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Parks and Recreation Committee

October 14, 2021

Via CISCO WEBEX

Present: T. Franklin, D. Krynicki, R. Bieder, P. Del-Debbio, G. Havranek, M. Bufano, J. Russo, M. Caruso

Absent: C. Isales, T. Smith

Guests: D. Cerron, M. Anderson, S. Willy, M. Ortiz, D. Hellman, A. Buchanan, K. Lentine, C. Acosta

The committee meeting commenced at 7:30 P.M by Pledge of Allegiance. Assistant Commissioner David Cerron updated the committee on the concessions and franchise for Ferry Point Links. The license, formerly under Trump Organization, was awarded to Bobby Jones Links. Bobby Jones Links was represented by Steve Willy, Doug Hellman, Amy Buchanan, and Katie Lentine. The organization commits to working with Bronx residents and vendors. It has been in existence for over 20 years with experience in finance, restaurants, golf course maintenance and community programs. BJL seeks to keep most if not all current staff. BJL will offer programs for seniors and veterans. BJL proposes to lower the fees roughly 10%. When off peak, BJL intends to lower the fees for the local community. Affinity LLC is Bobby Jones Links. License is in effect as of November 14, 2021.

As part of old business, C. Cepek, as part of committee public participation, informed the Committee that City Island Civic Association voted to oppose any development of crematorium on Hart Island. C. Cepek mentioned that it was HRA that listed a crematorium as a possibility within its documentation regarding a request for proposal.

The meeting closed at roughly 8:15 by a vote of adjournment that was unanimously approved by all.