

Queens Community Board 13

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2021

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance

Present:

Angela Augugliaro; Isa Avery; Corey Bearak; Alain Berrouet; Bryan Block; Alexandra Brathwaite; Barbara Clements; Sylvia Cothia; Marissa Cronin; Tanya Cruz; Delroy Dawkins; Bess DeBetham; Derrick DeFlorimonte; James Delaney; Stephanie Delia; Charles Farruggia; Seymour Finkelstein; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Robert Glover; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Vernal Holder; Bonnie Huie; Mohamood Ishmael; Rhonda Kontner; Andy Laine; Jonathan Logan; Michael Mallia; Sophia Mighty; Curlene Nelson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keeffe; Cinnamon Paltoo; Nagassar Ramgarib; Ashok Satkalmi; Steven Taylor; Perminder Thiara; Mathew Thomas; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Nantasha Williams; Jackie Wilson;

Absent:

Kyle Bragg; Antony Kuncheria; Kangela Moore; Anup Ramnauth; Peter Richards; Patricia Robinson; Jermaine Washington; Pritpal Singh Walia; Jerry Wind (S)

Meeting Called to Order at 7:33 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair's Report

- Lists events attended
- Features "Blue Chip"
 - Motion to accept – BM Bess DeBetham
 - Seconded – BM Michael Mallia

District Manager's Report (written)

105th Precinct – Captain Igor

- Speaks about “Blue Chip” Program
- Crime update
 - 1 murder
 - 5 rapes
 - 12 robberies (5 domestic related)
 - 38 felony assaults (22 domestic violence, 14 ???)
 - 9 burglaries
 - 38 grand larcenies
 - 12 GLAs
- Incident at 226th street and Mentone – person attacked with kitchen knife and stabbed 7 times after parking where a cone was placed in front of someone's house
 - Perp arrested
- Speaks about scandal with 105 Precinct officers and tow truck drivers recently in the newspapers
- Dirt bikes and ATVs in 105th – not high incidence
 - Police Department cannot chase these motorized vehicles because of danger
 - Issue of ATVs on Rosedale football field
 - Cabel Park – dirt bikes on the baseball field in evening and on Sundays

Elected Officials

- Haris Kahn, **NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office**
 - \$5B out year deficit
 - < 8%
- Susan Seinfeld, **Council Member Barry Grodenchik's Office**
- Ashley, **Senator Jon Liu's Office**
- Daniel Sparrow, **Assembly Member Clyde Vanel's Office**
- Latoya LeGrand, **State Senator Leroy Comrie's Office**
- Rokeya, **Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz's Office**
- Amber Yoon, **Assembly Member Edward Braunstein's Office**
- Shana Gladden, **Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman's Office**

April General Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve – BM Michael O'Keefe
- Seconded – BM Jackie Wilson

Roll Call

Committee Reports

- **Economic Development**, Curlene Nelson, Committee Chair
 - Gateway JFK presented
 - Launch of shuttle service
 - Farmers Boulevard house
 - UBS Arena scheduled for 10/21 opening
 - Guy R. Brewer and Farmers Boulevard banners

Borough President Donovan Richards

- Vaccinations – as of 3 weeks ago, Queens leads the State
 - Over 1M people
 - Mobile pop-up vehicle at Queens Borough Hall
 - Initiatives to be presented soon with Public Housing
- Congratulates new Board Members
 - Highlights diversity
- Small Business Grants Program with NY Mets
 - \$17.5M with over 700 businesses participating
 - Up to \$20K
 - Included street vendors
- JFK – Co-Chair of the Advisory Board
 - 20K jobs to JFK
 - Serves with Rick Cotton (PANYNJ) and Congress Member Gregory Meeks
 - 10K union jobs
- 116th Precinct
 - \$106M cost
 - Thanks Bess DeBetham, Corey Berrack and 116 Precinct Task Force
 - Spoke with Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers about other things
 - 116 Precinct Advisory Board to be formed
 - Open field next door - DOT to spend \$7M on teaching kids to cross the street
- #1 \$70M in Capital dollars
 - \$4.5M to Queens CUNY Colleges
- \$11M for Queens hospitals
- \$10M for Public Schools
- Working to tap into federal dollars for Queens
- Community Room 1000sqft
- Community Center at Roy Wilkins Park
- Another room for community in 116 Precinct
- Food pantry in 116 Precinct

- Violence Interrupters now in the 105th Precinct

Committee Reports Continued

- **Land Use**, Michael Mallia, Committee Chair
 - DCP PowerPoint on Text Amendments
 - Vote:
 - 3. Health and Fitness (PCE removal) 34-0
 - 2. Citywide Hotels 33-1
 - 1. Zoning for Accessibility 34-0
 - Motion for “yes” to all 3 Text Amendments
 - Motion to approve – BM Richard Hellenbrecht
 - Seconded – Bess DeBetham
 - See previous page for vote tallies
 - Accessory Dwelling Units (NYS proposed law)
 - Conversion of garages, basement, tiny houses, despite city zoning
 - Write a letter of objection to State Representatives
 - Seriously harmful to Community Board 13 and low density areas in NYC
 - Send a copy to sponsors of the Bill
 - Unintended consequences
 - Safety
 - Quality of life changes
 - No objections from Board Members
 - St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Queens Village
 - Zoned as R3-2
 - Want to demolish present church; build a new church structure and housing to support the land

Nomination Committee, Corey Bearack, Committee Chair

Board sent letter for proposed process

- Verbal summary
- Any objections to proposed process
 - No objections (Voice Vote)
- If interested in running for Executive Office, contact a Committee member

Health, Bonnie Huie, Committee Chair

- Reports on Chae No presentation on Covid-19
- Previews June meeting with Northwell/LIJ Medical Centers

Public Safety, Michael O'Keffe, Committee Chair

- 2 groups of violence interrupters - trying to get them to attend June meeting

Youth, Education and Libraries, Rhonda Kontner, Committee Chair

- Reports on Joint Committee Meeting with Public Safety Committee
- Link of meeting recording to be posted on QCB13 website

Motion to adjourn by BM Alain Berrouet at 10:09 pm

- Seconded – BM Richard Hellenbrecht

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark McMillan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "McMillan" clearly distinguishable.

Mark McMillan
District Manager
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