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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

September 7, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

B. Braton, M. Amin, J. Caruso, A. Hill, L. Amorim, I. Van Putten, L. Walker, E. Fraylon, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Gellineau, F. Mohamed, R. Ramgopal, F. Dardani, D. Wesby, P. Kishun, N. Bissoon, K. Roan, R. Hitlall, G. Russo, S. Mohammed, R. Narine, P. Granickas, J. Stahl, J. Fazio, R. Gendron, R. Martinez, M. Cherenfant, A. Maharaj, J. Calcagnile, A. Cosentino, A. Dhanpat, B. Lall, G. Singh, N. Santiago, S. Pace, J. Quijano, S. Uddin, N. Latchana, P. Nostramo

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: A. Deebrach, M. Vecchio, I. Dimoh, B. Ramsundar, K. Ludhiana, A. Rajnauth, A. Nocerino, E. Cheng, D. Mitchell, B. Escobar

COMMUNITY BOARD STAFF PRESENT: K. Petersen, D.M.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; Hon. K. Anderson; C. Moore, rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; M. Benjamin, rep., Hon. R. Persaud; S. Webber-Bey, rep., Hon. J. Sanders; V. Isufaj, rep. Hon. J. Rajkumar, I. Dougherty, Rep., Hon. S. Pheffer Amato; L. Fogal, rep., Hon. J. Ariola; T. Eason rep. Hon. A. Adams; K. Bragg, Director of Community Boards, QBPO; D.I. J. Bacchi, CO 106 Precinct; A. Nurmansyah, QDCP; D. Tanis, rep., Resorts World Casino; L. Williams FDNY

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence for Patricia Traina of our office staff, who passed away and for those who lost their lives during 9-11.

The Chair then introduced AM Pheffer-Amato and invited her to speak.

AM Pheffer-Amato welcomed everyone back and spoke of a proposed law that she is supporting where every classroom in public schools should have a moment of reflection on 9-11 to keep the memory of those lost alive. She continued that she and Sen. Addabbo have discussed the Cross Bay Bridge and how it will now be part of a rebate program. She explained that the bridge is not going to be free. An E-Z pass with a charge card on it will need to be used to pay the toll which will then be credited back to the E-Z pass account. She stated that they have been fighting really hard for this rebate program for the Cross Bay Bridge and wished everyone a great beginning of the year.

The Chair introduced Khaleel Bragg, newly appointed Director of Community Boards in the Queens Borough President's Office and invited him to speak.

K. Bragg spoke about the events that the Borough President held over the summer. He stated that they held an Ecuadorian Heritage Day, a rain barrel giveaway, a backpack giveaway, a Borough on your Block event in several community boards, a self-defense course, a job fair, and a Queens Climate Expo. He announced that Borough President Richards gave \$3,200,000 to Parks improvements in CB 10, \$175,000 to John Adams High School for a science lab and a farm, along with \$200,000 for an outdoor courtyard, \$220,000 to MS 226 for smart boards and

laptops and \$1,500,000 dollars to the South Ozone Park Library for renovations. He stated that if anyone has any questions for him, he can be reached at 718-286-2974 or e-mailed at: kbragg@queensbp.org

The Chair stated that we appreciated the funding that we received from the Borough Presidents Office.

The speaker for the Informational Public Hearing had not yet arrived. The Chairperson indicated we would do the Hearing when he arrives.

The Chairperson resumed the regular order of business and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June 2023 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes will stand.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chair reviewed incoming correspondence for the month of June, July, and August, which included:

- Letter from DDC for a final completion sign off for the installation of sidewalks, curbs, and pedestrian ramps in Queens.
- Letter from DOT that they completed their investigation and approved a speed reducer on 100th Street bet. 158th & 159th Avenue. Installation will take place when resources are available.
- Letter from DOT that they completed their investigation and approved a speed reducer on 132nd Street bet. Rockaway Blvd. and Sutter Avenue. Installation will take place when resources are available.
- Copies of letters sent by CM Ariola that were signed off by other elected officials and CB 10 regarding the proposal for a migrant tent city at Aqueduct Racetrack.
- Letter and report from the City Planning Commission regarding the breakdown of CBs and Council districts within them as required following Council reapportionments.
- Letter from the Department of City Planning regarding the 3 Citywide Text Amendments in the pipeline. The Chair introduced Alisa Nurmansyah, new City Planning rep. for CB10, and welcomed her to our Board.
- FOIL request letter from Elefterakis Law Firm.
- FOIL request letter from D. Gabay. The Chair stated that both FOIL requests have been complied with.
- Letter from the Parks Department regarding a notice for concession opportunities.
- Letter from City Bridge regarding opinions on Link 5G.
- Notice from the Parks Department regarding concession plans.
- 10 Notices from OMB regarding expenditures for various agencies.
- Notification from NYSDOT regarding bridge painting on the Van Wyck Expwy.
- Construction notice regarding NYSDOT closure on the Van Wyck Service Road from 133rd Avenue to 130th Avenue, starting August 14th.
- 6 Notices from NYMTC regarding comment periods that have passed.
- Letter from NYS Dept. of Public Service regarding National Grid. Detailed information is in members' folders.
- Notification that the Crown Plaza JFK Hotel (located just outside of CB10 district) is being used to house homeless persons.
- Notification of scheduled milling being done now through December.
- Demolition notice at 114-10 130 St.
- Demolition notice adjacent to 124-08 149 Ave.
- Demolition notice at 149-25 116 St.
- Notice of work to be done at 104-64 125 St.
- Excavation notice at 127-15 Sutter Ave.
- Demolition notice at 103-18 103 Street
- HPD vacate order for 107-55 130 St.
- HPD vacate order for 110-36 107 St.
- HPD vacate order for 103-18 123 St.
- Letter of No Objection request letter for Mazin Car & Limo Service
- Public Hearing notification regarding city contracts.
- Gas notices from National Grid regarding excavation of various streets.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Committee Chair read the report of expenditures for the months of June, July, and August.

The speaker for the Informational Public Hearing arrived. The Chair opened the Informational Public Hearing and introduced Edward Powell, Individual Preparedness Coordinator, NYC Emergency Management and invited him to speak about emergency preparedness with a focus on preparedness for senior citizens and people with disabilities.

Edward Powell introduced himself and spoke about how individuals should prepare themselves and their pets for all kinds of emergencies. He stated that their Emergency Plan Booklet provides a way to make your own personal plan for emergencies such as winter storms and hurricanes. He stated that there are three basic steps. Step 1 is to make a plan before the emergency happens. He continued that it is important for older adults and people with disabilities to have an individual they can count on and who they can keep in touch with, in case of an emergency. He stated that no one should go through an emergency alone. People should create an emergency support network of people they can depend on to stay in touch with. He continued that power failures during a storm can affect phone lines and it may be difficult to make a local phone call however, when people call long distance, they are able to get through. He suggests having one out of town person as a hub to reach out to family members to let them know where you are and how you are doing. He stated that there is also a space in the booklet to fill in your important medications and daily dosage, if you have allergies, your blood type along with your doctor and pharmacy information. He suggests to always keep a photocopy of this information with you at all times in case you get hurt. Emergency responders are trained to look for that type of information. Step 2 is to gather and store supplies in a Go Bag which is a backpack or a small suitcase on wheels that you can store emergency supplies in so you can leave in a hurry during an emergency. Step 3 is to get informed and stay informed. He stated that the last pages of the booklet provides numbers for resources to help during and after an emergency.

The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. Hearing none.

The Chair thanked Mr. Powell and then closed the Informational Public Hearing.

The Chair introduced AM Khaleel Anderson and invited him to speak.

AM Anderson introduced himself and stated that he represented the 31 Assembly District. He was glad to see the board back in session and wanted to provide some updates. He stated that he held successful mobile office hours over the summer at 6 spots, 2 of which were in CB 10 where he helped 150 residents with utility bills, housing issues and quality of life concerns. He gave out ice cream at one of these locations which happened to be near CB 10 to bring attention to a piece of legislation to freeze utility bills at 6% of a resident's income. He stated that a sign on letter will be sent to the Governor and that he feels that it is important to sign on to that bill. He continued that he also held mobile office hours at Lincoln Park where he had the Department of Labor help individuals with employment issues, and he also has the Council of Airport Opportunity there as well. He released the Stronger Neighbors Residents Guide and stated that it is important that residents are empowered to learn conflict resolution and parking etiquette to lessen the need to rely on law enforcement to address these matters. He continued that September is Senior Appreciation month and he will be having several activities planned for seniors. He will be holding a cricket invitational for seniors over age 60, a disco night in the park and a cruise on the Hudson River. He also plans to honor centennials as well. He announced that today was the first day of school and he visited 6 schools in the district, and he spoke to the Principals about their capital needs for their schools. He thanked the Board Members for all of their hard work, and stated that he knows how trying the work is.

The Chair introduced David Tanis rep. for Resorts World Casino. Mr. Tanis introduced himself and stated that it has been a very active summer for them and that they had been part of many community events. Sen. Addabbo will be holding a job fair at Resorts World Casino in the coming months, and they will be holding other events on the property as well including early voting. He stated that if anyone has any questions about Resorts World, that they can reach out directly to him.

The Chair added that the State Gaming Commission released the answers to the questions that were asked by bidders and that Resorts World is inching its way through the bidding process.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING: Alisa Nurmansyah introduced herself and stated that she is looking forward to seeing everyone at future Board Meetings. She continued that the second part of the City of Yes referral will take place in early October and that there will be a virtual information session held on September 12th at 7 pm. To register go to: www.nyc.gov/yeseconomicopportunity. She stated that if the board wants a separate presentation before the referral, she can arrange to have a presentation at a Board meeting. The Chair stated that the Land Use Committee will review it, then we can schedule to have a presentation at the Board Meeting.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: The District Manager reported that on or about Wednesday, September 6, 2023, NYCDOT will commence rehabilitation of the 130th Street Bridge over the Belt Shore Parkway in Queens. As a result, two lanes on the Belt Shore Parkway, near 130th Street, will be closed in the early morning hours. Additionally, one lane has been closed on the ramp to access westbound Belt Shore Parkway at 135 Street. The lane closures on Belt Shore Parkway from September 6 to October 4 are: Eastbound Belt Shore Parkway Weekday Overnight (Monday-Friday): 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m., Saturday Overnight: 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., Sunday Overnight: 2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Westbound Belt Shore Parkway Weekday Overnight (Monday-Friday): 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m., Saturday Overnight: 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., Sunday Overnight: 2:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. She continued that we had also been notified by Con Edison that they intend to place a generator at or around 121 Street and Rockaway Boulevard as a preventive measure during the ongoing heat conditions.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT: The Chairperson reported / commented that information on the following was in members' folder material:

- Information from DOT regarding the Outdoor Dining Program. It was stated that DOT will present this program to our full board sometime in the fall.
- Presentation on the Jewel Streets area. The Chair reported that early July, a group involved with HPD met with our Executive Board to give the presentation in the folders. HPD would like to present additional information to our full Board in the Fall in October or November.
- Information on National Grid rates case.
- Information regarding fatal fires due to lithium batteries
- Copy of the NY Public School calendar for the year
- Copy of Small Plates from the Conflict of Interest Board
- Notification that the South Ozone Park Library will be distributing free copies of the US Constitution
- Notification that AM Rajkumar will be hosting a Public Safety Town Hall on 9/20 from 5 to 8 pm at the Woodhaven Manor at 96-01 Jamaica Avenue. CB 10 is a co-sponsor of this event.
- Information regarding the Citywide Participatory Budget
- Information from a JFK Advisory Meeting that the truck facility at JFK is expanding so more truck parking will be available.
- Information about National Preparedness Month for the elderly and the disabled. The Chair reported that our Board area is 6 square miles and 2 square miles of that is in flood evacuation zones. There is also a significant population in our other areas that experience types of flooding like Hurricane Ida. It was stated that our district has many older residents.
- The Chair gave an update from DOB regarding the roof collapse at 130-60 Van Wyck Expressway where a full stop work and a full vacate order was issued along with various summonses. Because of the damage, the surrounding property at 130-58 Van Wyck Expwy received a partial vacate and the surrounding property at 130-64 Van Wyck Expwy received a full vacate.
- The Chair provided information from a recent report regarding speed cameras. The study found there was a 25% drop in traffic deaths and a 30% decrease in tickets issued since speed cameras have been operating at night and on weekends.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET: The Committee Chair stated that the Budget Committee met to review the Board's internal budget for Fiscal Year 2024 which began on 7/1/23. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Board approve the FY 2024 internal budget as presented. The Committee Chair asked for a motion to approve the internal budget as presented.

The Board Chair explained that the two asterisks next to the Community Coordinator position indicates the amount that Pat Traina earned before her passing and that the budget can be adjusted accordingly. She continued that we are still looking for a good candidate for the Community Assistant position and that we will continue to accept resumes until we fill that position.

The Board Chair stated that there was a motion on the floor from the Committee Chair to approve the FY 2024 internal budget as presented. All in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The motion carries unanimously.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS: The Committee Chair stated that the report was in the folders.

EDUCATION: The Committee Chair announced that today was the first day of school and that everything went well. She stated that there may be a school bus strike, but they have contingency plans in place.

GATEWAY: The Committee Chair stated that Gateway has a lot to offer and that everyone should try to use their facilities.

LAND USE: The Committee Chair stated that the two actions that we took before the summer break are making their way through the processes. The gas station on 130th Street and North Conduit Avenue is taking our recommendation about the fencing and the landscaping. He continued that he and the Board Chair attended the Howard Beach Lindenwood Civic Meeting last week and they had a good presentation from HPD regarding a current resiliency study underway and suggested that having them present to our board may be advantageous.

LIBRARIES: The Committee Chair announced that the League of Women Voters will be at the South Ozone Park Library at 128-16 Rockaway Blvd. on 9/16 from 10 am to 2 pm and will be giving out free copies of the Constitution and other information about what the League does. She continued that Sen. Addabbo will be hosting mobile office hours from 5:30 to 7 pm on 9/21 at the Richmond Hill library, on 10/5 at the South Ozone Park library, on 10/12 at the Ozone Park library and on 10/19 at the Richmond Hill library.

PARKS: The Committee Chair stated that the work at Al Stabile Playground is complete, and it is now open to the public. He continued that he walked around and noticed there was a problem with water accumulating in the play equipment, so we notified Parks and they immediately removed it. He announced that he will be holding a Parks Committee Meeting in the near future at the Board Office.

A question was raised by a Board Member about if Parks addressed the sidewalk issue at Al Stabile Playground.

The Committee Chair responded that Parks decided to put the entrance on the side where there are no sidewalk problems. He stated that we will recommend at the next Parks meeting that planters with flowers be put on the side of the playground where the sidewalk problem is. On that side of the Park there are some DOT issues that affect the sidewalk area.

PERSONNEL: The Committee Chair announced that the passing of Patricia Traina has left a void and that we will be looking to fill that position in the future.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Committee Chair stated that the crime stats from 5/22 to 8/21 are in the folder. He announced that there will be an NCO Sector D Meeting held at 6 pm at St. James/St. Matthews Church located at: 119-15 135 Avenue South Ozone Park, and that the 106th Precinct Community Council will meet on 9/13 at 7:30 pm at the 106th Precinct.

The Chair introduced D.I. Bacchi and invited him to speak. D.I. Bacchi stated that he hoped that everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. He announced that 7 new officers were assigned to the Precinct in July, and that National Night Out Against Crime was held on August 1st at P.O. Byrne Park located on 135 Avenue and he thanked the community particularly CB 10, Resorts World and the residents who came out to support the police to say no against crime. He stated that on 7/28 there was 1 shooting at Judge Playground. The victim was 14 years old, and the perpetrator was 15 years old. He continued that the Detectives did phenomenal work which led to an arrest. He announced that today was the first day of school and reminded everyone to slow down in school zones. He continued to discuss the crime stats. He stated that we are down 4% in crime for the year however, we are still seeing vehicle

theft. He reminded everyone to turn off their car engines, remove their keys, lock their doors, remove their valuables and to consider installing a GPS device or an Air Tag discreetly in your car so it can be tracked and to consider vin etching on the glass windows on the car.

The Chair thanked the Precinct Community Council President for the effort that went into Night Out Against Crime. She stated that Resorts World, the District Attorney's Office, and Mamita's Ices are some of the biggest contributors to this event and the civics and the individuals that came out to support the event made it a success. She also announced that we have brought with us tonight, tote bags that CB 10 gave out at that event, and she reminded everyone to take one at the end of the meeting before they leave.

SANITATION: The Committee Chair announced that Sanitation was giving warnings to residents who are putting their garbage out too early for collection and that they will now be starting to issue tickets if garbage is placed out earlier than 8 pm.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT: The Committee Chair stated that the report is in the folders and announced that DCAS has a new job application site at: <https://jobs.nyc.gov>

TRANSPORTATION: The Committee Chair reported that she and the District Manager attended a Traffic Safety Board Meeting today at Borough Hall. Queens DOT gave an update on Vision Zero Initiatives which included: heavy investment in speed cameras near schools, focusing on making the city's vehicles safer, Intelligent Speed Assistance and installation of additional cameras in cars to help mitigate blind spots. New York state DMV Commissioner Mark Schroeder spoke about continuing efforts to educate young teen drivers and proposes strengthening state regulations to get dangerous drivers off the road by increasing the number of points associated with dangerous driving to violations that currently have none. Violations include alcohol or drug related convictions, driving without a license, violations involving speeding in a work zone, leaving the scene of a personal injury crash, striking a bridge, and passing a stopped school bus. He also discussed the surge of e-bikes and scooters and the problems that they are presenting as well as continued efforts to aggressively target drivers with ghost plates, paper plates and obstructed plates at key locations such as bridge crossings and pulling them over to ticket them. It was also reported that there have been 11,980 crashes in Queens in a 6-month period from October 2022 to March 2023 and that Queens accounts for 28% of the crashes citywide.

The Chair introduced Carl Moore, rep. for Sen. Addabbo, and invited him to speak. Carl Moore introduced himself and thanked the Board Members for all of their hard work in the community. He stated that he had left some flyers up front about the Senator's upcoming events. He announced that they will be hosting their annual Veterans Barbeque from 12 pm to 7 pm on Saturday at the Howard Beach Motor Club in Hamilton Beach and anyone interested in attending can call their office to sign up. They will also be holding a paper shredding event on 9/24 at Forest Park along with AM Rajkumar and they will be holding an e-waste event with AM Rajkumar and CM Holden at Forest Park. He continued that the Senator will also be holding mobile office hours at the libraires.

The Chair introduced Sonja Webber-Bey, rep. for Sen. Sanders, and invited her to speak. She stated that the Senator is downtown at a rally for the Queens Transit Link and they are trying to urge the city and the MTA to build a rail system from South Queens to North Queens. He is also holding a minigolf event on 9/13 in Five Towns at 12 noon for seniors to celebrate Senior Appreciation month and anyone interested can register by calling their office or using the scan code. He announced that the Senator's office is back to regular hours from 9am to 5 pm and to reach out to them with any concerns or issues.

The Chair introduced Michael Benjamin, rep. for Sen. Persaud, and invited him to speak. Michael Benjamin stated that if there are any problems or issues to call their office and that he has left informational flyers up front. He congratulated DI Bacchi on his promotion, and he thanked the entire board and the police for making it a community that people want to live in. He announced that if anyone wants to receive e-mail blasts from the senator to e-mail them at: persaud@nysenate.gov

The Chair introduced Vjola Isufaj, rep. for AM Rajkumar, and invited her to speak. Vjola Isufaj introduced herself and announced that they had professional lawyers come to their office over the summer to meet with constituents. She also announced that the rain barrel giveaway that they held over the summer was the largest rain barrel giveaway

in Queens. The Assemblymember held a mammography event at their office, attended parades all over the city and gave out 1,000 backpacks to kids for school. She stated that she left flyers up front about the upcoming Town Hall Meeting with the Police Commissioner that they are hosting in Woodhaven. They will be providing dinner and valet parking will be provided. To RSVP text her or call her on her direct line. She also thanked CB 10 for co-sponsoring this event.

The Chair introduced Linda Fogal, rep. for CM Ariola and invited her to speak. Linda Fogal introduced herself and stated that she left flyers up front along with their newsletter. If anyone would like to be included on their e-mail list call them at 718-738-1083. She announced that they will be holding a Fall festival on October 14th from 1 to 3 pm at Forest Park with the 102nd and 106th Precinct in memory of P.O. Simonsen. It will be a memorial ceremony and there will also be activities for children. She stated that if anyone has any questions to contact their office.

The Chair introduced Tiffany Eason, rep. for CM Adams, and invited her to speak. Tiffany Eason introduced herself and stated that she is the Director of Community Engagement at CM Adams office. She announced that next month they will be at the South Ozone Park library on Saturdays to be more accessible to residents in South Ozone Park. They will also have a lawyer on site in their office on Thursdays from 12 to 4 pm. She stated that they had a walk through with DOT, CB 10 and SOPCAW over the summer and will have updates on those issues tomorrow. She continued that she will be the liaison with CB 10 and will relay any issues or concerns with CM Adams. She can be reached at 718-206-2068 or at: teason@council.nyc.gov

The Chair introduced Dan Brown, rep. for District Attorney Katz, and invited him to speak. Dan Brown introduced himself and thanked the Chair for mentioning that the DA was a sponsor in National Night Out Against Crime. He stated that she also had the pleasure of swearing in the Board Members of the 106th Precinct Council. He stated that District Attorney Katz has a dedicated team of helpers in her Crime Victims Advocacy program that help with offering counseling services or assistance with navigating the court system. They also have a referral system to help with food, shelter, clothing, and substance abuse. If anyone has any questions, they can contact the DA's Office at 718-286-6812 or call him directly at 718-286-6593.

The Chair thanked the Board Members for filling the Good and Welfare cup as it was passed around the room and announced that we had several losses over the summer. Board Member Marie Cherenfant lost her mother, Board Member Rohan Narine and his wife lost a newborn, and we also lost Patricia Traina from our office staff.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC FORUM:

The Chair asked if there is anyone else from the public who would like to speak.

Bianca Pebbles introduced herself and raised a complaint that the bus stop at 130th Street and Sutter Avenue South Ozone Park was removed and that it is now creating a hardship for residents in the area who have to walk a greater distance to take the Q-10 bus.

The Chair stated that the Board Office received a petition from area residents about this matter and that the District Manager can provide an update.


The District Manager stated that she received calls and from area residents asking for this bus stop to be reinstalled at this location. The Community Board Office reached out to the MTA about the situation, and we were recently notified that they will reinstall the bus stop at this location and that DOT will be reinstalling the bus stop signage within 30 days.

The Chair announced that if anyone has had difficulty trying to contact our office lately, it is because our telephone service has been intermittent all summer long to due to a Verizon issue. She suggested that if anyone needs to reach out to us to e-mail us or stop by the office.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else from the public that wished to speak. Hearing none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Karyn Petersen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Karyn" is written with a large, looped 'K' and the last name "Petersen" follows in a similar cursive script.

Karyn Petersen
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