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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

F. GULLUSCIO

S. SPELLMAN

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S. WOLFF

P. OSINA

DISTRICT MANAGER

OFF. OF ST. SENATOR ADDABBO

OFF. OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER HEVESI

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OFF. OF COUNCILMEMBER KOSLOWITZ

OFF. OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER SIMANOWITZ

OFF. OF NYC COMPTROLLER

COMMUNITY BOARD 6

JUNE 8, 2016

Chairman Hennessy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Memorial Day Parade – was very successful, and Chairman Hennessy thanked Bob Silver for his efforts.

Swearing in – of new Board Members and re-appointed members will take place on June 22 at the Hall of Science.

Election of Officers – will take place at the September 14, 2016 Board meeting.

Committee Assignments – will be made in September.

Forest Hills Tennis Stadium meeting – Chairman Hennessy met on June 7 with the sponsors of the upcoming concerts. Twelve concerts have been scheduled for this summer. The promoters have put a lot of money into the stadium, including soundproofing, and they will be donating \$40,000 to the ACE Fund.

112th PRECINCT

Chairman Hennessy introduced Captain Robert Ramos, the new commanding officer of the 112th Precinct. Deputy Inspector Harrison has been transferred to the 109th Precinct. Captain Ramos informed that up until now his career as a Police Officer has been in the Bronx, and he looks forward to working in Queens. Captain Ramos said he appreciates the support that he has received from the community.

The Captain said that Deputy Inspector Harrison has brought him up to date on existing traffic issues in the 112th Precinct.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Con Edison - the District Manager reported that Con Edison will be working to upgrade electric service on 71 Ave. between Austin St. and Queens Blvd. No electric service interruptions are anticipated.

DDC - continues to work on Queens Blvd. from 68th Drive to Yellowstone Blvd. on water main installations. Work will be done 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Work should be completed by the end of the summer.

Community Leaders Breakfast – event at the Queens Zoo on June 11, 2016. For more information call 718 – 271 – 7045.

There are no Community Board meetings scheduled for July and August, but the Community Board office is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH CROWLEY RE: LIGHT RAIL ON THE LOWER MONTAUK BRANCH

Chairman Hennessy introduced Councilmember Elizabeth Crowley. The Councilmember outlined her proposal to fund a study to improve public transportation throughout the borough, specifically by implementing an environmentally sound light rail commuter service along the Long Island Railroad's underutilized Lower Montauk branch. Councilmember Crowley emphasized that this is the lower branch of the Montauk Branch, not the Greenway or the Rockaway Branch. The proposed line would run from Glendale to Long Island City. This service would improve travel throughout the borough, and it would relieve the severely overcrowded 7 and E trains.

At this time, this proposal is supported by Borough President Melinda Katz, State Senator Joseph Addabbo, Assemblymember Andrew Hevesi, Councilmember Karen Koslowitz, and Councilmember Michael Miller.

Councilmember Crowley asked Community Board 6 for their support for this proposal.

Chairman Hennessy asked the Board for a motion to support Councilmember Crowley's proposal to fund a study to improve public transportation throughout the borough.

John Dereszewski made a motion, seconded by Steve Goldberg, to support Councilmember Crowley's request for a study.

Motion passed unanimously on a show of hands. (16-12)

LOST BATTALION HALL

Nicky Davis, Recreational Supervisor at Lost Battalion Hall said that the floors in the center have been redone, space has been added for spin classes and other fitness programs. LBH is offering summer classes for children 6 through 13, and there is a free summer sports program, July 2 through August 27. The program is open on Tuesdays through Fridays, 3 p.m. through 6 p.m., on Saturdays there are two sessions 9:30 am. to 12:30 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration is on June 18.

New Fee System – discounts are now available. Veterans and disabled persons as well as senior citizens will now pay \$25 for 1 year, which includes all programs, computer classes, and fitness gyms.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Norman Leibowitz, Chair, Consumer Affairs Committee, informed that the Board received three new liquor license applications: Tai Tai, 75-62 113th St. (second request), Mito Asian Fusion, 64-18 St., and TGI Fridays, 70-00 Austin St.

A representative from Mito Asian Fusion was in attendance, and the application was approved on a roll call vote 34 in favor, 0 opposed.

There were 3 renewals, and the committee voted by a show of hands to approve all renewals. (16-14)

Norman thanked the members of his committee for their work during the past year, and he wished everyone a happy and healthy summer.

Chairman Hennessy informed that Barbara Stuchinski's brother passed away, and the funeral was last Monday.

Heidi Chain, President, 112th Precinct Community Council, said that the Community Council will meet next Wednesday, June 15. On Monday, June 27, Police Commissioner Bratton will speak at the Forest Hills Jewish Center.

Night Out Against Crime is on August 2 at MacDonald Park.

Councilmember Karen Koslowitz – welcomed the new Board members. The Councilmember said that work on the budget is almost completed. Included in the budget is funding for summer youth jobs, and more afterschool programs for young people.

LIRR – Councilmember Koslowitz said that she will be meeting with Tom Prendergast, Chairman and CEO of the MTA to speak with him about the many problems with the LIRR in Forest Hills, especially graffiti on the LIRR property, pigeons under the trestles, and the lack of lighting under the trestles.

GOOD & WELFARE

Kevin Wisniewski, on behalf of Assemblymember Andrew Hevesi, reported that as Chairman of the Assembly's Social Services Committee, Assemblymember Hevesi and his staff created a \$25 million antipoverty initiative for 16 municipalities throughout the State that have extremely big concentrations of child poverty. Also within the budget the Assemblymember eliminated the legal restriction for people on public assistance that stopped them from having a reliable automobile,

changed the law so disabled public assistance applicants can have their personal doctors' evaluations count towards the development of appropriate work accommodations, and has spearheaded the effort to create 35,000 units of supportive housing to reduce the number of homeless people currently residing in more expensive shelters.

Assemblymember Hevesi reported that at the end of 2015 Governor Cuomo signed into law Assembly bill A.5056/S.3757, authored by the Assemblymember. This bill creates an Electronic Fraud Prevention and Protection System using data analytics to identify and prevent fraud, waste and abuse throughout state government.

Sara Spellman, on behalf of State Senator Joseph Addabbo, said that the amended plastic bag law passed in the Senate.

A recycling event will be held in September. More information will be awarded at a later date.

Scott Wolff, on behalf of Assemblymember Simanowitz reported that the Mobil Legal Help Center will be stationed at 159-06 71 Ave., on July 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

John Perricone, on behalf of Borough President Melinda Katz, distributed flyers advertising the Katz Concert Series of events.

Brian Healy distributed flyers about Team Tennis events at the Forest Hills Stadium. Events will be held on July 31, August 1, August 3, August 9, August 11, and August 12. For more information call 844-536-7473.

Noah, a Forest Hills Resident, had a complaint about air quality conditions at Café Arzu, 101-05 Queens Blvd. Councilmember Koslowitz said that her office is looking into this complaint.

Robert Rodriguez 109-10 Queens Blvd. – is a dog trainer and he had questions about opening a business in Forest Hills which would involve boarding and training dogs, and grooming them. Mr. Rodriguez was advised to contact the Dept. of City Planning.

Chairman Hennessy closed the meeting with a moment of silence in honor of Barbara Stuchinski's brother.

Meeting ended at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Burns
Board Secretary

