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Regular Monthly Meeting of Full Board
May 26, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.
Via Virtual Video Conference

The regular monthly meeting of the Full Board was held virtually on Tuesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Olu A. Ajayi, Igor Baboshkin, Antoinette J. Balzano, Rosanne Clift, Dr. Deborah Cognata, Robert J. Collegio, P.E., Benjamin D'Amato, Simone DiTrapani, Dr. Victor Dolan, Zafer Durmaz, Julie Freeman, Roy J. Garlisi, Anselmo S. Genovese, Fred R. Guinta, Gurdev S. Kang, Dr. Mohammad Khalid, Lillian Lagazzo, Michael Lanza, Diane L. McNamara, Joseph E. Markowski, Mendy Mirocznik, Frank J. Ninivaggi, Robert Pacifici, Dr. Allan B. Perel, Dr. Ramanathan Raju, Edward P. Salek Jr, David M. Santoro, Dr. Donna Seminara, Gerard J. Ruggiero, Theresa Troiano, Joel M. Traube, John Vischio, Maxine Wilde, Stephen W. Zaderiko, Steven J. Zboinski

Board Members Absent: Anthony Aliffi, , Simone DiTrapani, Donna L. Fagan, Catherine Hennessy, Marissa Jones, , Lisa Liss, Robert Orlando, Dr. Donna Seminara, Graham Sheen

Staff Present: Debra A. Derrico, District Manager

Representatives of Elected Officials Present:

Jeanne Collini for State Senator Andrew Lanza
Angela Olsen for Assembly Member Nicole Malliotakis
Denise Pacheco for Assembly Member Michael Reilly
Loren Centineo for Council Member Steven Matteo
Michael Tannousis for Council Member Joseph Borelli
Saman Mahmouss for Congress Member Max Rose
Donald DeRosa for NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer
Fitim Shabani for NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams
Marci Bishop for District Attorney Michael E. McMahon & Matthew Sotomyor
Joan Cusack for NYC Human Resources Administration/ Department of Social Services
George for NYC Department of City Planning
Christine Tumbarello for NYC Department of Parks and Recreation
Andrew Olsen, Mayor's Office of Recovery
Jermaine Williams, HRA

Guests: Gene Guerra, Andy Levison, Alexander Kullman, Olga Olovyannikov, Mark Moss, Javonte, Carol Donovan, David Nussman

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

Secretary Theresa Troiano called the roll. A quorum was present.

Acceptance of the Agenda: Chair Collegio called for a motion to accept the agenda. Motion was made by Jerry Ruggiero and seconded by Antoinette Balzano. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Chair's Report - Robert J. Collegio, P.E - Welcomed everyone in attendance. A moment of silence for the passing of the board's longest-serving member on the board, Ann Finnerty. Ann was very effective. Thanked the DM for all her work and dedication. Thanked the board members for their understanding and getting us to the point of meeting virtually. Looking ahead the June meeting will be the same format. Thanked Zafer Durmaz for keeping our website up to date. We will rely on our website for information.

Guest Speaker - Assembly Member Nicole Malliotakis - Assembly Member Malliotakis spoke about the COVID pandemic. Ms. Malliotakis said that if any organizations need PPE's, or if anyone needs unemployment assistance, of getting food, please call her office. Ms. Malliotakis said she has met with the dental society and the medical society to discuss elected surgeries. Her office will continue to help everyone get by during this time.

Leticia Remauro spoke about siting of a homeless shelter at 44 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island, New York. Ms. Remauro said this site, which has been found to contain ". . . several Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs), metals, PCBs, and pesticides above cleanup guidelines. . . [and where] soil samples detected levels of petroleum-related VOCs above the monitoring/mitigation level ranges established by the New York State Department of Health" is inappropriate for families to live atop. In fact, the multiple layers of cement, compost, asphalt, and vapor barriers required to be placed on top of the contaminated soil and the prohibition against planting fruits and vegetables or using the sites soil or water are indicative of the dangers that will remain at the property long after the "remediation" is completed. Families should not have to worry that the property they live on is filled with toxic materials. Nor should parents have to worry that the common childhood behavior of playing in the dirt could negatively impact their children's health. Ms. Remauro asked that the board to support CB1's opposition to the siting of a shelter at 44 Victory Boulevard and that a more appropriate use be identified for the location.

Traffic/Transportation/Public Service - Jerry Ruggiero discussed Tri Lounge and Café's application to the NYS SLA for a wine and beer license at on-premises at 1938 Clove Road. Jerry explained that there is only recorded music and no live music. The establishment is a restaurant that only serves wine and beer. Voice vote was taken. There were no objection to the application.

Donald DeRosa representing Comptroller Scott Stringer's office gave an update on some of the work their office has been doing this past couple of months – food insecurity, analyzing data on frontline workers. resources for small business. They launched a formal investigation into the city's response and preparedness to the pandemic.

Jermaine Williams of HRA created a waiver for cash assistance online to help reduce the foot traffic in the offices. They have been talking about EBT food cards. For more information visit www.connectebt.com

Marci Bishop of District Attorney Michael McMahon's office said their office has an anti-bullying art and writing contest for students across Staten Island. The DA created RCDA Q&A – that is a way the community can ask questions and concerns. Every Friday, the DA's office hosts weekly videos on domestic violence, scams, and public safety. The DA wrote an op-ed on May 19 about releasing prisoner on Rikers Island. DA McMahon is working diligently to keep Staten Islanders safe.

Frank Fontana from NYC DOB – The Governor's orders are still in place – essential vs non-essential construction. Essential construction sites have to apply for a certificate of authorization. Emergency jobs fall in that category as well. Social distancing is enforced on job sites. Paperwork is going through DOB Now.

Nominations for Election of Officers - Theresa Troiano
Chair

Robert Collegio has submitted his name for Chair.

Are there any nominations from the floor for the Chair position?

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There being none, the position for Chair is now closed.

First Vice-Chair

Ed Salek has submitted his name for the First Vice-Chair position.

Are there any nominations from the floor for the First Vice-Chair position?

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There being none, the position for First Vice-Chair is now closed.

Second Vice-Chair

Antoinette Balzano has submitted her name for the Second Vice-Chair position.

Are there any nominations from the floor for the Second Vice-Chair position?

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There being none, the position for Second Vice-Chair is now closed.

Third Vice-Chair

Fred Guinta has submitted his name for the Third Vice-Chair position.

Are there any nominations from the floor for the Third Vice-Chair position?

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There being none, the position for Third Vice-Chair is now closed.

Treasurer

Roy J. Garlisi has submitted his name for the Treasurer position.

Are there any nominations from the floor for the Treasurer position?

Are there any nominations for Treasurer?

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There being none, the position for Treasurer is now closed.

Mr. Chair, I turn it over to you.

Robert announced the Secretary position

Theresa Troiano has submitted his name for the Secretary position.

Are there any nominations from the floor for the Secretary position?

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There being none, the position for Secretary is now closed.

Thank you very much everyone.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Troiano