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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 27, 2022
I.S. 109 Jean Nuzzi Intermediate School
Auditorium
213-10 92 Avenue
Queens Village, NY 11428

Attendance

Present:

Robert Alleyne; Rachelle Antoine; Corey Bearak; Bryan Block; Barbara Clements; Marissa Cronin; Tanya Cruz; Delroy Dawkins; Bess DeBetham; James Delaney; Stephanie Delia; Charles Farruggia; Robert Glover; Richard Hellenbrecht; Vernal Holder; Bonnie Huie; Mohamood Ishmael; Jaslin Kaur; Rhonda Kontner; Antony Kuncheria; Michael Mallia; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keeffe; Cinnamon Paltoo; David Pecoraro; Anup Ramnauth; Ashok Satkalmi; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Pritpal Singh Walia

Absent:

Angela Augugliaro; Alain Berrouet; Kyle Bragg; Alexandra Brathwaite; Sylvia Cothia; Derrick DeFlorimonte; Nicholette Emptage; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Fay Hill; Jonathan Logan; Sophia Mighty; Kangel Moore; Curlene Nelson; Loleta Beckett-Nicholson; Loleta Beckett-Nicholson; Nagassar Ramgarib; Anup Ramnauth; Peter Richards; Sheila Beverly-Skinner; Steven Taylor; Perminder Thiara; Koshy Thomas; Jackie Wilson

Meeting called to order at 7:34 PM.

Chair welcomes everyone to the first in-person meeting since the Covid-19 lockdown.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Bryan Block.

Chair asks for a moment of silence to remember those lost on 9/11.

Chair's Report

- Lists events/meeting attended since the June 2022 General Board Meeting.
- Comments on the truck parking reduction in the district and credit Patrol Borough Queens South Assistant Chief Kevin Williams for his initiative.
- Attended Borough Board meeting and at this point there are no "migrants" housed in the QCB13 catchment area.
- BM David Pecoraro motioned to accept the Chair's Report. Seconded by BM Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick. Unanimous "yes" voice vote.

DM Report (written)

- Corrections:
 - Change September 13 Committee Meeting from "Public Safety" to "Parks & Environment".
 - Add "September 7, 2022: Public Safety Committee Meeting".
 - Add "BM David Pecoraro" as attendee at "116 Precinct Topping Off Ceremony" held on August 22, 2022.
 - Add "September 14, 2022: Attend and participate in Queens Borough Consultations".
- BM David Pecoraro motions to accept DM Report with corrections.
- Seconded by BM Bee DeBetham.
- Unanimous "yes" by voice vote.

Roll Call

Guest Speaker – Allie Gumas, Department of Sanitation

- Speaks about "composting" program beginning in the Borough of Queens
- Begins October 3, 2022, for every residential home.
- This will be a weekly service, same day as recycling.
- This program is entirely voluntary.
- There will be a three (3) month pause (end of December to March) for DSNY snow operations and because all the leaves will have already fallen).

Q: Can pickups of compost be done more than once per week?

A: Talk to Council Member for more funding.

- Set out the bin with a container and top.
- Bins will be distributed through the end of September.
- Bins do not need to be lined.

NYPD Patrol Borough Queens South Assistant Chief Kevin Williams

- Speaks about Grand Rebbe event during the summer – it went well for the community.
- All the meetings he attends are more about quality-of-life than crime.
- He thanks the cemetery for allowing the yard on Springfield Boulevard to hold towed trucks.

- He wants the police actions to be “impactful.”
- Towing operations have targeted Brookville and Springfield Parks, and the area around Campus Magnet High School.
 - They are still looking for other places to hold towed trucks.
- Overall gun violence is down 20-25%.
- The 116 Precinct is going to break the 105 Precinct Command Area in half. Its completion is 2 years away.
- Dirt bikes/ATVs:
 - NYPD does not pursue vehicles.
 - However, they have incorporated tactics with other city agencies which has successfully reduced this issue.
 - Patrol Borough Queens South (PBQS) has confiscated over 3,000 of these types of vehicles.
- Focus on improving Police/Community relations.
- P.O. Carleton Epps has been promoted to Detective – this is well-earned.
- There were no shootings at house parties in the summer of 2022 in the PBQS Command.
- Deputy Inspector Igor Pinkasov:
 - Community Council Meeting next Wednesday at the 105 Precinct.
 - Addresses the issues of obscured automobile license plates.
- BM and Public Safety Committee Chair Michael O'Keeffe thanks Sergeant Michel Taamorina for his hard work. He has been promoted to Lieutenant and will soon be transferred.

Elected Officials

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

Ashley Lynn – **State Senator John Liu's Office**

Casey Lajszky – **Council Member Linda Lee's Office**

Nadir Ahmed – **Council Member Nantasha Williams' Office**

Vanessa Caesar – **Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers Office**

Committee Reports

Public Safety – Committee Chair Michael O'Keeffe and Vice Chair Robert Glover:

- Met twice – August 3, and September 7, 2022, to assess liquor licenses.

Transportation Committee –Chair Mohamood Ishmael:

- Special Meeting by NYS DOT on Grand Central Parkway Bridge Project:
 - Project begins fall 2023
 - Repair and maintenance of bridges between Union Turnpike and Little Neck Parkway exits.

Board Chair Bryan Block:

- After discussion with some other Board Member, wants to recognize Jerry Wind, Board Member who recently passed away.
 - Work with BM Rich Hellenbrecht on this honor.

No Public speaking requests.

BM Richard Hellenbrecht motion to adjourn @ 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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