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Regular Monthly Meeting of the Full Board Minutes

March 19, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Full Board was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. at the Joan & Alan Bernikow JCC of Staten Island, 1466 Manor Road, Staten Island, New York 10314

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. Ram Raju, Gerard J. Ruggiero, Dr. Donna Seminara, Joseph Torres, Stephen W. Zaderiko, Steven J. Zboinski.

Board Members Absent: Anselmo S. Genovese.

Board Members on Leave of Absence: Raymond Burt, Julie Freeman.

Staff Present: Debra A. Derrico, District Manager.

Representatives of Elected Officials Present:

Nina Salerno for Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton

Nick Robbins for State Assembly Member Sam Pirozzolo

Ian Yanda for State Assembly Member Michael Tannousis

Marie Carmody-LaFrancesca for Staten Island Borough President Vito Fossella

Ray Carrero for Mayor Eric Adams

Ed Jackson for Mayor Eric Adams

Francesca Gallelli for District Attorney Michael E. McMahon

Jermaine Williams NYPD Ambassador for Staten Island

Jennifer Miller for NYC Parks and Recreation

Guests: Marissa Simoncini, Henry Thompson, E. Granatelli.

Public Session Speakers:

Igor Baboshkin, CB2 Board Member

Henry Thompson for the Community Health Center of Richmond

Ray Carrero for Mayor Eric Adam

Francesca Gallelli for District Attorney Michael McMahon

Jennifer Miller for the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

Ian Yanda for Assembly Member Michael Tannousis

Jermaine Williams, Ambassador for NYPD, SI.

Chair Fred R. Guinta called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and opened with a pledge to the American Flag.

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 February 20, 2024, Full Board Minutes: Chair Guinta called for a motion to accept the minutes. A motion was made and seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

#### Standing Committee Reports:

Parks: Jordan Hafizi, Chair reported that the committee met with representatives of the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation on March 12, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Board Office. Parks provided a PowerPoint presentation of the design plans for the reconstruction of the Midland Playground project. The cost of the project is \$4.2 M. \$1,775 M from Council Member David Carr and \$2,425 M from Borough President Vito Fossella. The committee supported the plan as presented.

#### Board Members' Vote

3/12/2024 – Committee Members favorably supported the project.

3/19/2024 - Full Board Vote: 25-In Favor; 0-Opposed; 0-Abstained; 0-Not Entitled

Environmental Protection: Stephen W. Zaderiko, Chair reported that at the Parks and Environmental Protection Joint Committee meeting on March 12, 2024, an issue came up about long-term leaks in the middle of roads such as Snake Hill Road, Rockland Avenue near Florida Street and by Burton Court, by St. Andrew's Parking lot, and by the College of Staten Island. This leaking water erodes the road. In the winter, the roads ice and salt are put down which goes into the salt marshes that we need and destroys the growth there that we need to protect us from flooding. The committee is putting together a list of long-term road conditions where there is a leak in the middle of the road. We have half a dozen roads on the list. If anyone on the board has a location they'd like to share, please email Debbie or myself. We will invite DEP and DOT to a committee meeting to see if they can work together to remedy these leaks and road damage.

Public Service: Michael Lanza, Chair reported that on March 11, 2024, the committee met in the Community Board 2 office to review a New Application and Temporary Retail Permit to the NYS Liquor Authority for a Restaurant Wine Liquor License (includes the Patio or Deck) for a new restaurant at 2211 Hylan Boulevard, SINY 10305. It was the committee's opinion that this restaurant would be good for the community.

#### Board Members' Vote

3/11/2024 – Committee Members favorably supported the application.

3/19/2024 - Full Board Vote: 25-In Favor; 0-Opposed; 0-Abstained; 0-Not Entitled

Old Business: Chair Guinta said I want to thank all the Board Members for serving on this board, however.

I need to address all Board Members regarding absenteeism.

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Each Board Member shall regularly attend the full board meetings and all committee meetings on which they serve.

Each Board Member shall not be deemed present at a meeting unless they are in attendance for the entire meeting.

Each Board Member must give proper notification whenever they are unable to attend any meeting at which their attendance is required.

Each Board Member must also provide notice when they anticipate being late to any meeting or leaving early.

Having no quorum at full board or committee meetings is not acceptable. Remember we are here for the community.

If you are unable to fulfill your responsibility, perhaps they should reconsider being on this Board.

If any Board Member has any questions or concerns, please see him at the end of any meeting.

New Business: Stephen W. Zaderiko said this new business concerns an old business and that is speed cameras on Staten Island. It is a safety issue, and people have slowed down over the years, but certain cameras and most of the cameras are still generating the same number of tickets year after year. The camera on Manor Road near the JCC is the most revenue camera, yet nothing has been done in the last three years to improve the road to make it safer. I would like to put a proposal before the board that every speed camera on Staten Island that has more than 100 tickets in a six-month period, which is a lot of tickets to install signage

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred R. Guinta