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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2018

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

Attendance

Present:

Angela Augugliaro; Corey Bearak; Alain Berrouet; Bryan Block; Verdell Boncoeur; Jacqueline Campbell; Barbara Clements; Delroy Dawkins; Bess DeBetham; James Delaney; Samuel Elliott; Charles Farruggia; Seymour Finkelstein; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Bonnie Huie; Mohamood Ishmael; Franck Joseph; Antony Kuncheria; Andy Laine; Jonathan Logan; Kangelia Moore; Curlene Nelson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keeffe; Tameka Pierre-Louis; Anup Ramnauth; Ashok Satkalmi; Steven Taylor; Mathew Thomas; Sanu Thomas; Pritpal Singh Walia; Clive Williams; Nantasha Williams; Jackie Wilson; Jerry Wind

Absent:

Isa Avery; Terence Banks (R); Kyle Bragg; Mizanur Choudhury; Tanya Cruz; Terryl Ebony DeMendonca (R); Robert Glover; Felice Hannah; Vernal Holder; Rhonda Kontner; Celeste Powers; Nagassar Ramgarib; Peter Richards; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick

The Board Chairman Clive Williams called the meeting to order at 7:47 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by BM Alain Berrouet.

The Board Chair welcomes everyone with a very special welcome to Inspector Neteis Gilbert, new Commanding Officer at the 105 Precinct.

Public Speaking

Jim Buccellato and Richard Weinberg, QC American Legion Post 103

- Military memorial directly across the street.
- Requesting funding for a memorial (see "background" handout)
 - Take into consideration for funding
 - Don't believe those that have died have been properly memorialized

Richard Weinberg: Came across this memorial walking down the street with no names. Pilots did a miraculous job with only one civilian dying. Contacted half of the family members who did not know about the plaque. They will come from all over the United States for a re-dedication of the plaque.

BM Jerry Wind: My Civic Association put that plaque there. Rich Cannon, former president, put it there. He was unable to get the names of those who passed.

BM Richard Hellenbrecht: Go across the street and look at it.

BM Pritpal Walia: How much money do you need?

A: \$50K. Many of the islands have no curb. We would like to move old memorial to 237th Street.

BM Pritpal Walia: We have a church on 237th Street and we would like to support. CM Grodenchik says discretionary funds for this must go through the Community Board.

Motion: Board votes in favor to support of this memorial through the Community Board, Council Member Grodenchik and Department of Parks, possibly with a "Green Streets."

Motion carries by verbal vote unanimously.

Dennis Frank, NYC Human Resources Administration

- Family Support Programming provided by HRA
 - Increase in domestic violence (flyer) and support services.
 - Mediation services for relationship and child-related issues (four non-profits) to help keep families intact.
 - Emergency to assist those in shelters with those having housing issues

Barbara Waldron

- Panhandling problem:
 - Lived here for 33 years, Union Turnpike and Winchester Boulevard.
 - Excessive panhandling; Creedmoor not a friendly neighbor. Panhandling goes to prostitution.
 - All hours of the day, they eat and throw stuff on the front lawn.
 - An appeal for help.

- o Creedmoor has made this an undesirable neighborhood.
- o This problem has been going on for three years.

BM Kangela Moore: Speaks of her committee – will write a letter on her behalf that they [Creedmoor] needs more accountability.

Inspector Gilbert: Her voice speaks for a lot of people. Panhandling and prostitution are a problem. I would like to meet with you privately. Will introduce her to her area NCO's. Direct contact via cell and email. Also Build-a-Block meeting.

Lieutenant Lauterberg: Community people meet regularly with Creedmoor and its security team.

Inspector Gilbert: Mental health is a nationwide issue. Residents do not have curfews. Will sit down individually to strategize.

Denise Downing, Queens Library

- Received some money, Queens Village Branch got \$4M.
- Bellerose Branch will be closed for two weeks during the summer.
- "Book Mobile" – Library on wheels.
- Brian Hovell is the new Queens Village Branch Manager.
- Summer reading program for various age groups.
- Older adults program at Glen Oaks Branch.
- Libraries are "cooling stations" for exceptionally hot summer days.
- Libraries are for all people – toddlers to older adults.
- Best deal in town, as everything is free.

BM Jackie Campbell: There are free lunches at specific libraries for those 18 years and younger.

BM Alain Berrouet

- Works for the Department of Education.
- Has been attending many graduations.
- Young man in the Bronx was recently murdered.
 - o Very disgusted
 - o When a kid is murdered, wants to know if we are doing enough.
 - o As leaders we need to put in the work.

BM Jonathan Logan

- Police and community relations:

- While supervising an FDNY unit to check for carbon monoxide levels, he went to an apartment on a lower level, knocks on the door and a woman with two children answered the door.
- Woman asks him for identification.
- JL: I only have on my uniform
- Woman: Let me see if there are fire trucks outside. Kids say there are trucks outside.
- What if...
- 2 weeks ago, I was stopped by NYPD while on my motorcycle with my son. Cop cocked his head to the side and said I was playing dumb.
- Advocates for the least of the people.
- Supports community policing but as community leaders, be mindful of some of the bad things.

Nate Lawrence: Was that in NYC?

A: Yes.

Q: Did you submit a complaint?

A: Of course...following the process at CCRB.

- Speaks with Executive Director at CCRB. He asked for mediation; this office is ineligible for mediation. (Translation: this officer has been down this road before without good results.)

Board Chair: This is why we have Community Boards; people need to be heard.

Board Chair: Introduces AM Alicia Hyndman.

- First, representatives from elected officials.

Board Chair: Be mindful of your civic duty...you do know what happens tomorrow.

Assembly Member Alicia Hyndman

- State elected officials may be called back to vote on speed cameras near schools.
- 20K people at Roy Wilkins Park – safe because of community outreach
- Needs in Queens but not always eligible because of zip code
 - Some young people need resources.
 - Secured:
 - \$100K of NYS funding for the Eagle Academy.
 - \$25K for Mentoring Program at United Black Men of Queens
 - Increase in domestic violence because of more reporting (not necessarily a spike).
 - JFK meeting – Community Outreach Team – [Board Member] Nantasha Williams hired by Port Authority of New York & New Jersey.

- \$1M for extra police cameras along Merrick Boulevard and Springfield Boulevard.
 - Went to Patrol Borough Queens South and can see the app someone opens on their phone.
- Governor Cuomo has not released \$9M designated for Queens Library system

Board Chair: Acknowledges Borough President awardees: Jim Delaney, Angela Augugliaro, Sanu Thomas and Kangelia Moore.

- He is inspired by Community Board members putting in the time.

- Thanks everyone.

Chairman's Report

- Dr. Salvo on changing demographics in Queens:
 - 2.4M people, 5th largest city in the USA.
 - Aging population.
- Rosedale Memorial Day Parade.
- Two young men started a parade for high school graduates that goes through Linden Boulevard.
- Visit to CB5:
 - 2 Chairs "of color" (the other is CB12).
 - Aloofness in the room; spoke to Vinny Denato (news media picked it up).
 - Charter requires Community Board Chairs talk to each other.
- Congressman Meeks' breakfast meeting: Washington D.C. is not a nice place these days.

BM Bryan Block: Commends the Chair- When he was Chair, he used to visit other Boards

Nate Lawrence: Betty at CB10 says Queens gets less money per CB than other boroughs.

DM: Not true. City Council divides allocation 59 ways in equal shares.

Minutes: Approved. Voice vote.

Roll call

105 Precinct Report

Inspector Gilbert:

- Talks about her background, the different precincts and areas of the NYPD she has served.
- Her accomplishments.

- Wants dialog, input from the community.
- Speaks about NCO's and build-a-block.
- Encourages youth to get to know the local police.
- Crime down 2%:
 - Robberies a driving crime.
 - Significant arrest of a young man committing the robberies.
 - He needs some help.
- Making sure the youth are involved:
 - Cadets.
 - Youth academy.
- Timely notifications via text/email started by Inspector Schiff will continue.
- There have been 5 shooting incidents in past 28 days:
 - Rosedale – house party.
 - Domestic homicide.
 - Non-fatal robbery - assaulted/shot.
 - Non-fatal dispute – dropped off at the EMS station on Merrick Boulevard.
 - Laurelton – someone leaving a club was shot.
 - Domestic homicide – 70-year-old stabbed.
- Car stop – retrieved 5 weapons (guns:)
 - Found college books in the car.
- National Night Out coming – will attend.
- Let young people know that they can change what they see.
- Provide service with integrity.

Sonia Julio: Some calls take priority but please do not trivialize these matters.

A: Totally agree and took this from when she was here before. NCO's should know specific area needs.

Q: Protocol for access to NCO's?

A: 311 for service number.

BM Jonathan Logan: When things get kicked back down to the precinct level... how is an officer held accountable?

A: CCRB makes a determination outside of the precinct on how an incident will be investigated. PO's are not required to do mediation. Integrity control officer will review and confer with the CO.

BM Alain Berrouet: Wants older people at millennial meetings.

Nate Lawrence: Wonderful to see diversity in leadership.

A: I earned it. I have 2 Master's degrees. An honor to be the first African – American female as CO of the 105 precinct.

BM Fay Hill: Has not met her NCO as of yet. However, texted her and immediately the incident was resolved.

BM Curlene Nelson: Truck parking – Officer Bengant texted. Sometimes late at night.

BM Jackie Wilson: What is the game plan for getting young people involved?

A: Being part of a committee chaired by you!

- Cooking with a cop. (Blue Apron donated).
- Dress for success (gently used clothes).

BM Tameka Pierre-Louis: Wants 105 precinct to adopt Merrick Academy as...

A: You already have one.

Executive Board Election

- Chair:
 - 35-0 for Clive Williams
- First Vice Chair:
 - BM Jonathan Logan nominates Kangela Moore.
 - Kangela Moore declines.
 - 33 for Angela Augugliaro, 1 Abstention.
- Second Vice Chair:
 - Jonathan Logan nominates Michael O’Keeffe.
 - Michael O’Keeffe declines.
 - 33 for Marcia O’Brien, 1 Abstention.
- Executive Secretary:
 - Jonathan Logan nominates Alain Berrouet.
 - Alain Berrouet declines
 - 34 for Jerry Wind, 1 Abstention.
- Treasurer:
 - Jonathan Logan nominates Corey Bearak.
 - Corey Bearak declines.
 - 36 for Anup Ramnauth.

BM Lorraine Gittens-Bridges: Congratulates Richard Hellenbrecht [on the Nomination Committee]. Her committee [last year] was criticized. We also called people besides sending out emails.

BM Richard Hellenbrecht: Thanks office staff for putting together the ballot. Thanks committee as a whole.

Board Chair: Thanks board members for the confidence. People have left...what about committee reports?

Shouting: Motion to suspend committee reports.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark McMillan
District Manager
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