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Bryan J. Block
Chair

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2023

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance

Present:

Robert Alleyne; Angela Augugliaro; Corey Bearak; Alain Berrouet; Bryan Block; 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; Vernal Holder; Mohamood Ishmael; Rhonda Kontner; Michael Mallia; Sophia Mighty; Kangela Moore; Curlene Nelson; Loleta Beckett-Nicholson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keeffe; Cinnamon Paltoo; David Pecoraro; Peter Richards; Ashok Satkalmi; Sheila Beverly-Skinner; Steven Taylor; Steven Taylor; Koshy Thomas; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Jackie Wilson

Absent:

Rachelle Antoine; Kyle Bragg; Alexandra Brathwaite; Derrick DeFlorimonte; Nicholette Emptage; Bonnie Huie; Jaslin Kaur; Antony Kuncheria; Jonathan Logan; Nagassar Ramgarib; Anup Ramnauth; Perminder Thiara (R); Pritpal Singh Walia

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Board Member Michael O'Keeffe.

Chair's Report

- Chair offers condolences to Second Vice Chair Marcia O'Brien on the loss of her mother.
- Lists events/meeting attended since the January 2023 General Board Meeting.
- BM David Pecoraro motioned to accept the Chair's Report. Seconded by BM Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick. Unanimous "yes" voice vote.

DM Report (written)

- BM David Pecoraro motions to accept DM Report. Seconded by BM Delroy Dawkins. Unanimous "yes" voice vote.

Elected Officials

Sila Asa – **Council Member Linda Lee's Office**

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

Maylene Thurton – **Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman's Office**

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

January General Board Meeting Minutes

- BM Bess DeBetham motions to approve the Minutes with necessary corrections; seconded BM David Pecoraro.

PRESENTATIONS:

NYC Department of Sanitation – "New Set Out & Collection Regulations"

Joseph Ottomanelli, Community Affairs Liaison, Bureau of Community Affairs:

- PowerPoint Presentation on new DSNY "Set Out & Collection" regulations.
 - Starts April 1, 2023.
 - 6:00 pm setout with container; 8:00 pm if bags only.

Roll Call

- 36 members present – a quorum.

Public Speaking

Kristen Jefferies

- Introduces herself as Director of Community Relations for Empire State Development (ESD), "*Creedmoor Project*."

Committee Reports

Youth, Education Libraries Committee – Committee Chair Rhonda Kontner:

- Speaker: **Gareth Robinson**, Principal, *Institute for Health Professions at Cambria Heights* (Campus Magnet High School Campus).
- Committee Chair not prepared to move forward on a proposed Resolution opposing co-locations of Charter Schools with Public Schools.

Parks & Environment Committee – Committee Chair Fay Hill:

- Concerns expressed were:
 - Parks maintenance.
 - Budget cuts to Parks Department in Mayor Adams' proposed budget.
 - Wants more support/participation from members/community in the northern part of the district.
 - Still wants to find a site for a proposed “dog run.”
 - Snake Road dumping:
 - More visible signage along Snake Road.
 - Invitation to Alley Pond Parks manager to a future committee meeting.

Land Use Committee – Committee Chair Michael Mallia:

- Presentation by Paul Graziano on Governor Kathy Hochul's “*Housing Compact*” had disturbing aspects to it.
- Read the letter (drafted by QCB13 Land Use Committee leadership) to Governor Hochul and all QCB13 elected officials for vote of support from the board membership:
 - Unanimous “yes” roll call vote.

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

- Listed establishments with letter of support for liquor licenses:
 - One had a vote to request license suspension (Rhythm).
- 105 Precinct is having a Blood Drive on March 30.
- Build-A-Block meeting being held this Friday at Christ the King Church in Springfield Gardens.
- 105 Precinct Commanding Officer Deputy Inspector Igor Pinkhasov has been promoted to Inspector. Congratulations!
- This committee will be part of a March Combined Committee meeting with the Youth, Education & Libraries Committee to discuss “school safety.”

Transportation – Committee Chair Mohamood Ishmael:

- Issue of congestion by public schools at dismissal time by the Principal at PS 176 n Cambria Heights.
- Details individual constituent issues from the meeting.

Economic Development – Committee Chair Sophia Mighty:

- PowerPoint Presentation by “*United States Customs & Border Protection.*”

Meeting adjourned @ 9:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mark McMillan
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