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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2018

**BELLEROSE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
240-15 HILLSIDE AVENUE
BELLEROSE, NY**

Attendance

Present:

Angela Augugliaro; Corey Bearak; Alain Berrouet; Verdell Boncoeur; Kyle Bragg; Mizanur Choudhury; Barbara Clements; Delroy Dawkins; Bess DeBetham; James Delaney; Samuel Elliott; Charles Farruggia; Seymour Finkelstein; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Robert Glover; Felice Hannah; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Mohamood Ishmael; Rhonda Kontner; Antony Kuncheria; Jonathan Logan; Kangel Moore; Curlene Nelson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keefe; Tameka Pierre-Louis; Celeste Powers; Anup Ramnauth; Ashok Satkalmi; Steven Taylor; Mathew Thomas; Sanu Thomas; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Pritpal Singh Walia; Clive Williams; Jackie Wilson; Jerry Wind

Absent:

Isa Avery; Terence Banks; Bryan Block; Jacqueline Campbell; Tanya Cruz; Terryl Ebony DeMendonca; Vernal Holder; Bonnie Huie; Franck Joseph; Nagassar Ramgarib; Peter Richards

The Board Chairman Clive Williams called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by BM Alain Berrouet and recited by all in attendance.

The Board Chair opens floor for Public Speaking.

- DEP report on flood mitigation with interactive map pursuant to Council Member Richards' legislation:
 - nyc.gov/dep/seqprojects

William Giron – NYC Comptroller's Office:

- Women's History Event: Tomorrow, March 27, 2018 from 6 PM to 8PM, Supreme Court on Foley Street in Manhattan.

Shurn Anderson – Queens Borough President's Office:

- Thanks the people who attended the Borough President's Black History Month Celebration.
- DACA Policy: supports citizenship path for 3 million children born elsewhere but only know America as home.

Anthony Lemma – Assembly Member David Weprin's Office:

- Congestion pricing is an unfair tax on the hard working people of the outer boroughs.
- Martin Van Buren High School off of the "Renewal Program" and is now in "Good Standing."
 - More people (kids) put Martin Van Buren as a #1 choice.

Melissa Hubbard – Council Member I. Daneek Miller's Office:

- Participatory budgeting – information on public sites and voting ballot
 - Various ways to vote
 - Looking for a Queens Village site

Justin Connor – Congressman Thomas Suozzi's Office:

- Information pamphlet
 - 250-02 Northern Boulevard, Little Neck, NY 11362
 - 718.631.0400
 - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
 - Immigration, visa, Social Security, veterans
- March for Our Lives: 1,500 people at Farmingdale College
- Contact Information:
 - Justin.connor@mail.house.gov

Susan Seinfeld – Council Member Barry Grodenchik's Office:

- Flyers about rain barrel giveaway.
- Flyers about technology at local libraries.

DM Report

- In Sentinel.
 - Announces change of Land Use Committee Meeting date (date listed incorrectly in the Sentinel).

Inspector Jeffery Schiff – Commanding Office of 105 Precinct

- Tomorrow, March 27, 2018, Precinct Council Meeting.
- Month down 15%.
- Year down 20%.
- Lowest crime rate ever.
- Up in homicides (3 vs. 0 last year).
- Cambria Heights homicides – good leads.
- 3 robberies (food delivery) between 6 and 10 PM.
 - A pattern is established, a task force.
- Commercial burglary problem.
 - Pattern on Merrick Boulevard.
 - NYC Task Force on it.
- April 30, 2018 at 7 PM NCO Rollout at Queens High School of Teaching.
 - Meet the officer's chosen.
 - They are very dedicated.
 - Best of the best of the best.
 - This initiative only works if community participates.

BM Tameka Pierre-Louis: NCO's relationship with local public schools?

A: Officers go to every school in the precinct. These officers will know the schools in their area.

BM Alain Berrouet: An exemplar of a precinct for best practices?

A: 113 Precinct. Crime indicators down for precious years. NCO's online April 2, 2018.

Approve the February Meeting Minutes

- Extra copies with request.
- Copies sent online.

Board Chair acknowledges Mizanur Chowdhury running for Congress.

BM Bess DeBetham wants "excused" in attendance record for attending Borough President's Black History Month Celebration instead of General Board Meeting in February.

Earlene Sealy: A curb cut on Springfield Boulevard? I can see a lot of accidents...

A: No curb cut on Springfield Boulevard.

Melissa Hubbard: A one-way exit to reduce the amount of traffic?

A: A 22' wide curb cut will help.

BM Kyle Bragg: Can this be raised at ULURP hearing?

A: Yes.

BM Charles Farruggia: What is the lighting situation?

A: The owner is unaware of anyone asking for better lighting.

BM Richard Hellenbrecht: Committee recommended two designated entrances and exits on North Conduit Avenue. And one additional handicapped parking spot.

A Public Hearing was held on March 20, 2018 at VFW Post on Springfield Boulevard.

[He reads the Resolution.]

Motion to accept. Seconded. Roll Call vote: 35 Yes 0 No 0 Abstentions

Belmont Park Issue

- Bringing Islanders (hockey team) back to Long Island.
- The local community is opposed [to this project].
- Other issues:
 - Entertainment complex.
 - 250 room hotel (25 stories)
 - Containing retail shopping
 - More utilities need to be put in (sub-station)
 - Traffic management
 - 19K seat stadium, 200 times per year with 3000 cars
 - Belmont Park will still be in operation.
- A few meetings ago, those in favor [of the project] were predominately from eastern Long Island
 - A casino could possibly open up if Islanders do not do well
 - The Belmont LIRR Station upgrade is very costly
- Impacts the Queens Village area.

BM Rhonda Kontner: Is this a done deal?

A: Governor has signed off. There are Scoping Meetings but there is no scope.

Board Chair: Even though Governor signed off, it is not done yet.

BM Steven Taylor: What is the regional planning approval process and the evaluations on the effects on local communities?

- Attended a Parks forum on this
- Proposal for Brookville Park but it needs an advocate
- No dog runs in Southeast Queens
- Congratulates BM Kangela Moore on the award received from Partnership for Parks.

Health Committee:

- No one is attending meetings.
- Planning on Urgent Care Centers by Long Island Jewish Hospital.
- Presentations on caregivers.
- Looking for topics of interest for the community.

Public Safety

- Two Nor'easters occurred on the two scheduled March meeting dates.
- Commends Community Coordinator Maxine on the Street Activity Permits process.
- Remembers the firefighter who died in the Harlem fire.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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