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Regular Monthly Meeting of the Full Board Minutes
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

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Chair Robert P. Collegio opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the pledge to the United States of America Flag.

Secretary Rosanne Clift called the roll. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present:

Olu A. Ajayi, Igor Baboshkin, Rosanne Clift, Dr. Deborah Cognata, Robert P. Collegio, Benjamin D'Amato, Simone DiTrapani, Julie Freeman, Fred R. Guinta, Jordan Hafizi, Gurdev S. Kang, Dr. Mohammad Khalid, Diane L. McNamara, Mendy Mirocznik, Dr. Allan B. Perel, Dr. Donna Seminara, Steven J. Zboinski

Board Members Absent: Shawn Abraham, Zafer Durmaz, Roy J. Garlisi, Anselmo S. Genovese, Michael Lanza, Stephen W. Zaderiko.

Excused Members: Gerard Ruggiero, David M. Santoro

Staff Present: Debra A. Derrico, District Manager

Representatives of Elected Officials Present:

Marie Carmody-LaFrancesca for Borough President Vito Fossella
Jeanine Woody for State Senator Andrew Lanza
Vanessa Limani for State Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton
Joseph Assembly Member Tannousis
Angela Olsen for Assembly Member Sam Pirozzolo
Loren Centineo for Council Member David Carr
Dylan Fossella for Council Member Joseph Borelli
Vanessa Limani for Scarcella-Spanton
Francesca Gallati for District Attorney Michael McMahon

Guests:

Jennifer Miller, New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
Wil, New York City Department of Transportation
Carol Donovan, Richmondtown & Clarke Avenue Civic Association
Paul Liotta, New York City Hall reporter for the Staten Island Advance
William Gschlecht, New York Public Library, South Beach Branch
Prince Cobbina, New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board

Chair Collegio called for motion to accept the proposed agenda. Motion was made and seconded. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Chair Collegio called for a motion to accept the January 17, 2023 Full Board Minutes. Motion was made and seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Officers' Reports:

Chair Robert P. Collegio reported that he had attended the February Borough Board Meeting. There was no agenda. He has not received an agenda for March yet.

First Vice-Chair: Fred R. Guinta – Mr. Guinta thanked the board for their condolences on the passing of his brother.

Second Vice-Chair: Gerard J. Ruggiero – No report

Third Vice-Chair: Julie Freeman – No report

Secretary: Rosanne Clift– Ms. Clift discussed the discrepancy of the vote for third vice-chair that occurred in November. The vote tally was 9-7-1 with 2 abstentions. Ms. Clift said the numbers did not support the vote.

Chair Collegio explained that Mr. Mendy Mirocznik reviewed and would give a report under his committee, Law, Legislative Review and Ethics.

Treasurer's Report: Roy J. Garlisi reported on the Treasurer's Report. It is on file in the board office.

Public Session Speakers:

Jennifer Miller of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation announce the following:

- Seasonal hiring - anyone that's interested in a city, Seasonal Aid position with the Parks Department can go to our website to apply.
- Lifeguards – Anyone interested in Lifeguard positions should go Parks website - nyc.gov/parks website to look for training and certification requirements.
- Dongan Playground is completed. It was finished earlier than expected.
- February 22nd at Blue, Heron Park, is going to be all about owls so you'll be able to learn about owls and dissect their pellets to see what they eat.
- February 26th, there's going to be a deer exploration, hike at the archery field in Willowbrook, Park, learn more about this majestic species and explore the park in search of signs and traces of their presence.
- March 4th at 8, A.M you'll be able to run the 10 K course through the beautiful Greenbelt Trails.
- March 5th, at 11, A.M, we'll hike High Rock Park while celebrating the accomplishments of women in central to Nature and Wildlife Conservation past and present.
- March is Women's History Month celebration, women in conservation, that's going to be at Hard Rock Park on

Catie Ferrara-Iannitto - Thank you for having me. I'm the new director of the Department of City Planning Staten Island office as of late last year. I don't think we have any projects before you in this meeting, which is A-Okay, but I will make sure you have my contact information and you'll certainly be seeing me and my colleagues through Land Use committee items.

Marie Carmody-La Francesca announced that Borough Budget Consultation Hearings will be held on March 1, 2023. We have two sessions, one in the morning at ten o'clock and one in the afternoon at four o'clock so if anybody knows of a group that would like to apply for funding by all means, you can refer them to me and we can get them on the agenda for that day.

Standing Committee Reports:

Aging: Dr. Donna Seminara reported that she had given a presentation to the Health committee outlining resources for older adults on Staten Island, contact information for all of the local organizations that are organized through New York City Department for the Aging and other community-based groups in providing social services, outreach some medical services, local home visit programs, reviewed the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) which is currently run by ArchCare it talks a little about the layout of the nursing homes on Staten Island, etc. All the information was forwarded to Debra so it is all collated there, and hopefully that can be a resource for anyone looking for information. The Aging committee is looking to resume itself- not sure exactly in what form. Previously we had about 25-30 members - it was very big and unwieldy. Pre- COVID we had done some pretty good work in collating information for the public. We had done some programs where we had representatives from Medicare do presentations on insurance options and we can do any and all of that again. I am open to hearing what anybody may want our committee to work on in the upcoming year. I want to give Dr. Raju the opportunity for giving me the opportunity to speak to the health committee.

Chair Collegio thanked Dr. Seminara and Dr. Raju for the presentation she gave at the February Health committee meeting and the very lengthy and thorough booklet which gives extensive information for adult services.

Capital & Expense Budget: Roy J. Garlisi – No report.

Election Committee: Ben D'Amato – No report.

Environmental Protection and Parks: Stephen W. Zaderiko – No report.

Health: Dr. Ram Raju thanked Dr. Seminara for an extremely informative presentation and as you rightfully said it is a treasure to keep so I think it should be of quality to other board members that could be utilized as a resource guide. Once again, thank you Dr. Seminara for the interesting lecture.

Land Use: Chair Collegio reported that we had recommended to the applicant of 950 West Fingerboard Road that they reach out to all of the Civics in and around the area, any elected officials or anyone else that they think they need to make their case and to present their project and the selling points and all the pluses and minuses of it to the community before coming back to Community Board 2, that initial schedule was supposed to be tonight. And I just felt that they needed more time and we gave them until March right now. I expect to see them at the March Full Board Meeting, since we already had Land Use and at that March meeting the applicant, if they're prepared and if they're ready, they'll come back here and they will be on the agenda to make their presentation. I just wanted to put that out there for everybody for the land use committee

Law, Legislative Review & Ethics: Mendy Mirocznik – Mr. Mirocznik reported that he reviewed Roberts Rules of Order and Community Board 2's Bylaws. Community Board 2's Bylaws reads "a simple majority of those present shall contribute election to the office. Since the word simple is in Community Board 2's Bylaws, the vote that was taken was valid. Mr. Mirocznik further stated that he was asked to give his opinion and that is his opinion. A brief discussion ensued. Ms. Clift asked for Mr. Mirocznik to put his opinion in writing so she can have it further reviewed by the New York City Legal Department.

Traffic, Transportation & Public Service: Gerard J. Ruggiero – No Report

Youth Services: Simone DiTrapani reported that the Department of Education will be moving to lock all the front doors in every single school and will install cameras on the front outside so you can see the front door and make a determination whether they're going to open the door or not. The DOE started today.

Old Business:

- Simone DiTrapani had some questions and complaints regarding 950 Fingerboard Road. He said some of the surrounding neighbors were not notified of the project. The residents of Stonegate, which is directly across the street, were notified. Chair Collegio reported that this application was tabled and the applicant was asked to come back to the Community Board with proof of notification to homeowners and any additional information that was asked at the Land Use and Full Board Meeting.
- Dr. Deborah Cognata reported that there have been ongoing issues with the Geller House which is opposite St. John's Villa Academy. It is a home for troubled youth. The property is going to be sold. We have to stay on top of this to be sure who is purchasing the property and what it will be used for.

New Business: There was road work on Clove Road between Fingerboard Road and Targee Street. It looks like Graves – the street was destroyed all the way from one end to the other. You cannot drive on the right side of the street. You have to cross over the double yellow line to maintain normal speed. Every 20 feet there's another crater built in. The street is completely destroyed with dips and holes everywhere.

Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.