

SPECIAL FULL BOARD
AGENDA
January 19, 2023
6:00 PM
Ms. Arline Parks – Chairperson

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Hiring of a District Manager**
 - Chairperson candidate introduction
 - Candidate Remarks
 - Boardmember Q&A
 - Roll call vote
- 3. Adjournment**

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Ms. Arline Parks, Chairperson asked for the roll to be called.

The roll was called and there was a quorum.

Ms. Arline Parks, Chairperson said we're moving forward, thank you all for coming tonight on such short notice and working with us and cooperating with us through this very trying time. So, I'm going start by basically telling you a little bit about the process and everything we went through to get to tonight.

We, typically worked with the Borough President's Office to get direction and guidance on what the process might look like and then we developed a questionnaire so that we would have a uniform way of scoring the candidates and asking questions that were lawful that had some structure and complied with the EEOC Office. They gave us clearance that the structural process by which we were interviewing the candidates, just got clearance on that last week from the EEOC Commission that it was a good structure process and so we're in compliance with the City Agencies.

Having said that when we started the process we basically advertised on various websites and then the Borough President's Office said that this is a City Employee Position and that we had to basically go through the City's formal website to basically advertise and do recruitment for that position and we did. Out of the entire process in total we had one hundred resumes that were submitted and what I did was submit all the candidates to the Executive Committee who is our Nominating Committee for the Board to do the work. Out of the first batch that we got we narrowed it down to three candidates and all three of those candidates had experience as District Manager's in some way, even had a candidate that was a past District Manager but because of prior issues in the previous Administration we said let us continue to advertise and search for some other candidates before we make any decision. Then got a second round this last round like I reported out in December, the goal was to interview the second round narrow them down to three and then come back in January after the holidays so that we could make a recommendation to the Board for consideration. So that we could at tonight's meeting

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basically vote up or down the recommended candidate to be the District Manager for the district. Then the goal was to basically start that individual in February because the urgency here is we have remaining budget dollars a surplus of funds if you remember the last presentation and if we don't use those funds by the end of June we lose them. So, we need those funds to upgrade the office in terms of technology and maybe other things that may be needed there including the extra monies to basically for bonuses that we approved and may need to amend. But the dollars are on the table and time is running out so, we need a decision here because we don't want to leave the money on the table then lose it. So, then we did that, and I want to thank everybody here who came to the meeting tonight. You know we've had periodically over the years that I have been here special meetings that we've had to call, and I don't recall any Boardmember you know complaining that they couldn't come, if they could come they came but not what we're seeing here so I thank you all for doing that. So, tonight is an honor for me to basically tell you a little bit about the candidate that we're nominating for your consideration to be the next District Manager for Bronx Community Board One.

The individual that we're nominating has 20 years of experience in government, non-profit and private sector leadership. Born and raised here in the Bronx and he has a passion for community engagement and services, strategic planning and visioning and his entire professional career has been dedicated to serving Bronx residents particularly in this district.

He currently serves as the Assistant Vice-President for Community and Economic Development at the South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation otherwise known as SoBro. At that organization he oversees SoBro's commercial and industrial district revitalization efforts, in addition to supporting cross sector partnerships and engagement strategies, small businesses support, data analysis, capacity building of non-profit community-based organizations, comprehensive community development, urban planning and supporting the development of SoBro's programmatic initiatives embedded in racial equity across targeted communities throughout the City of New York. He's been there and currently employed there for two years.

Prior to joining the leadership team at SoBro, Mr. Jordan served as a Senior Advisor, and then District Chief of Staff/District Director for US House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Congressman Jose E. Serrano. He was responsible for overseeing the administrative and operations functions for the office. He also managed and worked with a dedicated outreach team to develop and implement the Congressional District's Federal Policy, outreach and Legislative strategy. In addition to ensuring the delivery of federal resources and services for over 750 constituents daily.

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Mr. Jordan has served as the President and CEO of Saint Benedict the Moor Neighborhood Center, Inc., he served there for six years in that capacity and while he was at Congressman Serrano's Office he was there for ten years.

Mr. Jordan currently serves as a Trustee at the New York Montessori Charter School in the Bronx and is a member of Lincoln Hospital's CAB. He has received several awards for his work in fighting for LGBTQ+ rights and services. He is the recipient of various awards that recognize his work ethic from the US Congress, NYS Assembly, NYS Senate, NYC Council along with a host of other organizations and religious institutions.

Mr. Jordan brings his passion, and his desire to create positive change in communities throughout the Bronx and holds a bachelor's degree in Human Services from the Metropolitan College.

Community Board One please join me in applauding Mr. Jordan and presenting Anthony Jordan as the nominee for consideration for District Manager for Community Board One. Mr. Jordan you have the forum.

Mr. Anthony R. Jordan said thank you Madam Chair for you and the Committee trusting me to be a candidate moving forward. I thank you so much all of you the Committee and the members here tonight. It's like coming home for me all of you whom I have come in contact within work and Community Board One in the South Bronx in one way or another in non-profit in government and in doing my work here and around the community it's been immensely an honor to serve in that capacity.

Born one of 13 kids in the Mott Haven section of the South Bronx educated in the Public-School systems and had the opportunity to live my mom's dream to ensure that her children left the world a better place than whence they found it. I know where I came from, what I want to do in life and that I'm born and raised to serve this community and the honor to have the opportunity to serve this Community Board.

This is a coming home for me each one of you have mentored me in one way or another whether you pass me in the street, whether you silently prayed for me or whether we worked together in doing the best to help make this a better district whether it's public housing, whether its economic development, there's work about public safety, passionately talking about personal family issues but to leave this community in a better place than, when I found it.

So, I thank you for the opportunity and for tonight to put me in the hot seat and I will be happy

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within responsible means to answer the questions that have been approved before me. Madam Chair I will be happy to answer any questions that anyone may have.

Ms. Arline Parks, Chairperson said does anyone have any questions.

Boardmembers asked Mr. Jordan questions as approved from the District Manager Position Recruitment Questionnaire (Attached).

Ms. Arline Parks, Chairperson are there any more questions?

Mr. Anthony R. Jordan said I want to thank you for this opportunity and the privilege and if given the honor to serve I will continue to work with you guys jointly as a Board together, but we are all one we all live, work and provide for this community and I hope to have the opportunity to serve you to help bring us closer together. I thank the Executive Committee and Madam Chair for the honor to chat with you today ladies and gentlemen.

Ms. Arline Parks, Chairperson said I am now going to ask for Community Board One to consider Mr. Jordan for the position of District Manager and we're going to do a roll call vote.

Motion made to vote Mr. Anthony R. Jordan in as the District Manager for Bronx Community Board One. Motion duly seconded. **A roll call vote** was held, and the motion carried unanimously with a quorum.

Ms. Arline Parks, Chairperson said Mr. District Manager congratulations.

Ms. Arline Parks, Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made to adjourn. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED

