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*Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.*  
*Chairman Anthony Vitaliano*  
*District Manager Jeremy H. Warneke*

Full Board Meeting Thursday, May 24, 2018  
Calvary Hospital – 1740 Eastchester Road

### MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence for our fallen first responders and military service personnel.
3. NYPD Deputy Inspector Thomas Alps, commander of the 49th Precinct reported the crime statistics and said that body cameras will be introduced shortly.
4. Gallery Session
  - a. Manuel Martinez of the New York Public Library asked everyone to support the library by signing and online library letter. Martinez also announced upcoming events.
  - b. Larry Mauriello of the Allerton Merchants Association announced upcoming events.
  - c. Grace Lovaglio complained about panhandlers on Allerton Avenue and intoxicated people sleeping on the sidewalk. She also announced upcoming events.
  - d. Michelle Webb of the NYS Nursing Association asked the Board to endorse the Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act.
5. Elected Officials
  - a. Councilman Fernando Cabrera spoke about the fact that the Community Boards have not received an increase in their budget. He is asking for an increase of \$50,000. He asked that the Board send a letter of support.
  - b. Councilman Mark Gjonaj spoke about the increase in crime and reported that a traffic camera will be installed on Lydig and Cruger Avenues though his discretionary funds. Council Gjonaj also spoke about motorcycles and illegal dirt bikes on the sidewalks. Councilman Gjonaj gave credit to the 49th Precinct officers for the way they handled a recent altercation and spoke about vision zero and road dieting on Morris Park Avenue. He stated that until a study on the impact of Metro North is done we shouldn't approve of this proposal. Gjonaj reported that he has 700 signatures from the Morris Park Association opposing this dieting, which he is going to fight against. He also thanked our veterans past and present for their service to our country. Questions were asked by Board members.
  - c. Thomas Lucania, representing Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. said that re-appointment letters will be sent out next week. New appointees will be notified

the first week of June. Lucania announced upcoming events and reported that all Board members must sign the EEO policy and send it to Jeremy.

- d. Adam Bermudez– Representing Councilman Andy King Announced upcoming events.
  - e. Mariel De La Cruz, representing Comptroller Scott Stringer announced upcoming events and reported on increase in budget regarding homeless.
6. Chairman’s Report
- a. Anthony Vitaliano spoke about Morris Park Ave dieting and that we should continue to oppose the plan. Tony stated that the NYC DOT indicated that the City will likely proceed with the plan over our objections.
  - b. Motion by Al D’Angelo (seconded by Edith Blitzer) to support Councilman Fernando Cabrera’s resolution to increase Community Board budgets citywide by \$100,000 each. (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)
  - c. Motion by Al D’Angelo (seconded by Joe Menta) to APPROVE the April 2018 Full Board Meeting Minutes, as distributed with a correction by Board Member Kelly Murphy that she did not vote in favor of Loreto Park renovations (PASSED WITH ONE AGAINST)
7. Treasurer’s Report
- a. The Treasurer’s Report was distributed.
8. District Manager’s Report
- a. Pelham Parkway North Reconstruction; Jeremy reported that Eastchester Road work is being done without traffic agents. Will get agents for Williamsbridge Road
  - b. Westchester Creek CSO Project; Traffic work to expand to Waters Place at the same time as Morris Park. Hope to be finished by November.
  - c. White Plains Road Corridor Study; Spoke to DM at Board 10 about accidents at night. Need to look at their studies.
  - d. Luke’s Lounge, 1808 Hone; Jeremy spoke about the protective barriers to keep the cold out that have been erected in front of several establishments. He stated that it needs to have a permit. Any questions call the Board office.
  - e. Food Pantry, 1811 Victor Street; Jeremy stated not sure if it is registered have made inquiries to State agency.
  - f. Home Depot; Dumping, called corporate office.
  - g. Traffic back up on Morris Park Ave next to the 180th Street Station; Jeremy reported that this is State DOT work. Trying to get a timeline.
9. Committee Reports
- a. Leadership
    - i. Al D’Angelo introduced the NYPD 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct Sector Adam officers.
    - ii. Motion to send Mayor Bill de Blasio a letter of OBJECTION regarding the NYC Department of Transportation’s Morris Park Avenue Corridor Proposal (**PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSED**)
    - iii. Motion to ADOPT a resolution in support of the development of worker-cooperatives in the Bronx and the Worker Cooperative Business Development Initiative (**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**)
  - b. Economic Development

- i. Motion by Veronica Castro (seconded by Sandi Unger) to send the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) an email of NO OBJECTION regarding the renewal liquor, wine and beer (LWB) license application for **(PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION)**:
    1. Pine Restaurant, 1913 Bronxdale Ave
    2. Fratelli Restaurant, 2507 Eastchester Rd
    3. Ciolfar Bowl Inc., 1756 Bronxdale Ave
10. Health & Social Services
  - a. Motion to ADOPT a resolution by the New York State Nurses Association, calling for the adoption and implantation of minimum safe staffing ratios throughout the NYC health and hospitals system **(PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)**
11. Land Use
  - a. Motion by Oral Selkridge (seconded by Sandi Unger) to RECOMMEND APPROVAL of 76, 2001-2007 Williamsbridge Road's Board of Standards & Appeals Application. **(PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)**
12. Public Safety
  - a. Motion by Yahay Obeid to send a letter to our elected officials REQUESTING FUNDING for street security cameras operated by the Police Department. **(PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)**
13. Transportation
  - a. Motion by Vinnie Prezioso (seconded by Oral Selkridge) to send the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission an email of NO OBJECTION regarding Dash Car Service Corp., 1534 Stillwell Ave **(PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION FOR CAUSE – VERONICA CASTRO)**
14. Motion by Vinnie Prezioso to RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the following street activity permit applications **(PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)**:
  - a. CMBA Welcome School Year 2018
  - b. Joseph A. Moribito Street C-Naming LEP
  - c. Hone Avenue Annual Block Party
  - d. Health Family Life Day
  - e. Summer Kick Off
15. Community Development and Budget Priorities
  - a. Dr. Mahendra Patel reported that 2020 Budget requests need to be submitted.
16. Housing
  - a. Janice Walcott spoke about Thwaites Place.
17. Nominating
  - a. Sandi Unger solicited nominations for Board Chairperson, Board First Chairperson and Secretary. There be no nominations from the floor nominations for each position was closed. Elections will take place in June with ballots that allocate space for write-in candidates.
18. Parks and Recreation
  - a. Joe Menta spoke about the trees on Pelham Parkway that are slated to be removed. He asked for a meeting with the stakeholders and the elected officials. He asked that the moratorium on tree removal be in place; Jeremy will look into it.
19. Sanitation and Environmental Protection

- a. No report.
- 20. Education, Culture and Youth
  - a. No report.
  - b. Motion by Edith Blitzler that all community associations be notified whether their nominee for the Yankee Leadership Award has been selected. (**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**)
- 21. Old Business
- 22. New Business
  - a. David Leavitt asked about test pits dug in Morris Park; Jeremy will look into it.
  - b. Shrado Pirtam asked for a moment of silence for Bob Potter, a long-time member of the Board who passed away
  - c. Joe Thompson reported that the 39th Anniversary Precinct Council breakfast was a success with many honorees. Next meeting 6/29 at the Van Nest Alliance.
  - d. Bernadette thanked everyone who attended to recent Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance fund raiser.
  - e. Tony Vitaliano announced the Memorial Day events.
- 23. Adjournment
  - a. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.