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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 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; Bess DeBetham; James Delaney; Charles Farruggia; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Robert Glover; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Leonard Hookum; Rhonda Kontner; Michael Mallia; Sophia Mighty; Laura Morand; Loleta Beckett-Nicholson; Marcia O'Brien; Cinnamon Paltoo; Lenroy Pascall; David Pecoraro; Sandra Persaud; Nagassar Ramgarib; Steven Taylor; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick

Absent:

Angela Augugliaro; Kyle Bragg; Delroy Dawkins; Stephanie Delia; Sequoyah Douglas; Vernal Holder; Bonnie Huie; Mohamood Ishmael (E); Curlene Nelson; Michael O'Keeffe; Latchman Persaud; Anup Ramnauth; Sheila Beverly-Skinner; Ronald Summers(E); Pritpal Singh Walia; Jackie Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chair Bryan Block.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Block.

Chair asks for a moment of silence for Eugene Kelty, former Chair of Community Board 7, who just passed away. He reads a portion of his bio.

Chair wishes a Happy Women's History Month to all of the women in attendance.

Assistant Chief Kevin Williams, Commanding Officer, Patrol Borough Queens South:

- There have been Overnight Commercial Parking initiatives on illegal truck parking:

- Implemented an aggressive policy when he came into command of PBQS
- The parking lot to tow these illegally parked trucks on Springfield Boulevard has been lost.
- This is a problem the borough is focused on.
- They partner with DOT on this issue.
- Nevertheless, illegally parked trucks are still towed.
 - Other tools – the barnacle and the boot.

Captain Sony Beauvoir, Commanding Officer, 116 Precinct:

- Since the beginning of the year, 529 summonses have been issued to illegally parked trucks.
 - 82 of these trucks were towed (3 were stolen).
 - The 116 Precinct is very focused on this issue.
- He gave crime stats for the past 28 days.
- Fraud – do not take calls from strangers; call the company to be assured about something if you are unsure.
 - The same goes for emails and text messages.
- Advises to use old-fashioned club on steering wheel; especially on the preferred auto theft of Acura and Honda models.

Chair Report

- Lists meetings and events attended since last General Board Meeting.
- Motion to accept by BM David Pecoraro, seconded by BM Richard Hellenbrecht.
 - Unanimous approval.

District Manager's Report (written)

- Motion to accept by BM David Pecoraro, seconded by BM Leonard Hookum.
 - Unanimous approval.

February General Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion to accept by BM David Pecoraro, seconded by BM Bess DeBetham.
 - Unanimous approval.

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Elected Officials

Jose Reina – **Congressman Gregory Meeks' Office**
 Georgia Katsalis – **Queens Borough President Donovan Richard's Office**
 Marlon Palacios, Jr. – **Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz's Office**
 Adjani Pridgeon – **State Senator James Sanders Jr.'s Office**
 Anthony Harrison – **State Senator Leroy Comrie's Office**

Kayla Christie – **Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman’s Office**
Alisha Alli – **Assembly Member Khaleel Anderson’s Office**
Imade Omozore – **Assembly Member Clyde Vanel’s Office**
Daniel Sparrow – **Council Member Linda Lee’s Office**
Norman Jones – **Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers’ Office**

Captain Douglas Moodie, C.O, 105 Precinct:

- Crime is down 10.5% year over year.
 - Robberies and GLAs (tires and rims) are up.
- Response times:
 - 5:15 for “911” calls, ranked 18th in the city.
 - There were 243 “311” jobs with average response time of 45 minutes.

Roll Call: 31 members present, 14 absent, 2 excused.

Resolution on Cannabis Siting:

This is introduced by BM Lorraine-Gittens-Bridges, Vice Chair of Youth, Education, Libraries & Special Needs Committee:

“Queens Community Board 13 (QCB13) recommends state and/or city legislation to address appropriate siting of establishments that sell cannabis products in close proximity to facilities that serve minors for the protection of our youth and other community members.”

BM David Pecoraro moves to support this Resolution, seconded by Chair Bryan Block.

Vote: 31 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions.

Motion passes.

Committee Reports

Health & Hospitals Committee – Committee Co-Chair Marcia O'Brien:

- Steve Cannon shared his personal journey of overcoming domestic violence in his family.

Land Use Committee – (No meeting)

- Land Use Sub-Committee Chair on Creedmoor reads statement that he drafted to Empire State Development regarding QCB13’s position for its March 19, 2025, Public Hearing on this proposed mixed-use project.
 - Motion to support this statement by BM Richard Hellenbrecht, seconded by BM Michael Mallia.
 - Vote: 29 Yes, 2 No, 0 Abstentions.

Public Safety Committee – Committee Co-Chair Bob Glover:

- Lists liquor license applicants and findings.
- Cannabis license applications summarized.

Economic Development Committee – Committee Chair Sophia Mighty:

- Akshar Patel & Rachelle Antoine of Port Authority of New York & New Jersey spoke about the redevelopment at JFK International Airport:
 - Detailed how to get concessions (with special opportunities available to local and MWBE applicants).
 - There are funding opportunities available for community events.
- James Trent is presently Chair of the Board for the Queens Farm Museum.

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

- Suggestions from meeting attendees for upcoming meeting speakers and topics.

Seniors Committee – Committee Chair Lolita Beckett-Nicholson:

- Daren Wilkes, Elder Fraud Unit, Frauds Bureau, Queens District Attorney's Office, spoke about fraudulent activities to be aware of.

Public Speaking

- BM David Pecoraro disagrees with the way the community board holds its meetings.
- Tanya Cruz spoke about Non-Profit Day in Albany.
- BM Sylvia Cothia has a non-profit and also attended the Albany event.

The meeting was adjourned @ 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark McMillan
District Manager
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