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Full Board Meeting
Thursday, March 28, 2019
Calvary Hospital – 1740 Eastchester Road

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence for fallen first responders and military service personnel was observed
3. Gallery Session
 - i. Mona Aly from STEM DUP Academy charter school spoke about charter schools.
 - ii. Jula Camagong from NYS Nurses Association, spoke about labor issues.
 - Dominick Schiano made a motion (seconded by Al D'Angelo) to support the labor position of the NYS Nurses Association up to but NOT including a strike. **PASSED** with 1 against (Andrea Siegel) and 2 abstentions (Pat Charles and Sandi Unger).
 - iii. Kyle Thomas from JUMP bikes spoke about a new bicycle rental program.
 - Councilman Mark Gjonaj said that JUMP bikes will not be stored in racks like CITI Bikes and, as a result, may become an obstruction.
 - iv. Gene DeFrancis from Allerton Ave Merchants Association said that the merchants association is not anti-development and not anti-BID; they are smart-development and smart-BID.
4. Elected Officials
 - i. Councilman Mark Gjonaj spoke about NYC budget issues and answered questions from board members
 - ii. Thomas Lucancia from the Bronx Borough President's Office spoke about the extended use hardship waiver program to conduct an event in a public school, board member re-appointments, a sexual assault awareness program on 4/23 in the Bronx County Courthouse, Greek Heritage Month celebrations will be held on 4/4 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Peter the Apostle Greek Church on Kingsbridge Road, Camp Junior information is on the Borough President's website
 - iii. Farrah Rubin from Councilman Gjonaj's office spoke about bill 1010-A that will add additional penalties for commercial vehicles parked on residential streets; a petition was distributed in opposition to the Morris

Park road diet; flyers were available about the Councilman's mobile office hours.

- Edith Blitzer spoke about an empty building on Barnes Ave and Lydig Ave.
- iv. Joe McManus from Councilman Torres' office spoke about free tax preparation services, participatory budgeting, the Labor Caucus at Harlem Hospital and funds allocated for bird walks at Pelham Bay Park every Sunday morning.
- Dominick Schiano asked about the NYC budget and trees near Bronx Park East
- v. Adam Bermudez from Councilman King's office spoke about lead paint bills
- Dominick Schiano asked about the NYC budget
- vi. Naureen Akhter from Congressperson Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez's office spoke about the 2020 Census, the Metro-North planning process, USPS delivery issues, the Green New Deal Town Hall to take place at AECOM and coordinated Town Hall schedule for late April.
- Anthony Vitaliano spoke about USPS issues
 - Dominick Schiano spoke about the 9/11 Victim's Fund
 - David Leavitt asked if/when the Congressperson will be visiting the Community Board
 - Jeremy Warneke asked how the Congressperson's office would like to receive the board's position on Columbus Day and the 9/11 Victim's Fund.
- vii. Christian Amato from Senator Biaggi's office spoke about Senate Bill S-4331 that relates to speed zones near NYC schools, Town Halls that will be upcoming, honoring Edith Blitzer for her work in the community, the Metro-North planning process as it relates to parking and that Senator's office is still looking for office space in the East Bronx
- Rabbi Fuchs asked about a Metro-North shuttle for our Community Board like they have in Riverdale.
- viii. Miquel Rondon from Senator Gustavo Rivera's office spoke about the state budget, the Senate Health Committee (of which the Senator is the chair) and their work on the maternal mortality review board, overdose prevention trainings and how they can be done in CB11, a Town Hall in April (the date/time TBD), tenant specialists, notary services and family law consultations are available at the Senator's office (call to make an appointment first).
- ix. Ranel Ogilvie from Senator Jamaal Bailey's office spoke about the Easter Egg hunt scheduled for 4/20 at Williamsbridge Park and Recreation Center, Earth Day celebration at Seton Fall Park from 9AM – 1PM on 4/20 and autism walk on Haven Park on 4/28 from 11AM – 2PM.

- x. Otis Guerrero from Assembly member Fernandez’s office spoke about the budget process, the event held to honor Edith Blitzer and a post-budget Town Hall in Norwood, new office dedication
- 5. Chairman’s Report
 - a. Motion to APPROVE the February 2019 Full Board Meeting Minutes, as distributed. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
 - b. Proposed new hire: Marilyn Ceilema
- 6. Treasurer’s Report
- 7. District Manager’s Report (see or request a copy of the DM’s written report for more details on each issue below)
 - a. USPS meeting
 - b. Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez visit request
 - c. 2735 Yates Avenue rodent complaint
 - d. Conflicts of Interest Board Yankee Game ruling
 - e. FEDCAP
 - f. June 11 Pelham Parkway Reconstruction Town Hall at New York Institute for Special Education, 999 Pelham Parkway North: 7 p.m.
 - g. Pelham Parkway South guardrail and Stillwell Avenue path
 - h. DSNY survey for littering from motor vehicles
 - i. September 11th Victim Compensation Fund and Columbus Day motions
 - j. Daylighting request for Pelham Parkway North and Hering Avenue
- 8. Committee Reports
 - a. Economic Development
 - Motion by Dominick Schiano (seconded by Al D’Angelo) to send an e-mail of **NO OBJECTION** for the following establishments. **PASSED** with 1 abstention.
 - a. Annual renewal LWB (liquor, wine & beer) license application for Atrium Hotel LLC and Residence Inn NY The Bronx, 1776 Eastchester Rd
 - b. annual renewal LWB license application for Rainbow Restaurant, 2195 White Plains Rd
 - Thomas Lucania spoke about the abstention voting policy.
 - Bernadette Ferrara asked about pending applications for 500 Morris Park Ave
 - b. Transportation
 - Motion to RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the following street activity permit application (**PASSED** with 1 absetntion (Joe Menta):

Tiemann Avenue 2200 Block Party	Block Party	07/27/2019 2:00PM	07/27/2019 9:00PM	02/20/2019	TIEMANN AVENUE b/w ASTOR AVENUE and PELHAM PARKWAY NORTH
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- c. Leadership
 - Change in time for April meeting – the committee will meet at 7:30 p.m.
- d. Education, Culture & Youth Services

- Diane Norris spoke about an Islamic (Arabic) Charter School that is in planning stages now. **MOTION** (no second required because motion was voted unanimously out of committee) for a letter of support for this proposed charter school. **NOT PASSED** with 8 for the motion, 9 against and 10 abstentions (contact office for individual votes).
 - Al D'Angelo made a motion to have the Islamic Charter School principal come before Community Board 11 to discuss their plan. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
 - The committee will have a guest speaker for April from the New York City Department of Education
- e. Community Development & Budget Priorities
- Requests must be writing with backup documentation.
- f. Health & Social Services
- A spokesperson from the Montefiore spoke to the Committee about the ER staffing situation
 - The committee will host a guest speaker for April from New York City Department of Homeless Services
- g. Housing
- No meeting in March; next meeting on 4/16 at 7:00 p.m.
- h. Land Use
- Minutes from the committee's last meeting were distributed.
 - Thomas Lucania reported that HPD withdrew funding for Blondell Commons but that it may be re-submitted.
- i. Parks & Recreation
- The next committee meeting will be held on April 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- j. Public Safety
- Meeting minutes from the last committee meeting were distributed.
- k. Sanitation & Environmental Protection
- i. The committee will host a guest speaker for April from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and the Community Construction Liaison for the Westchester Creek CSO Project.
- l. By-Laws
- No report.
9. Old Business
10. New Business
- Lisa Soto asked about a \$1,400 expense for Pasta Pasta (this was for John Fratta's retirement party).
 - Bernadette Ferrara spoke about third-party homeless shelters.
 - Bernadette Ferrara said that the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance will have their dinner-dance on May 10.
 - Ken Gelnick spoke about as-of-right buildings.

- Al D'Angelo said that the Morris Park Community Association dinner-dance is on April 6.
- Veronica Castro said that free canes are available on the way out of the meeting

11. The Community Board went into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.
12. The Community Board came out of Executive Session and, since it had lost its quorum, was unable to take any further actions.
13. The meeting was adjourned.