

## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

### MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE

#### **PRESENT:**

Robert Fanuzzi, Chair  
Sylvia Alexander  
Steve Balicer  
Bob Bender  
Andrew Cohen  
Arlene G. Feldmeier  
Phil Friedman  
Steven Froot  
Rosemary Ginty

Maria Khury  
Sergio Marquez  
Dan Padernacht  
Lamont Parker  
Joyce Pilsner  
Sergio Villaverde  
Nicole Stent  
Diane Bay

#### **ABSENT:**

Bob Abbott  
Brendan Contant  
Damian McShane  
Charles G. Moerdler

The meeting convened at 7:30 PM.

#### 1. Chairman's Report – R. Fanuzzi

- The Chairman welcomed all committee members and congratulated the Chairs on their re-election appointments and introduced new appointees.
- Reports by the chairs to the Executive Committee should be brief and concise. All attendance, minutes and resolutions with voting records should be submitted to the board in advance of the executive committee meeting.
- Resolutions from committees go to the full Board after review by the Executive Committee.
- Chair Fanuzzi appointed D. McShane to be the Technology consultant for the board. Mr. McShane will be responsible for working with the district manager on the Community Board web page and facebook. Suggestions or comments can be sent in writing to the board office for D. McShane.
- It was noted that there are missing minutes on the website. The Chair asked that a list of any missing items on the website be submitted to the board office.
- The Chair encouraged Committee Chairs to continue to outreach to the community by hosting the monthly committee meetings in the different neighborhoods under the board's jurisdiction.
- The Chair announced the receipt of City Council discretionary funding: \$3000 from Councilman Fernando Cabrera and \$3500 from Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez. These monies are earmarked for the areas represented by the city council members and are targeted to support existing projects and board activities supporting these areas. Chairman Fanuzzi thanked the district manager N. Stent for submitting the applications.
- The Chair asked the district manager, N. Stent to send the link to the discretionary funds application process to committee chairs. Community Based Organizations can apply directly to City Council members in their organizations.
- Resolutions were presented by the Chairman regarding the Youth Committee. It was unanimously supported by the Executive Committee meeting to go to the full board.

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

- A Treasurer's report was distributed.
- The "Friends of Community Board 8" report was discussed. The newly elected committee chairs will receive a copy.
- The Executive Committee was asked to vote on continuing the discussion, how to best to proceed, and preparations of a resolution for the board. The vote was 9 in favor, 5 opposed and 1 abstention. In Favor: B. Bender, S. Froot, R. Fanuzzi, P. Friedman, M. Khury, S. Marquez, D. Padernacht, L. Parker J. Pilsner. Five opposed: S. Alexander, A. Cohen, A. Feldmeier, R. Ginty, S. Villaverde and 1 abstention: S. Balicer. A new "Friends" working group, composed of P. Friedman, M. Khury, S. Froot, and R. Ginty will meet to prepare the structure for a proposed resolution for the Executive Committee review in November.

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

- The Borough President announced the formation of Community Board District Office Management Taskforce to focus on best practices, policies and procedures on important issues facing the 12 Bronx Community Boards. The taskforce will focus on developing common strategies on the delivery of municipal services, the city budget, land use and zoning, 311 dedicated operator, website formats as well as streamlining and instituting processes for liquor licenses and street events to name a few. Bronx Community Board No. 8 has been in the forefront of many of these processes. It is a model board in several areas: first city website in the Bronx, first pc server and is one of the most technology efficient boards.
- On September 6, 19 and 24, pursuant to the City Charter, the Borough Consultations will be held with the Charter mandated city agencies. All district managers' from the 12 Bronx community boards attend to discuss issues with city agency heads. Committee Chairs have been invited to attend.
- The Board office was instrumental in opening another youth market at the West 242 train station by Friends of Van Cortlandt Park, Inwood churches and Bon Secour Health Systems.
- The Special Natural Area District (SNAD) process was applied for the first time this summer by a resident who had a concern regarding the removal of a large tree in a SNAD area. The district manager was able coordinate with the resident and DOB to have the tree removed.
- The Statement of Community District Needs was finalized by the Budget Chair and sent to OMB. A copy will be sent to all board members. The service priorities lists were confirmed; annual surveys on heat, light and rent finalized; budget code reviews finalized, FMS (billing system) and SAPO (street events) update training occurred; fiscal year lease renewals processes were completed, and purchase orders for office machine rentals were completed.
- Committee Chair's are requested to send the name of the designated Committee Vice Chair to the office for recording.
- Agendas for committee meetings are required two weeks in advance of the monthly committee meeting to meet the notice requirements in the Bylaws.
- AV equipment, laptop and a new screen are available for committee meetings. Please give the board office advance notice.

## 4. Committee Reports

### A. Aging – A. Cohen

- Chairman Fanuzzi welcomed Mr. Cohen as new Aging Committee chair.
- There is no Aging Committee in September because of the Jewish Holidays.

### B. Health Hospitals and Social Services – Steve Froot

- The focus this year will be anti-obesity, physical activity and nutrition issues.

- Beginning December 2012, Episcopal Services will be operating a group home for developmentally disabled adults at 2749 University Avenue. It will be an Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA) for 10 residents with mental retardation. It will be fully staffed and supervised 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. According to the Padavan Law, a public hearing is required. The hearing will take place on October 1 at the Kingsbridge Heights Rehabilitation and Care Center on Cannon Place.
- The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss another group home at 2865 Kingsbridge Terrace. This group home does not fall under the Padavan Law. These minors are in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) and services are administered by Lutheran Social Services. They have entered the US without legal immigration status and have been apprehended by federal authorities.

C. Environment & Sanitation – S. Marquez

- Chairman Fanuzzi welcomed Mr. Marquez as new Environment & Sanitation Committee chair.
- S. Marquez will continue the work of the committee last year and plans to host another clean streets day in Marble Hill as well as clean air and green projects.

D. Education – S. Alexander

- The committee will not be meeting in September because of the Jewish Holiday.

E. Law, Rules and Ethics Committee – R. Ginty

- Chairman Fanuzzi welcomed Ms. Ginty as new Law, Rules and Ethics Committee chair.
- The Vice Chair of the Committee is Bill Stone.
- The Committee will meet on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Riverdale Mental Health conference room.

F. Traffic & Transportation – D. Padernacht

- The committee voted on a Street Renaming for Ted Corbitt at West 228<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway.
- The next committee meeting is Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Riverdale Neighborhood House at 8:00 PM.
- A special meeting was held in August to discuss the proposal by the NYC DOT regarding the Traffic Pattern of the Broadway Corridor – from West 242<sup>nd</sup> Street to the Westchester County line.

G. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

- The committee decided to continue to focus on the BJ's and West 230<sup>th</sup> Street developments
- The committee will discuss planning a restaurant week in the neighborhood.

H. Housing – S. Balicer

- Chairman Fanuzzi welcomed Mr. Balicer as the new Housing Committee chair.
- The committee chair met with members of the Housing Committee.
- The Vice Chair of Committee is Patricia Mullen.
- A volunteer agreed to take the minutes of the committee meeting.
- In October there will be an agenda discussion on smoke free apartments in collaboration with Bronx Health Reach.
- In November a forum will be held on the workings of Housing Court that will include advocacy groups for tenants and landlords.

I. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender

- Over the summer a dedication was held at the Memorial Grove.
- There was a ribbon cutting at the Classic Playground on Van Cortlandt Park South.
- Vinmont Park was completed and a formal rededication of the ball field is forthcoming.
- The fences were taken down at Van Cortlandt Park on the southern portion of the playing field.
- The Parks & Recreation Committee meeting will be held September 12<sup>th</sup> because of the Jewish Holiday. A representative from the Ice Rink will talk about operational issues and the intention to open the rink before Thanksgiving.
- The Save the Putnam trail advocates will attend the September meeting. The Parks Department plans require the trails be ADA accessible which means they would have to be paved.
- One of the Parks Committee goals this year is to establish “Friends of Committee’s” for Parks, such as Vinmont and Ewen Park, so the community can preserve these parks.

J. Public – A. Feldmeier

- A letter will be written requesting that the State Liquor Authority (SLA) revoke the liquor license for Dorney & Malone’s, a tavern located at 5993 Broadway. This license is reviewed by the NYPD officers and was recently raided. Allegedly 2 ½ kilos of cocaine was discovered on the premises. A letter was written instead of a resolution because the SLA is having a hearing on Friday, before the Board meeting.
- Recently there was a murder outside the Bridge Tavern that was handled by the 50th precinct.
- A stipulation agreement will be drafted to be given to liquor license applicants to sign at the Public Safety Committee meeting.
- Crime Prevention tips from the NYPD will be reported at every meeting.

K. Youth – L. Parker

- Chairman Fanuzzi welcomed Mr. Parker as new Youth Committee Chair, pending future decisions about the status of the committee.
- L. Parker is looking forward to working with everyone to support the youth in the community.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay  
Community Associate