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Joseph Russo
Chairperson

Matthew Cruz
District Manager

Executive Board Meeting
February 13, 2023, 7:00PM

Present: J. Russo, P. Cantillo, D. Prioleau, N. Rosario, M. Musano, T. Accomando, L. Popovic, B. Bieder, T. Franklin, A. Torres, D. Hunt

Absent: none

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Russo welcomed the new Executive Board. J. Russo reiterated that the purpose of Executive Board meetings is for preparation for the Public Hearings and Full Board and other miscellaneous tasks as necessary.

J. Russo had every committee chair discuss any potential votes heading into Thursday's Full Board. T. Accomando reported that there were no liquor license issues. B. Bieder postponed committee meeting due to DOT unable to appear. Chair Russo inquired as to the boulders on Crosby Ave & Westchester Ave. open for discussion. NYPD hired 28 new officers, which are being deployed currently. L. Popovic reported that there were no agenda items for discussion and that the committee was likely to be postponed but that the District Manager will invite Albanese Organization for March.

J. Russo mentioned recent media attention that Bally's Casino seeks to operate at Ferry Point Park. Executive Board should discuss as specifics become clearer. Chair Russo and the District Manager met with 2505 Bruckner Boulevard property management. Half of the building is leased to Amazon. Regarding employment – placed on agenda with Youth & Education and Municipal Services.

N. Rosario reported the issue of a Cannabis truck parked on Bartow Avenue – Co-op City. Exec. Bd agreed that Cannabis applications will be overseen by the Exec. Bd and it will be similar to the SLA licensing approvals, and that any 'give back' from these shops, the merchants should be the beneficiary.

T. Franklin reported that the Parks Committee met on 2/9. The committee discussed the renovation of the Pavilion. New vendor spaces are added. Committee Chair Franklin informed that the committee was successful in getting new signs placed at Orchard Beach and Pelham Bay Park, and they are lowered for handicap view.

As part of old and new business Chair Russo wants the discussion regarding empty lot on Co-op City Blvd and expansion of Einstein ED be placed on HHS agenda for updates. B. Bieder announced that the 45 PCT breakfast will be held at Suny Maritime College and one of the honorees will be Angela Torres.

Meeting concluded at 7:45pm.