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Regular Monthly Meeting of the Full Board Minutes  
May 21, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/GdXMyE2o1rw>

The regular monthly meeting of the Full Board was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Joan & Alan Bernikow JCC of Staten Island, 1466 Manor Road, Staten Island, New York 10314.

Chair Fred R. Guinta called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and opened with a pledge to the American Flag.

Rosann Clift called the attendance roll.

Board Members Present: Shawn Abraham, Olu A. Ajayi, Valerie Aliffi-Maroney, Igor Baboshkin, Rosanne Clift, Dr. Deborah Cognata, Benjamin D'Amato, Simone DiTrapani, Roy J. Garlisi, Fred R. Guinta, Jordan Hafizi, Gurdev S. Kang, Dr. Mohammad Khalid, Michael Lanza, Diane L. McNamara, Mendy Mirocznik, Dr. Alan B. Perel, Florida Qello, Leutrim Qoku, Dr. Ramanathan Raju, Gerard J. Ruggiero, Dr. Donna Seminara, Joseph Torres, Stephen W. Zaderiko, Steven J. Zboinski.

Board Members Absent: Anselmo S. Genovese.

Board Members Excused: Valerie Aliffi-Maroney, Igor Baboshkin, Mendy Mirocznik, Florida Qello, Dr. Donna Seminara, Fiqirije Shehaj

Board Members on Leave of Absence: Raymond Burt

Staff Present: Debra A. Derrico, District Manager.

Representatives of Elected Officials Present:

Paul Matrecano for Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton  
Denise Pacheco for NY State Assembly Member Michael Reilly  
Nick Robbins for NY State Assembly Member Sam Pirozzolo  
Amalia Kostales for Assembly Member Michael Tannousis  
Francesca Galleli for District Attorney Michael McMahon

Representatives of City Agencies Present:

Catie Ferrara-Lannito, for NYC Department of City Planning  
Anisa Beicteshi for NYC Department of Transportation  
Puneet Singh for NYC Department of City Planning  
Rasika Girish Deosthali for NYC Department of City Planning  
Amy Obanaga for the NYC Department of City Planning

Alex Moskowitz for the NYC Department of City Planning  
Jennifer Miller for NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

Guests Present:

William Gecherbt f South Beach New York Public Library  
Carol Donovan of Richmondtown and Clarke Avenue Civic Association  
Debra Vadola of Midland Beach Civic Association  
Raphael Schweizer  
Sal Monforte of Midland Beach Civic,  
Lois Giambrone  
Florence Petrezelle,  
Claudette Duff,  
Anna Marie,  
Patricia  
Andre,  
Jennifer Miller  
Analia Kostales

Acceptance of the Agenda: Chair Guinta called for a motion to accept the agenda. A motion was made and seconded. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Acceptance of the April 16, 2024, Full Board Meeting Minutes: Chair Guinta called for a motion to accept the minutes. A motion was made and seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Speakers Session:

Carol Donovan of Richmondtown and Clarke Avenue Civic Association  
Debra Vadola of Midland Beach Civic Association  
Claudette Duff of SI Center of Light for the Blind & Visually Impaired  
Anna Marie of SI Center of Light for the Blind & Visually Impaired  
Patricia of SI Center of Light for the Blind & Visually Impaired  
Andre of SI Center of Light for the Blind & Visually Impaired  
Jennifer Miller for NYC Department of Parks and Recreation  
Raphael Schweizer  
Sal Monforte of Midland Beach Civic  
Lois Giambrone  
Florence Petrezelle  
Amalia Kostales

Presentation: Representatives from the NYC Department of City Planning gave a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from board members and guests about the proposed citywide zoning text amendment. This amendment, known as the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity aims to address New York City's housing crisis by enabling the construction of additional housing across all neighborhoods.

Officers' Reports:

Chair - Fred R. Guinta: refer to video recording  
First Vice-Chair – Gerard J. Ruggiero: No Report  
Second Vice-Chair – Rosanne Clift: No Report  
Secretary – Shawn Abraham: No Report  
Treasurer – Roy J. Garlisi: Roy Garlisi reported on the Treasurer's report. He said it was complete and correct. If anyone would like to review it, it is on file at the Board Office.

Standing Committee Reports:

Aging: Dr. Donna Seminara – No report

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

Environmental Protection: Stephen W. Zaderiko – No report

Health Services: Dr. Ramanathan Raju – No report

Parks: Jordan Hafizi – No report

Youth Services: Sandy DiTrapani – No report

Nominating Committee: Dr. Raju announced that the Election of Officers will take place at the June Full Board Meeting. Anyone who wishes to run for an officer's position must email him or Florida Qello.

Land Use: Benjamin D'Amato

Ben, chair of the Land Use Committee asked for a motion to vote on the text amendment known as the "City of Yes for Housing Opportunity." A motion was made. Ben told the board members, "If you are in favor of the text amendment, state 'in favor.' If you are opposed, state 'opposed.' If you wish to abstain, say 'abstained.'"

Board Members' Vote: 0-In Favor; 20-Opposed; 0-Abstained; 0-Not Entitled

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred R. Guinta