

Queens Community Board 13

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 23, 2020

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance

Present:

Angela Augugliaro; Isa Avery; 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; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Bonnie Huie; Mohamood Ishmael; Franck Joseph; Rhonda Kontner; Antony Kuncheria; Jonathan Logan; Michael Mallia; Sophia Mighty; Kangela Moore; Curlene Nelson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keefe; Deepa Patel; Celeste Powers; Nagassar Ramgarib; Anup Ramnauth; Peter Richards; Patricia Robinson; Ashok Satkalmi; Steven Taylor; Perminder Thiara; Mathew Thomas; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Pritpal Singh Walia; Jermaine Washington; Nantasha Williams; Jackie Wilson; Jerry Wind

Absent:

Seymour Finkelstein; Robert Glover; Vernal Holder; Andy Laine; Cinnamon Paltoo; Tameka Pierre-Louis

Meeting Called to Order at 7:40 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

October General Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve by Bess DeBetham
- Seconded by Bryan Block
- Unanimous approval

Acknowledgement of Elected Officials

- Akshar Patel – State Senator John Liu's Office
- Tayler Jackson – State Senator Leroy Comrie's Office
- Shurn Anderson – Acting Queens Borough President Sharon Lee's Office
- Amber Yoon – Assembly Member Edward Braunstein's Office
- Haris Kahn – New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office
- Sherwyn James – District Leader
- Marlon Palacios – Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz's's Office
- Justin Conner – Congress Member Thomas Souzzi's Office

Roll Call

Land Use Voting Items

- 245 – 01-25 Jamaica Avenue (Rezoning)
 - Public Hearing held November 16, 2020
 - Land Use Meeting held a few minutes ago
 - Owner interested in entering into a restricted declaration
 - Community concerns:
 - Multiple meetings to discuss options, one with Council Member Barry Grodenchik attending
 - Site becoming a hotel and/or homeless shelter
 - Owners agree to these provisions:
 - 1000 ft. radius
 - "Entities" as well as "property owners" "blocks" as qualified plaintiffs
 - Recommendation: vote in favor of rezoning with restrictive covenants
 - Would be filed in Queens County and will "run with the land"
 - Recorded in the title to the property
 - Motion to support recommendation made by Alain Berrouet
 - Seconded by Michael O'Keefe
 - Roll call vote: Y – 41, N – 1, A – 0
- 214-32 Hillside Avenue – Rezoning for commercial overlay to a pharmacy
 - Public hearing held November 16, 2020
 - Flyers distributed to neighbors
 - Discussion
 - Motion to approve by Marcia O'Brien
 - Seconded by Ishmael Mohamood
 - Roll call vote: Y - 43 N – 1, A – 0

Nomination Committee, Corey Bearak

- Met three times
- Names on the Slate:
 - Chair – Bryan Block
 - First Vice Chair – Richard Hellenbrecht
 - Second Vice Chair – Marcia O'Brien
 - Executive Secretary – Jerry Wind
 - Treasurer – Mohamood Ishmael
- Thanks fellow committee members
- Discussed pairing experienced Board Members with newer Board Members to develop leadership and acclimate to how to be a good Board Member

Nominations from the floor:

- Discussion on voting procedure
- Tanya Cruz nominates Kangela Moore for Chair – Accepts
- Tanya Cruz nominates Jonathan Logan for First Vice Chair – Accepts
- Tanya Cruz nominates Anup Ramnauth for Treasurer - Accepts
- Kyle Bragg – Charter Revision done by voters, not Mayor's Charter Members. Personally opposed to term limits.
- It is not within the purview of committee to have verbal presentation of candidates
- Each nominee gives a written statement to be disseminated to all Board Members
- Motion to have each candidate make a two-minute speech by Tanya Cruz
- Seconded by Kyle Bragg
- Motion passes by acclamation; one opposed – Bess DeBetham
- Email bylaws to all Board Members
- Motion to close nominations passes by acclamation
- Candidate Remarks:
 - Chair: Bryan Block, Kangela Moore
 - First Vice Chair: Richard Hellenbrecht, Jonathan Logan
 - Second Vice Chair: Marcia O'Brien
 - Executive Secretary: Jerry Wind
 - Treasurer: Mohamood Ishmael; Anup Ramnauth – withdraws

Committee Reports

- Special Initiatives: Nantasha Williams
- Seniors, Social Services & Special Needs: Kangela Moore
- Youth, Education & Libraries: Rhonda Kontner
- Public Safety: Michael O'Keeffe
- Health: Bonnie Huie
- Transportation: District Manager Mark McMillan
- Parks & Environment: Fay Hill
- Economic Development: Curlene Nelson

No Public Speaking

Motion to adjourn at 10:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark McMillan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mark McMillan
District Manager
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