

**FLANDERS, RIVERSIDE, NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

General Membership Meeting

7:00pm, David Crohan Community Center, 655 Flanders Road, Flanders

Minutes of the meeting of

**March 12, 2018**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. Roll Call**

Present:

Vince Taldone, President

Sandy Adams, Secretary

Paola Zuniga-Tellez, General Board Member

Absent:

Steven Schreier, Vice President

Doris Dacus, Treasurer

4. **February Minutes.** Formally approved and adopted and will be sent the FRNCA webmaster.

5. **Treasurer's Report.** Formally approved and adopted.

**6. Presentations/Discussions/Information**

- Decision made to **expand current size** of FRNCA Board of Directors from five (5) members to seven (7) members
- Guest Speaker, **Lizette A. Acevedo**, part of Suffolk County Cancer Services Program and PBMC staff member presented valuable information regarding breast and prostate cancers.
- Guest Speaker, **Kyle Braunskill** presented information about **Safe Harbor**, a program that assists prisoners to be prepared for release from jail/prison and continued guidance after release with job seeking, etc. He has now organized with a new program, **A New Day**, that focuses on mentoring youth in our communities to get away from things, such as drug dealing, to prevent a life of incarceration. This organization also focuses on helping children of incarcerated parents. A motion by President, Vice Taldone, to donate **\$600 to A New Day** to hire a person to develop a website was approved. It was also approved

to ask our grant writer, **Chris Kempner**, to look into possible grants available to assist this new organization. Kyle Braunskill talk also inspired some members present to share their (emotional) experiences with troubled youth and incarceration.

- **Riverside Rediscovered Update: Congratulations to Sean McLean, now CEO of Renaissance Downtowns. Well deserved, Sean!** Sean spoke of several new, as well as on-going projects happening in Riverside. Sewer treatment plant(s) at L40, Green Bonds, work force housing, affordable housing, possible assisted living facility plans...several plans to be submitted to the town this summer for approval. Riverside qualifies for tax revisions under Opportunity Zone. Councilman John Bouvier talked about the town working on passing a code to encompass many of these plans.
- **Paola** briefed us on progress of Sepa Mujer assisting service industry workers whose tip are being stolen.
- **Ron Fisher** spoke of membership, both new memberships and renewals is doing great. Also talked about 3<sup>rd</sup> Party billing by ambulance corp, closing of Mercy-Bishop McCann HS and that the closest Catholic HS is located in East Islip.

### **Next month's meeting April 9: ELECTION NIGHT**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Sandy Adams  
Secretary