

Queens Community Board 13

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2020

Webex Virtual Meeting

Attendance

Present:

Angela Augugliaro; Corey Bearak; Alain Berrouet; Bryan Block; Kyle Bragg; Barbara Clements; Sylvia Cothia; Tanya Cruz; Delroy Dawkins; Bess DeBetham; Derrick DeFlorimonte; James Delaney; Charles Farruggia; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Robert Glover; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Vernal Holder; Bonnie Huie; Mohamood Ishmael; Franck Joseph; Rhonda Kontner; Andy Laine; Jonathan Logan; Kangel Moore; Curlene Nelson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keeffe; Deepa Patel; Celeste Powers; Nagassar Ramgarib; Anup Ramnauth; Steven Taylor; Perminder Thiara; Mathew Thomas; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Nantasha Williams; Jerry Wind

Absent:

Isa Avery; Seymour Finkelstein; Antony Kuncheria; Tameka Pierre-Louis; Peter Richards; Ashok Satkalmi; Pritpal Singh Walia; Jackie Wilson;

Meeting called to order at 7:40 PM.

Acting Board Chair Welcoming Remarks.

Moment of Silence for those lost to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Roll Call

BM Jerry Wind asks Board Members for needs and/or a statement...

- **Angela Augugliaro:** No statement
- **Isa Avery:** Absent

- **Corey Bearak:** Everything fine.
- **Alain Berrouet:** Working with DOE, "the battlefield"; lost three family members.
- **Bryan Block:** Farmbria reopening on May 1; now it will be following social distancing rules.
- **Kyle Bragg:** Blessing of being sheltered at home.
- **Barbara Clements:?**
- **Sylvia Cothia:** Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) waste in the streets a real problem. Supermarket in her area doing Covid-19 testing.
- **Tanya Cruz:** Sheltering in place. All is well.
- **Delroy Dawkins:** Had COVID March 19. Bed ridden for 11 days. Recouperating and doing well.
- **Bess DeBetham:** Lost best friend to Covid-19 one block away. Lost friends. Family ok.
- **Derrick DeFlorimonte:** Working the Covid-19 as a medic.
- **James Delaney:** Sheltering in place. Some in Bellerose have contacted Covid-19.
- **Charles Farrugia:** No statement.
- **Seymour Finkelstein:** Absent.
- **Lorraine Gittens-Bridges:** Stay healthy and safe. Hears sirens regularly. Shout-out to BM Kangela Moore for giving extra masks and feeding the hungry at Veterans' posts.
- **Robert Glover:** Nothing to play with. Key Food is testing.
- **Richard Hellenbrecht:** Wishes everyone well.
- **Fay Hill: ?**
- **Vernal Holder:** Wishes everyone well. Sirens all day and night.
- **Bonnie Huie:** Hope for health. Lots of depression. Be positive. Worked with wellness ambassadors. Delivered masks.
- **Mohamood Ishmael:** Wish all frontline workers the best. Sad situation.
- **Franck Joseph:** Best to frontline workers. Do our part with social distancing.
- **Rhonda Kontner:** Mother-in-law and sister-in-law hospitalized with Covid-19.
- **Anthony Kuncheria: ?**
- **Andy Laine:** Let's get through this soon.
- **Jonathan Logan:** Present and healthy.
- **Kangela Moore:** Lost two neighbors in Rosedale. One owned a barbershop on Francis Lewis Boulevard. List or partners to be sent out.
- **Curlene Nelson:** Entire household came down with the virus. Everyone ok, now back at work. Fine Fare Grand Opening postponed until further notice.
- **Marcia O'Brien:** Lost her brother, two uncles, one Board Member's husband presently in the hospital. Proud of Rosedale Civic's work in the community. Fresh Direct brings fresh food. Give out some masks, gloves, hand sanitizers. Addabo Family Center free COVID tests. Reach out to her for an appointment.
- **Michael O'Keeffe:** His mother and wife both have Covid-19. Aquaduct testing worked very well, results in less than 24 hours. Looser criteria.

- **Deepa Patel:** Doing well. Some family members with Covid-19, two hospitalized. Now ok.
- **Tameka Pierre-Louis:** Absent
- **Celeste Powers:** Keeping everyone in prayer. Lost many people in her church. Some colleagues at ACS have passed. Fighting for services for mother with Alzheimer's. James Johnson (cousin) doing well, fighting COVID.
- **Nagassar Ramgarib:** Well wishes to all. Queens Village a hotspot. Many young people are not following instructions of masks and gloves. Best to frontline workers. Masks for Board Members.
- **Anup Ramnauth:** Thanks volunteers; some friends passed away.
- **Peter Richards:** Absent
- **Ashok Satkalmi: Absent.**
- **Steven Taylor:** Walgreens on corner of Springfield and Francis Lewis Boulevards closing in May. Wishes everyone well.
- **Perminder Thiara:** Family is good. Reaching out to seniors for essentials. Donated masks.
- **Matthew Thomas:** Sister has Covid-19, in-laws recovering,
- **Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick:** Wonderful interfaith meeting last night. Cousin and dear friend from church with COVID. As a civic, she will shop for anyone in need. Difficult for everyone. Virtual hug.
- **Pritpal Wallia:** Absent
- **Nantasha Williams:** Senior initiative- calling seniors about their needs. Melva Miller, Senator Comrie, and Assembly Member Hyndman involved. Seniors in CB12 &13 not getting needs.
- **Jackie Wilson:** Absent
- **Jerry Wind:** A civic member has passed. SNAP center on Hillside Avenue Liberty Mutual application for \$10K grant for meals on wheels.

Chair Report

- Close contact with DM -
 - Staff working remotely
 - Suspended committee meetings temporarily
- Attended virtual Borough Board Meeting

Catherine Goode, 2020 Census

- 10/31/20 – Last date to self respond
- 8/11/20 – Census takers came out
- Contact: 716.906.6730

BM Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick: Hispanic as a race?

A: Hispanic is not a race. Feel free to self identify.

BM Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick: It's weird, I don't consider myself white or black. Wants Hispanic to be a race – she is Puerto Rican.

BM James Delaney: Date of birth a problem.

Inspector Neteis Gilbert, Commanding Officer, 105th Precinct

- Command doing well crime-wise
 - 28 day up 1%
 - Year-to-date up 6%
- Social distancing requires masks. Civil fines for violations.
- Taking temperatures

Q: Has there been an increase in domestic violence?

A: Disputes, managed. Not a major spike.

BM Natasha Williams: I thought this was a civil penalty...

A: Assessment done by officer for civil penalty to arrest. Not arrested for social distancing. Administrative violation (a code).

NYC Administrative Code 3-108

BM Kyle Bragg: Has crime gone down since shelter in place?

A: City crime down 28.9% for the week. Grand larceny auto still a problem with keys being left in cars.

BM Alain Berrouet: Keep doors locked.

A: "Surfers" go around trying door handles.

BM Marcia O'Brien: CDC Scam...

A: Experts claim info – ask for info and card numbers

Inspector Gilbert: Memorial not being done because of social distancing.

State Senator Leroy Comrie:

- Condolences to all who have lost family and friends
- Congrats on finding a way to meet
- June 23 Primary Election; there is no "Special Election"
- Testing sites:
 - Queens Hospital
 - First Presbyterian Hospital in Jamaica
 - York College – need an appointment and at capacity already
 - Aqueduct open for drive-thru
 - Governor trying to have more sites
 - Jamaica, Franklin Hospitals

Council Member Barry Grodenchik:

- Thanks for prayers
- Condolences
- Two new pantries have been established

BM Jonathan Logan, Cambria Heights Civic

- Ohel Annual Event in June
- Rabbi intends to have the event

Senator Comrie: Resources to have cooperative. He has received the letter from Cambria Heights Civic Association.

Land Use

- Little Neck Parkway Building, 251-77 Jericho Turnpike
 - Hearing in March
 - Two issues - gym (PCE)
 - BSA approved
 - Child care center open
 - Construction halted because of PAUSE
 - Issue:
 - Parking in the basement down ramp with two hard-left turns to valet
 - Feels this will create street parking
 - Chime in at next...
- BSA# 220-29-BZ, 146-65 Springfield Boulevard
 - Never a problem
 - R3-2 and R3-1 lot
 - Requires variance
 - Normally a reinstitution but owner added 4K Sq. Ft. mezzanine
 - This is the issue
 - No parking issue
 - Passed this along to Barbara Brown (President of civic in the area)
 - Will vote if possible at June meeting
- BSA# 2020-3-BZ, 142-18 Hook Creek Boulevard
 - Use in a city mapped street not currently used
 - Copies sent to Rosedale Civic Association
 - Workable
- ULURP @ 245-01 Jamaica Avenue
 - Series of stores at intersection at Braddock Avenue
 - PCE, Karate Studio
 - These two uses cannot exist in present zoning
 - Request for rezoning


- Community fought for present zoning to preclude a hotel ever being made at this location
- ULURP @ 146-93, 147-01, 147-07 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard
 - One-story buildings, shops, open lots
 - Underutilized space
 - Developer wants to build an eight-story apartment building
 - EDC concered
 - Local residents concerned
 - Parking a problem

Nominating Committee Statement

BM Richard Hellenbrecht: Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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