

Queens Community Board 13

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2020

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

Attendance

Present:

Isa Avery; Corey Bearak; Alain Berrouet; Bryan Block; Barbara Clements; Sylvia Cothia; Delroy Dawkins; Bess DeBetham; Derrick DeFlorimonte; James Delaney; Charles Farruggia; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Bonnie Huie; Mohamood Ishmael; Rhonda Kontner; Antony Kuncheria; Curlene Nelson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keefe; Deepa Patel; Celeste Powers; Nagassar Ramgarib; Anup Ramnauth; Ashok Satkalmi; Steven Taylor; Mathew Thomas; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Pritpal Singh Walia; Clive Williams; Nantasha Williams; Jackie Wilson; Jerry Wind

Absent:

Angela Augugliaro; Kyle Bragg; Tanya Cruz; Samuel Elliott; Seymour Finkelstein; Robert Glover; Vernal Holder; Franck Joseph; Andy Laine; Jonathan Logan; Kangel Moore; Tameka Pierre-Louis; Peter Richards; Perminder Thiara.

The Board Chair Clive Williams called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance by Angela Augugliaro.

CM Barry Grodenchik

- His district was hit hard by the bus redesign
- This Thursday at 7 pm at YMCA there will be MTA workshops
- Last Thursday 500 people showed up in Bayside
 - People are not happy about Little Neck bus removal
 - No buses going into Glen Oaks
 - Braddock Avenue
 - Need to keep the pressure on MTA
- Thursday, March 19 workshop at North Shore Towers
- Participation in meetings and workshops critical for community to get what it needs
- First time every elected in Queens in lock step on an issue

Committee Report

Economic Development, Curlene Nelson, Committee Chair

- NYT Article re: Closure of Brick and Mortar Stores (shuttered)
 - Customers changing from buying things to utilizing services
- Rezoning request for Springfield Gardens
 - More from Land Use
- Supermarket: Fine Fair
 - Ready to this past December but no gas available
 - Last week gas company out
 - Opening imminent
 - It has been 4 years
- Visiting stores/merchants in the area
 - Learning what they can do to help rebuild the community
 - Complaints for residents – stores do not clean up
 - Turns out the garbage blows around

Health, Bonnie Huie, Committee Chair

- Great meeting with guest speaker Beverly Bruin from Prebyterian Heart Smart Program
 - Say hello to your heart – between 50-70 beats per minute
 - Everything you put in your mouth is either good or not good for your heart
 - Exercise is important
 - Men and women have different symptoms indicating a heart attack
 - Represents QCB13 on the Queens Hospital CAB
 - CEO Chris Roker leaving for Metropolitan Hospital
 - Triboro Building sold; will be housing and putting up a new parking lot

- Urgy Center moving out of the hospital and across the street
 - Map of Urgy Centers in Board area
- Coronavirus
 - 79K infected, 2,600 deaths worldwide
 - No cure for 6 months – 1 year
 - Masks serve no purpose

Land Use, Richard Hellenbrecht, Committee Chair

- 4 items, 2 difficult
 - ULURP rezoning
146-93 Guy R. Brewer
from R3X to R3A with commercial overlay (take a commercial block and replace with 8-story apartment building for the entire block)
 - Nothing nearly even close
 - 4-story hotel (shelter) is the highest
 - Beginning of a lot of blocks
 - ULURP 200252 ZNQ
 - Rezoning of a block in Bellerose residential C-2 overlay to C-3 overlay
 - Seeling to protect the area from attracting hotels
 - PCE variances cannot be legalized
 - Building Developer wants zoning for PCE
 - Community concerned another hotel could be built
 - 4 hotels on this strip
 - Spectrum Special Permit at Cross Island Plaza
 - Flag pole containing cell towers to upgrade to 5G
 - BSA 2020-3A
 - 2-family residential building on vacant lot in the bed of a mapped street
 - Need approval for special permit

BM Peter Richards: Jamaica Avenue at 218 Street a lodge in bad shape – needs inspection.

Public Safety, Michale O’Keeffe, Committee Chair

- 1 liquor license with change in corporate name
- Precinct Council Meeting on Human Trafficking
 - Details some indications
- Detective Brian Simonson killed on year ago. He donated a lot of his organs. His wife gets some comfront from thins.
 - There are ways one can donate
 - Drivers license

- Election registration
- As a former firefighter, almost burned house down
 - Check wiring on old appliances
- BM Rhonda Kontner has CERT Program:
 - Community Emergency Planning Tool Kit
 - January training for some of the Civics in the South end... EQA
 - Wants to replicate training with other Civics in QCB13
 - Sewer backup in Soth Ozone Park showed level of unpreparedness
 - Communities need to be prepared

Youth, Education and Libraries, Rhonda Kontner, Committee Chair

- Process of developing a questionnaire to ascertain what community members think about their schools
- Less interest than should be about the state of schools; directly linked to property values

BM Charles Farruggia: Any stats ion school report cards in District 26 and 28?

A: Report cards readily available; a disparity in District 26 and District 29.

BM Charles Farruggia: Too much choice? Charter Schools?

A: Answer questionnaire and give your opinion.

District 28 intergration plan put on hold.

Transportation – See Sentinel

Seniors, Social Service and Special Needs, Kangela Moore, Committee Chair;

Jerry Wind Committee Vice Chair

- Honoring
 - Glenda Spencer
 - Barbara Edwards
 - Jean Nataro
 - Gina Vasquez
 - Elizabeth Tarranova

Elected Officials

- **Shurn Anderson**, Borough President's Office:
 - Wednesday at 5:30 PM Black History Month Event
 - March 5, 2020, Queens Delegation of Council at Queens Museum
9AM – 7PM
 - 6PM QBP Womens History
- **Paul Nichols**, Senator Comrie's Office
 - Tax Prep – See flyers (every Saturday)

- Women's Health Symposium March, 21, at York College
- Foreclosure Legal Assistance
- February, 25, Black History Month Vet Event at Post 483 in Rosedale
 - BM Jackie Wilson: 1800 – present, workshop on Black Vets
 - Will be in Queens Public Library
- **Mahoney**, Assembly Member Braunstein's Office
 - YMCA Bus redesign (date)
 - NST Bus redesign (date)
- **Reen**, Senator Liu's Office
 - Bus Workshop
 - March 6, Homeowners benefit clinic (flyers)
- **Al Kanu**, Public Advocate's Office

Census Forum

BM Kyle Bragg: If some portions not filled out, will it still count?

A: Yes.

BM Kyle Bragg: Some specific questions some people will find offensive.

A: Self identifying.

BM Rhonda Kontner: How much details in race is required?

A: As much as you want.

BM Curlene Nelson: How does a pregnant woman count?

A: The child must be born on April 1.

BM Curlene Nelson: Any other id to be sure Census taker is who they say they are?

A: ID has golden chip in the center

Patrick: Why is Hispanic separate?

A: Language does not relate to race.

BM Peter Richards: One person between 2 addresses?

A: Where you are staying on April 1.

Q: Person in a nursing home...

A: Counted at the facility.

Beulah: Catherine, you did a great job!

Roll Call

January 2020 General Board Meeting Minutes Approved.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark McMillan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Mark McMillan
District Manager
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