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Transportation

Full Board Meeting January 28, 2021 OfficeSuite HD Meeting

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

- 1. Moment of silence for our fallen first responders, medical and military service personnel. All of the victims of COVID-19, and all the victims of racial unrest in the United States and our health providers
- 2. Chairman's Report
 - a. Removal consideration of a board member or board member Albert "Al" D'Angelo stated that absentism is a burden on committee chairs and the Board. Letters will be sent out regarding excessive absences.
- 3. Treasurer's Report

Veronica reported that the Treasurer's Report will be sent out. Anyone with questions can contact her.

4. Secretary's Report

Motion by Hazel Miura, seconded by Shradhanand Pirtam, that the December 2020 Full Board meeting minutes be ACCEPTED as published on the CB11 website.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

- District Manager's Report
 Jeremy Warneke stated that his report will be emailed out and posted on the
 CB11 website.
- 6. Committee Reports
 - a. Transportation
 - Motion to RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the Street Co-Naming Application for Ibrahim al-Hamdi Way (White Plains Road between Cruger and Rhinelander Avenue).
 Discussion took place on the co-naming and guidelines for future applications.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

- b. Land Use
 - Waterfront Zoning Resolution
 Discussion on what the changes in the resolution would be.

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Motion by Kenneth Gelnick, seconded by Frano Zagreda, to RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the Citywide Waterfront Zoning Resolution.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

- c. Leadership
 - i. February Full Board meeting changed to Wednesday the 24th
- d. By-Laws

David Leavitt read the following proposed amendments to the CB11 By-Laws:

- i. Revise Article IV, Section 5 of the CB11 By-Laws to allow the Treasurer (and only the Treasurer) to serve as Acting Vice Chair of the Board (when there is a vacancy in that position) without violating the existing rule prohibiting a Board officer from holding two officer positions at the same time
- ii. Revise Article IV, Section 2 and Article V, Section 5 of our By-Laws to allot only one vote to the Treasurer, when serving as Acting Vice Chair of the Board, at meetings of the Executive Board and at meetings of the Leadership Committee

David stated that, as per the by-laws, a vote on this will be taken at the February Full Board meeting. He reported other proposed changes which will be discussed.

- e. Education
 - i. Yankee Awards

 Jeremy reported that there are five applications being submitted.
- f. Ethics

It was announced that John Johnson is the new chair of the Committee.

g. Equity

Durrell Boahen stated that the minutes were on the CB11 website. The Committee will meet again in March.

h. Health

Joseph Bacote reported on the Committee's guest speaker.

i. Housing

Hazel Miura reported on the proposed homeless shelter for Stillwell Avenue.

j. Parks

Patricia Charles reported on the Committee's visits to three Parks Department properties.

k. Public Safety

Veronica Castro stated that the minutes are on the website.

- 7. Gallery Session
 - a. Michelle Idir spoke about pan handling on the 1800-block of Amethyst Street.

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Discussion took place about the source and possible solutions.

8. Elected Officials

- Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez spoke about COVID-19 related funeral assistance, other items and answered questions from board members.
- b. Senator Gustavo Rivera spoke about being reappointed Health Committee Chair of the State Senate and other items.
- c. Councilman Mark Gjonaj spoke about alternative shelter, other items and answered questions from board members.
- d. Councilman Fernando Cabrera spoke about a need for specific legislation and another item.

9. Gallery Speakers

- a. Robert Press spoke about alternate shelter sites and the different classifications of shelters.
- b. Angelique Iglesias, Neighborhood SHOPP Caregivers Intake/Outreach Specialist, spoke about her organization's programs and services.
- c. Roxanne Delgado spoke about the proposed shelter at 1682 Stillwell Avenue.
- d. Matthew Caufield spoke about Loretto Playground.
- e. Vinnie Marie spoke about the proposed annex at P.S. 108.
- f. Marisa Joy Davis, owner of Kirvens, spoke about her concerns regarding a couple of board members. John Johnson said that the Ethics Committee would look into this. Discussion on whether permits to build and written permission from the adjoining establishments was obtained.

10. Elected Officials

- a. Thomas Lucania, Bronx Borough President's Office, stated, among other things, that he had received information regarding Kirvens and asked that once the Ethics Committee has reviewed the complaint to send it to the Borough President's Office.
- b. Terence Miller, Public Advocate's Office, spoke about a bill by the City Council.
- c. Christina Calderon, Bronx District Attorney's Office, stated she was working remotely. She gave her contact number and a contact number for crime victims.
- d. Emily Vasquez, State Senator Biaggi's Office, announced an upcoming town hall meeting.
- e. Maria Parubi, Assembly Member Fernandez's Office, stated they she is working remotely, office visits are by appointment only, and she spoke about other matters.
- f. Mariel De la Cruz, Comptroller's Office, spoke about upcoming town hall meeting and asked associations to invite her to their meetings.

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11. Old Business

Jeremy shared the letter that was sent to the Mayor regarding the proposed homeless shelter at Stillwell Avenue.

Al stated that this was time sensitive and had to be sent out right away.

12. New Business

Al thanked Howie Martin and the Bronx House for donating food for 50 families.

Edit Shkreli asked about non-standing committees, generating discussing.

Motion by Al D'Angelo, seconded by Joseph Menta, that the meeting be ADJOURNED.

UNANIMOULY PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Minutes typed and edited by staff, approved by Secretary Hazel Miura.

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