

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #16 – SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

Attendance

Tiffany Adams (A)

Leotta Baird

Cynthia Bannister

Eramas Beras-Monticciolo (A)

Dr. Kevin Bond

Margaret Brewer

Dr. Cleopatra Brown

Adrainer Coleman

Lesley Cummins

Linda Dorceus

Byron Davis

Melvin Faulkner (A)

Ora Goodwin

Dionne Grayman

Chanel Haliburton

Balinda Harris

Tiarra Haynes (A)

Zalika Headley

Michael Howard

Kalima Johnson

Leticia Knowles

Dr. Bettie Kollock-Wallace (E)

Albion Liburd (E)

Deborah Mack (A)

Edith Margarito (E)

Andrew McCoy (A)

William McKethan (A)

Melanie Mendonça

Shemene Minter

Genese Morgan

Luz Ortiz (A)

Shelevya Pearson (A)

Marie Pierre

JoAnn Sexton

Khadijah Smith (A)

Dr. Sonia Smith

Niani Taylor

Sydone Thompson

Brenda Thompson-Duchene

Christopher Toomer (A)

Rev. Miran Ukaegbu

Pkade Viho

Deborah Williams

Pat Winston

Jimmi Brevil, Community Assistant

Viola Greene-Walker, District Manager

Hon. Darlene Mealy

Orlando Ross for Hon. Yvette Clarke

Frieda Menos for Hon. Hakeem Jeffries

D. Robinson for Hon. Monique Chandler-Waterman

Andre Robinson for Hon. Nikki Lucas

Rev. Eddie Karim for Hon. Latrice Walker

Tony Hebert for Hon. Eric Adams

Malcolm McDaniel for Hon. Eric Adams

David Burgoa for Hon. Antonio Reynoso

Ana Fischer for Hon. Charles Barron

William Jourdain for Hon. Sandy Nurse

PUBLIC MEETING HELD VIA WEBEX

Chairperson Genese Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and an invocation was delivered by Ms. Cynthia Bannister.

Chairperson Morgan opened the public hearing IN THE MATTER OF changing street cleaning regulations from 4-days to 2-days per week. A resolution to change the street cleaning regulations was read.

The floor was opened for comments.

Ms. Tierra Mack, community resident, asked if there were any civic associations or residential groups that are banding together to work on some of our sanitation issues? It is one of the things pointed out in our community district needs assessment. It is sanitation and ongoing sanitation issues. If we are going to reducing street cleaning, how are we going to resolve this as a community?

Chairperson Morgan stated that a public hearing was held previously in which this was discussed. A majority of the Board members were in support of changing the street cleaning regulations from 4-days to 2-days per week. There are guidelines that the community must meet to have the resolution implemented by the city.

Ms. JoAnn Sexton stated that cars are not moving, Sanitation does not sweep the streets, and Traffic Enforcement does not come to issue tickets to cars.

Chairperson Morgan stated that if the streets are not being swept, they should be reported to the District Manager.

Captain Hamilton stated that they recently had an operation with the Sheriff's office that removed 51 vehicles from the streets.

A motion was made by Linda Dorceus, seconded by Margaret Brewer, and carried to close the public hearing.

There was a roll call of Board members and a quorum was present.

District Manager Greene-Walker read the District Manager's Report (A copy is on file in the Community Board Office).

Captain Hamilton reported that the community complained about speeding vehicles along Howard Avenue. A request has been made for speed humps.

The community also complained about parking along the triangular area of Tapscott Street and Blake Avenue. They have requested an assessment from the Department of Transportation for measures to resolve the complaint.

Several pedestrians have been hit by vehicles. They ask that pedestrians use crosswalks and wear bright colored clothing at night.

They increased enforcement along the bike lane on Powell Street between Livonia and Sutter Avenues where vehicles were parking.

Robberies are up 58.3%. Most are occurring in the shelters and stores. Most of the properties being taken are cellphones.

Chairperson Morgan read a resolution to conduct hybrid Community Board meetings.

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Dorceus, seconded by Ms. Adrainer Coleman, and carried to approve the minutes of June 28, 2022.

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Dorceus, seconded by Dr. Cleopatra Brown, and carried to accept the District Manager's Report.

A roll call vote was taken on the resolution in support of changing the street cleaning regulations from 4-days to 2-days per week. It passed with 24-in favor, 0-against, and 0-abstentions.

A roll call vote was taken on the resolution for hybrid Community Board meetings. It passed with 24-in favor, 0-against, and 0-abstentions.

Councilmember Mealy administered the Oath of Office to new Board members, followed by the Oath of Office to the Executive Officers of Community Board 16.

Ms. Deborah Williams read the City Services Planning Work Group report (A copy of the report is on file in the Community Board Office).

A motion was made by Ms. Marie Pierre, seconded by Ms. Linda Dorceus, and carried to accept the City Services Planning Work Group report.

Ms. Melanie Mendonca read the Community Resident Planning Work Group report (A copy of the report is on file in the Community Board Office).

A motion was made by Dr. Cleopatra Brown, seconded by Ms. JoAnn Sexton, and carried to accept the Community Planning Work Group report.

Ms. Adrainer Coleman read the Equity Planning Work Group report (A copy of the report is on file in the Community Board Office).

A motion was made by Mr. Christopher Toomer, seconded by Ms. Debra Williams, and carried to accept the Equity Planning Work Group report.

District Manager Greene-Walker read the Fiscal and Policy Work Group report (A copy of the report is on file in the Community Board Office).

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Dorceus, seconded by Ms. Brenda Thompson-Duchene, and carried to accept the Fiscal and Policy Work Group report.

Mr. Tony Herbert from the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit announced that they will be hosting a resource and career fair on October 26th at the PAL, located on Liberty Avenue at Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mr. William Jourdain from Councilmember Sandy Nurse's Office stated that they are available to assist constituents who are in need of support on issues and access to city resources. Feel free to contact them at (718) 642-8664. You can also email wjourdain@council.nyc.gov.

Council District 37 will be hosting a participating budget meeting where the public is invited to submit ideas and proposals for projects to be funded.

Mr. Andre Robinson from Assemblymember Nikki Lucas' Office requested that constituents reach out to them with any issues and concerns at (718) 257-5824 or robinsona@nyassembly.gov

Ms. Ana Fischer from Councilmember Charles Barron's Office stated that they are at 447 New Lots Avenue. The telephone number is (718) 649-9496. Her email is afischer@council.nyc.gov.

They are having representatives from the Department of Housing Preservation and Development in the district on October 18th on Livonia Avenue in front of Success Gardens from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to assist homeowners in need of financial assistance for home repairs. They will also provide assistance with 3-1-1 complaints.

Mr. Orlando Ross from Congressmember Yvette Clarke's Office stated that they had a job fair at City Tech where over 1,000 people registered. There were also over 62 vendors present.

Rev. Eddie Karim from Assemblymember Latrice Walker's Office announced that there will be an Advisory Board meeting on October 18th. It will be a hybrid meeting where you can attend in person at 400 Rockaway Avenue or online. You can reach their office at (718) 342-1256.

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Dorceus, seconded by Ms. JoAnn Sexton, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.