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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
***Community Board 2***  
BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND

Regular Monthly Meeting of Full Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.  
Joan & Alan Bernikow JCC Staten Island  
1466 Manor Road  
Staten Island, New York 10314  
<https://vimeo.com/838347195?share=copy>

Chairman Fred R. Guinta opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

Secretary Shawn Abraham took roll call attendance. Quorum present.

Board Members Present: Shawn Abraham, Olu A. Ajayi, Rosanne Clift, Benjamin D'Amato, Julie Freeman, Roy J. Garlisi, Fred R. Guinta, Gurdev Kang, Dr. Mohamad Khalid, Diane McNamara, Mendy Mirocznik, Dr. Allen B. Perel, Florida Quello, Leutrim, Qoku, Gerard J. Ruggiero, Dr. Donna Seminara, Steven J. Zboinski,

Board Members Absent: Igor Baboshkin, Dr. Deborah Cognata, Simone DiTrapani, Zafar Durmaz, Anselmo S. Genovese, Jordan Hafizi, Michael Lanza, Dr. Ramanathan Raju, Steven W. Zaderiko

Staff: Debra A. Derrico, District Manager

Representatives of Elected Officials Present:

Marie Carmody-LaFrancesca for Borough President Vito Fossella  
Vanessa Limani for State Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton  
Cathleen Kenny for Assembly Member Sam Pirozzolo  
Ian Yanda, for Assembly Member Michael Tannousis  
Richard Coyte for Assembly Member Michael Tannousis  
Loren Marie Centeneo, for Council Member David Carr  
Ryan Crimmins, for District Attorney Michael McMahon  
Vasiliki Drogaris, for District Attorney Michael McMahon

Guests:

Jennifer Miller, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation  
James McCue, NYC Fire Department  
George Todorovic, Executive Director SI Department of City Planning  
Rasika Deosthali, Borough Planner, SI Department of City Planning  
Puneet Singh, Community Planner, SI Department of City Planning  
Jermaine Willims, New York City Police Department Community Ambassador

Guests continued:

Prince Cobbina, Civilian Complaint Review Board  
Joseph McAllister, President of South Beach Civic Association  
Roseann McAllister, South Beach Civic Association,  
David Curcio  
Anthony Navarino  
Charles Navarino

Chair Guinta called for a motion to accept the proposed agenda. A motion was made and seconded. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Chair Guinta called for a motion to accept the May 16, 2023, Full Board Minutes. A motion was made and seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved

Chair Guinta announced that Marie Carmody-LaFrancesca of Borough President Vito Fossella's office is present to swear in two new board members. Florida Quello and Leutrim Qoku were sworn in.

#### Officers' Reports:

Chair -Fred R. Guinta: Chair Guinta reported that all the current board members were reappointed. Chair Guinta attended a rally at Midland Beach on Friday, June 16, 2023, regarding the incident of the burning of the American Flag near the intersection of Nugent and Midland Avenues.

Second Vice-Chair: Rosanne Clift – No report

Third Vice-Chair: Ben D'Amato – No report.

Secretary: Shawn Abraham – No report.

Treasurer's Report: Roy J. Garlisi reported that the Treasurer's report is on file at the board office.

Chair Guinta read the list of guests.

#### Public Session Speakers:

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

Beaches are open with Lifeguards. City Swimming pools will open on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Naples Playground has reopened with a new Basketball Court.

The Parks Department has scheduled meetings for Midland Beach Playground. There was an input meeting for the public on May 17, 2023, and for students on May 18, 2023, regarding the design and scope of work. The Parks Department will come back with a preliminary design and scope of work to the board.

Free movies are back - Hook will be playing at Cedar Grove Beach on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Lilo and Stich will be playing on June 11, 2023, at the Greenbelt.

Skyline Playground has just installed 4 Pickleball Courts. You can always find a list of events on the Parks Department Website.

Public Session Speakers continued:

Ryan Crimmins, Community Liaison for the District Attorney's Office reported that in the 121 and the 122 Precincts, Grand Theft Larceny is up as well as Grand Larceny. Almost all thefts have occurred because doors or windows have been left open and keys left in the ignition.

As previously reported on June 14<sup>th</sup> a blatant disrespect was made to the public, public safety, and our country by burning a resident's flag in front of the resident's home. An arrest was made, 48-year-old John Potts is currently out on bail. The District Attorney's Office is not taking this lightly. John Potts is being charged with reckless endangerment, criminal mischief, and arson. Burning other people's property is still illegal.

There was a shooting on Victory Boulevard and Lester Street whereby a male and one female were both shot in the chest. They are recovering in RUMC. The case is under investigation. June is gun violence awareness month.

Ian Yanda of Assembly Member Tannousis' office spoke about the Flag burning incident that occurred on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The office is setting up an end-of-summer Boardwalk Bash Event, details to follow.

Cathleen Kenny representing Assembly Member Sam Pirozzolo announced that Assembly Member Pirozzolo will be sponsoring an event to retire old flags on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion on Cannon Avenue.

Standing Committee Reports:

Aging: Dr. Donna Seminara – No report.

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

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

Health: Dr. Ram Raju – No report.

Land Use: Ben D'Amato announced that due to technical difficulties, Deputy Director of the Staten Island Department of City Planning George Todorovic and Rasika Deosthali will give a verbal presentation on the City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality application. A lengthy presentation ensued followed by a question and answer session.

- Here is a [recording](#) of a panel speaking about COYCN that happened last week, comprised of DCP, NYSERDA, and numerous other entities.
- A Helpful [website](#) offering a summary of the different tax credits (state and federal) that homeowners can tap into to “upgrade your home and ditch fossil fuels.”
- A screenshot from this [Powerpoint](#) that summarizes the 17 proposals.

Resolution: “To table City Planning Application Number N 230113 ZRY - City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality (COYCN) and request that the NYC Department of City Planning provide further information.”

Vote:

Law, Legislative Review & Ethics: Mendy Mirocznik – No report.

Traffic, Transportation & Public Service: Gerard J. Ruggiero reported that the committee has been reviewing the NYC Department of Transportation's proposal for Corridor Safety Improvements for Lincoln Avenue, Father Capodanno Boulevard to North Railroad Avenue. The committee was not able to vote last month since a quorum was not present.

A motion was made and seconded to deny the Department of Transportation for the Corridor Safety Improvements for Lincoln Avenue, Father Capodanno Boulevard to North Railroad Avenue in its entirety.

Resolution: To oppose NYC Department of Transportation Corridor Safety Improvements for Lincoln Avenue, Father Capodanno Boulevard to North Railroad Avenue in its entirety.”

Vote: Unanimous to oppose NYC Department of Transportation Corridor Safety Improvements for Lincoln Avenue, Father Capodanno Boulevard to North Railroad Avenue in its entirety.”

Youth Services: Simone DiTrapani – No report.

Election of Officers:

Mendy Mirocznik Chair of the nominating committee announced that the current Executive Committee is running unopposed.

Chair, Fred R. Guinta

Second Vice-Chair, Roseanne Clift

Third Vice-Chair, Ben D'Amato

Secretary, Shawn Abraham

Treasurer, Roy J. Garlisi

Mendy Mirocznik asked three times for each position if anyone wanted to run for an Executive Committee position. Being none, Secretary Shawn Abraham cast one vote for Chair, Second and Third Vice-Chairs, and Treasurer for the current Executive Committee Members. Chair Fred Guinta cast one vote for Shawn Abraham. The Executive Officers remained the same.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.