

(Pending Committee Approval)

Minutes of the Special Committee on Racial Equity Meeting  
November 3, 2022, via Zoom

**Attendees**

Committee: Bob Bender, Margaret Della, Camelia Tepelus, Julie Reyes

Absent: Bob Fanuzzi

Community Board members: Martin Wolpoff

**Agenda**

Due to technical difficulties, The Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) meeting began at 7:20 pm and Chair Margaret Della welcomed the community to the meeting. Minutes of September 2022 were unanimously approved.

- **Annual interim report plan:** Members reviewed edits suggested by Mr. Wolpoff and revised the report as appropriate. Some members of the board wanted the tone and overview of the report that may have changed since its initial draft. It was agreed that we continue to highlight work going on in the board, recommend resources on equity issues, projects, activities that have been done in the last year as well as ongoing matters.
- Reminder to vote at the upcoming election including the Racial Justice Commission, Cost of Living calculations and the NYC Charter - Nov 8th. SCRE will reflect this in FY23 report.
- Reminder to advocate at each standing committee meeting and budget meetings for funding priorities that have not been fulfilled in environmental justice/racial equity priorities areas as mapped by SCRE concluded in May, shared with the Community Board, and added to the June interim report. SCRE will reflect this in FY23 report.
- We need definitions of Affordable Housing determination, valid data that expands upon federal guideline limitations, and get clarity on true cost of living. Bob B. is in dialogue with the chair of Landuse and exploring way to move forward with this discussion. SCRE stands by to support this conversation. Margaret reached out to Julie of SCRE/Landuse for guidance.
- Updates from FY23 Budget requests:
  - E&S has many pages of agency responses. However, many responses often state agencies support the projects, but lack budget and districts should follow up with elected officials.
  - CB8 is proud that equity was an ongoing topic of discussion throughout the budget process.
  - Bob B. requested an update on Kingsbridge Heights Community Center capital project that threatens the safety of the building and service provisions to the community. KHCC requires a fully funded project \$4.2M (gap \$1.5M) and that the project must be completed by a City agency since KHCC lacks ownership/lease to mortgage leverage. This is an important historical building in the area, relevant to Landuse, Health & Human

Services, Education & Culture and Economic Development as a large employer in the community. KHCC is calling on the entire community to help raise this as an important issue and encourage elected officials to fund the project and take action.

- **Next agenda:**

- December meeting canceled
- Next Meeting January 5th at 7pm
- FY23 Priorities and Plan, Update [2021 data](#) in interim report

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm. Minutes submitted by Margaret Della

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