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Joseph Russo Chairperson

Matthew Cruz District Manager

Ruben Diaz, Jr. Borough President

Executive Board Meeting

April 18, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: J. Russo, T. Accomando, R. Bieder, P. Cantillo, T. Chambers, A. Chirico, T. Franklin, C. Isales, M. J. Musano, L. Popovic, N. Rosario, S. Woods

Absent: None

Chairperson Russo commenced the Executive Board at 7:29pm with the pledge of allegiance. T. Accomando discussed "Puff & Paint" complaints and had invited the business to the April Economic Development Committee to learn more about the business. Chairperson Russo discussed his plans for the upcoming, April 19th Housing and Zoning Committee meeting regarding the planned Bruckner up-zoning. Chairperson Russo and M. Musano met with the consultant and the two owners of the project and discussed the procedures for the April 19th meeting which was expected to be a quasi-public hearing but no vote would be taken at this meeting. A vote on the matter will be held at the May 19th Full Board meeting, giving the public four (4) opportunities to be heard prior to the vote.(4/19, 4/21, 5/10 and 5/19) The owners and consultant were invited to speak at the April 19th Housing and Zoning meeting. District Manager Cruz anticipates 200-300 attendees.

Chairperson Russo will chair the April 19th Housing and Zoning meeting. Housing and Zoning Chair L. Popovic and Co-Chair A. Chirico were asked to recuse themselves. Chairperson Russo explained the order of the meeting. Chairperson Russo would begin with the public comment portion, the sponsor association will make their presentation and then the questions would begin with the Housing and Zoning Committee and Board members followed by the public. R. Bieder asked that the attendees be reminded to treat the presenters/sponsors of the Bruckner project with respect as our invited guests. Chairperson Russo explained that he will begin the April 19th Housing and Zoning meeting by announcing the rules of decorum and explaining the order of the meeting, thereby setting the tone of the meeting.

T. Chambers asked which elected officials were expected to attend. Chairperson Russo and District Manager Cruz stated that they expected City Councilmember (CCM) Marjorie Velazquez and State Assemblyman Michael Benedetto were expected. Chairperson Russo was unsure about CCM Velazquez's position on the Bruckner upzoning issue. Chair L. Popovic stated that CCM Velazquez has publicly said she is opposed. T. Chambers suggested that we have the elected officials "weigh in" between the public portion and the presentation to give them adequate information before addressing the community. Chairperson Russo, T. Accomando, L. Popovic and R. Bieder expressed that the presentation should come before the elected officials speak. A. Chirico expressed a concern that the elected officials may not know the full history of how the City Council and the mayor gave our community these protections. Chairperson Russo explained that former CCM Vacca would be the first speaker in the public comment portion of the meeting and he will give a history on the zoning of the Bruckner area. Former CCM Vacca would be followed by the local civic associations and other local organizations.

R. Bieder stated that Municipal Services committee has decided to move their meetings up to 7:00pm and suggested that all the committees discuss moving their meetings up to 7:00pm as well from the current 7:30pm start times. The Executive Board agreed and decided unanimously to move the monthly executive board meetings to 7:00pm. T. Accomando made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by R. Bieder.

The meeting closed at 8:07 by vote of adjournment.