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*District Manager Jeremy O. Warneke*

## COMMITTEES

*Leadership*

*Community  
Development &  
Budget Priorities*

*Economic  
Development*

*Education, Culture &  
Youth Services*

*Health & Social  
Services*

*Housing*

*Land Use*

*Parks & Recreation*

*Public Safety*

*Sanitation &  
Environmental  
Protection*

*Transportation*

## May 26, 2016 Full Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
2. Darcel D. Clark, Bronx District Attorney  
Ms. Clark gave her background. Spoke about the changes that she plans to make to the District Attorney's office and the way cases are handled.
3. Gallery Session
  - a. Jennifer Kaminsky, Argus Community, spoke about vocational training programs. [Request Annex 1 from the Board Office to view distributed flier.]
  - b. Grace Lovaglio, ABBA (Allerton Barnes Block Association), spoke about the upcoming ABBA block party and asked for sponsors.
  - c. Tony Holmes, Bronx Council on the Arts, spoke about available grants. [Request Annex 3 from the Board Office to view distributed fliers.]
  - d. David Nochimson, Van Nest Library, spoke about upcoming events. [Request Annex 4 from the Board Office to view distributed fliers.]
  - e. Raphael Schweizer, Bronx Park East Community Association, spoke about upcoming events and the Pelham Parkway mall reconstruction project.
  - f. Dr. David Stevens, spoke about the Pelham Parkway North Reconstruction Project and asked that it not be approved as presented to the community.
  - g. Vivian Fiallo, PS 108 Grandparent, spoke about the need for a stop sign on the northeast corner of Mace and Neill Avenue.
  - h. Mark Plesent, Working Theater, spoke about the play "The Block".
  - i. Debby Kawalick, Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association, expressed her opposition to closing the

unnamed street in front of the Institute for the Blind and asked about rotating the venue for the Board meetings. Jeremy Warneke stated that any venue must be handicapped accessible.

4. Elected officials
  - a. Andy Toledo, Borough President's Office, announced that reappointment letters had been sent out.
  - b. Gina Klein, Senator Klein's Office, spoke about past events, the Senator's graffiti removal program and the rehabilitation of Loreto Playground.
  - c. Joshua Adams, Assemblyman Benedetto's Office, announced upcoming events. [Request Annex 5 from the Board Office to view distributed fliers.]

5. Chairman's Report – Anthony "Tony" Vitaliano

Tony spoke about the public hearing held last night regarding the Pelham Parkway North Reconstruction Project. He stated that the Board is opposed to the removal of the unmapped street.

- a. Motion by Tony Vitaliano, Seconded by Junior Campbell – To PUBLISH the April 2016 Full Board Meeting Minutes, as amended, on our website.

**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

Motion by Joseph A. McManus, Seconded by Edith Blitzer – That the Board minutes be AUTOMATICALLY PUBLISHED on the website every month.

**PASSED WITH 1 OPPOSED (Tony Signorile).**

Questions were asked and answered regarding the reconstruction of Pelham Parkway North.

6. Treasurer's Report – Silvio Mazzella  
Report distributed.
7. District Manager's Report – Jeremy Warneke  
Jeremy announced that his May report was emailed.
8. Committee Reports
  - a. Economic Development – David Leavitt
    - i. Motion by David Leavitt, Seconded by Sandra "Sandi" Unger – To send an email of NO OBJECTION to the New York SLA (State Liquor Authority) regarding the renewal liquor license for the Pine Restaurant at 1913 Bronxdale Ave: LWB (Liquor, Wine & Beer).  
**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED**
    - ii. Motion By David Leavitt, Seconded by Dominick "Dom" Schiano – To send an email of NO OBJECTION to the SLA regarding the renewal liquor

license application for Fratelli Restaurant, 2507 Eastchester Rd: LWB.

**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED**

- iii. Motion by David Leavitt, Seconded by Joanne Rubino  
To send an e-mail of NO OBJECTION to the SLA regarding the new liquor license application for Ruby’s Restaurant, 600 Van Nest Av: LWB.  
Discussion on the stipulations and how they will be enforced ensued.

**PASSED WITH 2 OPPOSED (Bernadette Ferrara and Andrea Siegel).**

- iv. Motion by David Leavitt, Seconded by Sandi Unger –  
To send an e-mail of ACKNOWLEDGMENT to the SLA regarding the corporate name change for 900 Park Restaurant, 900 Morris Park Av.

**PASSED WITH 1 ABSTENTION (Marcy Gross).**

b. Transportation – Frano Zagreda

- i. Motion by Frano Zagreda, Seconded by Albert “Al” D’Angelo – To send a letter to the NYC DOT (Department of Transportation) SUPPORTING the residents of Seminole Street between Stillwell and Eastchester Rod with their petition requesting a study to be conducted by the DOT to determine the feasibility of turning their street into a one way.  
A great deal of discussion took place.

**MOTION TABLED.**

- ii. Motion by Frano Zagreda, Seconded by Al D’Angelo – To RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the following street activity permit application(s):

	Event Name	Event Type	Start Date	End Date	Entered	Cross streets and intersections
1)	NIDC Spring Event	Special Event	06/04/2016 11:00 AM	06/04/2016 4:00 PM	03/14/2016	BRONXWOOD AVENUE between ALLERTON AVENUE and BOSTON ROAD
2)	Givin Rose of Sharon - Reaching out to the community Block Party	Block Party	08/27/2016 9:00 AM	08/27/2016 5:00 PM	03/14/2016	OLINVILLE AVENUE between ALLERTON AVENUE and BRITTON STREET
3)	5th Annual Thwaites Place Block Party	Block Party	07/23/2016 12:00 PM	07/23/2016 8:00 PM	03/23/2016	OLINVILLE AVENUE between THWAITES PLACE and PELHAM PARKWAY NORTH
4)	Saint Francis Xavier Street Fair	Single Block Festival	09/24/2016 10:00 AM	09/24/2016 6:00 PM	04/19/2016	HAIGHT AVENUE between VAN NEST AVENUE and MORRIS PARK AVENUE

5)	KINGSLAND AVENUE	Block Party	07/30/2016 12:00 PM	07/30/2016 9:00 PM	04/16/2016	KINGSLAND AVENUE between ASTOR AVENUE and PELHAM PKWY N
6)	Hone Avenue Annual Block Party	Block Party	07/23/2016 12:00 PM	07/23/2016 8:00 PM	04/22/2016	HONE AVENUE between ARNOW AVENUE and BOSTON ROAD
7)	Evangelistic Outdoor Gospel Service	Religious Ceremony	07/24/2016 6:00 PM	07/24/2016 7:00 PM	04/26/2016	EAST GUN HILL ROAD between BOUCK AVENUE and BURKE AVENUE
8)	Evangelistic Outdoor Gospel Service	Religious Ceremony	07/10/2016 6:00 PM	07/10/2016 7:00 PM	04/26/2016	EAST GUN HILL ROAD between BOUCK AVENUE and BURKE AVENUE
9)	Evangelistic Outdoor Gospel Service	Religious Ceremony	08/14/2016 6:00 PM	08/14/2016 8:00 PM	04/28/2016	EAST GUN HILL ROAD between BOUCK AVENUE and BURKE AVENUE

**PASSED WITH 3 OPPOSED (Edith Blitzer, Janice Walcott and Frano Zagreda) AND 3 ABSTENTIONS (Patricia “Pat” Charles, Junior Campbell and Marcy Gross).**

- c. Leadership – Al D’Angelo  
Calendar approved, announced Memorial Day events.
- d. Community Development and Budget Priorities – Dr. Mahendra Patel  
Dr. Patel said we are awaiting the Mayor’s budget
- e. Education, Culture & Youth Budget Priorities – Linda White  
Minutes on website.
- f. Health & Social Services – Joseph “Joe” Bacote  
Joe thanked everyone who participated with the Health Fair. He thanked Tony Vitaliano, Al D’Angelo, Marcy Gross, Joanne Rubino, and the Board office staff for their help.
- g. Land Use – Joseph A. McManus  
Joseph reported that the committee will meet on June 16 to discuss:
  - 1614 Williamsbridge Road rezoning
  - Text amendment from Jimmy Vacca
  - Project on Narraganset Avenue
- h. Nominating Committee – Joe Thurston  
Dom Schiano read the nominations:
  - Tony Vitaliano for Chair
  - Al D’Angelo for First Vice Chair
  - David Leavitt for Secretary

Motion by Dom Schiano, Seconded by Edith Blitzer – To CLOSE nominations for Chair.  
**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

Motion by Dom Schiano, Seconded by Junior Campbell – To CLOSE nominations for First Vice Chair.  
**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

Motion by Dom Schiano, Seconded by Tony Signorile – To CLOSE nominations for Secretary.

**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

- i. Parks and Recreation – Pat Charles  
Minutes in packet. No meeting in June.  
Andrea asked that the Parks minutes be voided.  
Jeremy suggested she speak to Arlene.
  - j. Public Safety – Dom Schiano  
Minutes will be on the website. Spoke about rash of robberies to delivery people and the clean hall program.  
Announced that the 49<sup>th</sup> precinct will be getting 12 new recruits.  
Dom announced that board member Martin Morris is home from the hospital
9. Old Business  
Discussion took place regarding people sleeping on the sidewalk.  
Tony Vitaliano will set up a meeting with Captain Walton and Edith Blitzer.  
Joseph McManus spoke about the Pelham Parkway North Reconstruction Project.  
Bernadette Ferrara announced upcoming events and spoke about pan handlers in Van Nest
10. New Business  
Al D'Angelo announced that the Department of Health Rat Academy would be coming to the Morris Park Community Association on June 1. Discussion took place regarding Con Edison.  
Tony Vitaliano thanked Ruth Burko for her many years of service as Board Secretary.
11. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Minutes taken by Staff.

Board Member	24-Sep	22-Oct	19-Nov	Dec	28-Jan	25-Feb	31-Mar	21-Apr	26-May	23-Jun
1 Anthony Vitaliano	E	P	P	NA	P	P	P	P	P	
2 Albert D'Angelo	P	P	P	NA	P	P	P	P	P	
3 Joseph A. Thompson	P	P	P	NA	P	E	P	P	A	
4 Silvio Mazzella	P	P	P	NA	P	P	P	P	P	
5 Ruth Burko	A	P	P	NA	E	P	E	P	P	
6 Frano Zagreda	P	P	E	NA	P	P	P	P	P	
7 Joseph Bacote	P	P	P	NA	E	E	P	P	P	
8 Edith Blitzer	P	S	S	NA	S	S	P	F	P	
9 Junior Campbell	P	P	P	NA	P	P	P	P	P	
10 Veronica Castro	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
11 Patricia Charles	P	P	P	NA	P	A	A	P	P	
12 Sal Conforto	E	P	P	NA	E	E	E	E	S	
13 Edwin Diaz	P	P	P	NA	P	A	A	P	A	
14 Pat Dolan	P	E	P	NA	E	P	A	E	P	
15 Arlene Drayton	P	P	P	NA	P	P	P	P	S	
16 Bernadette Ferrara	E	P	P	NA	P	E	P	P	P	
17 Harain Figueroa	P	P	P	NA	E	E	P	P	S	
18 Avril Frances	P	E	P	NA	P	P	P	P	E	
19 Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	P	P	A	NA	P	P	P	E	P	
20 Kenneth Gelnick	P	P	P	NA	P	P	P	E	P	
21 Marcy S. Gross	P	P	E	NA	P	P	P	E	P	
22 David Leavitt	P	E	P	NA	E	P	P	P	P	
23 Joseph A. McManus	E	P	E	NA	P	P	P	P	P	
24 Danny Monti	P	P	P	NA	P	P	E	P	A	
25 Martin Morris	E	P	P	NA	P	E	P	P	S	
26 Gabriella Musto	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
27 Diane Norris	P	E	E	NA	P	P	P	F	A	
28 Yahay Obeid	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
29 Dr. Mahendra Patel	P	P	E	NA	P	P	E	P	P	
30 Shradhanard Pirtam	P	P	P	NA	P	P	P	P	P	
31 Vincent Prezioso	P	E	P	NA	E	E	E	E	F	
32 Maria Provenzano	P	P	E	NA	E	P	E	P	P	
33 Keith Ramsey	P	P	P	NA	A	E	E	E	P	
34 Matthew Raso	E	P	P	NA	E	P	P	P	P	
35 Daisy Rodriguez	P	P	E	NA	P	P	P	W	P	

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36 Eliezer Rodriguez	E	P	P	NA	P	P	P	P	P	
37 Marnie Rodriguez	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
38 Joanne Russo-Rubino	P	P	E	NA	E	P	P	F	P	
39 Martin Sacewicz	E	E	P	NA	E	P	P	P	P	
40 Dominick Schiano	P	P	P	NA	P	P	P	P	P	
41 Oral A. Selkridge	E	P	E	NA	P	E	P	P	P	
42 Andrea Siegel	P	P	P	NA	P	P	P	P	P	
43 Tony Signorile	E	P	E	NA	E	P	P	P	P	
44 John Squitieri	E	E	P	NA	P	P	P	P	P	
45 Joann Terrelonge	E	P	P	NA	P	E	P	P	E	
46 Joseph Thurston	P	P	P	NA	E	E	P	P	W	
47 Sandra Unger	P	P	P	NA	P	P	P	P	P	
48 Janice Walcott	P	P	P	NA	P	P	P	E	P	
49 Linda White	P	P	E	NA	P	P	E	P	P	

**Key***A - Absent**E - Excused**F - Family Emergency**NA - Not Applicable**NM - No Meeting**P - Present**PH - Public Hearing**S - Sick**V - Vacation**W - Work*