

**Queens Community Board 13**

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Chair

**Michael Carlier**  
Director of Community Boards

**Mark McMillan**  
District Manager

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 27, 2025**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

**Attendance**

**Present:**

Maximus Barton; Corey Bearak; Bryan Block; John Boyd; Ella Caynes; Barbara Clements; Bobbie Cole; Latanya Collins; Sylvia Cothia; Marissa Cronin; Delroy Dawkins; Bess DeBetham; James Delaney; Stephanie Delia; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Robert Glover; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Vernal Holder; Leonard Hookum; Bonnie Huie; Mohamood Ishmael; Rhonda Kontner; Michael Mallia; Sophia Mighty; Laura Morand; Curlene Nelson; Loleta Beckett-Nicholson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keeffe; Cinnamon Paltoo; David Pecoraro; Latchman Persaud; Sandra Persaud; Anup Ramnauth; Sheila Beverly-Skinner; Steven Taylor; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Pritpal Singh Walia

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**Absent:**

Angela Augugliaro; Kyle Bragg; Sequoyah Douglas; Charles Farruggia; Lenroy Pascall; Nagassar Ramgarib; Ronald Summers; Jackie Wilson

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The meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm by Chair Bryan Block.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Chair Block.

**Chair Report**

- Lists meetings and events attended since last General Board Meeting.
- Motion to accept by BM Bess DeBetham, seconded by BM Michael Mallia.
  - Unanimous approval.

**Captain Douglas Moodie, C.O, 105 Precinct:**

- Crime is down 11% since the opening of 116 Precinct.
- Response times are also down.
- The precinct has no control over when or how school crossing guards are hired or deployed.
- Honda CRVs and Accords are being stolen citywide and ending up overseas.

- There are 4 patrol cars on the overnight shift looking to catch car thieves.
- The best way to protect against car theft is with the old-fashioned wheel lock.
- A request is made for more traffic enforcement on Hillside Ave near the Patel Brothers Supermarket.
- Another request is made for catalytic converter etchings.

**Captain Jean Sony Beauvoir, C.O., 116 Precinct:**

- Thanks to everyone who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony.
- He thanks everyone for the large turnout at the first 116 Precinct Council Meeting.
- Crime is down 25% in the past 28 days –
  - GLAs (cars left running unattended) – 5 were recovered with 2 of those leading to an arrest.
  - Thieves track your car by putting something in the window.
- On Saturday, February 1, a DJ workshop will be held at the precinct from 12-2:00 pm.
- Officers will go into a community driveway if they hear a car alarm.
- The precinct Community Room will have guidelines for its use.

**District Manager Report** (written)

- Motion to accept by BM Corey Bearak, seconded by BM Leonard Hookum.
  - Unanimous approval.

**December General Board Meeting Minutes**

- BM Bess DeBetham motion to accept, seconded by BM Anup Ramnauth.
  - 33 Yes; 1 No. Motion passes.

**Elected Officials**

Nathaniel Hezekiah – **Congressman Gregory Meeks' Office**  
 Marlon Palacios, Jr. – **Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz' Office**  
 Michael Carlier – **Queens Borough President Donovan Richard's Office**  
 Anthony Harrison – **State Senator Leroy Comrie's Office**  
 Adjani Pridgeon – **State Senator James Sanders Jr.'s Office**  
 Clothilde Hakuna – **Assembly Member Clyde Vanel's Office**  
 Elizabeth Sowunmi – **Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman's Office**  
 Daniel Sparrow – **Council Member Linda Lee's Office**  
 Norman Jones – **Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers' Office**

**Roll Call:** 40 members present.

## **Voting Items**

**Voting Item: BSA Calendar No. 2024-50-BZ, 238-15 149 Avenue, Rosedale:** The application seeks a variance to legalize an existing roof structure encompassing a total area of 1,565 square feet above a second-story balcony in the rear yard.

- The Land Use Committee recommendation vote was unanimous to support approval.
- Motion by BM Richard Hellenbrecht, Seconded by BM Marcia O'Brien, to support the Land Use Committee's recommendation to support approval of the variance.
  - Vote: 39 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstaining.
  - The Motion to approve this application passes unanimously.

**Voting Item: Statement to Empire State Development (ESD) to be read and submitted at its January 30, 205 Hearing on the Proposed Creedmoor Development:**

- Land Use Sub-Committee Chair on Creedmoor Chair Corey Bearak reads statement aloud.
- Motion by Land Use Chair Michael Mallia to support submission of statement, seconded by BM Corey Bearak.
  - Vote: 35 yes; 2 No; 0 Abstention.
  - The Motion passes and will be read into the record of the ESD Hearing.

## **Committee Reports**

**Public Safety Committee – Committee Chair Michael O'Keefe:**

- The two oldest liquor licenses in the district were voted on supporting renewal – Antun's and Nancy's Fireside.
  - A Cannabis Dispensary Application was discussed, to be located at 245-02 Francis Lewis Boulevard in Rosedale, with its proximity to Veterans Memorial Triangle being an issue for some community members.

**Health & Hospitals Committee – Committee Bonnie Huie:**

- They had an excellent meeting with a speaker from the American Cancer Society who spoke about "colorectal cancer."

## **Public Speaking**

- BM David Pecoraro: read a Resolution he wants to prose on cannabis dispensaries and their proximity to libraries and parks.
- BM Maximus Barton: He attended two events:
  - “Vital Parks for All” where he received lots of statistics on parks.
  - Queens Borough President's Office Presentation on the importance of Community Boards: the office wants “team players” who are able to interact in a respectful manner with other board members.
- David Kupferberg: Spoke in detail about his concerns over the changes in the MTA Queens Bus Redesign. He offered his opinions are what should be done.
- Arlene Schlesinger:
  - Requests a copy of the QCB13 Statement to ESD.
  - Challenges the veracity of the ESD community outreach.
- BM Corey Bearak: Requests anyone who speaks at the ESD Hearing say “NO” to the ESD Plan and support the QCB13/Community Plan.
- BM Fay Hill speaks about how a tree fell in front of her house and what she had to go through afterwards with Con Ed and city agencies.

The meeting was adjourned @ 9:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark McMillan  
District Manager  
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