of the Parks committee meeting in a letter that must be sent by the Croton Facility Monitoring Committee to the PDC in time for the May 13 hearing.
- An agenda item at the upcoming committee meeting on May 22nd will be the paving of the Putnam Trail.
- B. Bender received an email requesting help seeking information and correspondence related to the Putnam Trail which shows how the development of the Putnam Trail was handled improperly.
- There was a discussion on Ewen Park and DPR presented plans for a new tot lot and renovated basketball courts. The tot lot proposal was met with a positive response; however, residents near Ewen Park are not in favor of a renovation of the basketball courts because of late night noise from basketball playing and children hanging out. This will be further discussed.
- The committee members and residents discussed planned activities for the May 18 "It's My Park" Day at Ewen Park.
- NYMTC is about to release its final report with its recommendation for the site and their first choice for the Hudson River Greenway.

D. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

- S. Villaverde and R. Fanuzzi met with the developer of Equity One (Broadway Plaza-West 230th Street) to discuss outcomes and outreach for future job fair events in Community Board 8. S. Villaverde will be reporting to his committee on the results of the meeting, which include creating a list with the help of the Kingsbridge BID and other organizations in the area for the developer to use local businesses to assist in economic growth. He also noted that according to the developer, tenants are not defined and the construction has begun.
- The Economic Development and the Traffic & Transportation Committees were planning to meet jointly in May to discuss the Riverdale Crossings development (West 238th Street). Due to a scheduling conflict, S. Villaverde is unable to attend and the Traffic & Transportation committee will have this on their May agenda and will invite the Economic Development committee.

- B. Abbott questioned the removal of many trees on the southbound side of the Major Deegan between the two projects, Riverdale Crossings (West 238th) and the Broadway Plaza (West 230th Street).

E. Environment & Sanitation – S. Marquez

- Please refer to the April minutes.
- S. Marquez is meeting on May 10th at 3:00PM with the manager of the Promenade Apartments to view the area that had been cleaned. S. Marquez is also trying to secure the Metro North gates to avoid dumping at this site. L. Parker suggested reaching out to Metro North Police as well as Promenade security.
- S. Marquez is planning a Department of Sanitation informational forum in Marble Hill in May. He would like to address the community concerns of cleanliness in the area, enforcement of dog walkers not picking up after their dogs, etc.
- S. Marquez reported on the State Senator Espaillat and City Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez' Town Hall meeting. There were many resident concerns regarding the lack of cleanliness at storefronts, shortage of parking and speeding on Broadway to name a few. Senator Espaillat is also interested in creating a slow zone along Broadway. Tenants from the NYCHA Marble Hill Houses had concerns over the lack of services including no hot water. Tenants of the Promenade Apartments stated many services were inconsistent and they are in litigation with their landlord. There is also a bad relationship between the tenants of Marble Hill and the NYPD and they often feel harassed. Lastly, there is a great deal of pot smoking in front of the Promenade Apartments that needs to be addressed. R. Fanuzzi thanked S. Marquez for his attendance at this event and advised chairs to make note of the issues he reports.
- The next committee meeting will be held on May 29th.

F. Youth – L. Parker

- L. Parker reported that a speaker from Target discussed sponsoring events benefiting the community.
- The Youth job fair will be postponed until April of 2014 and preparation will begin in December 2013.
- S. Johnson the Community Board Athletic Leadership League, Inc. (CBall) is a member of Bronx Community Board 3 and spoke about the CBall program which involves youth, ages 7 to 18 who are interested in serving their community through their participation in sports.
- Van Cortlandt Golf is hosting a Youth Day on July 16th, from 11:00AM to 3:00PM.
- The Youth Poetry SLAM is scheduled for May 23rd at the Kingsbridge Library.

G. Traffic & Transportation – D. Padernacht

- D. Padernacht reported that the committee approved a street activity permit application for a Block Party which is to occur in front of 4414 Cayuga Avenue. The resolution will be presented at the May board meeting.
- New Car Service application for Alltown Limo Corporation, 244 West 231st Street was discussed. There were many unanswered questions, therefore they will be returning to the May committee meeting for further discussion.
- D. Padernacht requested the board office send an email to community board members requesting a resurfacing list. He would also like a list of the completed jobs from the last list.
- The letter regarding the Mosholu Avenue Rehabilitation project was received by the board office on April 19th but was dated April 5th. They need a response from the board office by May 5th but the committee is not meeting until May 21st. DOT will be invited to speak about this project at the May meeting.

H. Education – S. Alexander

- Refer to minutes.
- S. Alexander set up a Community Service Forum subcommittee to assist in the organization of a public forum planned for the morning of May 28 in the Kingsbridge Library. The subcommittee is trying to meet either Monday or Tuesday after the Executive Committee meeting because the Education Committee does not have another meeting before the event.
- S. Alexander spoke to District 10 regarding cameras in the schools. They will submit a list of schools that already have cameras.
- The Kinneret SAPO application was on the committee agenda in April but they did not attend the meeting. They will be invited to the May meeting.

I. Libraries & Cultural Affairs– B. Abbott

- The next meeting is on Thursday, May 9th. The agenda will include a discussion on retraction of the budget cuts.
- The Community Service Awards (CSA) will be presented at the May 13th Community Board meeting. The following winners will be announced in next week's Riverdale Press and Riverdale Review: The Green Club of Manhattan College which is a student group within the school that work on a number of environmental issues as well as working in the community and the Marble Hill School for International Studies which is a group of 5 students who do community service, volunteer work.

J. Housing – S. Balicer

- The May meeting has been cancelled due to the holiday. The next meeting is June 24th.

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

- The committee did not meet in April. The next committee meeting is on May 20th in the board office.

L. Miscellaneous

- R. Ginty pointed out that the Facebook page on the website has not been updated since November of 2012 when D. McShane was Chair of the Technology Committee and resigned from the board in March of 2013. R. Fanuzzi will review this and commented that the prime source of information regarding Community Board 8 is the board's official website.
- S. Alexander entered complaints of errors on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Robert Fanuzzi,
Chairman