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MINUTES MAY 10, 2017

PRESENT

J. HENNESSY, CHAIR
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G. FERRERAS
B. GRIFFITH
B. GROSSBERG

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J. KEVELSON
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M. SILVERSTEIN
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A. WEITZMAN
J. WESTON
E. NEWTON

ABSENT

G. CARLSON
C. COLLETT
E. FELDER
S. KING

P. KUMAR
R. NEKTALOV
H. PAREKH

R. SILVER
B. STUCHINSKI
E. WONG

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO
D.I. RAMOS
P.O. MASER
A. SILVESTRI
K. DELEO
V. SINHA
L. EMANUEL
J. PERRICONE
K. WISNIEWSKI
D. BLECH
J. GRIFFIN

DISTRICT MANAGER
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OFF. OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER HEVESI
OFF. OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER SIMANOWITZ
OFF. OF SENATOR ADDABBO

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COMMUNITY BOARD 6

MAY 10, 2017

Chairman Hennessy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of April 20, 2017 were accepted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hennessy apologized to Joyce Kevelson for not adjourning last month in honor of her daughter and son in law, who passed away. He said tonight's meeting will be adjourned in their honor.

Mr. Hennessy announced that all questions will be held until after DOT finishes their presentation. Once the presentation is complete, CB 6 members will have the opportunity to ask questions and if time allows, the public can ask questions.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Gulluscio urged everyone to attend the Forest Hills Memorial Day parade on Sunday, May 28, 2017.

Mr. Gulluscio pointed out that there have been several successful volunteer events within Community Board 6 recently.

He also pointed out that Board Members are encouraged to call the Community Board Office with concerns and complaints, rather than going straight to the agencies. While it is good to call 311, there is more power when a complaint comes from the Community Board.

112th PRECINCT

D.I. Ramos announced that crime in the 112th Precinct is down 2.3 % for the 28 day period. Crime is down in all categories except Grand Larceny and GLA.

D.I. Ramos reported that there was a stabbing on 65th Avenue. The victim and the perpetrator were known to each other and the perpetrator was arrested.

There has been an increase in bicycle theft in the 112th Precinct. Residents can bring their bike to the precinct to have their bike registered.

Also, there has been a pattern of Grand Larceny in Patrol Borough Queens North regarding stealing jewelry from elderly victims. This also happened in the 112th Precinct.

Steve Goldberg thanked D.I. Ramos because Traffic Enforcement Agents were giving tickets on 63rd Drive. D.I. Ramos said that he will try to get them there more often.

**NYC DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION PRESENTATION
PROPOSED CORRIDOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
QUEENS BOULEVARD BETWEEN ELIOT AVENUE AND YELLOWSTONE
BOULEVARD**

Albert Silvestri, Deputy Commissioner and Kessia Deleo Project Manager (DOT) made a presentation regarding Proposed Corridor Safety Improvements on Queens Blvd.

Some design features of the plan include:

- 1) Protected bicycle lanes and pedestrian path
 - a. Calm service roads and reduce speeding
 - b. Expand pedestrian network and shorten crossing distances
 - c. Allow for safe, convenient bicycle travel
 - d. Encourages cycling
 - e. Organizes roadway
 - f. Creates predictable movements
- 2) Median tip extensions and mall to mall crossings
 - a. Shorten crossing distances
 - b. Create new crossings
 - c. Visually tighten wide intersections
- 3) Expanded pedestrian space
- 4) Stop controlled slip lanes
 - a. Allow for safer vehicle transitions between mainline and service road
 - b. Allow for pedestrian path and bike lane
 - c. Reduce highway-like feel
- 5) Resurfacing from 65th Road to Yellowstone Boulevard

DOT plans the following parking changes:

- 1) Remove 198 parking spaces along the service road medians between Eliot Avenue and Yellowstone Blvd to continue safety improvements.
- 2) Remove meters on south curb between 67th Drive and Yellowstone Boulevard.

- 3) End curbside metering at 7:00 P.M. instead of 10:00 P.M. between 62nd Drive and 64th Avenue.

Mr. Silvestri and Ms. Deleo reported that this concept has been used on Queens Boulevard in other Community Boards and there is data that the total crashes decreased by 14%, pedestrian injuries decreased by 49% and cyclist injuries decreased by 42%.

Council Member Karen Koslowitz announced that she is endorsing the DOT proposal.

There was much discussion about the proposal. Some concerns of the Community Board Members include:

- Enforcement of drivers from LIE
- Location of the bicycle lanes
- Double parking
- Signals on the service road near the slip lanes
- Bicycle enforcement
- Changes to the plan once it is enacted
- Right turns are difficult at some intersections due to pedestrians
- Safety for seniors crossing
- Financial impact on businesses
- Snow removal in bike lanes and pedestrian paths
- Removal of parking spaces
- Protected intersections

John Dereszewski, Chair of Transportation Committee, reported that while he is not personally in favor of the plan due to the loss of parking, the Committee voted 7 in favor, 3 opposed, to the DOT proposal. Committee recommendation is to approve the plan.

Chairman Hennessy polled the public that were in attendance and they were all in favor of the plan.

Committee motion passed with 1 abstention, 3 opposed, and 34 in favor.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Norman Leibowitz, Chair, Consumer Affairs Committee said the Board received the following liquor license renewals:

- Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar, 107-16 71st Avenue
- The Tap House, 72-07 Austin Street

- Also, the Board received a renewal application for a sidewalk café
- Nicobar, LTD, 104-20 Metropolitan Avenue
 - 10 tables and 20 chairs

The Committee had no objections, and a motion to approve the renewals passed unanimously on a voice vote. ()

GOOD & WELFARE

Mark Laster announced that May is National Mental Health Month. City Hall has declared May 19th -21st as “a weekend of faith” and has asked religious organizations to speak about mental health to their followers.

Alexa Weitzman informed that the Yellowstone Alliance will be doing a planting project at Yellowstone Park on May 21, 2017 from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Bruce Grossberg – There will be a Create NYC workshop on Thursday May 18, 2017 from 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. at Queens Borough Hall.

Heidi Chain – 112th Precinct Community Council Meeting will be held Wednesday May 17, 2017 at the 112th Precinct. There will be a speaker from Transit District 20 to address subway issues.

Jessame Hannus, residing at 89-11 63rd Drive – Thanked the Community Board for approving the Queens Blvd plan.

STATE SENATOR JOSEPH ADDABBO

Jeffrey Griffin reported that there will be a Senior Job Fair 55 and over at Queens Community House, 80-02 Kew Gardens Road, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rain Barrel Giveaways on June 10 and June 17. You must sign up ahead of time to reserve your barrel.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Kevin Wisniewski reported that Assembly Member Hevesi supports the Queens Boulevard proposal.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER MICHAEL SIMANOWITZ

Daniel Blech had nothing to report but if there are any concerns, the office can be reached at 718-969-1508.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE LETICIA JAMES

Stacey Eliuk reported that the Pay Equity Bill has been passed in the City Council and signed into law by the Mayor. Employers will be banned from asking about salary history.

There will be a Town Hall Meeting on May 16, 2017 from 7:00 pm - 9:00pm at CUNY School of Law, Long Island City.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT MELINDA KATZ

John Perricone announced that Queens Borough President Katz will be holding her Annual Memorial Day Observance Ceremony on Thursday May 25, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. at Queens Borough Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Nolan

On behalf of
Patricia Burns
Board Secretary

CB 6 VOTING SHEET

DOT
Presentation
Queens Blvd

Reviews
Buffalo Wild Wings
The Tap House
Nico Bar - Sidewalk Cafe

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NAOMI ALTMAN	X
PETER BEADLE	X
MIRIAM BERFAS	X
HARRIS BULOW	X
GREG CARLSON	Absent
HEIDI CHAIN	X
SHERIDAN CHU	X
JOANN CIORCIARI	X
CHRISTOPHER COLLETT	Absent
JOHN DERESZEWSKI	NO
ANDREW FEIGENSON	X
ETHAN FELDER	Absent
GLORIA FERRERAS	X
STEVEN GOLDBERG	X
GAIL GORDON	X
BRENDAN GRIFFITH	X
BRUCE GROSSBERG	X
JOSEPH HENNESSY	X
MYRNA JACOBSON	Absent
BERNICE KATZ	X
JOYCE KEVELSON	X
SOUMALY KING	Absent
PRAMEET KUMAR	Absent
MARK LASTER	X
JOAN LEBOWITZ	X
NORMAN LEIBOWITZ	NO
JAMES MAKIN	X
NICK MARTINEZ	X
JACK MEDINA	Absent
RENEE MEHRA	X
YANIV MEIROV	X
FADIA MOHAMA	X
EDWARD MURRAY	X
RAFAEL NEKTALOV	Absent
DR. KARL NEUMANN	X
ELIZABETH NEWTON	X
HERSH PAREKH	Absent
SHARI ROLNICK	Abstain
DAVID SCHNEIER	X
LYNN SCHULMAN	X
JEAN SILVA	X
ROBERT SILVER	Absent
MARSHA SILVERSTEIN	NO
JOYCE SINGERMAN	X
BARBARA STUCHINSKI	Absent
SUSAN WANDERMAN	X
BRENT WEITZBERG	X
ALEXA WEITZMAN	X
JOAN WESTON	X
EDWIN WONG	Absent

Correct Vote

DO NOT VOTE

DATE: May 10 2017