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Regular Monthly Meeting of the Full Board Minutes
February 20, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Full Board was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. at the Joan & Aslan Bernikow Room at the JCC of Staten Island, New York 10314

Board Members Present: Shawn Abraham, Olu A. Ajayi, Valerie Aliffi-Maroney, Rosanne Clift, Dr. Donna Cognata, Simone DiTrapani, Roy J. Garlisi, Fred R. Guinta, Gurdev S. Kang, Michael Lanza, Dr. Alan B. Perel, Florida Qello, Leutrim Qoku, Gerard J. Ruggiero, Steven J. Zboinski.

Board Members Absent: Igor Baboshkin, Raymond Burt, Benjamin D'Amato, Julie Freeman, Sal Genovese, Jordan Hafizi, Dr. Mohammad Khalid, Diane L. McNamara, Mendy Mirocznik, Dr. Raju Ramanathan, Dr. Donna Seminara, Joseph Torres, Stephen W. Zaderiko.

Staff Present: Debra A. Derrico, District Manager.

Representatives of Elected Officials Present:

Jeanne Collini for Senator Andrew Lanza

Viamo for Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton

Nick Robbins for State Assembly Member Sam Pirozzolo

Ian Yanda for State Assembly Member Michael Tannousis

Loren Centineo and Justin Fossella for City Council Member David Carr

Marie Carmody-LaFrancesca for Staten Island Borough President Vito Fossella

Francesca Gallelli for District Attorney Michael E. McMahon

Jermaine Williams, Ambassador for Staten Island NYPD

Guests: Tadevos Haroyeen, Julia Hornibova, E. Granatelli, Agnes VanDina, Michael Anderson, Ms. Parada, A. Cipriano, Ralph Porretti, Mike Matteo, Joseph & Ro McAllister.

Chair Fred R. Guinta called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. with the pledge to the United States of America 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 January 16, 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.

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Officers' Reports:

Chair: Fred R. Chair – Committee meeting attendance is important.

Gerard J. Ruggiero: First Vice Chair - No report.

Rosanne Clift: Second Vice Chair - No report.. A

Ben D'Amato: Third Vice Chair – No report.

Shawn Abraham: Secretary – No report.

Treasurer: Roy J. Garlisi - The January Treasurer's report is accurate and complete. A copy filed in the board office.

Presentation: Steve Gonzalez of the New York City School Construction Authority gave a PowerPoint presentation on their Master Plan for St. John Villa Academy.

Public Speaker Session:

Michael Anderson of the Small Business Resource Network at the SI Chamber of Commerce helps , to find ways to help small businesses whether they need marketing help technology help they want to get certified as a minority or woman business we can help them if they want to know what loans and grants are out there we can help them.

Nick Robbins, Chief of Staff for Assembly Member Sam Pirozzolo reported that the assembly member has been speaking with a ton of veterans and those who are involved in the veteran community. Assembly Member Pirozzolo realized that there is a need for the retirement of American Flags so on Saturday, February 24th there will be a flag retirement ceremony at 11 am at 1465 Manor Road

Vito Viomo for Senator Scacella-Spanton's office reported on grant funds through the Veterans' Nonprofit Capital Program. Nonprofits use capital campaigns to raise money for large capital projects (construction of a new facility renovation of existing facilities, purchase of equipment, furnishings, etc.).

Francesca Gallelli for District Attorney Michael McMahon reported on the status of public safety and crime right now on Staten Island,

Jermaine Williams, Ambassador for SI NYPD reported that the NYPD and the NYC Department of Sanitation moved eight vehicles off of city property by LA Fitness in the Travis neighborhood. DSNY swept the area and removed lot of debris on city-owned property.

Jennifer Miller for NYC Department of Parks and Recreation gave an update on upcoming special events within our parks

Rosemary Alegrio for SI NYC Department of Transportation introduced herself and said she will be available after the meeting should anyone have any questions or concerns for DOT.

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Public Speaker Session:

Carol Donovan for Richmondtown & Clarke Avenue Civic Association spoke about the issue with the city planning proposal regarding what they're calling gaming in Staten Island in the commercial and manufacturing districts. I just want to reiterate from the public this is Richmondtown Clark Avenue it just seems so inappropriate to allow that in commercial areas for example where they're adjoining Residential Properties - you don't know what kind of element you're going to attract with that and it's misleading that they're calling it gaming when they're talking about the potential for gambling casinos that's not like most people might think oh gaming is referring to something like children's arcades for video games but that's not what it's trying to achieve - it's allowing even casinos in the area and that's very inappropriate even in areas adjacent to us a commercial. I understand it would be under affected by that proposal would be the entire area of on Hylan Boulevard between Tyson's Lane and New Dorp Lane, a commercial area where there are many stores and services that people in the community need and it should not be bought up by a developer who wants to put in a casino.

Agnes Venina of Oakwood Civic Association spoke in regards to the marijuana retail shops that are going to be voted upon. Oakwood Civic Association is dedicated to assuring our quality of life issues are addressed by our elected representatives and government agencies in a manner that promotes the health and safety of our members and their families in this climate of nonmedical adult use cannabis. We have serious concerns. The American Academy of Pediatrics and the American love Association study adds to a body of literature highlighting the increasing frequency and potential for acute toxicity of pediatric cannabis ingestions associated with the widespread legislation throughout the country. The examples given in this data includes children who ingested edible cannabis and as a result these children had central nervous system depression, coma, seizures, respiratory problems and some children required to be put on a respirator. The incident of pediatric cannabis poisoning had increased since some states have legalized non-medical cannabis. We believe that our community boards have a responsibility to conduct reasonable responsible, diligent, comprehensive review of the widely publicized medical and scientific data. The decisions you make to approve these non-medical cannabis stores.

Joe McAllister, president of the South Beach Civic Association reported that the association is opposes all article paragraphs of the city of yes proposal. We have formed a civics united group with other civic associations to review issues.

Standing Committee Reports

Land Use: Michael Lanza

City Planning Application Number: N 240179 ZRY- Gaming Facility Text Amendment

The City proposed a citywide zoning text amendment to allow gaming facilities as a permitted use in certain commercial districts (Section 32-10) and manufacturing districts (Section 42-10) in Zoning Resolution. This modification would allow a gaming facility licensed by the State and developed through a new State-defined sitting process to be developed without regard to any potential conflict with the Zoning Resolution.

2/6/2024 Land Use Committee Vote: 0-In Favor; 11-Opposed; 0-Abstained; 0-Not Entitled

2/20/20244 – A vote was not taken because a quorum was not present.

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Standing Committee Reports continued:

Land Use – Michael Lanza

City Planning Application Number: N 230175 ZAR and N 230176 ZAR

283 Ocean Terrace, Block 688, Lot 10

Project Brief: Application under Zoning Resolution Sections 105-421 to authorize modification of topographical features on a Tier 1 site and 105-425 for modification of botanic environment and tree preservation requirements and planting to facilitate vertical enlargement of existing residential home and installation of a new patio and swimming pool within the Special Natural Area district.

2/6/2024 Land Use Committee Vote: 11-In Favor; 0-Opposed; 0-Abstained; 0-Not Entitled

2/20/2024 –A vote was not taken because a quorum was not present.

Public Service – Michael Lanza

Notification for Liquor License

- 128 Sand Lane, SINY 10305

Board Members' Vote – 14-In Favor; 0-Opposed; 0-Abstentions; 0-Not Entitled

Notification for Adult-Use Retail Dispensaries

- 1938 Clove Road, SINY 10304

Board Members' Vote – 1-In Favor; 14-Opposed; 0-Abstentions; 0-Not Entitled

- 331 Sand Lane, SINY 10305

Board Members' Vote – 1-In Favor; 14-Opposed; 0-Abstentions; 0-Not Entitled

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred R. Guinta