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## **February 25, 2015 Full Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairman Anthony “Tony” Vitaliano.

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
2. Gallery Session
  - a. Ms. Wilson, Jacobi Medical Center, spoke about Jacobi nurse staffing ratios.
  - b. Gene DeFrancis, Allerton International Merchants Association, announced Jeremy as the Merchants’ honoree this year at their annual cocktail party.
  - c. Maria Centeno, New York City Department of Design & Construction (DDC), distributed a map regarding water main replacements. [Request Annex 1 from the Board Office to view distributed flier.]  
Board Member Gelnick announced an error with the map.
  - d. Cara Figueroa, DDC Community Liaison for the water main replacement project, introduced herself.
  - e. Eric Henry, New York Botanical Garden, spoke about the East Gate closure. [Request Annex 2 from the Board Office to view distributed flier.]
  - f. Dr. Sara Goldman, Jacobi Medical Center, spoke about nursing staff shortages in the Jacobi emergency room.
  - g. Gino A. Marmorato, owner of 605 Morris Park Avenue, thanked Senator Rivera, Katrina Asante and Jeremy Warneke for visiting his property.
  - h. Raphael Schweizer, Bronx Park East Community Association, announced upcoming events. [Request Annex 3 from the Board Office to view distributed flier.]
  - i. Manuel Martinez, New York Public Library, thanked the Board for its support. [Request Annexes 4, 5 and 6 from the Board Office to view distributed fliers.]
3. Elected officials
  - a. Senator Gustavo Rivera spoke about budget negotiations in Albany and visiting the slaughterhouse on Morris Park

Avenue. [Request Annex 7 from the Board Office to see distributed flier.]

- b. Andy Toledo, Borough President Diaz, Jr.'s Office, spoke about reappointment applications, the Borough President's State of the Borough Address and other things.
  - c. William Wiesen, Council Member Vacca's Office, announced an upcoming drivers' education course.
  - d. Luisa Benedetto, Council Member Torres's Office, announced upcoming events. [Request Annex 8 from the Board Office to see distributed flier.]
  - e. Adam Bermudez, Council Member King's Office, announced a bill to bring landlords to court to make repairs and other things. [Request Annex 9 from the Board Office to see distributed flier.]
  - f. Timothy Tapia, Public Advocate James's Office, announced upcoming bills and answered questions.
  - g. Gina Klein, Senator Klein's Office, announced upcoming events. [Request Annex 10 from the Board Office to see distributed flier.]
  - h. Kenny Agosto, Senator Hassell-Thompson's Office, spoke about negotiations and other items the senator is working on. [Request Annex 11 from the Board Office to see distributed flier.]
  - i. Lindsay Copeland, Assembly Member Gjonaj's Office, announced upcoming events. [Request Annexes 12 and 13 from the Board Office to see distributed fliers.]
4. Chairman's Report – Tony Vitaliano
- a. Motion by Tony Vitaliano, Seconded by Sandi Unger – To PUBLISH the January 2016 Full Board Meeting Minutes, as distributed, on our website.

**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

Tony reported that the January minutes will be put on our website.

5. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella  
Silvio stated that his report was distributed.
6. District Manager's Report – Jeremy Warneke  
Jeremy gave a verbal report and stated that his written reports for January and February will be sent out at a later time.
7. Committee Reports
- a. Economic Development – David Leavitt
    - i. David gave background on Luke's Lounge.  
Motion by David Leavitt, Seconded by Sandi Unger – To send an email of NO OBJECTION to the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) regarding the renewal

liquor license application for the Royal Coach Diner, 3260 Boston Rd.: Liquor Wine & Beer (LWB).

**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

- ii. Motion by David Leavitt, Seconded by Dominick Schiano – To send an email of NO OBJECTION to the SLA regarding the new liquor license application for the Royal Coach Diner, 3260 Boston Rd.: LWB.

**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

b. Land Use – Joseph McManus

- i. Motion by Joseph McManus, Seconded by Ken Gelnick – To send an email of NO OBJECTION to the NYC Board of Standards and Appeals regarding Cal. No. 206-62-BZ: 950 Allerton Avenue.

**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

- ii. Motion by Joseph McManus, Seconded by Al D'Angelo – To send the following statement to City Planning: We the Members of Bronx Community Board 11 write to express our concerns with the Mayor's proposed Zoning for Quality and Affordability and Mandatory Inclusionary Housing plans. It is understood that there is a housing crisis in the City, but before a citywide zoning text amendment is approved and instituted, we the Board would like to iterate that a one-size-fits-all model will do more harm than good. We understand that the City Council is currently negotiating changes to the plan. We have been in communication with our local Council Member, James Vacca, who is advocating for more consideration to be taken for the mass transit plan. We support his advocacy efforts to preserving parking requirements and height requirements. We also support him to speak on all of our objections submitted to City Planning. As a Board, we appreciate that a plan is needed to help the City out of the housing crisis. However, we hope that you are able to negotiate with our Council Member and the entire City Council on a plan that is friendlier and more applicable to neighborhoods like ours.

**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

- c. Leadership – Albert “Al” D’Angelo  
Al reported that the March calendar and January minutes had been approved.
  - d. Community Development & Budget Priorities – Dr. Mahendra Patel  
Dr. Patel thanked Andrea for attending his meeting. His February 5 meeting minutes were posted on the website.
  - e. Parks & Recreation – Arlene Drayton  
Arlene stated that no written minutes were distributed. Interested parties can instead listen to the audio recording of the meeting, which was posted on the Board’s website.
  - f. Sanitation & Environmental Protection – Tony Signorile  
Minutes were posted on the website. A representative from the Department of Environmental Protection will be his March meeting guest.
  - g. Transportation – Frano Zagreda  
Discussion took place on Vision Zero and street pavement markings.
8. Yankee Youth Leadership Awards – Tony Vitaliano
- a. Sara Bonasia (Morris Park Community Association)
  - b. Alicia I. Chevalier (Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association)
  - c. Mary Elhakam (Northeast Bronx Association)
  - d. Justin Henry Jackson Mendez (Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance)
  - e. Danny Monti, Jr. (Chester Civic Association)
9. New Business
- Tony Signorile announced that Montefiore has been invited to attend the Morris Park Community Association meeting of March 2.
- Joanne Rubino thanked everyone for their condolences on the loss of her step-father and reported that Tony Signorile and she are honored at the April 15 FIAMI dinner.
10. Adjournment
- Motion by Al D’Angelo, Seconded by Silvio Mazzella – That the meeting be adjourned.
- UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**
- Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Minutes taken by Staff.