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Joseph Russo
Chairperson

Matthew Cruz
District Manager

Present: J. Russo, T. Accomando, A. Beluso, R. Bieder, C. Cantillo, T. Chambers, A. Chirico, T. Franklin, J. Landi, S. McMillan, M.J. Musano, D. Noble, L. Popovic, N. Rosario, M. Velazquez

Absent: None

Guests: None

Executive Board Minutes

Monday, August 26 at 7:30 P.M.

Chairman Joseph Russo began the meeting at 7:31 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome to our new board members. New members in attendance included Jerry Landi, Susan McMillan, Peter Deldebbio and Angelique Beluso. After the new members introduced themselves, each committee chair gave an overview of his/her committee.

Chairman Russo provided information regarding the Borough President's Cabinet meetings. The BP's office would like all community boards to have a grievance policy as well as a standing disciplinary committee. As per our bylaws, we have a committee to address grievances, however the members shall be appointed to said committee as needed and in accordance with our current bylaws. The BP also provided instructions on responding to FOIL (Freedom of Information Law) requests. Once a FOIL request is received, we have five days to respond either by denying, providing the information, or acknowledging receipt of the request. As a general policy, we will respond acknowledging receipt of the request, at which point we will have twenty days to respond with a denial or a production of the information sought.

With respect to public participation at the committee meetings, Chairman Russo advised that each committee must come up with a resolution to either allow public participation during a designated time during each meeting, decline public participation from committee meetings, or allow public participation at the discretion of the committee chairperson. They should raise the issue in their September meetings and add a resolution to their September agenda. As for the Executive Board, a resolution to enable public participation at the discretion of the Chair will be on the September agenda. Chairman Russo also suggested that standing committee chairs consider making consistent and contributory community observers non-voting members of the committees they regularly attend.

The Chairman also announced that the Executive Board will now be meeting on the third Monday of every month to prepare for each month's full board meeting which occurs on the third Thursday of each month. As a way to help meetings run more efficiently, Chairman stated that during the public participation of the meeting two speakers will be called at a time, one to present and one to follow immediately thereafter. Further, after the public participation and the District Manager's report, the board will move right into the resolutions and then commence the committee reports.

Bob Bieder gave an update on the Beacon program RFP and will continue to follow up and provide updates. Bieder informed the committee that the 45th Precinct is down nine police officers and he will be following up regarding having those officers replaced.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.