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Full Board Meeting
 Tuesday, May 23, 2023
 7:00 p.m.
 Webex Meetings
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MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of silence for our fallen first responders and medical and military service personnel, and for those suffering throughout the world
3. Gallery Session: *Speakers receive an initial, two (2) minutes of uninterrupted speaking time; only those [registered](#) will be called upon*
 - a. Robert Press, CB11 constituent, spoke about bylaw amendments, among other items
 - b. Diana Finch, CB11 constituent, spoke about the proposed cannabis dispensary, among other items
 - c. Jenny Lopez, CB11 constituent, spoke about Pelham Parkway
 - d. Charlene Slader, CB11 constituent, spoke about Pelham Parkway, among other items
 - e. Eileen Marcus, CB11 constituent, spoke about Pelham Parkway, among other items
 - f. Roxanne Delgado, CB11 constituent, spoke about Pelham Parkway, among other items
 - g. Sharlene Jackson Mendez, CB11 constituent, spoke about the importance of education and the sacrifices made by our armed forces
 - h. Gloria Russo, CB11 constituent, said the walking path on Pelham Parkway should not be widened
4. Chair’s Report
 - a. Proposed bylaw amendments regarding Articles IX and XIII
 - i. Proposing amendments should be limited to twice a year
 - ii. A 2/3 majority of the Board’s total membership is required for adoption

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A. D'Angelo reported that a vote would not be taken today, and that we will further look into the legality of our changing the by-laws to require a 2/3 majority.

5. Treasurer's Report

V. Castro stated that her report will be submitted tomorrow. Anyone with questions should contact her.

6. Secretary's Report

- a. Review of the DRAFT [March](#) and [April](#) 2023 Full Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by A. D'Angelo, seconded by D. Kawalick to approve the March and April minutes

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

7. District Manager's Report

The District Manager announced the removal of a green street and that Keith Kalb is no longer Acting Bronx DOT Commissioner.

8. Committee Reports

a. Leadership

- i. Motion that CB11 fly the rainbow flag (LGBT) in front of the CB11 Office in honor of Pride Month (June), provided that there are no permitting issues with the Department of Buildings

The District Manager reported that he spoke with the landlord, who said we can do what we want on the inside of the office, not the outside.

- ii. Motion that CB11 send written correspondence to Montefiore Medical Center and CB11's council members IN SUPPORT of the Nurses' Family Partnership Program

PASSED with 1 ABSTENTION (N. Pemberton) and 2 RECUSALS (M. Gray and H. Santaella).

b. Economic Development

- i. Motion that Community Board 11 send an email of NO OBJECTION to the NYSLA (New York State Liquor Authority) regarding the *renewal* liquor license application for Portofino Café Corp., 2008 Williamsbridge Road: [full license](#)
- ii. Motion that Community Board 11 send an email of NO OBJECTION to the NYSLA regarding the *renewal* liquor license application for Jay's Tavern, 1556 Williamsbridge Road: [full license](#)
- iii. Motion that Community Board 11 send an email of NO OBJECTION to the NYSLA regarding the *renewal* liquor license applications for Chipotle Mexican Grill, 2190 White Plains Road: [full license](#)
- iv. Motion that Community Board 11 send an email of NO OBJECTION to the NYSLA regarding the *new* liquor license

applications for Astor Bar & Grill LLC., 726 Astor Ave: [full license](#)

All four license motions were **UNANIMOUSLY PASSED**.

- v. Motion to send written correspondence to the New York State Office of Cannabis Management, OBJECTING to the location of the proposed cannabis dispensary license for [Cannabis Emporium](#) Inc., 2460 Williamsbridge Road

A roll call vote was taken.

MOTION FAILED with 8 FOR (V. Castro, A. D’Angelo, O. Selkridge, D. Kawalick, P. Nastasio, N. Pemberton, J. Rubino and S. Unger), 12 AGAINST (C. Culpepper, M. Dyer, M. Gray, D. Leavitt, S. Muñiz, S. Pirtam, K. Ramsey, J. Randall, R. Reynoso, C. Rodriguez, H. Santaella and D. Williams) and 1 RECUSAL (K. Gelnick).

c. Housing

- i. [Motion](#) to DRAFT a petition to organize our community and City against the Rent Guideline Board’s proposed rent increases in favor of a 0% increase

MOTION PASSED with 12 FOR (V. Castro, C. Culpepper, M. Dyer, M. Gray, D. Kawalick, D. Leavitt, S. Muñiz, J. Randall, C. Rodriguez, R. Reynoso, H. Santaella and O. Selkridge), 7 AGAINST (A. D’Angelo, K. Gelnick, S. Pirtam, N. Pemberton, J. Rubino, S. Unger and D. Williams), 2 ABSTENTIONS (R.M. Fuchs and K. Ramsey) and 1 RECUSAL (P. Nastasio).

d. Nominating & Elections

- i. Nominations for Treasurer
- ii. Nominations for Sergeant at Arms

No new nominations for either position. Nominations for both were closed.

e. Parks & Recreation

- i. Motion to send written correspondence to the New York City Parks Department, OBJECTING to “Site - A” but NOT “B” of the Pelham Parkway Plaza Seating Areas [presentation](#) **PASSED with 1 RECUSAL (O. Selkridge).**

f. Community Development & Budget Priorities

- i. YMCA guest at May 31 meeting
- ii. CB11 First Annual Juneteenth Event

g. Education, Culture & Youth Services

- i. BxCB11 Day at Yankee Stadium, June 8
P. Nastasio stated that the application for the Youth Leadership Award is online, and the deadline is January 31, 2024.

h. Ethics & Disciplinary

- i. Complaints 102 and 104
Motion by N. Pemberton, seconded by M. Gray, that a written apology expressing our regrets for the Board’s public hearing of September 29, 2022 be sent to the public.
UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.
 - ii. Complaints 109 and 110.
Legal assistance is needed on these two complaints.
 - i. Health & Social Services
Minutes and video available online.
 - j. Public Safety
N. Pemberton reported that they will be meeting with Assemblyman Heastie. Date to be set.
 - k. Sanitation & Environmental Protection
 - i. Proposed public hearing: alternate side parking restriction additions and removals
Will meet in June.
9. Elected Officials: *Elected officials receive an initial, five (5) minutes of uninterrupted speaking time, and they may respond to at most only four (4) questions or comments by board members, and only board members, without any time restrictions; surrogates are afforded the same courtesy as their principal but are limited to two (2) minutes of initial speaking time*
- a. Mayor’s Office
Alina Dowe announced last day for employers to sign up to hire our youth through the Summer Youth Employment Program, among other items.
 - b. Bronx Borough President’s Office
Kenny Agosto spoke about Bronx Week, among other items.
 - c. Bronx District Attorney’s Office
Erica Diaz spoke about events that have happened.
 - d. U.S. Representative Torres’s Office
Joseph McManus spoke about the many issues the Congressman deals with.
 - e. Council Member Feliz’s Office
Kathleen May Llamas announced upcoming events.
 - f. State Senator Rivera’s Office
Francisco Ramirez spoke about the State’s budget, among other items.
 - g. Council Member Velazquez’s Office
Stephanie Rodriguez announced tickets available for tomorrow’s Bronx Day 2023.
10. Old Business
C. Rodriguez spoke about an item on the April Agenda. She asked if this would be discussed tonight.
The District Manager said it needs to go before the Bylaws Committee.
11. New Business

A. D'Angelo announced the Memorial Day event at Peace Plaza at 11 a.m. He also stated that Phyllis Nastasio was being honored tomorrow night as one of the Bronx's 50 influential women.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes by staff (H. Lasky and J. Warneke); approved by Secretary Miura.

	Last Name	First Name	22-Sep	27-Oct	17-Nov	22-Dec	26-Jan	23-Feb	23-Mar	27-Apr	25-May	22-Jun
1	Campbell	Junior	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	E	E	
2	Castro	Veronica	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
3	Chun	Chun	P	P	P	E	E	P	E	P	E	
4	Culpepper De Ruiz	Christine	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
5	D'Angelo	Albert	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	
6	Dyer	Miguel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
7	Ferrara	Bernadette	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	
8	Francis	Avril	E	P	E	A	P	A	P	P	A	
9	Fuchs	Rabbi Moshe	E	P	P	A	E	P	P	P	P	
10	Gelnick	Kenneth	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
11	Gray	Malcom	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
12	Kawalick	Debra	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
13	Lahoz	Maleny	E	P	A	P	A	E	P	A	A	
14	Leavitt	David	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	
15	McCrossan	Roger	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
16	Miura	Hazel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	
17	Muñiz	Serena	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
18	Nastasio	Phyllis	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
19	Pirtam	Shradhanand	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
20	Pemberton	Naomi	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	
21	Ramsey	Keith	E	E	P	A	A	A	A	P	P	
22	Randall	Juanita	E	P	P	P	A	P	A	A	P	
23	Reynoso	Richard	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	
24	Rodriguez	Cynthia	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
25	Rodriguez	Eliezer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	
26	Rubino	Joanne	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	
27	Santaella	Harry	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
28	Selkridge	Oral A.	E	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	
29	Soto	Lisa	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	
30	Thompson	Joseph A.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	A	
31	Unger	Sandra	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
32	Walcott	Janice	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	A	E	
33	Williams	Dwayne	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
34	Wilson	Jeanette	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	
	TOTAL Ps:		24	32	31	27	27	29	29	26	23	0

Key**A - Absent****E - Excused****na - Not****applicable****nm - No****meeting****P - Present**