

(Pending Committee Approval)

Minutes of the Special Committee on Racial Equity Meeting  
September 1, 2022, via Zoom

**Attendees**

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

Absent: Bob Fanuzzi

Community Board members: Martin Wolpoff

Guest: Joe Rivera, Director of Outreach and Engagement, NYC Racial Justice Commission

**Agenda**

The Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) meeting began at 7:10 pm and Chair Margaret Della welcomed the community to the meeting. Minutes of June 2022 were unanimously approved.

- **Presentation from Racial Justice Commission - Nov 8th Ballot Initiatives:** See attached presentation that describes the Commission and the pending issue to be on the ballot - November 8th, Election day – last opportunity for public to vote on the three proposals. The Commission completes a two-year mandate. The commission will send flyers, posters and materials to the office.
- **Annual interim report plan:** Camelia would like the report to be reviewed. Bob Bender agreed to give it another look. Borough President posted 2021 data and this needs to be added to the next iteration.
- **Priorities:**
  - Margaret reminded attendees 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.
  - Bob encouraged SCRE to speak with Housing and Landuse Committees to develop a strategy to discuss and elevate the crisis of affordable housing in our communities. Committee members agreed that this would be a priority in FY23.
  - The Committee agreed to discuss priorities further.
- **Next agenda:**
  - October meeting canceled due to holidays
  - Next Meeting November 3rd at 7pm
  - FY23 Priorities and Plan, Update [2021 data](#) in interim report

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm. Minutes submitted by Margaret Della