



COMMUNITY BOARD 6, QUEENS

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MINUTES OCTOBER 19, 2017

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E. FELDER

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N. LEIBOWITZ
R. MEHARRA
F. MOHAMA
E. MURRAY

H. PAREKH
S. ROLNICK
D. SCHNEIER
J. SILVA

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO
J. GRIFFIN
J. GOLDES
D. ARONOV
A. ARECCHI

DISTRICT MANAGER
OFF. OF SENATOR ADDABBO
OFF. OF CONGRESSMEMBER MENG
OFF. OF COUNCILMEMBER KOSLOWITZ
OFF. OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER HEVESI

COMMUNITY BOARD 6

OCTOBER 19, 2017

Chairman Hennessy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of September 14, 2017 were approved as distributed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hennessy reported that he attended the October Borough Board meeting, and at that meeting Mayor de Blasio's proposal to build a hotel in every Community Board was put forth. A discussion followed, and some recommendations were made. Chairman Hennessy said that it was his recommendation that any hotel that is opened should have to sign a contract stating that they would operate as a hotel for at least 10 years.

Committee requests – the Chair said that only a certain number of people were put on each committee . This is because every committee must have a quorum when they meet in order to vote. Chairman Hennessy said that all committee meetings are open to the public and to Board Members. However, you cannot vote if you are not a member of the Committee, but you can voice an opinion.

Traffic – The Chair commented on the amount of traffic in Community Board 6 which makes it difficult to get around.

The Chair expressed concern about the amount of pollution caused by all the traffic.

112th Precinct – Detective Gigi Redzematovic has been promoted to the Queens North Command. Chairman Hennessy praised Detective Redzematovic for her caring attention to the residents in Forest Hills and Rego Park.

Q-23 Bus – the Chair commented on changes in this bus route. The bus now travels on 71 Ave. to Union Turnpike, makes a right turn, and stops at the Stop and Shop, where there is a short layover.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Budget consultations are over.

Mr. Gulluscio said that the major complaint received in the Community Board 6 office was about problems parking on Queens Blvd. Storekeepers are having difficulty getting deliveries, and many vehicles are double parking. There were also complaints about the amount of traffic on Woodhaven Blvd., in both directions. Work on Woodhaven Blvd. should be completed by November 12, and at that time DOT will assess both Woodhaven Blvd. and Queens Blvd. to determine what improvements, if any, can be made. The DM distributed his monthly booklet.

PUBLIC HEARING

FY 19 PRELIMINARY CAPITAL & EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES

Mr. Gulluscio distributed copies of the Capital & Expense Priorities. He read the Expense Budget Priorities. There being no comments from the public, a vote was taken.

The Expense Budget Priorities were unanimously approved on a voice vote. (17-24)

The DM then read the Capital Budget Priorities. Board Member Chris Collett asked why the request for Bishops Crook Light Fixtures on Austin Street no longer appears in the budget. The DM said that he will try to find out. There being no further comments a vote was taken.

The Capital Budget Priorities were unanimously approved on a voice vote. (17-25)

Parks – on October 18 Mr. Gulluscio went on a 3 hour tour of all the parks in the CB 6 district. He will report about this after the Parks Committee meeting at the November 8 Board meeting.

Legionnaires Disease – earlier in the month of October there was a report of two suspected cases of Legionnaires disease at Parker Towers. After the Board of Health investigated it was determined that it was not Legionnaires, but two people with flu symptoms.

Cyberbullying - NYC Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito , Council Member Daniel Dromm, Borough President Melinda Katz, the NYC Dept. of Education, and AT & T are sponsoring a discussion for parents on Cyberbullying and School Bullying on November 1, 2017. The event will be held at Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd., and will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m.

Community Activist Steve Melnick is hosting a Spruce Up event in MacDonald Park on October 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lynn Schulman – at this time the DM recognized the presence of former Board Member Lynn Schulman. Ms. Schulman informed that it was necessary for her to resign from the Board because she is now working for the NY City Council. She thanked Councilmember Karen Koslowitz, Assemblymember Andrew Hevesi, and State Senator Toby Stavisky for their help with the Legionnaires problem.

CENTRAL QUEENS YM & YWHA

In attendance was Ahuva Yelizarov, Community Outreach Liaison at the Central Queens YM & YWHA.

Denia Tavarez, Director of Business Development gave a brief overview of some of the programs available at the YM & YWHA.. The Workforce Program is offering free digital literacy classes; free High School and Pre-High School Equivalency Classes are open to young adults from 16 – 24; Ladders for Leaders offers high school and college students the opportunity to participate in paid professional summer internships with leading corporations, Workforce Coding

Academy offers coding basics; the E.V.E. Program offers free medical and IT Training programs for young adults 16 – 24. Certifications are available in CNA Nurses Aid, Phlebotomy, EKG, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Billing, Dialysis Tech and paid internships.

For more information contact the Central Queens Y at 718-268-5011.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Gulluscio chaired the committee in the absence of Norman Leibowitz. In attendance were representatives from Nine Thai, 110-70 Queens Blvd., Paint With A Twist, 97-14 Metropolitan Ave., and Shogun, 111-16 Queens Blvd. The committee had no objections.

Motion to approve passed unanimously on a show of hands. (17-26)

Beth Torah Kosher Caterers, 106-06 Queens Blvd., and Rosalia Pizza 103-15 Queens Blvd. were laid over to the November 8 meeting.

The following renewals were unanimously approved by a show of hands. (17-27)

1. The Grill, 107-12 70th Road, F.H. 11375
2. Gloria Pizza, 108-22 Queens Boulevard, F.H. 11375
3. Station House, 106-11 71st Avenue, F.H. 11375
4. Sorry Not Sorry, 70-15B Austin Street, F.H. 11375
5. Tandoori Food & Bakery, 99-04/06 63rd Drive, R.P. 11374
6. Corfu Grill, 70-17B Austin Street, F.H. 11375
7. Manor Oktoberfest Forest Hills Inc, 73-11 Yellowstone Blvd, F.H.
8. Bamboo Ya, 97-11 Queens Boulevard, R.P. 11374
9. Sirtip Corp. 103-18 Metropolitan Ave, F.H. 11375

GOOD & WELFARE

Jonathan Keston, 123-32 82 Ave., made the Board aware of a situation at the Comfort Inn, 124-18 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens. Building has been rented as a motel on floors 4 to 9. Floors 10 to 20 are rented as private apartments. As of two weeks ago 2 floors have been taken over by the Dept. of Homeless Services and are housing 42 homeless men. No notification was given to the community. The Comfort Inn is located in CB 9.

Kevin Chang and Joanne Paulstein reported on programs that are available at the Queens Community House. Memberships are available for 6 months or 1 year.

David Aronov, on behalf of Councilmember Koslowitz, said that The Hurricane Relief Drive at the Councilmembers office is ongoing. The Councilmember's office is located at 118-35 Queens Blvd.

Alexa Arcchi, on behalf of Assemblymember Hevesi, reported that the Assemblymember is back from Albany. He continues to work on the Home Stability Support Plan.

Jeff Griffin, office of State Senator Addabbo, said that Senator's Mobile office hours will take place at 72-31 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village.

Jordan Goldes, office of Congressman Meng – will have their monthly veterans office hours on November 8, 2017.

The Congressman will take part in the 2017 Students App Challenge. This is open to all students in participating districts.

Harris Bulow inquired as to why P.S. 196 does not have a Crossing guard. CB 6 will make inquiries.

Soumali King reported that Our Lady of Mercy Academy is celebrating their Fiftieth Anniversary on October 21 at the Westside Tennis Club.

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Because of construction at P.S. 144 no parking is allowed in the vicinity of P.S. 144 and Our Lady of Mercy. This affects the parents at Our Lady of Mercy School because they have difficulty parking when dropping their children off. Some of the parents have received parking tickets. Representatives from the 112th Precinct said that the reason for the No Parking was dangerous conditions for the school children. The District Manager will speak to the Principals at both schools to discuss this issue.

Climate Action – A representative from the United Nations Association – USA/Queens Chapter in Celebration of UN Day is Presenting a Discussion on: Climate Action, U.N. Sustainable Development Goal 13. The Federal Government has withdrawn from the Paris Climate Agreement. New York State and 12 other states have formed the U.S. Climate Alliance and are committed to meeting the standards set forth in the Paris Accord. Discussion will take place on October 30 at the Queens Library, 108-19 71 Ave. Time is 5:30 -7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Chris Collett complained about a valet parking situation on Yellowstone Blvd. and Burns St. last Sunday evening which was implemented by a private business. The District Manager said that no permits are ever given for this type of event, and he said they should have called it in to 311 while it was ongoing.

Edwin Wong thanked The Board for their support of the recent Mooncakes for Mid-Autumn Festival.

Meeting brought to a close at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Patricia Burns, Board Secretary

New
Licenses

RENEWAL
LICENSE

- NAOMI ALTMAN
- PETER BEADLE
- MIRIAM BERFAS
- HARRIS BULOW
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- JAMES MAKIN
- JACK MEDINA
- RENEE MEHRRRA
- YANIV MEIROV
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- RAFAEL NEKTALOV
- DR. KARL NEUMANN
- ELIZABETH NEWTON
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