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Full Board Meeting
Thursday, January 25, 2018
Calvary Hospital – 1740 Eastchester Road

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m..
2. Frano Zagreda, Sergeant-at-Arms, led the Community Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen first responders and military service personnel.
3. Gallery Session
 - i. Peter Volandes spoke about 2241 White Plains Road and answered questions from board members.
 - ii. Gene DeFrancis, Allerton Merchants Association, said he was stepping down from the organization.
 - iii. Marcy Gross, Community Board 11, spoke about issues with the US Mail delivery and homeless in Pelham Parkway.
 - iv. Frances Collado, New York Public Library, spoke about recent programs made available at the Allerton branch.
 - v. Grace LaVaglio, representing the 49th Precinct Clergy Council, announced the annual holiday dinner on February 8, 2018.
4. Elected Officials
 - i. Marilyn Ceilema from Councilman Gjonaj's office spoke about setting up the new office for the Councilman and announced that discretionary funding applications are available.
 - ii. Joe McManus from Councilman Torres' office announced that he can be reached at 718-842-8100 and that free tax preparation is available through the office by appointment only.
 - iii. Adam Bermudez from Councilman King's office spoke about a successful coat drive at Eastchester Gardens and action being taken to address bright billboards on Interstate 95 near Bay Plaza.
 - iv. Patrick Hill from Senator Klein's office spoke about immigration assistance, Pelham Parkway reconstruction, construction at the old synagogue on the Esplanade and the planned work at Loreto Park.
 - v. Ranell Ogilvie from Senator Bailey's office spoke about about a successful coat drive, a planned human trafficking awareness event and a black history showcase at PS 103.
5. 49th Precinct Neighborhood Coordinating Officers (NCO) program rollout

- i. Sgt Chris Ryan spoke about the new NCO program.
- 6. Chairman's Report
 - i. Anthony Vitaliano thanked Joe McManus for his many years of service to Community Board 11 and on the Land Use Committee, in particular.
 - ii. Joe Bacote is in King's Harbor Rehabilitation Center and Marcy Gross will take over temporarily as Health Committee Chair.
 - iii. Kenneth Gelnick is the new Chair of Land Use Committee.
 - iv. Anthony Vitaliano made a motion to accept the minutes from the 11/30/2017 Full Board meeting (Seconded by Edith Blitzer) **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
 - v. Mr. Vitaliano thanked Calvary Hospital for the use of the room and Ms. Yessenia Rivera, Public Affairs Associate, for her assistance tonight.
- 7. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Silvio Mazzella said that the Treasurer's Report was distributed.
- 8. District Manager's Report – Jeremy Warneke
 - a. Recent bank robbery
 - b. Father Richard Gorman, former Chair of Board 12, passed away
 - c. Bronx Blood Center update
 - d. 911 Call Center visit
 - e. Street storage of vehicles prohibited
 - f. New Department of Buildings (DOB) liaison
 - g. Area-wide traffic study request for Bassett Ave
- 9. Committee Reports
 - a. By-Laws
 - i. Motion made by David Leavitt (seconded by Sandi Unger) to AMEND Article IV, Section 5 of the Community Board 11 by-laws to remove all references to term limits for Board officers, except for the Board Chair, who will continue to be subject to a two-term limit. **PASSED 27 IN FAVOR and 3 AGAINST with NO ABSTENTIONS**
 - ii. Motion made by David Leavitt (seconded by Sandi Unger) to AMEND Article V, Section 5 of the of the Community Board 11 by-laws to allow Board officers to additionally serve as a committee chair or co-chair. **PASSED 29 IN FAVOR and 1 AGAINST with NO ABSTENTIONS**
 - iii. Motion made by David Leavitt (seconded by Sandi Unger) to AMEND Article V, Section 5 of of the Community Board 11 by-laws to allow Board officers additionally serving as a committee chair or co-chair to vote only once at Leadership Committee meetings. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
 - b. Economic Development
 - i. Dominick Schiano made a motion (seconded by Sandi Unger) to send the New York State Liquor Authority an email of NO OBJECTION regarding the renewal wine and beer license application for Liberty Diner, 2059 Williamsbridge Road. **PASSED 29 IN FAVOR and 0 AGAINST with 1 ABSTENTIONS**
 - c. Leadership

- i. Al D'Angelo asked that committee chairs inform the office if they cancel a meeting and to not hold a meeting if there are no issues to discuss.
 - d. Community Development & Budget Priorities
 - i. Dr. Patel announced that priority items are always welcome and that they should be reported to the District Manager.
 - e. Education, Culture and Youth Services
 - i. No report
 - f. Health and Social Services
 - i. Sandi Unger asked for suggestions for the next Community Board Health Fair.
 - g. Housing
 - i. No report
 - h. Land Use
 - i. No report
 - i. Parks and Recreation
 - i. No report
 - j. Public Safety
 - i. The Committee met and the minutes were distributed.
 - k. Sanitation and Environmental Protection
 - i. No report
 - l. Transportation
 - i. Daisy Rodriguez encouraged board members to show up and speak out at her committee's next meeting regarding the Department of Transportation's Morris Park Avenue traffic calming proposal.
Bernadette Ferrara stated that when something this important directly affects a community, civic association meeting dates should be taken into consideration, also stating that the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance is against the proposal.
The Morris Park Community Association, according to Al D'Angelo, is also against the proposal.
- 10. Old Business
 - i. Edith Blitzer asked for an update on the Barnes Ave building that is planned as a condominium.
 - ii. Edith Blitzer asked for an update on the property at the corner of White Plains Road and Marin Place.
 - iii. Linda White asked about the restaurant that has been closed for two months at 1801 Morris Park Ave.
 - iv. Sandi Unger asked naming a street in honor of former board member Blanche Comras Rifkin.
 - v. Frano Zagreda asked about school buses using and parking/idling Mace Ave.
- 11. New Business
 - i. Jeremy's new cell phone number is 646-830-0832.
 - ii. Bernadette Ferrara reported that on 1/23/2018 it was announced that the Bronx will be getting a full-service animal shelter near Co-Op city.

- iii. Joe Thompson spoke about the new Morris Park business improvement district (BID), the strength of the Allerton Merchants Association and the next 49th Precinct Community Council meeting.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.