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Joseph Russo
Chairperson

Matthew Cruz
District Manager

Executive Board Meeting

March 21, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: J. Russo, B. Bieder, P. Cantillo, R. Bieder, T. Chambers, M. J. Musano, L. Popovic, T. Accomando, N. Rosario, A. Torres, C. Isales

Absent: T. Franklin

Chairperson Russo commenced the Executive Board at 7:33 P.M. Chairperson Russo began the meeting by discussing the district manager's email regarding the difference between old /new business and public participation. Chairperson Russo also mentioned that the Gov. Hochul extended the directive permitting virtual community board meetings through April. He went on to say that he would leave it up to the committee chairs whether or not to hold the committee meetings virtually or in person, but if they want a meeting in person to please notify Chairperson Russo.

Chairperson Russo then asked committee chairpersons for their reports. Chairperson Russo asked about the upzoning issue, and the District Manager mentioned that there would be a preliminary meeting to discuss upzoning at a later date. B. Bieder asked District Manager Cruz to follow up with the DOT on (?) and asked if there was a new commissioner for the Bronx.

T. Accomando reported that two bars; Dumont and Bridges, served underage minors and both tickets were dismissed. There was a discussion about the most recent incident at Seafood City. T. Accomando spoke with the owner/manager Dennis? Both T. Accomando and B. Bieder said the incident was handled properly. T. Accomando spoke with the owner/manager who said he immediately closed the place down after the fight, threw everyone out and has plans to remove the tables and chairs, replacing both with picnic-style benches. T. Accomando reported that SLA(?) got involved and there were no injuries and no arrests. T. Chambers asked T. Accomando to ask Seafood City's owner/manager to appear before the committee next month.

B. Bieder suggested that liquor-serving establishments hire paid details. T. Accomando stated that paid details are not allowed in liquor-serving establishments. B. Bieder will ask the 45 community council to ask again that the restriction on paid details be changed. Chairperson Russo requested that both the economic development and municipal services committees discuss drafting a letter requesting a change in the prohibition of paid details providing security to liquor-serving establishments and take a

vote on the matter. B. Bieder suggested speaking with the other liquor-serving establishments to see if they will also submit a letter to support the change in the paid detail policy.

L. Popovic briefly discussed the upzoning issue. L. Popovic also expressed concern over the treatment of new board member Valon Lajci, who read a prepared letter about a new overlay in CB#11 during the new business/old business portion of the meeting. First Vice Chair, T. Chambers explained what happened and that she spoke with Board member Lajci after the meeting to explain why his prepared comments were interrupted to wit: the matter had already been addressed during City Councilmember Velasquez' presentation and the issue was a CB#11 issue not CB#10. Chairperson Russo clarified that new/old business is to address things that are actionable and that the public participation portion of the meeting is the appropriate time to express opinions.

A. Torres reported on the youth and education committee. The superintendent of District 8 was supposed to come to the meeting but was unable to. She is looking to get Dr. Tobias, the executive superintendent, or the superintendent of district 11 to come. A. Torres also informed the executive board that all executive superintendents are being removed by the chancellor. Said executives must reapply for their positions and they must show that they attend community board meetings and show community engagement.

B. Bieder made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by A. Torres.

The meeting closed at 8:02 p.m. by vote of adjournment.