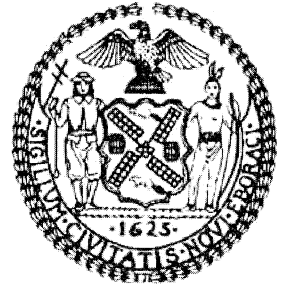


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MINUTES OF THE FULL BOARD MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 20, 2012 IN LUBIN HALL OF EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF
MEDICINE AT 1200 VAN NEST AVENUE

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Acting Chairman Tony Vitaliano.

I. Gallery Session

- a. Dr. David Stevens – Concerns Citizens of Pelham Parkway South
Dr. Stevens reported that the hearing on the sidewalks will be held on January 14, 2013. He stated a bus will be leaving from the Morris Park Association located at 1824 Bronxdale Avenue at 7:30 AM. He distributed flyers.
- b. Savitch Mcfee – Savis Home Care Services
Ms. McFee announced that she has opened a home care agency at 1811 Victor Street.
- c. Nancy Dawson – MADD
Ms. Dawson reported that the death rate attributed to drunk drivers has dropped from 28 deaths per day to 27. She told everyone to not drive if they drink. She spoke about the loss of lives at Sandy Hook.
- d. Raphael Schweizer – Bronx Park East Community Association
Raphael wished everyone a happy and safe holiday. He reported that there will be a holiday ball on Saturday at Beth Abraham. Raphael stated that he is looking forward to working with the community in the coming year.
- e. Brian Adams
Brian stated that we need tougher gun control laws. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

II. Elected officials

Tony acknowledged Ritchie Torres representing Councilman Vacca, Tommy Messina representing Congressman Crowley, John Emrick representing Senator Klein, and Assemblyman-elect Mark Gjonaj.

III. Minutes

A Motion was made by Edith Blitzer, Seconded by Sandy Unger – That the minutes be accepted as received. **UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

IV. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella

Silvio reported that the Treasurer's Reports have been distributed.

V. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee – Tony Vitaliano

A Motion was made by Tony Vitaliano, Seconded by Joe Reda – That committee reports for the December 2012 Full Board meeting be suspended with the exception of the Nominating, Highways and Economic Development Committees. **UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

b. Nominating Committee – Gene Tutora

Gene asked if there were any nominations for Chair. Irene Estrada-Rukaj nominated herself. Bernadette Ferrara seconded the nomination. Irene accepted the nomination.

Vinny nominated Joe Thurston. Frano Zagreda seconded the nomination. Joe declined the nomination.

A Motion was made by Gene Tutora, Seconded by Joe Thurston – That nominations for Chair be closed.

Gene reported that each of the four candidates would be given a chance to speak for three minutes after which the Board will be given the opportunity to ask the candidates questions. Answers are limited to 1 minute. Gene stated that we will rotate the order that each candidate answers the questions.

Al D'Angelo stated that he respected Dom, and 'I didn't put my name in until our last meeting when nominations were made. I was friends with Dom for a long time and felt that would not have been appropriate. So now I have a chance to tell you know who I am. I am a life-time Bronxite, born and raised in the Bronx. I went to Rice High School and Iona College. I got my post graduate degree at Patton. I was a teacher at St. Luke & James in the Bronx for a number of years. I was then the principal of a school in Washington Heights. For 13 years, I have been the principal of a school in New Rochelle. I came to Morris Park about 35 years ago and joined the Association. I went out on patrol on Fridays from 9 PM to 3 or 4 AM. I was president of the Association for three four-year terms. I was a member of the Jacobi CAB, and the Einstein Community Advisory Board. I am the President and member of the Morris Park Association and on the Board of Directors for Cardinal Spellman High School. Al reported that he fought redistricting. Al reported that as Chair he

would pull the Board together. He stated that the community comes first, we can't have egos.'

Joe McManus reported that he has been living in the community for 35 years. He stated that he has been involved with St Lucy's school and the RCI program. Joe reported that he managed little league, has been a troop leader for the Boy Scouts, coached girls basketball and been a union representative. He stated that he worked with the community and will work with anyone.

Irene Estrada-Rukaj reported that she was a New York State Chaplin and that she knows the needs of our youth and wants to bring more programs for youth into our community. She wants to bring the communities together. She stated that she worked on Sandy relief efforts. Irene stated that she has the right mind to bring the community together.

Tony Vitaliano reported that he has lived in the community for 47 years. He stated that he was educated in the Bronx and attended John Jay College. Tony stated that he was a police officer for 38 years, was a Detective, a Sergeant, and supervisor of detectives. "I was a lieutenant and commander of detectives. All I did was serve the public, because that's what I enjoy doing. I always said that the day I wake up and I don't like going to work anymore that's the day I retired. I retired on December 31, 2001. I'm retired 11 year now. I live in the community. I love serving people. During the course of my career I dealt with the victims, politicians and community boards. As a sergeant I was mandated to go to community board and precinct council meetings and I went there and I listened to the people. I received an award from the 47th and the 49th Precinct Community Councils. I did listen and if I could do the job for them I would do it, and I have done it. I got involved in the Board in 2008 thanks to Mr. Tutora. I enjoy working with people. I listen and I will continue to listen. In the 15 months I have been doing the Chairman's job I have been listening. I built up our clerical staff. We were weak there. I went back to issue oriented committees and it is working. I put the right people as Chairs. I am getting good vibes back on this. We all have free will."

Joanne read the rules and told everyone to look in their envelopes for the ballot. She stated that there is a blank line after Anthony Vitaliano's name. She asked that Irene Estrada-Rukaj's name be written on the blank line. Joanne stated that any unsigned ballots will be counted as an abstention. She also stated that you must be present when the ballots are counted or your vote will not be counted.

[Q&A portion omitted from the minutes. Typed transcription furnished upon request.]

The ballots were collected and the Nominating Committee counted them. [See addendum for results.]

Gene stated that since no candidate received 51% of the vote, a run off ballot will be distributed.

The second round of ballots were collected and counted by the Nominating Committee. Gene reported that Tony is the new Chair. Gene reported that at the February Full Board meeting we will have to elect a First Vice Chair.

Jeremy reported that the Board had 357 walk-ins so far this year. He stated that this was up from last year.

Tony reported that the Board will be receiving Yankee Pin Stripe tickets to the December 29th football game between Syracuse and West Virginia. Tony stated that each Board member can get 2 tickets. He stated that Jeremy will be sending out an email on this. He asked that those Board members interested please contact the Board office.

c. Economic Development – Joe Thompson

i. Pelham Bay Diner – 1920 East Gun Hill Road

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Linda White – That Community Board 11 sends a letter of no objection to the SLA regarding their liquor license.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

ii. Williamsbridge Tavern – 1556 Williamsbridge Road

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Mary Paliotta – That Community Board 11 sends a letter of no objection to the SLA regarding their contingent upon the police meeting with the owner. **UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

iii. Smoke House BBQ Lounge – 866 Morris Park Avenue

A Motion was made by Joe Thompson, Seconded by Joe Bombace – That Community Board 11 sends a letter of no objection to the SLA. **UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

d. Highways, Traffic and Transportation – Vincent Prezioso

i. There was a request make for 5 additional parking spaces for the Eastchester Rehab & Health Center – 2700 Eastchester Road

A Motion was made by Vincent Prezioso, Seconded by Edith Blitzler – That Community Board 11 send a letter to the Department of Transportation denying this request.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

ii. Street Naming for Dominic Castore

A Motion was made by Vinny Prezioso, Seconded by Sandy Unger – That Community Board 11 approve of adding Dominic Castore Way to the street sign on Morris Park and Colden Avenues. **UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Last Name	First Name	First Ballot	Second Ballot
Angeletti	Richard	V	V
Bacote	Joseph	M	M
Blitzer	Edith	M	M
Bombace	Joe	M	M
Comras-Rifkin	Blanche	D	M
Conforto	Sal	D	V
D'Angelo	Albert	D	V
Dolan	Pat	V	V
Drayton	Arlene	V	V
Durso	Rosemary	M	M
Estrada-Rukaj	Irene	A	V
Ferrara	Bernadette	M	M
Figueroa	Harain	V	V
Gelnick	Kenneth	M	M
Giocondo	Denise	D	M
Gross	Marcy S.	V	NA
Leavitt	David	V	V
Mazzella	Silvio	D	V
McManus	Joseph A.	M	M
Norris	Diane	D	V
Paliotta	Mary	V	V
Pirtam	Shradhanand	M	V
Potter	Robert	V	V
Prezioso	Vincent	M	M
Quaranta	Pat	V	V
Reda	Joseph	V	V
Rodriguez	Eliezer	M	M
Russo-Rubino	Joanne	D	V
Sacewicz	Martin	V	V
Schiano	Dominick	V	V
Selkridge	Oral A.	V	V
Siegel	Andrea	M	M
Signorile	Tony	A	A
Terrelonge	Joann	V	V
Thompson	Joseph A.	D	M
Thurston	Joseph	M	M
Tutora	Eugene	V	V
Unger	Sandra	M	M
Vitaliano	Anthony	V	V
Walcott	Janice	V	V
White	Linda	V	V
Zagreda	Frano	M	M

Key
 D = D'Angelo
 M = McManus
 V = Vitaliano
 A = Abstain
 NA = Not Applicable

Totals: D: 8 NA
 M: 14 16
 V: 18 24
 A: 2 1
Total votes: 42 41