

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles G. Moerdler
Arlene G. Feldmeier
Steven Froot
Sergio Marquez
Sergio Villaverde

BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

Robert Press

The meeting convened at 7:30PM.

1. Chairman's Report – R. Fanuzzi

- R. Fanuzzi thanked Vice Chair Maria Khury for chairing the board meeting in October.
- A committee list including board members, community committee members and the number of people needed for a quorum on each committee was distributed. This was updated by committee chairs and the list will be amended.
- R. Fanuzzi reviewed the importance in producing minutes and resolutions in advance of the executive committee meeting. Committee chairs were urged to make sure there are no gaps in minutes over year.
- Each Committee Chair should appoint a Vice Chair and inform the board office.
- The Bronx Borough President is organizing a borough wide basketball league, C-Ball, and representatives from every community board are needed to help plan. Events will take place throughout 2014 in all twelve community boards, including CB8. The chair appointed N. Stent and L. Parker to participate in the borough wide planning for the league.
- R. Fanuzzi thanked all who participated in a conference call with Con Ed to discuss a storm system fortification project. This project is to prevent storm-related breakdowns in electrical service. This will be discussed further at a joint meeting of the Traffic & Transportation and Environment & Sanitation committee's on November 19th, 2013.

2. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- P. Friedman met with N. Stent on November 1st and reviewed finances. All is in order.

- P. Friedman reported on research in implementing social media across Community Boards. He sent an email to community boards in all boroughs seeking any assistance, thoughts or advice regarding their Community Board's online presence using social media. Not receiving any negative responses, he stressed the importance of moving forward with social media, as other community boards and city agencies have. B. Contant suggested that CB 8 "friend" community groups in the area as a way to expand outreach. R. Fanuzzi noted that CB 8 has a Facebook page, advised committee chairs who wish to have committee content on Facebook page to contact board office, and to follow through with suggestion to "friend" community groups to maximize outreach.
- To improve website, S. Alexander requested that old information related to public events be deleted and new information be posted.

3. District Manager's Report – N. Stent

- Con Edison will give a presentation on the Storm System Fortification project and the oil to gas conversions that will affect the entire board area at the joint meeting of Traffic & Transportation and Environment & Sanitation committees on Tuesday November 19th. There was discussion on how the city agencies should work together so these jobs do not overlap.
- There will be a DDC citywide sewer pipe rehabilitation project that will be occurring in our board at Edsall Avenue beginning in the next several weeks. Con Edison is also installing poles in that area.
- The Underage Drinking Forum will be held at MS/HS 368 on November 18th. The flyer has been distributed to our mailing lists including schools, PTAs, libraries and community centers. The Riverdale Press will not only post the flyer but will run an article in the paper next week. The flyer will be posted on the web.
- The last day of the Marble Hill Youthmarket was October 24th. It was another successful summer.
- N. Stent met with representatives of the Bon Secour Healthy Communities Project, Cornerstone program. They discussed strategies and demographics of the area and how to engage the bodega owners to provide healthy choices.
- N. Stent provided information to the Land Use Chair on the new Montefiore building at 3741 and 3735 Riverdale Avenue and 3644 Oxford Avenue. This will be on the Land Use Agenda on November 7th. N. Stent also provided research and documents to the Land Use Chair on 5959 Broadway regarding the Stagg Group and Office of Environmental Review.
- The modified or updated conflicts of interest Appendix E was updated on the website.
- The board office is hosting a new High School Intern, funded through the Riverdale Neighborhood House. He will be working through February.

4. Committee Reports

A. Public Safety – R. Fanuzzi

- A resolution was distributed and will be presented at the next board meeting.

B. Traffic & Transportation – D. Padernacht

- A resolution will be presented at the board meeting for a stop sign and crosswalk at the intersection of West 259th Street and Netherland Avenue in the east and westbound direction and also that a stop ahead sign be placed in the eastbound direction prior to the intersection.

- The students at Riverdale Country School put forward a resolution asking that lines be painted on Fieldston Road on the Henry Hudson Parkway overpass to allow for more parking spaces. D. Padernacht will send a letter to DOT with this request.
- D. Padernacht received complaints about street closures in Fieldston. In trying to clear up this problem he met with representatives from FPOA, Excel Security and Horace Mann School. Cut through traffic of commercial vehicles has increased through Fieldston and the 50th Precinct had suggested better signage to advise commercial drivers about the private streets. Hence, FPOA has placed portable barricades with signage of No Commercial Traffic. The barricades are not intended for private vehicles and cars can drive around these stanchions.
- A community resident requested signage be placed in Fieldston and on certain streets in Riverdale stating no commercial traffic. D. Padernacht is waiting to hear from the resident with the locations.
- D. Padernacht confirmed that Con Ed will have representatives at his joint meeting with Environment & Sanitation to discuss the storm system storm fortification project and the oil to gas conversions. Better communication of informing the public of street closures, street parking changes is on agenda.

C. Environment & Sanitation – M. Khury

- The committee met at Kelly Ryan's to discuss the brownfield site clean-up at 6469 Broadway.
- There has been significant clean-up at the Promenade Houses. They have new ownership and management.
- Please refer to minutes.

D. Law, Rules & Ethics – R. Ginty

- Refer to minutes.
- Legislative Review – Intro 948 - legislation was introduced by the City Council to change the public hearing and notice requirements of the Franchise and Concession Review Committee to allow sufficient time for community board review of proposals including a public meeting. Chairman Fanuzzi testified in favor of the bill. Board member Anthony Piscitelli said after discussions with the Councilmember's and Speaker's offices that the bill dealt with franchises and revocable consents while the community board's problem was the ice-skating rink concession; therefore, either the legislation needs to be amended to include concessions or we need to work towards having the Rules of the FCRC changed to increase time for community board review for concessions. This will be further pursued with Councilmember Koppell's office.

E. Budget – B. Contant

- The capital and expense reports were sent three days ahead of time and thanked N. Stent for her work on this.

F. Libraries & Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman

- Refer to minutes.
- M. Goodman reported on the presentation of the Sinfonietta of Riverdale.

G. Health, Hospitals and Social Services – M. Heller, Vice Chair

- The Under-Age Drinking Forum is scheduled for November 18th at MS/HS 368, the In-Tech Academy.

H. Housing – S. Balicer

- At the October meeting there was discussion about Mitchell Lama housing regulation changes. One concern is who will be qualified to continue living in Mitchell Lama housing should the primary resident pass away or move on to a senior facility. The other concern is privatizing this housing which may inhibit the availability to people who need it. Further discussion is planned to continue at the November meeting.
- S. Balicer attended the Mitchell Lama revised rules public hearing held by HPD on November 6 and reported great interest, overflow crowds waiting to testify.

I. Education – S. Alexander

- Refer to minutes.
- The next meeting is November 26th in the board office. An atmosphere charter school will be giving a presentation.

J. Youth – L. Parker

- Refer to minutes.
- The next committee meeting is on November 18th at the board office.

K. Aging – K. Pesce

- For the past several years our community does not have a rep from the Department for the Aging (DFTA) due to budget cuts. A representative from DFTA will speak at the next committee meeting to be held on November 19th at Hudson Pointe Rehab Center.

L. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

- The committee met in October with one of the topics being the proposed Van Cortlandt Park Master Plan. B. Bender encouraged everyone to look at the plan.
- The next meeting will be held November 13th at the Riverdale YM/YWHA. The proposed final route for the Hudson River Valley Greenway will be discussed.
- The Parks Department has terminated the concession for the stables in Van Cortlandt Park a year earlier than planned. The board received a notice that they would be issuing an RFP. At the October meeting suggestions were solicited, put together and sent by email to the Commissioner's office and also consulted with Councilman Koppell.
- L. Parker alerted the committee of an ongoing problem with graffiti, a broken toilet seat and drinking in the bathroom in Seton Park.

M. Economic Development – M. Khury

- Equity One will be sending a press release today that there will be a TJ Max, Sports Authority and Aldi's supermarket at the West 230th Street development. The center is expected to open in the fall of 2014.
- An update regarding the resume job bank and what was the outcome of the ad will be forthcoming.

- There is a Johnson Avenue event on November 10th. There will be a community board table and volunteers are needed.
- R. Ginty noticed construction at West 230th Street where previously there was a gas station and was concerned whether there was a brownfield clean up.

N. New Business

- P. Friedman is continuing to track committee meeting minutes back to 2011. There are 15 meeting minute sets missing for 2013. The committees are Health & Hospitals, Housing, Land Use and Public Safety. He also reported that there are no Land Use minutes since April 2010 and suggested they be transcribed and posted on the website. P. Friedman asked Joyce Pilsner (Secretary) to try to resolve this problem.
- P. Friedman suggested having a digital recording for each meeting on the website.
- P. Friedman commented that the traffic plan for the North Riverdale street fair was poorly executed and wanted to know how the community board is informed about the transportation plan before an event requiring a street closure. R. Fanuzzi stated calls were made regarding the traffic plan for this event previous to the event but MTA did not have plans until 5 days before the event. R. Ginty recalled concern at Board meeting discussing the SAPO approval, that the board did not have rerouted bus plan when judging application. R. Fanuzzi stated that there are two ways to resolve problem; to amend the board review procedures to require applicant have a transportation plan when coming before any committee; and/or to approve the SAPO application as a board with conditions, such as transportation plan.
- P. Friedman was interested in moving the community board office and reported that October 31st was the final date for terminating the current board office lease.
- P. Friedman inquired as to whether they could discuss staff salaries with the staff present. Chairman Fanuzzi stated that under Open Meetings law, he would have to call an executive session. Committee members declined to hold an executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Joyce Pilsner,
Secretary