

## Queens Community Board 13

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**Bryan Block**  
Chair

**Mark McMillan**  
District Manager

### GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2021

Zoom Virtual Meeting

#### Attendance

##### **Present:**

Isa Avery; Corey Bearak; Alain Berrouet; Bryan Block; Barbara Clements; Sylvia Cothia; Tanya Cruz; Delroy Dawkins; Bess DeBetham; Derrick DeFlorimonte; James Delaney; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Robert Glover; Fay Hill; Vernal Holder; Bonnie Huie; Mohamood Ishmael; Rhonda Kontner; Antony Kuncheria; Jonathan Logan; Michael Mallia; Sophia Mighty; Curlene Nelson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keeffe; Celeste Powers; Nagassar Ramgarib; Anup Ramnauth; Patricia Robinson; Ashok Satkalmi; Steven Taylor; Mathew Thomas; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Pritpal Singh Walia; Nantasha Williams; Jerry Wind

##### **Absent:**

Angela Augugliaro; Kyle Bragg; Samuel Elliott; Charles Farruggia; Seymour Finkelstein; Richard Hellenbrecht; Andy Laine; Kangela Moore; Cinnamon Paltoo; Peter Richards; Perminder Thiara; Jermaine Washington; Jackie Wilson;

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:34 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**New Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers - status report**

**Board Chair Report**

**District Manager Report**

## NYPD

### 105 Precinct Report

- Thanks Chair for his comments regarding Asian hate crimes
- Details Crime statistics

### Q&A Captain Igor Pinhasov

- Parked cars
- Specific issues

## Elected Officials

### Senator John Liu

- Board Chair: "QCB13 stands with the Asian community against Asian Hate!"
- Receives and thanks for Chair and Board for support
  - These acts of violence are not just in New York City; speaks about discrimination issues, comments on violence, homes being vandalized, businesses boycotted
- Asians were further victimized by the Atlanta Sheriff's Department not labeling shootings a hate crime
  - Outrage over the "he had a bad day" comment
  - Speaks about his personal experiences
- African Americans caring signs
  - "Asian Lives Matter" - understands "...lives matter" should be reserved for the African American community
- Any bigotry means all must stand up against it

### Haris Khan, NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office

- MWBE University Series (4<sup>th</sup> Year)
- Comptroller testified at City Council and Albany on various budget issues
  - Certain areas highlighted

### Amber Yoon, Assembly Member Ed Braunstein's Office

### Ari Inniss, Council Member I. Daneek Miller's Office

### Rokeya Akhter, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz's Office

### Stella Chan, Council District 31 (Speaker Corey Johnson's Office)

- New Council Member now sworn-in
- Will support until transition is over

**Shanna Gladden**, Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman's Office

**Danice Sparrow**, Assembly Member Clyde Vanel's Office

**Paul Nichols**, State Senator Leroy Comrie's Office

### February 2021 Minutes

- Motion to approve BM Nagassar Ramgarib
- Motion seconded

### Committee Reports

**Joint Land Use/ Economic Development – Curlene Nelson**, Economic Development Committee Chair

- See written report

**Parks and Environment – Fay Hill**, Committee Chair

- Greenway Project – Parks staff presents a PowerPoint
- Testified at City Council against \$78M cut to Park Budget
  - City Council frustrated with Parks Department
    - Projects take too long
    - Tree roots upping sidewalks
      - Parks or DOT responsible?
  - Funding reduced, as will Parks services
- LIFE CAMP proposal – A Community Board 12 issue
- Virtual park presentation on Laurelton Playground April 20
- Bellerose Reading Garden: in procurement stage – could be 9 months and 12-18 months for construction
- Cost to put up a sidewalk tree is \$3,400
  - 1 year guarantee? Any Parks follow-up
- Litter at Bellerose Playground
  - Need a garbage basket and additional cleaning

**Seniors, Social Services and Special Needs – Jerry Wind**, Vice Chair

**Youth, Education and Libraries – Rhonda Kontner**, Committee Chair

- Joint meeting in May with Public Safety and Seniors on Trafficking
  - A movie preview link will be posted on QCB13 website

**Health – Bonnie Huie, Committee Chair**

- Planned Parenthood presented (PowerPoint)
  - Listed various programs available

**Transportation**

- Rockaway Boulevard speeding on-site meeting
- MTA/Spring-Gar request for 145<sup>th</sup> Road one-way westbound

**Public Safety – Michael O’Keeffe, Committee Chair**

- Next Public Safety Meeting Inspector Neteis Gilbert will receive a plaque
  - She will also assist in Trafficking meeting in May
- Hate Crimes meeting in May
- See written report

**Public Speaking**

**BM Jonathan Logan:** Opening up conversation with 116 Precinct Task Force

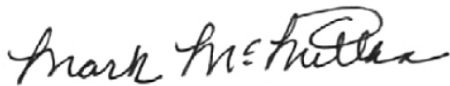
- Various meetings last year (3 in total)
- Wants more diverse/inclusive advocacy
- Wants to know of time and dates of Task Force meetings

**BM Bess DeBetham:** Wants to know specifically what he wants? He wants disruption. He wants other people on the Task Force; not those who live outside of the 105 [Precinct]. All correspondence sent to him; thanks him for his concern. Feels she answered all of his questions.

**BM Corey Bearak:** Involvement is by civic associations within 105 [Precinct] who support the 116 Precinct.

**Adjourn at 10:00pm**

Respectfully submitted,



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