



Queens Community Board 13

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 2025
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance

Present:

Genevieve Appolon; Maximus Barton; Corey Bearak; Bryan Block; Barbara Clements; Bobbie Cole; Latanya Collins; Sylvia Cothia; Marissa Cronin; Delroy Dawkins; Bess DeBetham; James Delaney; Derrick DeFlorimonte; Sequoyah Douglas; Noreen Eltabakh; Charles Farruggia; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Robert Glover; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Leonard Hookum; Shakrian Hossain; Mohamood Ishmael; Rhonda Kontner; Sophia Mighty; Laura Morand; Loleta Beckett-Nicholson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keeffe; David Pecoraro; Sandra Persaud; Nagassar Ramgarib; Anup Ramnauth; Ronald Summers; Osban Thompson; Steven Taylor; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick

Absent:

Angela Augugliaro; John Boyd; Ella Caynes; Brian Ellis-Gibbs; Vernal Holder; Bonnie Huie; Michael Mallia; Curlene Nelson; Cinnamon Paltoo; Lenroy Pascall; Latchman Persaud; Sheila Beverly-Skinner; Jackie Wilson

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Block.

Chair's Report

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

District Manager's Report (written)

- Motion to accept by BM David Pecoraro, seconded by BM Richard Hellenbrecht.
 - Unanimous approval.

- DM states there will be committee attendance taken due to the lack of attendance by board members. This will be sent to the Borough President's office when they assess whether a board member should be reappointed.
- The May General Board Meeting will be held on the third Monday of the month because the fourth Monday is the Memorial Day holiday.
- The new board members are introduced:
 - Genevieve Appolon
 - Derrick DeFlorimonte
 - Noreen Eltabakh
 - Shahriar Hossian
 - Osban Thompson
 - Brian Ellis-Gibbs (absent)

March General Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion to accept by BM David Pecoraro, seconded by BM Richard Hellenbrecht.
 - Unanimous approval.

Voting Item – ULURP # 240151MMQ – JFK Logistics Center Street Demapping

- This item is introduced by Land Use Vice Chair Steven Taylor.
- Attorney of the applicant, Eric Palatnik gives a short presentation.
- Q & A
- Vice Chair Taylor states the Land Use Committee vote was unanimous to support.
 - **He makes a motion to support approval of the application as presented by the applicant.** Seconded by BM Richard Hellenbrecht.
 - Roll call vote: 34 Yes, 2 No, 0 Abstentions.
 - **Motion passes.**

Roll Call

- 35 present; 15 absent.
- The roll call of board members is taken in conjunction with the ULURP vote.
- Board members present “claim” two committees upon which they will serve.

Captain Douglas Moodie, Commanding Officer, 105 Precinct:

- Captain Moodie gives the crime statistics for the past 28 days.
 - 911 Response time – 4:54
 - 311 Response time – 49:00.
 - Q & A

Flooding 101 by DEP Queens Borough Commissioner Alfonso Lopez

- He gives a PowerPoint Presentation on flooding in areas of the district and how to address the issues.
- How QCB13 is classified as subtropical.
- He has toured Rosedale and flooding locations.
- Catch basin cleaning.
- Storm drains cleaning schedule – best if 311 complaint filed.
- Notify DEP: queensdep@dep.nyc.gov
 - Email a brief description, location, and pictures.
 - Also, always put in a 311 complaint for a number.

Presentation – MTA Bus Redesign – Implementation – by Lola Viera-Sullivan

- Implementation will begin on June 29, 2025.
- PowerPoint Presentation on various bus routes in the district that are new or changed.
- Shows route lookup tool on the MTA website:
 - mta.info/queensbus
- Trip planner on MTA website:
 - futuretrips.mta.info
- Project phasing guide
- Call 511
- Q & A

Presentation – DSNY Composting by Juan Saldana

- PowerPoint Presentation
- Compost is picked up the same day as recycling.
- Do not mix compost with trash.
- Line compost containers with a plastic bag.
- Any container may be used for compost but must have a proper orange DSNY label on the outside (if not using the city-issued brown container).
- Call the Health Department if animals start biting the compost container.

Elected Officials

Georgia Katsalis – **Queens Borough President Donovan Richard's Office**

Marlon Palacios, Jr. – **Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz's Office**

Anthony Harrison – **State Senator Leroy Comrie's Office**

Elizabeth Sowunmi – **Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman's Office**

Alisha Alli – **Assembly Member Khaleel Anderson's Office**

Daniel Sparrow – **Council Member Linda Lee's Office**

Renee Taylor – **Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers' Office**

Selection of Nominating Committee

- Board Chair nominates BM Corey Bearak, who accepts the nomination.
- BM Corey Bearak nominates BM Bess DeBetham, who accepts the nomination.
- BM Bess DeBetham nominates BM Robert Glover, who accepts the nomination.
- BM Robert Glover nominates BM Michael O'Keeffe, who accepts the nomination.
- BM Michael O'Keeffe nominates BM Nagassar Ramgarib, who accepts the nomination.
- BM Nagassar Ramgarib nominates BM Charles Farruggia, who accepts the nomination.
- BM Charles Farruggia nominates BM Sophia Mighty, who accepts the nomination.
- A Nomination Committee is officially formed.
- Board Chair nominates BM Corey Bearak to be the Nominating Committee Chair, he accepts the appointment as Nominating Committee Chair.

Treasurer Mohamood Ishmael reports on the Comptroller Audit for the 14 Queens Community Boards (including Community Board 13)

- The Treasurer reported on the comptroller's conclusions regarding community board 13.
- The District Manager will blast the link for the Comptroller's Audit.

Committee Reports

Transportation Committee – Committee Chair Mohamood Ishmael:

- Borough Planner Andrew Arcese reported
 - Charge Safe Ride Safe (Mayor's New Program)
 - This is being implemented to reduce e-bike fires
 - Eligible people can turn in e-bikes for new e-bikes
 - DOT art program for public artwork
 - Open Streets Program
 - Constituent's concerns

Public Safety Committee – Committee Co-Chair Bob Glover:

- Lists liquor license applicants and findings.
- Cannabis license applications summarized.
- Resolution to Office of Cannabis Management in opposition to reduction of the 1000-foot Rule:
 - Motion to support Resolution BM David Pecoraro, seconded by BM Mohamood Ishmael
 - Unanimous “Yes” vote to support Resolution.

Parks & Environment Committee – Committee Chair Fay Hill:

- Committee Vice Chair Maximus Barton gave a PowerPoint Presentation on “Vital Parks for All’ on community partnerships with parks.
- Gloria Boyce-Charles, environmental activist, gave a PowerPoint on environmental issues affecting the communities surrounding JFK International Airport.

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

- Postponed until May for lack of attendance.

Economic Development Committee – Committee Vice Chair Richard Hellenbrecht:

- Andrew Campbell, Executive Director, CAO, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on what his non-profit does with respect to employment at the two New York area airports in Queens.
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Youth, Education, Libraries & Special Needs Committee – Committee Chair Rhonda Kontner:

- Tara Foster, Senior Attorney for Legal Services of NYC, spoke about due process rights for parents of children with special needs.
- This is a free legal service.

Public Speaking

- BM David Pecoraro gives out his personal contact information and unofficially attempts to tell the new board members on how they should act in board meetings.
- BM Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick wants the board to investigate how to remove BM David Pecoraro from the board.

The meeting was adjourned @ 10:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark McMillan
District Manager
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