



Queens Community Board 13

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2020

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance

Present:

Angela Augugliaro; Corey Bearak; Alain Berrouet; Bryan Block; Kyle Bragg; Barbara Clements; Sylvia Cothia; Delroy Dawkins; Bess DeBetham; Derrick DeFlorimonte; James Delaney; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Robert Glover; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Vernal Holder; Mohamood Ishmael; Franck Joseph; Rhonda Kontner; Jonathan Logan; Michael Mallia; Sophia Mighty; Kangela Moore; Curlene Nelson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keeffe; Cinnamon Paltoo; Deepa Patel; Nagassar Ramgarib; Anup Ramnauth; Ashok Satkalmi; Steven Taylor; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Pritpal Singh Walia; Nantasha Williams; Jackie Wilson; Jerry Wind

Absent:

Isa Avery Tanya Cruz; Samuel Elliott; Charles Farruggia; Seymour Finkelstein; Bonnie Huie; Antony Kuncheria; Andy Laine; Tameka Pierre-Louis; Celeste Powers; Peter Richards; Patricia Robinson; Perminder Thiara; Mathew Thomas; Jermaine Washington;

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Chair Remarks

- Meetings attended

District Manager Remarks

- Written report disseminated

Elected Officials' Remarks/Reports:

- **State Senator John Liu**
 - Asian Officer accused is innocent until proven guilty
- **Council Member Barry Grodenchik**
 - Bad DOE start for the school year
 - Bellerose Playground update
- **State Senator Leroy Comrie**
 - Comments on 116 Precinct
 - Jamaica Station Work continues
 - LIRR cross-honoring Metrocards
 - Absentee Ballot
 - Early voting
- **Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman**
 - Parents struggling with remote learning
 - Importance of early voting because Electeds fought hard for it
 - "Community Refrigerator" on Merrick Boulevard between 231 and 232 Streets
 - Looking for sponsors
 - Free food available for the taking
 - Supports the 116th Precinct

Q&A

- Revenue issues?
Billionaire tax; stock transfer tax. Issue of rich people leaving New York.

Elected Representatives Present

- Shurn Anderson – Acting Queens Borough President Sharon Lee
- Justin Conner – Congressman Tom Suazzi
- Akshar Patel – NYS Senator John Liu
- Anthony Lima – Assembly member David Weprin
- Tayler Jackson – State Senator Leroy Comrie
- Susan Seinfeld – City Council Member Barry Grodenchik
- Jalissa Quigley – Council Member I. Daneek Miller
- Shana Gladden – Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman
- David Fischer – Assembly Member Edward Braunstein
- Corey Adams – Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz

Committee Reports

- Transportation – Mark McMillan reports
- Land Use – Richard Hellenbrecht reports
- Youth, Education & Libraries – Rhonda Kontner reports
- Public Safety – Michael O’Keeffe reports
 - Questions/thoughts on the 116th Precinct
- Parks & Environment – Fay Hill reports
 - Litter in parks
 - Pruning of trees
 - Cleanup of “Snake Road”

Roll Call by Executive Secretary

- Economic Development – Curlene Nelson reports (unintentionally passed)
- Special Initiatives – meeting Wednesday at 7 pm

Public Speaking

- Bill Perkins
 - Member of 116th Precinct Task Force
 - Q&A with Board Members
 - BM Nantasha Williams: Point of order...
 - Public comment period suspended?
 - Was agenda amended with motion?
 - Concern to continue speaking?
 - Does the Chair have the authority to reduce public speaking to accommodate other business?
 - District Manager:
 - Board Member Logan makes a request to have public speaking.
 - Board Member Logan granted time to speak.
 - Discussion.

Nomination Committee

- Chair presents two options:
 - Postpone election until meeting in-person
 - Selection of Nomination Committee

- Acting Chair would select members because selection from the floor difficult in Zoom, decided by Executive Committee.
 - Would select a slate delivered 10 days before November General Board Meeting (11/12/2020)
 - Interested candidates would contact Nomination Committee by November 4.
 - 3-minute presentation at November 24th meeting.
 - 1 week in-person voting put into a locked box:
 - Sign-in to account for vote attendance
 - Sign on envelope over seal with ballot inside
 - Live result by Nomination Committee on December 9
 - Candidates running will be on slate with incumbent put next to those presently holding the position
- Proposition A: Hold off on elections
 - Proposition B: Hold elections & form Nomination Committee with elections in November
 - Clarification on Proposition B with Acting Chair picking Nomination Committee
 - Discussion on process by Board Members on picking Nomination Committee
 - Chair wants vote on propositions
 - Since people want to form Nomination Committee
 - Clarification on Proposition B with who is on the ballot
 - Motion...
 - Chair
 - Wants a vote on both propositions
 - Roll call vote on an election
 - **Motion:** Lay over the election to a later date when the Board can meet in-person, by BM Bryan Block. BM Anup Ramnauth seconds the motion.
 - Discussion on the motion by Board Members.
 - Motion made to close discussion by BM Kyle Bragg, BM Derrick DeFlorimonte seconds.
 - Vote tally: Y – 11, N – 21
 - **Motion** to appoint Nomination Committee by BM Nantasha Williams, BM Jonathan Logan seconds the motion.

- No roll call on motion, defeat of earlier motion means to move forward with Nomination Committee.
- Chair gives meeting to District Manager.
- Point of information... no longer need a motion because of earlier motion vote.

District Manager starts nomination process

1. Mohamood Ishmael nominates Kyle Bragg – accepts
2. Alain Berrouet nominates Deepa Patel – accepts
3. Deepa Patel nominates Nantasha Williams – accepts
4. Bryan Block nominates Steven Taylor – accepts
5. Jerry Wind nominates Michael O'Keeffe – accepts
6. Steven Taylor nominates Richard Hellenbrecht – accepts
7. Marcia O'Brien nominates Corey Bearak – accepts

Acting Chair appoints Corey Bearak as Chair of Nomination Committee

Discussion of the nominations and process

- Using Zoom platform with fairness and transparency for all members with differing abilities and equipment for the technology

Motion to adjourn by Richard, multiple Board Members second.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark McMillan
District Manager
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