

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD JUNE 2, 2014
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Fanuzzi, Chair	Marvin Goodman
Maria Khury, Vice Chair	Sergio Marquez
Phil Friedman, Treasurer	Dan Padernacht
Joyce Pilsner, Secretary	Lamont Parker
Sylvia Alexander	Robert Press (Vice Chair Public Safety)
Lisa Daub (Vice Chair Aging)	Sergio Villaverde
Paul Ellis (Vice Chair Housing)	Nicole Stent, District Manager
Steven Froot	Diane Bay, Community Associate
Rosemary Ginty	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Balicer
Bob Bender
Brendan Contant
Arlene G. Feldmeier
Charles G. Moerdler

The meeting convened at 7:30PM.

1. Chairman's Report – R. Fanuzzi

- Executive minutes of May 6th were approved by a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstentions.

In favor: R. Fanuzzi, M. Khury, P. Friedman, J. Pilsner, S. Alexander, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, S. Marquez, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, S. Villaverde

Abstentions: – L. Daub, P. Ellis, S. Froot, R. Press

- Chairman Fanuzzi thanked all for accommodating the schedule change of the Executive Committee meeting.
- Croton Filtration Monitoring Committee update – There is extensive work being done on the delivery voyeur to NYC reservoir to the Jerome Park reservoir and into the croton filtration plant. Work is being done upstate to make a tunnel to divert the Catskill Delaware tunnel into the Croton facility. This will send more than average water into the croton reservoir and into the filtration plant. For a period of 5 to 18 months the Croton filtration facility will bear large responsibility for pumping the city's water. This process starts with rehabilitation of the wall of the Jerome Park reservoir, a capital expense shared by DEP citywide. There will now be a delay to the pilot access that was promised in 2010 by DEP. Chair proposed to DEP that agency consider pilot access in areas that are unaffected by the construction.
- Councilman Cohen introduced a resolution to the City Council condemning LG Corporation for building their headquarters in Englewood Cliffs, NJ above the Palisades tree line and the municipality of Englewood Cliffs for granting this variance. This

resolution is asking the township of Englewood Cliffs to rescind the variance in hopes of preserving the Palisades.

- Chair Fanuzzi asked for volunteers to represent CB8 at this year's Riverdale Riverfest 2014.
- FY 2106 Committee budget requests are due.
- R. Fanuzzi thanked Committee Chair's for holding their meetings in the various neighborhoods in the community board.
- The Chair thanked Officers and Committee Chair's for their services to the Executive Committee for the past year.
- J. Pilsner thanked the chair for his leadership of the committee and the board.

2. Treasurer's Report – P. Friedman

- No report.

3. District Manager's Report – N. Stent

- The Board office will once again be an official sponsor and a drop-off location for Volunteers of America Operation Backpack 2014 – Support Homeless Children. *Operation Backpack* helps provide new backpacks filled with grade-specific school supplies to children who are homeless throughout New York City. In 2013, the Board collected over 15 backpacks contributing to the 2013 NYC contribution. Backpacks can be delivered to the board office starting July 15 through July 31st. Supply lists are available on the Volunteers of America Operation Backpack website. An information announcement will be sent to the board, e-newsletter and Facebook by the end of June and a press release will be issued.
- Information on non-resident parking at NYCHA parking lots was distributed to the Kingsbridge Heights, Van Cortlandt Village to relieve the impact of the Cannon Place Retaining Wall Project.
- The following Youthmarkets will be opening in July; Marble Hill, Kingsbridge Heights, Friends Van Cortlandt Park (at Amalgamated site) and Riverdale Neighborhood House.
- District Service Cabinet minutes were attached to the June board mailing.
- R. Ginty asked if parking is still available in the board office parking lot for night meetings. N. Stent explained that this usage was written into the lease for all board members attending board meetings twice a week.

4. Committee Reports

A. Public Safety – R. Press

- A resolution will be presented at the Board meeting for the State Liquor License applications for renewal Compass Group USA, Inc., and new application for Gil's Pizza Restaurant Corp.
- The shooting outside the Raine Lounge, 170 West 233rd Street was discussed. This incident was not inside the Lounge, but on the street.
- Chair Feldmeier will be attending the meet and greet with Police Commissioner Bratton on Wednesday night. This event is hosted by Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez.

B. Environment & Sanitation – S. Marquez

- Minutes are forthcoming.
- DEP came to the May meeting. They will be doing work at the Jerome Park Reservoir on the gatehouses. They will be demolished and rebuilt and will keep in mind the historical prospective. DEP wants a letter of support but the committee is holding off until they discuss further at their next meeting on June 18th.

C. Libraries & Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman

- The committee met at the Derfner Judaica Museum located at the Hebrew Home. This is the only public museum in Bronx Community Board No. 8. The current exhibit is showing propaganda art work of the Nazis during World War II. The permanent exhibits include religious artifacts and specific objects related to specific religious holidays. He urged all to visit.
- The next committee meeting is on June 12th at the Van Cortlandt Branch Library.

D. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

- The job fair with the employers of the West 230th Street Broadway Plaza was a success.
- The committee will hold a public forum in the future to discuss the paid sick leave law.
- The June meeting is cancelled due to a religious holiday.

E. Traffic & Transportation – D. Padernacht

- Three resolutions will be voted on at the next board meeting covering parking issues at West 254th Street between Independence and Sycamore Avenues; a proposal for street name change for addition of Debbie Bowden Way; and DOT to make changes to the intersection of Albany Crescent and Bailey Avenue to increase pedestrian safety at this intersection; a Street Activity permit for Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association, 2014 Health Fair .
- A letter to modify the traffic devices on West 256th and Riverdale Avenue, to left turn only signals, going North and South was sent to DOT.
- A letter was sent to DOT to review parking, safety concerns at 252nd Street between Independence and Sycamore Avenue.
- S. Villaverde commented that Amalgamated Houses is renovating their parking garage and will add about 200 cars to the streets.

F. Housing – P. Ellis (Vice Chair)

- There was no May meeting due to the holiday.
- The committee is preparing to hold a public forum on June 23rd on NYCHA's Marble Hill Houses at St. Stephens Methodist Church. Representatives from NYCHA, the 50th precinct and Department of Sanitation will be invited. The four topics will be security, maintenance backlog, janitorial issues and plans going forward under the new administration. Councilman Rodriguez has plans for a similar NYCHA forum in September or October and the committee may work in collaboration with them. If that is the case, the June meeting would not be a public forum but a regular committee meeting with the same representatives that are attending the public forum. S. Villaverde suggested inviting a representative of the NYPD Housing Bureau.

G. Education – S. Alexander

- The committee met on May 27th. Budget items were discussed. One of the budget items will be to support the small school athletic league at the Marie Curie School.
- Other budget items were fixing external doors and security alarms. Of note, if doors are broken alarms will not work.
- The next meeting is on June 24th.

H. Law, Rules and Ethics – R. Ginty

- There was no meeting in May.
- The next meeting is June 26th.

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

- Urgent Care presented, they have a combination of cash customers, Medicare and private insurance. They are more expensive than a Doctor's office visit but less expensive than an emergency room visit. They cover lab tests, inoculations, wound care, stitches, EKG's and most ER medicine.
- The Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) also presented. They are a federally funded program run by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. NFP is a cost-effective voluntary, evidence-based public health intervention that helps transform the lives of vulnerable mothers pregnant with their first child. Each mother is partnered with a registered nurse early in pregnancy and receives ongoing, individualized home visits until her child's second birthday. Program goals include improving pregnancy outcomes, child health and development, and family economic self-sufficiency.
- The next meeting is June 16 at the Manhattan College, 3840 Corlear Avenue, Rm 205, Resource and Learning Center.

J. Aging – Lisa Daub (Vice Chair)

- Silver Town Adult Social Daycare gave a presentation at the May meeting. This is a for profit organization.
- Budget priorities are in the minutes.
- The next meeting is June 17th at Bon Secours Schervier. The Committee will work on their resource planning guide.
- BRICA - The Bronx Regional Interagency on Aging is having a meeting on June 11th.

K. Youth – L. Parker

- The second annual BXC8 Youth Poetry Slam was held on May 16 with over 70 participants. The winner was Natasha Estevez from Kingsbridge Heights Community Center who won an iPad; second place was Ethan Metzger from SAR Academy, who won an iPod mini and third place received an iPod touch, and went to Ana Rodriguez from Kingsbridge Heights Community Center. Ms. Rodriguez also won the extra "Civics Poem" Award sponsored by Yes the Bronx and received an iPod mini as well. Elihaj Evans, who signed up through the Kingsbridge Library won 4th place and received a \$70 check.
- The last C-BALL event was May 3rd at Lehman High School with Marble Hill playing their event.

- Wednesday, July 16th is the second annual BXCB8 Youth Golf Day and is co-sponsored by Van Cortlandt Park Golf.
- The next meeting is on June 25th in the board office.
- N. Stent reported that the Bronx District Managers met with the Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. to discuss the community board's participation in the C-BALL events. He encouraged all to be involved and encouraged community boards to not only have meetings but have activities and programs involving the community. Bronx CB8's C-BALL event will be on September 6th from 10:00 am to 4:00pm in Marble Hill Playground.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diane Bay,
Community Associate

Reviewed by:

Joyce Pilsner,
Secretary