

**COMMUNITY BOARD SIX
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COBBLE HILL COMMUNITY ROOM
MARCH 12, 2012**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

D. KUMMER
N. LALLI
G. REILLY
L. SONES

G. KELLY
R. LEVINE
E. SHIPLEY
S. TURET

M. KOLMAN
R. LUFTGLASS
B. SOLOTAIRE

EXCUSED:

R. BASHNER
T. MISKEL

J. BERNARD
D. REISS

P. FLEMING

ABSENT:

B. ATKINS

D.C. VITO

***** MINUTES *****

The meeting was called to order at 6:41pm. Lou Sones moved to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held on December 12, 2011. The motion was seconded by Nica Lalli.

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation of Board Member attendance review.

The District Manager advised the committee that there were two members under review – Gregory O’Connell, Jr. and Lisa Napolitano. The committee agreed that no action be taken at this time.

There followed a general discussion of attendance rules and consequences. Current membership is 46 members.

Discussion of Committee Structure

Discussion of proposed changes to committee structure - Daniel Kummer explained the impetus and considerations behind the proposal to shift Public Safety to be combined with Transportation leaving Environmental Protection with Permits & Licenses.

Discussion followed of Environmental Protection committee content (cold ironing, Gowanus, Whole Foods, etc.)

- Glenn Kelly said it was worth a try but wonders how we track the success of the change?
- Lou Sones thinks Permits could hold its own as a committee – no lack of interest.

- Suzanne Turet asked what is the timeline? A. 2012-2013 session to begin September 1st.
- Nica Lalli agrees that the split is a good idea – when cross-issues come up a joint meeting can happen.
- Glenn Kelly said we should find out which committee people are trying to join us so we can track interest.

Discussion of appointment and assignment process and timeline.

Q: Lou Sones asked if there is a mechanism for Board Members to influence appointments?

A: No – not formally.

Daniel Kummer said not finding opposition, will go ahead with the change to committees, as discussed. A vote is not required.

Discussion of Committee Chair issues.

Are co-chairs necessary?

- More useful for stand-alone committee – not needed at blended committee.
- Chairless Committees – BBPDC CAC representative is important to fill.
We should recommend people.
- Would like to fill Public Safety as soon as possible.

Discussion/Explanation of Cultural Affairs chair position (within Parks Committee)

Daniel Kummer wants to see if anyone is interested.

Lou Sones said it would take a very proactive agenda to make the position work.

Bob Levine said that chairs would like to be alerted to new committee members before they appear at a meeting – especially at mid-term appointments.

Glenn Kelly recommended vice-chair or assistant chair position to transition members to leadership.

Craig Hammerman said he received feedback regarding accessibility of Community Board committees to general public – not as transparent as thought. He asked if each Chair would consider writing a 200-250 word blurb about every committee to introduce the committee's work in the CB6 newsletter.

Friends of CB6 won a Brownfield Redevelopment grant and will hire a consultant for economic development planning of two Gowanus subareas.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Shipley.