



**Queens Community Board 13**  
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Director of Community Boards

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## **GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**February 22, 2021**

### **Zoom Virtual Meeting**

#### **Attendance**

##### **Present:**

Angela Augugliaro; Corey Bearak; Bryan Block; Barbara Clements; Sylvia Cothia; Tanya Cruz; Delroy Dawkins; Bess DeBetham; Derrick DeFlorimonte; James Delaney; Charles Farruggia; Seymour Finkelstein; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Robert Glover; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Vernal Holder; Bonnie Huie; Mohamood Ishmael; Rhonda Kontner; Antony Kuncheria; Jonathan Logan; Michael Mallia; Sophia Mighty; Kangela Moore; Curlene Nelson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keeffe; Cinnamon Paltoo; Nagassar Ramgarib; Anup Ramnauth; Peter Richards; Patricia Robinson; Steven Taylor; Mathew Thomas; Lourdes Villanueva-Harttrick; Pritpal Singh Walia; Nantasha Williams; Jerry Wind

##### **Absent:**

Isa Avery; Alain Berrouet; Kyle Bragg; Andy Laine; Celeste Powers; Ashok Satkalmi; Perminder Thiara; Jermaine Washington; Jackie Wilson

### **Meeting Called to Order at 7:28 PM**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Board Chair Special Presentation:**

**Michael Dowling**, President & CEO of Northwell Health

**William J. Bill Cunningham**, VP, Government & Community Affairs, Northwell Health

**Michael Goldberg**, Executive Director, Long Island Jewish Medical Center/Northwell Health

- Discussion of the number of employees at LIJ Medical Center who reside in QCB13 catchment area.
- The profound affect COVID-19 has had on the communities they serve both with patients and staff.
- Acknowledgement of partnership between LIJ Medical Center and QCB13 with expert presentations over the past year on COVID-19 and children going back to school; the psychological implications of COVID-19, and the types and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines.

Board Chair Bryan Block presents each of these gentlemen with a plaque acknowledging their service to our communities.

## **Board Chair Report**

## **District Manager Report**

### **January 2021 Minutes**

- Motion to approve by BM James Delaney
- Motion seconded by BM Bess DeBetham
- Unanimous Yes vote

## **District Manager**

Spoke about Budget Priorities, 116<sup>th</sup> Precinct, DOT for studies – Traffic Mitigation, and Department of Parks and Recreation Tree Pruning

## **Elected Officials**

- Akshar Patel – Senator John Liu
- Susan Seinfeld – Council Member Barry Grodenchik
- Letoya LeGrand – Senator Leroy Comrie
- Haris Khan – Comptroller Scott Stringer
- Shana Gladden – Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman
- Brittany Cottle – Senator James Sanders Jr.
- Amber Yoon – Assembly Member Edward Braunstein
- Monet Schultz – Assembly Member Khaleel Anderson
- Justin Conner – Congress Member Thomas Suozzi
- Nathaniel Hezekiah – Congress Member Gregory Meeks

## 105 Precinct Report – Captain Igor Pinkhasov

- No shootings since January 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Major crimes down
  - Problem with Grand Larceny – people leaving cars running
- Speeding on Springfield Boulevard between 118<sup>th</sup> and 119<sup>th</sup> Avenues
  - Discussion on 105 Precinct and youth

## Roll Call

## Committee Reports

- **Land Use** – Richard Hellenbrecht, Committee Chair
  - Discussion/ background on 2186-2190 Local Law entitled “Planning Together”
    - Committee opposes proposed legislation after presentation by Paul Graziano
    - Planned to have City Council position until hearing on this for tomorrow?
      - Letter prepared
  - Discussion among Board Members
    - Send letter to Board Members
      - Send testimony to BM Fay Hill
    - How to submit written testimony
  - BM Richard Hellenbrecht moves to approve introduction 2186-2190 to implement office on long-term planning
    - Vote “NO” if opposed to introduction of
  - BM Angela Augugliaro seconds motion
  - **Roll Call Vote:** Y-0, N-36, A-0
- **Public Safety** – Michael O’Keeffe, Committee Chair
  - Approved two Liquor Licenses
  - Presentation from Queens District Attorney’s Office on Alternative Sentencing
  - Human Trafficking – Next Meeting
- **Youth, Education and Libraries** – Lorraine Gittens-Bridges, Committee Vice Chair
  - Planning for March Meeting with Superintendents on questions – DM has names
    - How moving children forward
    - Issues with teachers getting vaccinated
      - Not taking it, but having access to it
    - A question to Mayoral Candidate Eric Adams on behalf of Youth, Education and Libraries Committee

- **Economic Development** – Curlene Nelson, Committee Chair
  - No meeting
  - Zoom on February 11, 2021, JFK Redevelopment Meeting recap
- **Parks and Environment** – Foy Hill, Committee Chair
  - Updates – Brookville entrance moving forward
    - Not pleased with 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue, wants a sidewalk not just some asphalt
    - Bellerose Reading Garden still in design phase
    - Alley Pond “Greenway” presentation at March meeting
    - L.I.F.E. Camp proposal for Roy Wilkens Park
      - Want them to present
    - Creedmoor Civic cleanup
    - Trees pruned in Community Board catchment area
    - Volleyball court somewhere in Brookville
    - Questions on maintenance of rest rooms
- **Health** – Bonnie Huie, Committee Chair
  - Very happy with the partnership with LIJ Medical Center/Northwell Health
  - Upcoming March meeting – a speaker from Planned Parenthood
- **Seniors, Social Services and Special Needs** – Jerry Wind, Committee Vice Chair
  - Promoting legislation for a grading system for nursing homes
    - Senator Sanders has introduced legislation today
  - Seniors are being scammed
- **Transportation**
  - BM Marcia O'Brien - corner daylighting
  - DMV driving tests now being held on Springfield Boulevard at 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - Traffic on Francis Lewis Boulevard and Hook Creek Boulevard has too many trucks

### **Adjourn at 10:15pm**

Respectfully submitted,



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