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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2018

**Bellerose Assembly of God
240-15 Hillside Avenue
Bellerose, NY 11426**

Attendance

Present:

Angela Augugliaro; Isa Avery; Alain Berrouet; Jacqueline Campbell; Mizanur Choudhury; Barbara Clements; Delroy Dawkins; James Delaney; Samuel Elliott; Charles Farruggia; Seymour Finkelstein; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Robert Glover; Richard Hellenbrecht; Bonnie Huie; Mohamood Ishmael; Franck Joseph; Rhonda Kontner; Antony Kuncheria; Andy Laine; Jonathan Logan; Kangel Moore; Curlene Nelson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keeffe; Tameka Pierre-Louis; Nagassar Ramgarib; Anup Ramnauth; Ashok Satkalmi; Steven Taylor; Mathew Thomas; Sanu Thomas; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Clive Williams; Nantasha Williams; Jerry Wind

Absent:

Corey Bearak; Bryan Block; Verdell Boncoeur; Kyle Bragg; Tanya Cruz; Bess DeBetham; Felice Hannah; Fay Hill; Vernal Holder; Celeste Powers; Peter Richards; Pritpal Singh Walia; Jackie Wilson

The Board Chair Clive Williams called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark McMillan, District Manager.

The Board Chair wishes all a happy, pleasant Thanksgiving. "Extend yourself to your neighbor and show some love."

Elected Officials (Representatives acknowledged).

JFK Redevelopment Presentation

- This project has impacts on community, especially in certain neighborhoods
 - The mitigation of impact is the community deriving some benefit.

Nantasha Williams and Selvenia Brooks-Powers, *Managers, External Affairs and Community Outreach*, The Port Authority of NY & NJ | JFK Redevelopment Program

- They visit Community Boards and community organizations
 - Feedback is brought back to the Port Authority.
- Wants community to maximize program benefits.
- Terminal One Group and Jet Blue are the two private developers.
- Government announced 30% participation of M/WBE
 - Workshops and events to encourage participation
 - Job fair November 30, 2018 in Far Rockaway (flyers)
- Email: jfkdevelopment@pany.gov
- Office at 144-33/35 Jamaica Avenue:
 - Opening mid-December
 - Down the street from the LIRR

BM Ishmael Mohammad: Are the two of you employees of the Port Authority?

A: Yes. Just for the redevelopment process.

Board Chair: Tell more about your specific roles...

A: A community office space for information and workshop trainings.

BM Bonnie Huie: Do you work under the auspices of Port Authority?

A: Yes.

BM Bonnie Huie: Explain the private developers...

A: TOGA for Terminal One Group (North phase), Jet Blue (South phase). \$13B program: \$1B from Port Authority, \$3B from Jet Blue and the balance by TOGA.

Board Chair: Is there still an opportunity to get involved? (Explains what a M/WBE is.)

Eligibility can be established in one year.

Selvenia Brooks-Powers: MBE (minority business enterprise), WBE (women business enterprise, M/WBE (minority women business enterprise); distinctions on certification explained which goes towards 30% goal. Local businesses get preference as well. SBE (small business enterprise).

ACDDE (concessions) certification:

- A certification that can be used nationwide.

Board Chair: Nantasha Williams is a Board Member; Selvenia Brooks-Powers is also from the community; he (the Chair) sits on the JFK Advisory Council. (Speaking to Nantasha and Selvenia) Richard Hellenbrecht is an important resource. This is a big opportunity.

Nantasha: Announces JFK Advisory Council and the upcoming public meeting, December 13, 2018 at York College.

BM Steven Taylor: Mentions community coalition: Has there been any contact to work with "Queens Connection"?

A: They have met with all community people; however, the Advisory Council will navigate this ship. Some Queens Connection have a seat on the JFK Advisory Council, as do members of the Eastern Queens Alliance's NYC Community Aviation Roundtable.

Zelika Johnson: Speak more about qualifications for M/WBE capacity after certification...

A: Explains the same details. Assets, capital, lines of credit, bonding; depends on the specific project. Books must be up to snuff. How to tweak things that are barriers, partnering with other businesses.

Board Chair: Young business people get caught up in capacity and scaling. If you do not have enough capital to start a project, find a partner. Develop relationship skills.

BM Curlene Nelson: Already M/WBE certified, please talk about the Port Authority certification.

A: NYS, Port Authority, MTA, NYC all have their own certifications. LaGuardia allowed NYC certification to participate.

BM Alain Berrouet: What is Port Authority doing to build trust with people of Southeast Queens?

Board Chair: The willingness of the Port Authority is by putting these two in "harm's way". That is trust. Port Authority has laid out the rules. The rest is up to those who want to be qualified.

Selvenia Brooks-Powers: Believe people by their actions. She and Nantasha Williams are from the community. What is said publically is also said behind closed doors. Executive Director Rick Coffen has stressed transparency. A community office also shows good faith where community can get information. There is dialogue with community through the Advisory Council.

BM Richard Hellenbrecht: Do construction firms have to use unionized labor? Talk about work force regulations. 30% contracts, 40% labor and 6.9% women.

A: These issues are still in conversations. Union workers can be a barrier. Work force has not yet been worked out.

Board Chair: Development of apprenticeships...

A: Research and initial conversations on this.

Board Chair's Report

- See DM items
- Speaks about tragedies: fires in California, shooting at the Pittsburgh Synagogue. Sign: Charlottesville was an indication of what was coming.
- Empathy: concern about the suffering of other people.
- Poem: They came for communist, trade unionist, Jews, came for me (nobody left to speak for me.)
- Census meeting...visited by Jamel in January meeting:
 - New strategies to maximize response.
 - We need support.
 - Jobs pay \$25 per hour.
- Committees: calls out Alain, Jonathan and Mizanur about not attending meetings.
 - Board twice as strong if more engagement at community meetings.
 - Calls on Committee Chairs to engage each member to join.

District Manager's Report

- In the Sentinel.

BM Jonathan Logan: (Responds to Chair's comment.) He has spent hundreds of hours and he has 3 children; speaks about Mizanur running for Congress. Alain spends hundreds of hours.

BM Alain Berrouet: What framework are Committees using? How are Committees useful for my time? How do we defeat apathy? What is our plan? He is a District Manager for 42 high schools.

BM Seymour Finkelstein: Responsibility of Committee is with the leadership of the Board. At the beginning of each year, send out a list of who will sit on what committee.

District Manager: response on Committee attendance.

BM Mizanur Chowdhury: It is unfortunate they (the three mentioned by the Chair) were put on the spot. He does not get the (Committee meeting) agendas.

BM Franck Joseph: Agendas sent; he is guilty of not showing up; volunteers to be on a steering committee on how to engage the members. Volunteers to be a part of it.

He then speaks about his position at the Commission for Human Rights:

- Speaks on hate.
- Works for NYC Commission for Human Rights.
- They have a response team.
- Let him know of any issues:
 - The city does have resources to deal with national issues.

- o Queens has some of the highest rates of hate crimes.

BM Bonnie Huie: The District Manager is diligent about getting agendas out on committees and meetings. Dissention saddens her. She wants more help and/or participation.

BM Tameka Pierre-Louis: Sits on quite a few boards – use technology/ video conferencing.

District Manager: I will look into this.

Melissa Hubbard: Regular attendee at Youth, Education and Libraries Committee meetings. She Had chosen not to be a Board Member because she did not have time for all the commitments. If you cannot attend, have someone else attend on your behalf, as Committee meetings are open to the public.

BM Kangela Moore: This discussion is embarrassing. When things don't happen, people complain, but don't show up. More of a need of collaborations with other Committees.

Roll Call

Minutes

Two corrections to the October 2018 Minutes:

- BM Curlene Nelson attendance changed to present
- Page 5 playground completion date 2019

Motion to approve Minutes as corrected.

Motion passes with unanimous voice vote.

Elected Officials

Zalieka Johnson, Senator James Sanders Jr's Office

- Announces the Senator's upcoming events (flyers).

Committee Reports

Youth Education and Libraries, Vice Chair Lorraine Gittens-Bridges

- Guest Speaker, Tarrik Johnson, Benjamin Franklin High School for Finance & Information Technology, Parent Coordinator.

Seniors, Social Services and Special Needs, Chair Kangela Moore

- November 21, 2018 American Legion Post 423 12 to 4 pm hot meals for Veterans

- Conversation - **MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS** - Hon. Scherie S. Murray, State Committeewoman, 29th Assembly District, New York State Republican Party
 - Announces Event: "Community Conversations with Dr. Jeff Gardere – A Q & A on Mental Health" held at Colonel Edward O. Gourdin VFW 5298 on November 14, 2018.

Economic Development, Chair Curlene Nelson and Vice Chair Richard Hellenbrecht

- Credit Union
 - Asks for Community Board support. Wants group to come to General Board meeting before a letter of support is written.

BM Ishmael Mohammad: Will deposits will be federally insured?

A: Yes. For depositors.

BM Jonathan Logan: Contact information for this group?

District Manager: Call the office.

Richard Hellenbrecht: The committee made the suggestion for them to extend their catchment area north to Hillside Avenue.

\$300K is "good luck" money...

- Pilot project: NYPD has stopped truck parking. She commends Deputy Inspector Gilbert.
- Supermarket...a letter has been sent to the owner

Land Use, Chair Richard Hellenbrecht

- Focus on the building on Little Neck Parkway and Jericho Turnpike:
 - Traffic the main issue.
 - There are two special permits the Community Board needs to approve.
 - Drop-off/ pick-up of young children (150) daily.
- The developer and his attorney will meet with the Land Use Committee in January 2019.
 - 2019-149-BZ, 230-48 148 Avenue
 - Laid over to December 3, 2018.

Health, Chair Bonnie Huie and Vice Chair Dr. Ashok Satkalmi

- Spoke a little about Medicinal Cannabis.
- December 10, 2018 meeting focus on marijuana.
- Guest speaker from J-CAP.

Public Safety, Chair Michael O'keeffe

- Submitted report in the November 2018 issue of the "Sentinel".

Public Speaking

Hiram

- Journalist from NY News Service, a CUNY journalism program:
- Help with abandoned homes; why would community need help with elected officials?

BM Michael O'Keeffe: Foreclosed property in his community. Wants banks to be responsive.

Website: nycitynewsservice.com

Frank Toner, Rocky Hill Civic Association

- Veterans
 - Brochures from Vietnam Veterans of America available.
 - Privatization of the Veterans Affairs:
 - This will become a bigger issue.
 - Town hall:
 - Community Church
40 E35 Street
7:30 pm, Thursday, November 29, 2018
 - Susanne Gordon, author.

Executive Members wish all a healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark McMillan
District Manager
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