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B. GROSSBERG	R. NEKTALOV	E. WONG

ABSENT

H. BULOW	M. JACOBSON	D. SCHNEIER
S. GOLDBERG	E. NEWTON	

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO DET. REDZEMATOVIC D. INSP. RAMOS P.O. MASER S. SPELLMAN J. PERRICONE J. GOLDES K. WISNIEWSKI A. NUNZIATO D. ARONOV F. ARMAND D.I. RAMOS P.O. CLEMENTZ DET. REDZEMATOVIC V. RAMANATHAN	DISTRICT MANAGER PBQN 112 TH PCT. 112 TH PCT. OFF. OF SENATOR ADDABBO OFF. OF BOROUGH PRESIDENT KATZ OFF. OF CONGRESS MEMBER MENG OFF. OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER HEVESI OFF. OF COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN OFF. OF COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION COMMANDING OFFICER – 112 TH PRECINCT 112 TH PRECINCT CRIME PREVENTION PATROL BOROUGH QUEENS NORTH QUEENS LIBRARY
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COMMUNITY BOARD 6

APRIL 11, 2018

Chairman Hennessy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of March 14, 2018 were accepted as distributed.

NYPD

Deputy Inspector Ramos reported that crime in the 112th Precinct is down 28% for March 2018 . Robberies are down 25%, Felony assaults down 33%, Burglaries down 90%, Grand Larceny down 71%, and GLA down 66%.

Forest Hills High School had an incident on March 15. The school went into lockdown after a student made some threats. Inspector Ramos said that the school and the teachers responded properly and immediately.

Three weeks ago an elderly resident of 75-10 Yellowstone Blvd. recognized a perpetrator who burglarized the building. He confronted him. The perpetrator got away, but the PD tracked him down and apprehended him. Inspector Ramos said that he had a very long rap sheet.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman Hennessy introduced the following new Board Members: Anisia Ayon, Kurt Fakira, Oded Horodniceanu, Emanuil Kalendarev, Herbert Schonhaut.

On April 26 Borough President Katz will host the swearing in of the new Board Members at Borough Hall in the Helen Marshall Center.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Gulluscio gave the Board a brief description of the work That the staff at the Board handles. Christine Nolan attends Board meetings from time to time, and Barbara Vulich will be attending a meeting some time in the future, the Community Board staff is now submitting their time sheets on City Time.

Several Board Members commented on the new brochure that was distributed at the beginning of the meeting. The District Manager said the brochures are the work of Christine Nolan. CB 6 also has a Web Page, and the District Manager said that CB 6 was one of the first Boards that had one.

PRESENTATION BY DOT REGARDING EXISTING PROBLEMS AND CHANGES ON AUSTIN STREET

Al Silvestri, Deputy Commissioner, DOT informed that DOT presented a more in depth proposal for Austin Street to the Transportation Committee prior to the evening's Board meeting. A shorter presentation will be made to the full Board. There will be no vote taken, and DOT will return to the Board in 6 months for more updates. Matt Garcia, Project Manager for the Austin Street Project showed a slide presentation of the Austin Street Corridor, which highlighted the many problems existing on Austin Street, for example, no parking spaces and a lack of safe places for pedestrians to cross. DOT 's aim is to ease congestion and balance curb space.

The following proposals are planned:

1. To set aside space for commercial deliveries in the morning hours. These spaces will then convert to passenger parking at mid-day.
2. Enhanced cross walks – combine high visibility markings, pedestrian ramps, warning signage, and daylighting to provide safer pedestrian crossing.
3. Expanding evening meter hours to 10 p.m. on surrounding blocks .
4. Provide an option for longer time limits for meters. Presently, meters are for 2 hours. If more time is required, drivers can pay for a third hour.

DOT will implement these options for a 6 month period, collect their data, and present it to the Board.

Questions from the Board Members: Is it possible to restrict time of deliveries. DOT does have a new off hour program for deliveries, and they will continue to try to remedy this problem.

Continental Ave. - no parking allowed between hours of 4 – 7 p.m. This is a rush hour regulation. DOT will look at it for possible change.

In response to a question about about horizontal parking, DOT said that the City is not considering horizontal parking at this time.

Broken curbs at crossings need to be repaired.

Heidi Chain informed that the Forest Hills Gardens Corporation is doing construction at Station Square, which will have an impact on Austin Street. Mr. Silvestri said that DOT is aware of this.

Ms. Chain said that at the February 26, 2018 Economic Development Committee meeting, the topic of which was the Impact of Queens Blvd. Bike lanes on local merchants, there were many complaints about trucks loading, and drivers getting tickets for parking in the loading zones because they were not aware that they were loading zones.

Mr. Silvestri said that DOT will be implementing the Street Ambassadors Program. Representatives from this group will visit the area and distribute informational pamphlets about recent changes made to the street.

PRESENTATION BY BENJAMIN GOODMAN, COMMUNITY RELATIONS MANAGER, NYC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY RE: PS 144 AND PS 303 ADDITION PROJECTS

Mr. Goodman displayed renderings of the new additions.
P.S. 144 – currently serves 894 students Pre-K to 5. The 4-story addition will house 26 new classrooms, play area, cafeteria, and offices. The expansion will eliminate the need for the temporary modular outdoor classroom facilities. All work will be done after school hours.
P.S. 303 – plans are to construct a 484 seat addition, serving pre-K to third grade. Opening is planned for September 2019. Once the structure

is complete, renovations within the existing school will begin. Work inside PS 303 , which has an enrollment of 196 students, will begin once the addition is completed.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Numero 28, 107-12 70 Rd., F.H. 11375 – application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 10 chairs.

Norman Leibowitz, Chair, Consumer Affairs Committee, said that the Committee met, and there were no objections to this application.

Motion to approve unenclosed sidewalk café was unanimously approved by a show of hands. (18-10)

The following 6 renewals were approved by a show of hands:
Best Beverage Catering, 69-50 Burns St., The Dinerbar, 97-45 Queens Blvd.
Sveta's House, 92-60 Queens Blvd., Tu Casa Restaurant, 103-11 Queens Blvd., Chidori, 97-09 64 Ave., Continental Luncheonette, 104-03 Metropolitan Ave. (18-11)

SOCIAL SERVICES/AGING COMMITTEE REPORT

Gail Gordon and Mark Laster, Co-Chairs of the Social Services/ Aging Committee, reported that the committee met on March 13 to discuss the basics of what this committee will work on. Some of the major problems in the community are mental illness, homeless persons, and the need for Aging services. The Committee agreed to have David Schneier Research benefits/entitlements. The Committee will also work on developing a newsletter to educate the community on the need for continuing care for the aged, explore health care in the community, and provide a way to address Access a Ride issues.

District Manager Frank Gulluscio said that he recently visited the Rego Park Senior Club, 63-36 99 Street which is run by Emanuil Kalendarev. Mr. Kalendarev is a new member of Community Board 6. Mr. Gulluscio said that this Senior Club has a lot of services to offer, and he suggested that the Social Services Committee consult with them.

GOOD & WELFARE

Kevin Wisniewski, said that Assemblymember Hevesi continues to work on the Homeless Initiative Project.

Jordon Goldes, on behalf of Congressmember Grace Meng, said a bill sponsored by the Congressmember to combat spoofing, an insidious type of telephone scam, now awaits President Trump's signature. The FAA is being directed to take an updated look at the way it measures Aircraft noise and its effects on surrounding communities in Queens and other parts of the country.

Sarah Spellman, on behalf of State Senator Joseph Addabbo, distributed a copy of the 2018-2019 NY State Budget Highlights. Ms. Spellman reported that on April 19 the Senator will have mobile office hours at the Rego Park Library, and on April 26 they will be at the Forest Hills Library. On April 29 there is a Recycling event sponsored by Senator Addabbo and Assemblymember Mike Miller. The event is at the Forest Park Bandshell 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will accept electronics, paper, clothing and shoes, small appliances.

Senator Addabbo is working to close the loophole for cop killers, and instead make the law no chance of parole.

The Senator is also working on legislation which would mandate that all doors in schools be locked from outside.

David Aronov, on behalf of Councilmember Karen Koslowitz, reported that the NY City Council passed legislation requiring employers with at least 15 employees to conduct annual sexual harassment training for employees starting April 1. Voting on the Participatory Budget will begin on April 4 and end on April 15.

John Perricone, on behalf of Borough President Katz, welcomed the new Board Members. Training workshop will be on April 26 at the Helen Marshall Cultural Center.

Daniel Blech said that Assemblymember Daniel Rosenthal will be coordinating with the MTA to host a mobile sales event in front of the Local 3 Electrical Building, 158-11 Jewel Ave.

Stacy Eliuk, said that Public Advocate Letitia James is working to close the pay gap, and she recently released a report on wage equity.

Anthony Nunziato, on behalf of Councilmember Robert Holden, said that there will be a recycling event at the Maspeth Bank on April 14 From 1 pm. To 4 p.m. There will be a Ribbon Cutting at 11 a.m. at the new district office on April 21, 64-69 Dry Harbor Road, and a Town Hall Meeting on May 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m

Leslie Brown, Forest Hills Chamber, spoke on behalf of some of the business owners who said that they have a different view of the loading zones. They feel that the loading zones impede their businesses, and DOT needs to give more input in favor of the business owners.

Barry Rothenburg owns properties in the vicinity and he is against the DOT's proposed plan.

Hwai-Min Wood, Forest Hills Library, informed that April is Poetry month. There will be displays at the library.

Gary Salut owns a Jewellery store on Austin Street. He has been at that location for 50 years. He said that the proposed changes to parking will result in a loss of business for him.

Jing Jing Mez - said that May 20 to May 26 is Annual EMS week. On May 20 they will have a Blood Drive with the Blood Center.

On May 26 EMS Open House will celebrate with a barbecue and raffles.

Heidi Chain said that the Postal Inspector will speak at the next 112th Precinct Community Council meeting as well as a representative from the Forest Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Alexa Weitzman said that in honor of Earth Day there will be a number of events for children at Yellowstone Park.

Chairman Hennessy said that he received a request for a motion from Shari Rolnick. He will pass it on to the Legal Department because he wants an opinion before he brings it to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Burns
Board Secretary

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- ANISA AYON
- PETER BEADLE
- MIRIAM BERFAS
- HARRIS BULOW
- GREG CARLSON
- HEIDI CHAIN
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- PRAMEET KUMAR
- MARK LASTER
- NORMAN LEIBOWITZ
- JAMES MAKIN
- JACK MEDINA
- RENEE MEHARRA
- YANIV MEIROV
- EDWARD MURRAY
- RAFAEL NEKTALOV
- DR. KARL NEUMANN
- ELIZABETH NEWTON
- HERSH PAREKH
- SHARI ROLNICK
- DAVID SCHNEIER
- HERBERT SCHONHAUT
- JEAN SILVA
- ROBERT SILVER
- MARSHA SILVERSTEIN
- SUSAN WANDERMAN
- BRENT WEITZBERG
- ALEXA WEITZMAN
- JOAN WESTON
- EDWIN WONG

New Hand Vote

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DATE: Apr 11, 2018