EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2014

Vendors must be on the City Vendor list. Check with Zita. Put your proposal in and start contacting the activity people and vendors and caterers to get your invoices from them now and give them to Zita. If you got an e-mail back you should submit a budget. AT: We submitted a proposal and did not get an answer. Treasurers Report: ABG: There is a deficit in the supply line and usually there is a surplus. AF: I have spoken with three individuals at OMB since last year regarding why that balance line is a deficit. I have also asked the District Manager and no one knows. I have been told that we do have our original amount of $1500.

Chair: Attendance. Going forward we are going to put the attendance sheet in the package. On the sheets anywhere there is a black box the member will be getting a letter, Certified. These letters should be going out today. If there is an error please submit the error with date and explanation. Only one person who was appointed that did not show at all. I reached out and called her and she said she would be attending. She has not yet attended. We need to vote on Mariacruz De Aza being removed from the Board. A vote was taken and it was unanimous that she be removed from the Board. No longer a Board member are Paolo Soto, Marco Fey, Jessica Martinez. The members of the Board who will receive letters are Quenia Abreu, Vicky Ghoulson, Jamaal Nelson. Jonathan Thomas, Winston Magette, Gladys Tinsley, Michael Wells. Nicole Monegro will be corrected. CT has not been absent. TK was away in January and is should be excused because I wrote in and told them. TK: Isn’t it a moot point with VG due to the antics of the last meeting. She is up for re-appointment and I think it unlikely she will be re-appointed. Chair: I was astounded at the BP’s office response to this. Looking at the By Laws I have the authority to remove them from the meeting and not from the Board. I then reached out to the BP’s office detailing the incident. I have not received any indication that they will not be re-appointed. Public members and new members should not see this kind of behavior.

Chair: when a committee proposes a resolution they should follow up and let us know when letters went out supporting that resolution. AT: Letters supporting resolutions why don’t we e-mail a copy to the chairs? Chair: we can do that. Our committees have got to be a lot more pro-active. Someone from each committee should check the boxes in the office for communications and see that the information is conveyed to the chairs. Thank those members who sat in the office when Ray had to leave the office. Board members have to share information. Some of us have been Board members for a long time and we should share information with others.

Resos were sent back to committee and can be brought up under new business . TK: I vote to table the resolutions. CT: the two concerning Sugar Café and Havana Central were approved by the 30th pct. And 26th pct. CT: Resolutions were voted to go to the General Board. Chair: we would have to take it to the
General Board. Executive Committee can vote down a resolution but the people still have a right to bring it to the General Board. TK: When Larry was Chair we voted on all the reso’s. I believe the Executive Committee is tasked to deal with issues when the Board is not in effect as in the summer. I believe that the Exec Com can vote on reso’s and if that works and one can say that Exec. Comm. Approved and we can send it to the General Board for a vote. If there is not a vote on record I can vote to do that. At our next meeting let us have more discussion.

Chairs Report: We had 600 applicants for community board nine. 29 new applications. There was a discussion of the interview process, Role playing and being monitored were discussed. Street scaping for 12th Avenue to Morningside. LED illumination was discussed. The Board office is available for legal Services, and immigration issues and student loans on Wednesday from 4-6:30PM, 24 years and under and their parents. The Hamilton Theatre development: commercial not residential proposal. The developer has no interest on luxury housing. There is an increase in the SRO and bed and breakfast activity in Harlem. There have been many complaints.

Chair: When Eutha comes back we will restructure our gender format. Every committee would come to the General Board Meeting and report on what they were doing. Committees should be ready to report at the General Board.

AGB: Have we heard from St. John the Divine regarding the environmental impact study? Chair: We sent then a letter with the reso attached suggesting an environmental impact study. They said they would get back to us after taking it to their board. They have not gotten back to us. We can follow up and ask them if they are going to do it. AT: they said they would do extra renderings. Chair: The person sent me an e-mail asking for a copy of the agreement, there is no written agreement. For the two years we have been negotiating with the developers they have not. The person who asked for the agreement does not use the information in the appropriate way. Information can be used for other purposes and I do not wish this to happen. I will look over the other information sent to us and see if there is anything important. Most of the information has been verbal. I believe they will do the right thing. We have not seen anything being done yet. We have no reason to believe they will not do the right thing. I will ask them to give us some kind of written agreement. They have been meeting with appropriate community entities. We are still trying to get more minority involvement with Columbia.

AGB: Dealing with the city in terms of the community boards and we are getting jipped in the process, AE: It is our perception is that there may be incidents where they were supposed to come in front of the Board. Chair: They sent us an e-mail and the Board did not respond. I checked my e-mails and I found it. I spoke to the Landmarks committee back and apologized. We dropped the ball. AB: There will be an open house on March 25th on campus and this entire body has been notified. We have been working with an ad-hoc committee in conjunction with the Landmarks committee and this open house came about because of their hard work. They notified us that the Landmarks committee that they were on the docket of the LDC on November 18th. The landmarks committee would be meeting at 4:00PM. As the Chair, I dropped the ball. I should have reached out to them and made sure that we as a
community board were in attendance. I was out of town when I spoke with the commissioner. They did not leave us out of the process. CT: in terms of the committee reports at the General Board, it was done before but it took too much time. Chair: if people were hearing what our committees were doing they would be more supportive. We are going to find a way to have our committee reports. BM: When you get your package you have to read them. That is why you do minutes. Why don’t they respect that enough to read the reports. Chair: Some of our members are on several committees and are doing so much. We have to set a time and get people in the habit of reporting. I cannot get people off the board if they don’t do their minutes. If it does not work then we tried. TK: The office should get those minutes and reso’s out and in a timely fashion possibly by e-mail. Chair: Many of the minutes don’t get into the office until the Thursday before the General Board. I am not cc’d on the attendance. People have to get it into the office in timely fashion. AF: Why can’t we do that reporting here? Then we can say if you want to know what is going on show up at Executive. AF: The Executive committee is convened for the purpose of the committee chairs to say this is what is going on and we have not been doing that. Chair: if we do committee reports at General Board there is not going to be enough time. We are going to make sure that every committee reports at General Board. AT: I don’t see that both of those solutions is a problem. If people just highlight the reso’s and briefly report. People should not talk forever. CS: What I try to do in doing the minutes is highlight what is said here so that people can read what has occurred here so people can read those minutes and have an idea of what has gone on here. If you give a report I will highlight what has been reported here. If they report here, I will get enough of what is said here so that when they get to General Board they will have a portion of the highlights in the minutes. I will try to do a better job of reporting committee highlights.

Chair: Someone asked about our office. They are going to add a mechanical room. As soon as that is approved they will begin to do our office. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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