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Bryan J. Block
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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 24, 2022 Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance

Present:

Robert Alleyne; Angela Augugliaro; Corey Bearak; Bryan Block; Kyle Bragg; Barbara Clements; Sylvia Cothia; Marissa Cronin; Tanya Cruz; Delroy Dawkins; Bess DeBetham; James Delaney; Stephanie Delia; Charles Farruggia; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Robert Glover; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Bonnie Huie; Mohamood Ishmael; Rhonda Kontner; Antony Kuncheria; Michael Mallia; Sophia Mighty; Kangel Moore; Curlene Nelson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keeffe; Cinnamon Paltoo; David Pecoraro; Nagassar Ramgarib; Anup Ramnauth; Sheila Beverly-Skinner; Steven Taylor; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Pritpal Singh Walia; Jackie Wilson

Absent:

Rachelle Antoine; Alain Berrouet; Alexandra Brathwaite; Derrick DeFlorimonte; Nicholette Emptage; Vernal Holder; Jaslin Kaur; Jonathan Logan; Loleta Beckett-Nicholson; Peter Richards; Ashok Satkalmi; Perminder Thiara; Koshy Thomas

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Bryan Block.

Chair informs the community of the unfortunate fire destroying the home of Board Member Jackie Wilson.

Chair's Report

- Lists events/meeting attended since the October 2022 General Board Meeting.
 - Chair and Board Member Kyle Bragg commend PBQS Commanding Officer Assistant Chief Kevin Williams' work in the community board area.

- BM David Pecoraro motioned to accept the Chair's Report. Seconded by BM Bess DeBetham. Unanimous "yes" voice vote.

DM Report (written)

- States the necessity of board members participating on committees.
 - Attendance will be taken of board members for the committees that have committed to will beginning in January 2023.
- Discussion of recently enacted amendment to the City Charter of community board member term limits.
 - BM David Pecoraro motions for a Resolution to reconsider the term limits amendment to the City Charter. Seconded by BM Michael Mallia.
 - *"QCB13 urges the reconsideration of the term limits imposed upon community boards by the City Charter Amendment two (2) years ago."*

Roll Call

- And vote on drafting this resolution: 33 yes; 0 No; 0 Abstaining
 - Chair will reach out to some board members to draft this Resolution.

105 Precinct Report

P.O Jazzlyn Farrell:

- 105 Precinct Council Meeting will be the last Wednesday of November.
- There will be no Precinct Council meeting in December.
- 16 pounds of narcotics seized in Rosedale.

Elected Officials

CM Selvena Brooks-Powers:

- Happy Thanksgiving.
- Her office has had four (4) turkey giveaways.
- Passed first piece of legislation (Green Wave).
- Hired new staff.
- \$8M allocation for soccer pitch @ Idlewild Park.
- \$4M allocation for comfort station @ Brookville Park.

Nathaniel Hezekiah – **Congressman Gregory Meeks' Office**

James Mongeluzo – **NYC Comptroller Brad Lander's Office**

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

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

Jon Gallo – **State Senator John Liu's Office**

Ari Inniss – **State Senator Leroy Comrie's Office**

Shanna Gladden – **Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman**

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

Ashley Meza – **Council Member Nantasha Williams' Office**

Public Speaking

- Kirin Butts and Linda Forrester both spoke about a City Council Bill on Food Access – Intro 0416 - Advocating children having access to nutritious meals, even during emergency situations, and trying to eliminate food insecurity. They would like board members and anyone listening to contact their City Council member to support this bill.

October General Board Meeting Minutes

Corrections:

- Loleta Beckett-Nicholson marked absent; she was present.
- Delete after “meeting called to order” on page 1, “Chair welcomes everyone to the first in-person meeting since the Covid-19 lockdown.”
- BM David Pecoraro motions to accept with necessary corrections.
- Seconded by BM Richard Hellenbrecht.
- Unanimous “yes” voice vote.

Committee Reports

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

- On-site meeting at a proposed establishment on Linden Boulevard.
- Meeting featured a discussion with a firefighter on the dangers of lithium-ion batteries and fires.
- A Special Committee Meeting is being convened tomorrow (November 22, 2022) on Starz regarding a shooting incident.
- Detailed the establishments that were applying for liquor licenses and the committee’s determinations for support or non-support.

Land Use Committee – Committee Chair Michael Mallia

- Scott Solomon, Senior Planner, Department of City Planning (DCP), spoke about the three (3) “text amendments” being proposed:
 - The third amendment on housing needs the focus.
 - Scott stated this amendment is still in its infancy.
- Starbucks in Rosedale:
 - DOT still has not done a traffic study. This will be addressed at the next Queens Borough President Land Use Meeting in January 2023.

Youth, Education & Libraries Committee – Committee Chair Rhonda Kontner:

- Luisa Benedetto, Government Affairs Manager, Queens Public Library, gave a thorough PowerPoint Presentation of all QPL programs.

Parks & Environment – Committee Chair Fay Hill

- Had two guest speakers from NYC Parks to present on the history and ecology of “Snake Road.”
 - Can funding be allocated to “raise” this road?

- A synopsis of a meeting with NYC Parks Commissioner Sue Donoghue.
- Enforcement of homeowners not picking up the leaves in front of their houses.
- Still strong committee support for a "Dog Run."
- Springfield Park annual Tree Lighting on December 7 @ 5:30 pm.

Announcements:

First Vice Chair Richard Hellenbrecht reports that Queens Civic Congress has met with the Queens Borough President regarding housing on the Creedmoor Campus:

- Nothing is presently planned for Creedmoor.
- Empire State Development (ESD) is looking at the site.
- Local elected officials will be contacted and kept abreast of any updates.
- Big box stores are OUT.
- Any development will be mixed-use.
- Remediation will be extensive, needed, and costly.
- District Manager comments on neighborhood preservation vs density.
- Various community leaders ask that they be included on the planning committee.
- The late Jerry Wind has files that could be useful on the Creedmoor situation.

BM Richard Hellenbrecht motions to adjourn @ 9:35pm. Seconded by BM David Pecoraro.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark McMillan
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