Queens Community Board 13



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Donovan Richards Borough President

Franck Joseph Chief of Staff Bryan Block Chair

Mark McMillan District Manager

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 21, 2020

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance

Present:

Angela Augugliaro; Isa Avery; Corey Bearak; Alain Berrouet; Bryan Block; Barbara Clements; Sylvia Cothia; Tanya Cruz; Bess DeBetham; Derrick DeFlorimonte; James Delaney; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Robert Glover; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Vernal Holder; Bonnie Huie; Mohamood Ishmael; Rhonda Kontner; Antony Kuncheria; Jonathan Logan; Michael Mallia; Sophia Mighty; Kangela Moore; Curlene Nelson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keeffe; Deepa Patel; Nagassar Ramgarib; Anup Ramnauth; Patricia Robinson; Ashok Satkalmi; Perminder Thiara; Mathew Thomas; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Pritpal Singh Walia; Nantasha Williams; Jerry Wind

Absent:

Kyle Bragg; Delroy Dawkins; Samuel Elliott; Charles Farruggia; Seymour Finkelstein; Franck Joseph; Andy Laine; Cinnamon Paltoo; Tameka Pierre-Louis; Celeste Powers; Peter Richards; Steven Taylor; Jermaine Washington; Jackie Wilson

Meeting Called to Order at 7:36 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Chair Angela Augugliaro - comments/report

District Managers Report – No questions

Nomination Committee Chair, Corey Bearak Report

- Introduces new Executive Board Members:
 - o Bryan Block Chair
 - o Richard Hellenbrecht First Vice Chair

- o Marcia O'Brien Second Vice Chair
- o Jerry Wind Executive Secretary
- o Mohamood Ishmael Treasurer
- Bryan Block thanks Board Members for his election as Chair
 - o BM Bess DeBetham loss of her sister in Alabama
 - o Thanks Angela Augugliaro for her service as Acting Chair
 - o Notes Rosedale illegal club with 164 people

New Assembly Member Khalil Anderson speaks

Elected Officials:

- Sherwyn James, District Leader
- Brittany Cottle, State Senator James Sanders Jr.
- Akshar Patel, State Senator John Liu
- Tayler Jackson, State Senator Leroy Comrie
- Shurn Anderson, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr.
- Shana Gladden, Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman
- Carl Bellaire, Assembly Member Khalil Anderson
- Hari Khan, Comptroller Scott Stringer
- Susan Seinfeld, Council Member Barry Grodenchik
- Marlon Palacios, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz
- Amber Yoon, Assembly Member Edward Braunstein
- United States Senator Charles Schumer
- Anthony Leima, Assembly Member David Weprin
- State Senator Leroy Comrie
- Sabine French, Public Advocate Jumanne Williams

Ozone Park flooding issue from 2019: 101 claims, 86 claims offered settlement

Discussion

November Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve by Richard Hellenbrecht
- Seconded by Marcia O'Brien

Roll Call

NYC Department of Veterans Affairs – Terry Holliday

- Details various programming available to veterans in NYC
- Speaks about assistance with food pantries in Laurelton and Rosedale

Congressman Gregory Meeks speaks:

- Just voted on the Stimulus Package a bridge deal for four months
- NYS to get \$50B
- The vaccine is safe; he took the shot
- Every Tuesday at 5pm on Facebook Live to take questions from the community

Chair speaks about Zoom chat and the tone of conversation/discussion at meetings.

Standing Committees only are being recognized.

Ad-hoc Committees eliminated.

Committee Reports

- Land Use, Richard Hellenbrecht
 - Approved Bellerose rezoning today
 - Department of City Planning passed positive declaration on citywide text amendment
 - o No more "as-of-right" hotels; a special permit needed
 - ULURP process necessary
- Youth, Education & Libraries, Rhonda Kontner
 - o No meeting, no report
- Parks & Environment, Fay Hill
 - o No gatherings of over 10 people
 - Problem with dumping on "Snake Road" (Brookville Boulevard marshland area)
- Health, Bonnie Huie
 - No report
- Seniors, Social Services & Special Needs, Jerry Wind
 - Guest speaker on resources for people with developmental disabilities
- Public Safety, Michael O'Keeffe
 - o No liquor licenses in December
 - Call police when observing illegal gatherings
 - Vacant housing, squatters, no evictions during COVID

- NYPD not responding to auto accidents unless a tow, injury, or hit and run
 MV104 Form details accidents for Police Reports
- Economic Development, Curlene Nelson
 - o No meeting, no report
- Special Initiative
 - Discussion Chair dissolves this committee via recognizing only standing committees

Public Speaking

Alain Berrouet

Issue of 3 minutes for public speaking time.

Bess Debetham – motion to adjourn Michael O'Keeffe - seconds

Adjourn at 9:53pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mark McMillan

District Manager

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