

Queens Community Board 13

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2021

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance

Present:

Angela Augugliaro; Corey Bearak; Alain Berrouet; Bryan Block; Kyle Bragg; Alexandra Brathwaite; Barbara Clements; Marissa Cronin; Tanya Cruz; Delroy Dawkins; Bess DeBetham; Stephanie Delia; Charles Farruggia; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Bonnie Huie; Mohamood Ishmael; Rhonda Kontner; Antony Kuncheria; Jonathan Logan; Michael Mallia; Sophia Mighty; Curlene Nelson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keeffe; Cinnamon Paltoo; Nagassar Ramgarib; Anup Ramnauth; Ashok Satkalmi; Steven Taylor; Mathew Thomas; Lourdes Villanueva-Harttrick; Pritpal Singh Walia; Nantasha Williams

Absent:

Isa Avery; Sylvia Cothia; Derrick DeFlorimonte; James Delaney; Seymour Finkelstein; Robert Glover; Vernal Holder; Andy Laine; Kangel Moore; Peter Richards; Patricia Robinson; Perminder Thiara; Jermaine Washington; Jackie Wilson

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair calls for moment of silence to remember two beloved people from our communities who passed away since the last General Board meeting: Board Member and former Executive Secretary Jerry Wind; and Michael Castellano, President of Lost Community Civic Association.

Chair's Report

- Details events and meetings attended since last General Board meeting in June.
- Presents plaques in tribute to their hard work in getting the 116 Precinct secured:
 - Richard Hellenbrecht
 - William Perkins
 - Bess DeBetham

DM Report (written)

BM Bess DeBetham motions to approve

BM Kyle Bragg seconds

Elected Officials

Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers gives greetings; speaks of upcoming events she is sponsoring.

Khaleel Bragg – **Queens Borough President's Office**

Laura Wharton – **State Senator James Sanders Jr.'s Office**

Akshar Patel – **State Senator John Liu's Office**

Norris Johns – **State Senator Leroy Comrie's Office**

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

Daniel Sparrow – **Assembly Member Clyde Vanel's Office**

Rokeya Akhter – **Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz's Office**

Susan Seinfeld – **Council Member Barry Grodenchik's Office**

Amber Yoon – **Assembly Member Edward Braunstein's Office**

Ari Inniss – **Council Member I. Daneek Miller's Office**

Ahsia Bada – **New York Independent Redistricting Commission – nyirc.gov**

- 12 Public Hearings around New York State
 - Queens – November 17, 2021 @ York College Performing Arts Center

Roll Call

June General Board Meeting Minutes:

- BM Michael Mallia motions to approve minutes as presented.
- BM Kyle Bragg seconds.
- Unanimous voice vote of approval.

Committee Reports

Land Use – Mike Mallia, Committee Chair

- Committee Chair presents report from committee meeting on Open Restaurants Text Amendment
- Land Use Committee recommends vote to support with caution about the ability to enforce complaints
 - This Amendment for sidewalk cafes only
- Many questions on enforcement and liability
- Any “Yes” vote would show concern about the enforcement abilities of DOT & DEP
- Motion to support enactment of Open Restaurants Text Amendment by BM Michael Mallia; seconded by BM Kyle Bragg
- Roll Call Vote: 33 Yes; 1 No; 0 Abstaining

Parks & Environment – Fay Hill, Committee Chair

Committee chair will file report next month.

Public Safety – Michael O’Keeffe, Committee Chair

Reports on Liquor License applications and various community concerns.

Economic Development – Curlene Nelson, Committee Chair

No meeting held this month.

Youth, Education and Libraries – Rhonda Kontner, Committee Chair

See her written report.

Transportation – Mohammed Ishmael, Committee Chair

Opening of USB Area will require closing of the Cross Island Parkway on some upcoming weekends.

Closing Comments

BM Tanya Cruz speaks of a Public Hearing with Council Member Adrienne Adams and NYPD on Human trafficking.

- A proposed combined meeting with Seniors & Special Needs; Transportation and Public Safety Committees in January 2022 to inform on this issue.

BM Bess DeBetham Congratulates BM Kyle Bragg on being re-elected President of 32BJ SEIU.

BM Stephanie Delia speaks of her support and training to deal with the large number of Haitian refugees who will be coming to New York City.

Motion to adjourn 10:01 pm

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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