

**Board Meeting of the Trustees
Fort Lee Improvement District Corporation
DBA: Business District Alliance (BDA) of Fort Lee
December 20, 2023**

Call to order: 5:10pm

Present: Michael Beyer, Ken Bruno, Councilman Joseph Cervieri (Zoom), Anthony Clores (Zoom), Denis Glennon, Kiky Kim, Kathy Lee, James Liu, Frank Patti, Ken Sagrestano (Zoom), Councilman Harvey Sohmer, Mayor Mark Sokolich, Romina Starace, Ashley Yook

Absent:

Also Present: Natalie Chape', Denise Sokolich, Chief Eddie Young

Minutes: MOTION to approve October Minutes: K. Bruno Second by: J. Liu

Treasurer's Report

MOTION to approve October and November Treasurers Report: K. Bruno Second by: D. Glennon

Presidents Report: R. Starace – Jim Capone: The board discussed the reimbursement for to the Borough for Jim Capone (approx.\$70k per year). The was concerns that he himself has not been in for several months and the BDA is still paying the same amount. It was stated that no matter who did it, the job got done by other members of the DPW in Jim's absence. Important to note: In the last 2 years, the BDA has since hired a garbage company to pick up garbage weekly, as well as a landscaper for 46 area and a weeding company, all of which were Jim's responsibility in the beginning. This is to be further discussed with new president in 2024.

Library Lunar New Year Sponsorship: Repeat sponsorship- Platinum \$1k

**MOTION to approve: R. Starace, Second by: J. Liu
J. Cervieri, Abstain**

Nominations Committee Update:

The following members are being recommended for a 3 year term beginning in 2024

Romina Starace – APPROVED Term Expires 2027

Kenneth Bruno – APPROVED Term Expires 2027

In addition, Anthony Clores will not be renewing his term and is officially off the board effective January 1, 2024.

Frank Patti is stepping down as Vice President and will serve as a Board Member (note: term expires 12/31/2024)

Nominating Committee is recommending the following Board Executives (positions expire 12/31/2024):

Kenneth Bruno- President - APPROVED
Denis Glennon- Vice President - APPROVED
James Liu – Secretary APPROVED
Michael Beyer – Treasurer APPROVED

Romina Starace- Visual Committee Chair – APPROVED

Committee would also like to put forth the following two individuals for consideration:

Doug Feltman- Business Owner (Helping Hands) -DENIED
Michael Park – Business Owner (Dancing Petals) – APPROVED – 1 year term (exp. 12/31/2024)

Meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm.

Committee Reports

Visual Capital Improvements: **A. Clores-** Nothing to note at this time other than the trees should be pruned before the spring.

Marketing: **D. Glennon-** Santa Saturday was held at Monument Park and it was an incredible success. The weather was in the 60's and thousands of people were in attendance. We are also running our annual holiday gift card promotion which goes through 12/24/23.

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjourn: MOTION: to adjourn at 6:17pm J. Liu Second by: K. Lee Approved
Next Meeting January 17, 2023