

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 3, 2013
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Fanuzzi, Chair	Steven Froot
Maria Khury, Vice Chair	Marvin Goodman
Sylvia Alexander	Sergio Marquez
Steve Balicer	Joyce Pilsner, Secretary
Bob Bender	Sergio Villaverde
Brendan Contant	Nicole Stent, District Manager
Phil Friedman, Treasurer	Diane Bay, Community Associate

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andrew Cohen	Charles G. Moerdler
Arlene G. Feldmeier	Dan Padernacht
Rosemary Ginty	Lamont Parker

The meeting convened at 7:35 PM.

1. Chairman's Report – R. Fanuzzi

- R. Fanuzzi thanked all committee chairs for their participation at summer committee meetings and for meeting with him to review committee procedures.
- The Chairman congratulated all committee members on their election as committee chairs and introduced new Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee chair Marvin Goodman.
- R. Fanuzzi reviewed the Community Members Appointment Procedure, including reappointments of community members and requests for new community members. He asked that committee chairs to make clear to community participants at their meetings the opportunity to join their committee. .
- All attendance, minutes and resolutions with voting records should be submitted to the board office one week after a committee meeting, in advance of the executive committee meeting. The Chair strongly emphasized the importance of taking minutes, submitting minutes to the Board office, and approving minutes at every committee meeting.
- If you cannot attend the Executive Committee meeting please, inform the office if you will be sending a representative to the meeting. No one will speak for a committee unless designated in advance by the committee chair.
- The Chair announced the receipt of City Council discretionary funding: \$3500 from Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez “to provide funds for operations and programs in Bronx Community Board No. 8” and \$3500 from Councilman Fernando Cabrera “for improving the quality of life within its community.” (OMB). Funding was requested “to continue board initiatives, programs, public forums and office operations to inform, educate, outreach, and support the community”. The Chair will meet with the officers to review strategic priorities on how these funds will be used. This will then be discussed with the executive committee. Committee chairs were encouraged to send special funding requests in support of their committee’s public programs and outreach to the board office. The Chair thanked District Manager (DM) N. Stent for submitting the applications.
- At the request of the Chair, M. Khury reported on the success of the community board outreach at the Riverfest and Marble Hill Family Day. She thanked Paul Ellis, Robert

Fanuzzi, Phil Friedman, Sergio Marquez, Lamont Parker, Karen Pesce and Georgia Santiago, who collaborated in organizing this effort, for distributing informational flyers, and for collecting signatures from community members. Those names will be added to our enewsletter subscriber list.

- R. Fanuzzi attended the opening of the new Teen Green Youth Market and Playstreet at Kingsbridge Heights Community Center. The two programs continued throughout the summer and were a huge success. He thanked N. Stent for her work with the KHCC and Bon Secours in creating these programs and helping the organizations secure a \$25,000 grant. N. Stent added that she arranged for DOT free bike helmet program; DOT fitted a total of 256 free bike helmets for 192 children and 64 adults. R. Fanuzzi also thanked the Health and Human Service Committee and the Traffic and Transportation Committee for giving careful review and support to the proposal to implement the Play Streets. The market, playstreet and free helmets supported the board's focus on healthy activity, nutritious eating and safe programs in BXC8.
- R. Fanuzzi appeared at a Press Conference held by Senator Klein supporting a board resolution to limit the height of the LG Tower in the Palisades. He thanked Senator Klein and Assemblyman Dinowitz for speaking out on an issue of great concern to all residents of Community Board 8.
- R. Fanuzzi appeared before the City Council Committee of Government Operations to support a bill brought by Councilman Koppel to 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 to forward recommendations to FCRC. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Law, Rules, and Ethics committee for their diligent work in bringing attention to this issue
- The Chair presented to the Executive Committee a Health Fair street activity permit application sponsored by the Kingsbridge Neighborhood Improvement Association scheduled for September 21st from 9:00AM to 5:00PM at Reservoir Avenue between West 197th Street and University Avenue. As per Board 8 procedure, this application must be approved by the full board and must be presented as a resolution at the September board meeting because no committee had meetings in August. The Chair noted that under the current procedures, no summer SAPO applications can be approved by the Board until its September meeting and that the Board had not been able to submit its position within the SAPO timeline. He directed the committees that proposed the Board 8 procedures for SAPO applications to take up the problem of summer applications.
- Chair reported on events since the Land Use Committee met on July 23rd and learned of a 12 story hybrid supportive housing and affordable senior housing at 6469 Broadway. At that meeting, the community on this development. After the meeting, Self Help, the developer of the project, and Comunilife, the service provider for the supportive housing population within the building, invited Board members to visit their facilities in Queens and the Bronx. R. Fanuzzi, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, G. Singleton and L. Spalter, visited. C. Moerdler has been in communication with the developer and is talking about the committee's and the community's concerns. R. Fanuzzi also reported that a newly formed group called the Broadway Community Alliance was meeting that night to express opposition to the Self-Help development. In attendance were roughly 200 participants, local elected officials and (for a short time) the Chair of CB8. Community Board 8 will be meeting with the Borough President and elected officials to discuss concerns over this project.

2. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- A Treasurer's report was distributed. P. Friedman announced that a report will be presented to the board every 3 months. He meets with the DM N. Stent a week in

advance of the executive meeting to review the report and the financial expenditures online in the city system. In addition, all office expenditures can be viewed by the public at www.checkbooknyc.com.

3. District Manager's Report – N. Stent

- DM N. Stent thanked the board and executive committee for bearing with the office in July while an upgraded new city email system was implemented. There were many glitches with system errors experienced in all city agencies. DoITT apologized for the errors and worked to the board office. It was compounded by the new PCs with new programs and compatibility with our systems.
- Facebook has been updated with board and committee calendars since July. Letterhead and website have also been updated.
- The District Needs Statement for FY 2015 was filed on August 1st and is available on the website.
- On September 12, 18 and October 4, the Charter mandated FY 2015 Borough Consultations will take place. These meetings provide an opportunity to meet with city agency officials about service and budget needs, funding for programs and projects, to outline area problems and discuss possible solutions. All 12 Bronx district managers will meet as a group with charter mandated city agencies. Committee chairs are invited to attend. Please let the board office know if you will be attending. An email was sent several weeks ago with the details. The agencies scheduled for the 12th are: DOB, HPD, and NYPD. On the 18th the agencies will be: DHS, ACS, HRA, DEP, and DOT. On Oct 4th the agencies will be: DSNY, FDNY, EDC/SBS, DFTA and DPR.
- There was another successful Youth Committee event on July 24 with the Youth Golf Day. It was also a huge success with 141 children participating in golf lessons and winning awards at the VCP golf course. M. Khury, vice chair added that she attended and it was an amazing day of community centers participation.
- BXC8 was a drop site for Operation Backpack 2013. Approximately 10 backpacks were dropped off down from 18 last year with many board members supporting the effort. Plans for next year are to market the program earlier to increase the number of participants.

4. Committee Reports

A. Education – S. Alexander

- Refer to minutes.
- There is no committee meeting in September due to the religious holiday.
- S. Alexander will attend a meeting on Education sponsored by the Borough Presidents Office.

B. Parks & Recreation – reported by R. Fanuzzi

- There were two presentations at the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting in June. One was a restoration on the Van Cortlandt Museum and the other was from New Yorkers for Parks. This was a proposal for changing the funding formula for NYC parks to baselining maintenance expenses in the budget rather than zeroing them out annually; accurately estimating the maintenance costs of each city park; limiting public-private partnerships; requiring DPR to adopt best practices of other agencies that handle substantial capital funds, such as DDC; and instituting new restrictions on alienation of parkland. A letter of support was sent on their behalf.

- The courts ruled that the variance that Englewood Cliffs granted LG Electronics is permissible. The board will continue to express their opposition on this development.
- The DEC will be holding a public hearing at Lehman College on September 23rd on the Putnam Trail. They will take testimony from the public. B. Bender will make a statement at this hearing.
- The committee will meet on September 30th at the Riverdale Mental Health conference room. There will be a presentation from the Parks Department on its' plans for the renovation in Ewen Park.

C. Environment & Sanitation – S. Marquez

- The committee met in June to help organize a civic organization in Marble Hill to deal with sanitation issues. S. Marquez spoke to a congregation at St. Stephen's Methodist Church, the Pastor of The Water of Life Church and the President of the Promenade Tenants Association who all seemed interested. S. Marquez hopes to further discuss this at the September 18th committee meeting.

D. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

- There are many complaints of business owners receiving numerous violations from the Department of Consumer Affairs. S. Villaverde reported that the Daily News reported that this ticket blitz was expected from inspectors who worked for the Department of Consumer Affairs. This will be further discussed at his committee meetings.
- The committee is working with Equity One, developer of the West. 230 Street mall, to develop strategies for publicizing future job opportunities and informing the community. Committee members M. Khury and Paul Ellis
- The South Riverdale Street Fair at West 235th Street and Riverdale Avenue is scheduled for September 29th.
- KRVC is working with the North Riverdale Merchants Association to develop a pull out section in the Daily News on their businesses.
- KRVC has developed a new website that will be launched on October 10th.
- The next committee meeting is on October 1st.

E. Budget – B. Contant

- B. Contant reminded committee chairs to check the meeting dates for the Borough Consultations held with the Charter mandated city agencies. Committee Chairs have been invited to attend.

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

- ACS reported that the number of abused children in the foster care system in the 1990's was 50,000 and at the present time has dropped to 14,000.
- The next committee meeting is on September 16th in the board office. They will discuss preparations for the fall's Under-Age Drinking Forum to be tentatively held on October 21st at MS 141.
- There is a walk in free flu shot clinic for children ages 3 and up every Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-11:30am and 1pm-3:30pm at St. Barnabas Ambulatory Care Center
- S. Froot announced the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center Health Fair on September 21st from 12:00 to 5:00PM.

G. Housing – S. Balicer

- There will be no committee meeting in September.

H. Libraries

- There will be no committee meeting in September.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Joyce Pilsner,
Secretary