



COMMUNITY BOARD #14
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
January 29, 2024

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
333 BEACH 90 STREET
ROCKAWAY BEACH, NY 11693

COMMUNITY
 BOARD #14

PRESENT

Lailah Boyd, Louis Caucig, Kimberly Comes, John Cori, Rose Marie Duggan-Gulston Jack Epter, Iona Folkes, Menashe Friedman, Jeanette Garramone, D. Brian Heffernan, Felicia Johnson, Alison Kase, Paul King, Richard Knott, Damara Lee, Betty Leon, Denise Lopresti, , Annette Lord-Cohen, John McCambridge, Sonia Moise, Helen Montero, Dolores Orr, Harold Paez, Vernell Robinson, David Rood-Ojalvo, David Shelborne, Karen Sloan-Payne, Colin Smith, Chris Tedesco, Jose Velez

ABSENT

Audrey Amsterdam-Handy, Danielle Barker, Ebony Beaty, Natasha Carter Gerald David, , Eugenia Gibson, Chamaine Gibbs, Yitzchok Goldstein, Avionne Gumbs-Cummings, Shanell Harper, Samuel Jaroslawicz, Caren Lee, Luquan Lloyd; Linita, Lyons, Jonathan Mack, Nancy Martinez Rosalyn Mason, Nyjeri Norman, Isaac Parsee

GUESTS

Office of Congressman Gregory Meeks – Jose Rene;
 Office of Assembly Member Stacey Pheffer Amato – Maggie Bernath;
 Office of CM Joann Ariola – Margaret Powers



COMMUNITY BOARD #14
 City of New York
 Borough of Queens

DOLORES ORR
 Chairperson

JONATHAN GASKA
 District Manager

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. Quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Speaking: The Chair opened the floor for public speaking. 2 individuals signed up to speak. They were recognized and heard. Public speaking was closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee – Chris Tedesco – Chair

Chris advised Committee meeting was held on Dec 7, 2023 at Peninsula Library. All current Executive Board member were contacted by the Committee Chair in advance of Committee Meeting to inquiry if each Executive Board member would like to be considered for re-nomination to their current position. All members stated yes. Committee discussion concluded with decision to re-nominate existing Executive Board members. Nominations for each of the positions will be accepted from the floor, in compliance with our By-Laws.

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Executive Board nominations read by Chris Tedesco:

Chair – Dolores Orr - Chris Tedesco asked for nominations from the floor. There being none – nominations for position of Chair was closed.

2nd Vice Chair – Betty Leon- Chris Tedesco asked for nominations from the floor. There being none – nominations for position of 2nd Vice Chair was closed.

3rd Vice Chair – Jose Velez Chris Tedesco asked for nominations from the floor. There being none – nominations for position of 3rd Vice Chair was closed.

4th Vice Chair – Nancy Martinez - Chris Tedesco asked for nominations from the floor. There being none – nominations for position of 4th Vice Chair was closed.

Secretary/Treasurer - David Shelborne – Chris Tedesco asked for Nominations from the floor. Sonia Moise was nominated by John Cori.

There being no nominations from the floor for the positions of Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, 3rd Vice Chair and 4th Vice Chair, Committee Chair Chris Tedesco cast one vote for the reappointment of those current positions.

There being a nomination from the floor for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. An open ballot vote will take place at the February 13, 2024 meeting of the Community Board.

Economic Development Committee – John Cori – Co-Chair

Committee meeting was held on January 22, 2024. This was the 2nd meeting of the Committee on the topic of CITY OF YES (Economic Opportunities) Since some of zoning changes presented impacting housing/land use the Housing/Land Use Committee were also present at the meeting.

After intense review and consideration of all 18 recommendations (divided into 4 sub-sets of Goals) from the Department of City Planning the Economic Development Committee recommends that the Board oppose the CITY OF YES (Economic Opportunities).

Goal 1 with 6 Recommendations the committee opposed recommendations 2,3,5 & 6 as the explanations were too vague and would ultimately deprive the local Community Board of having proper input in the growth of our immediate communities in the future.

Goal 2 with 5 Recommendations the committee opposed recommendations 8 & 11 as the explanations were too vague and would ultimately deprive the local Community Board of having proper input in the growth of our immediate communities in the future.

Goal 3 with 5 Recommendations the committee opposed recommendations 12 & 14 as being too broad and needed clarification on the overlay.

Goal 4 with 5 Recommendations the committee opposed all of the recommendations since there are already clear methods in place within the current laws and the City Charter to achieve these goals. Those methods clearly protect the character and development of each unique parts of our neighborhoods, Boroughs and City.

Motion by Brian Heffernan and seconded by Lou Caucig to oppose The Department of City Planning's City of Yes (Economic Development).
Motion carried. There was one abstention.

Meeting went into **Executive Session**- room was cleared except for the Board Members. Members of the public were advised they will be invited back to the meeting after board member discussion so that they can be present for the vote.

District Manager Search Committee – Dolores Orr- Chair

The Job Posting and a sample worksheet that was used to evaluate and take notes on the candidates interviewed.

Dolores review the timelines and procedures:

- >Job was posted on Sept 6, 2023 – was sent to all Board members, our email distribution list, posted on our website and placed in the Rockaway Times.
- >Resumes had to be postmarked by Sept 23, 2023 and mailed Certified Return Receipt to a PO BOX.
- >A total of 15 resumes were received. However one was postmarked Oct 3rd therefore was ineligible – envelope was not opened.
- >On October 23rd the 14 envelopes were turned upside and one envelope was opened at a time and was rotated between committee members. A letter was assigned to each envelope allows us to reference candidates by letter rather than name during our discussions. The person who opened the

envelope reviewed the resume for the minimum requirements on the Job Posting was met.

>Seven resumes did not the meet the minimum requirements stated in the Job Posting so those individuals were not considered.

> Two interview dates were initially set up Nov 6 and Nov 20. After interview four candidates and made the decision to recommend to the Full Board to offer the position of District Manger to Felicia Johnson.

After Board members heard the reason why the committee made that selection and discussed two of the other candidates the Board was asked if they were ready to make a motion,

The public was invited back into the room.

A motion was made by John Cori and seconded by Lou Caucig for Community Board 14 to offer the position to Felicia Johnson. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Position of 1st Vice Chair – Felicia Johnson will have to resign from her position as 1st Vice Chair. As per our By-Laws, when there is a vacancy all current Executive Board Members move up in position and the Secretary/Treasurer position will be filled by asking for nominations from the floor. If there is more than one nomination there will be an open ballot vote at the next month's meeting. Sonia Moise will be voted by one vote cast by Nominating Committee Chair Chris Tedesco at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:
Dolores Orr