



Morris Park Business Improvement District 4th Annual Membership Meeting, 2021-2022

Monday, November 15, 2022, 11:00AM – 12:00 PM

hybrid meeting (zoom and in person at 980 Morris Park Avenue/Patsy's Pizza)

MINUTES

Attending:

In person: William Pedone (Chair), Ben Celaj (Vice Chair), Miguel Garcia, Frank Pestone, Yolanda Schillaci, Bernadette Ferrara; Camelia Tepelus (Executive Director); Iman Almarwani (Program Manager); Mary Papa (community resident); Maria Iacchetti (member).

On zoom: Peter Spoto (Secretary), Frank Pestone/Craig Pestone; Perian Carson (SBS), CM Marjorie Velazquez, Jackie Olcese (CM Marjorie Velazquez' office), Mayhew Greer (NYC Comptroller's Office), Tom Lucania (Bronx BP's office), Michael Kaess (community resident), other unspecified community residents.

1. Welcoming Remarks and Adoption of 2021 Meeting Minutes - Board Chair, William Pedone

The Board Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all participants and thanking all for supporting the work of the MPBID throughout the year, and for advocating for the needs of the commercial corridor. The Chair referred to the Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2021 distributed with the package provided, and asked for voting by participants – Minutes approved (2 abstentions NYC Comptroller's Office; NYC CD13).

2. State of the District & MPBID FY21 Annual Report - Executive Director, Camelia Tepelus

The Executive Director made a presentation of the overall status of the commercial corridor, by reviewing the major programs of the BID in FY21, including the start of the horticulture and beautification program, a new Avenue NYC grant, and conducting a community outreach program addressing food vulnerability in Morris Park. An overview of the FY 21 financial statements was provided. Participants were directed to the FY21 Annual Report that was distributed and posted on the website for further details and information.

3. Voting

3.1 Voting for Board slate 2022-2024 (4 seats: 3 seats class A; 1 seat class C)

The Board slate prepared by the Board was presented to the membership for voting in 2 classes A (property owner) and B (commercial tenant); only Class A members are eligible to vote for Class A positions, and only Class B members are eligible to vote for Class B members.

Voting for Class A Board slate proposed: **William Pedone, Ben Celaj, Mario Zallo**. SLATE APPROVED (0 abstentions, 0 against)

Voting for Class C Board slate proposed: **Yolanda Elaine Schillaci** SLATE APPROVED (0 abstentions, 0 against)

4. Guest Speaker

NYC Council Member Marjorie Velazquez – provided an overview of the NYC Council legislative work on small business development and recovery from COVID.

5. Thanks, acknowledgements and concluding remarks

Miguel Garcia, Board Director - thanked all participants for taking the time to attend, and support the work of the Morris Park BID. Meeting closed at 11: 49pm.

Meeting of the elected 2022-2024 Board members – for the designation of officers

Election of 4 Board Executive Officers 2022-2023: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary

The Executive Director invited Board members to express interest in officer positions on the Board: motion made and seconded for the slate of MPBID Board officers to be renewed for 2022-2023 as:

William Pedone - Board Chair 2022-2023.

Ben Celaj - Board Vice-Chair 2022-2023.

Peter Spoto - Board Secretary 2022 – 2023.

Safet Paljevic – Board Treasurer 2022- 2023.

Board meeting closed at 11: 57pm.