



Community Board No. 5

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Vincent Arcuri, Jr.
Chairperson

Gary Giordano
District Manager

Minutes of Remote Community Board 5 Public Meeting June 8, 2022

Board Members Present

Vincent Arcuri, Jr; Antonetta Binanti; Tobias Sheppard Bloch; Jessica Boiardi; Alyssa Bonilla; Eric Butkiewicz; Rachel Caracci; Robert Cermeli; Walter E. Clayton, Jr.; Patricia Crowley; Nicolas Cuttonaro; Brian Dooley; Derek Evers; Dmytro Fedkowskyj; Cecilia Guerra; Steven Fiedler; Fred T. Haller; Fred Hoefflerle; Richard Huber; Paul A. Kerzner; Maryann Lattanzio; Diego Leclery; Edward Lettau; Patricia Maltezos; Katherine Masi; Eileen Moloney; Marcin Nadgorski; April Narsasian; Margaret O'Kane; Michael O'Kane; Donald Passantino; Michael Porcelli; Melissa Rebecca; Kenneth Rehberger; Theodore Renz; Luis Rodriguez; Lee S. Rottenberg; Walter H. Sanchez; Dennis Stephan; Catherine Sumsky; Katarzyna Syta; Barbara Toscano; Patrick J. Trinchese; Jasmine Valle; Michaeline Von Drathen; Maryanna Zero

Board Members Absent

Bhubaneshor Adhikari; Adam Bloom; Maria de la Cruz; Gyanal Thapa

STAFF

Gary Giordano, District Manager-CB5Q
John Maier, Community Associate-CB5Q

PARTICIPANTS

Frederick A. Becker, Attorney re: **BSA # 2022-25A** for **88-63 75 Avenue, Glendale, NY 11385**
Amanda Iannotti for Richard Lobel, PC re: Rezoning of **78-44 and 46 Metropolitan Ave, Middle Village**
from an R5 Zoning District to an R5D/C2-3 Zoning District

Before proceeding, the Board Chairperson welcome everyone to join the meeting remotely, due to the COVID19 pandemic and the recent surge in variant cases, monthly Board Meetings are being conducted remotely and livestreamed on the Zoom platform. Board members, staff and guests were provided a link to participate. Members of the public can view this meeting while in progress, by clicking on this YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/fIUfzynubg> (This link will also be posted on our CB5Q Homepage at www.nyc.gov/qnscb5 where you will be able to access it at your convenience).

Anyone wishing to address the Board during the Public Forum portion of the meeting is asked to submit a typed statement, by email, to our Community Board 5 email address at qn05@cb.nyc.gov no later than 2pm today, so that it could be read into the record of our Board Meeting.

Following the Salute to the Flag led by Donald Passantino at 7:37pm, the Board Chairperson announced the first item on the Board Agenda:

PUBLIC HEARING RE: BSA Application #: 2022-25-A, for 88-63 75 Avenue in Glendale, NY 11385

IN THE MATTER OF an Application to the N.Y. City Board of Standards and Appeals by the Law Office of Fredrick A. Becker, on behalf of Giorgio Zeolla and Angela De Castro Zeolla, the owners of record, pursuant to General City Law Sect. 35, to allow the enlargement of the existing dwelling located at 88-63 75 Avenue (Block 3875, Lot 119) in Glendale, Queens, NY, in an R4B Zoning District. This proposed enlargement, to add

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a full 2nd story to this home, is not permitted without approval because this dwelling is situated in the bed of a mapped street (89th Street).

Frederick A. Becker, the attorney representing Giorgio Zeolla and Angela De Castro Zeolla, the owners of record of 88-63 75 Avenue, in Glendale, Block: 3875 and Lot: 119, said that they have filed an Administrative Appeal with the NYC Board of Standards and Appeals to seek permission to build a full second story on the existing 1½ story frame building that is their residence. He said that the owners are also seeking permission to convert this structure from a one-family into a two-family home.

Mr. Becker explained that when this house was built in 1940, at the Dead-End of 89 Street, between 74 Avenue and 75 Avenue in Glendale, it was built entirely within the bed of the mapped, but unimproved, street. He said the house is situated 293 feet west of the intersection of Woodhaven Boulevard at 75 Avenue, within an R4B Zoning District. He pointed out that a 9-foot-wide driveway runs along the east side of this lot, with off-street parking accommodations for two vehicles.

Mr. Becker explained that since the property was originally built in the bed of a mapped but unimproved street, namely 89 Street, his client is required to obtain a waiver of bulk regulations, under Section 35 of General City Law (GCL) to obtain a building permit for the proposed addition onto his home. He said that the GCL prohibits the construction and/or expansion of buildings in the bed of a mapped street, except in cases where a waiver is granted. He said that, in this case, he will demonstrate that his client's proposed development is compliant and conforming to the existing Zoning regulations.

Mr. Becker said the proposed plans call for construction of a full second story onto the existing 1 ½ story frame house on this 4000 sq. ft. lot that would extend the second floor out 15' along the rear wall of the house into the rear yard. He said that the existing 40-foot setback in the rear yard of this house would be decreased to a 26'7" setback from the fence at the Dead-End of 89 Street. The existing 9'2" setback from 75 Avenue in the front yard of the house, and the width of both side yards will remain the same, he said.

Mr. Becker said that the proposed addition would add a total of 816.54 sq. ft to the existing 1,822 sq. ft. of floor area in this 1½ story frame house for a total floor area of 2,638 sq. ft. He said that the existing lot coverage, which is currently 29% of this plot of land, would increase to 42% lot coverage on this lot. He explained that the proposed addition would only increase the existing .46 floor area ratio (FAR) to .66 FAR on this lot, which falls well within the allowable limit of .90 FAR, or a total of 3,600 sq. ft., on this 4,000 sq. ft. plot of land. He also pointed out that the proposed second story addition would be set back 8 feet from the front façade on the ground floor to align with the adjoining dwelling units, as required by the Zoning Resolution.

In closing, Mr. Becker pointed out that at least 33 of the existing 62 homes that are located within a 400' radius of the surrounding residential area are 2-story structures, which are occupied as one, two and three family homes. He said that, for all the above-outlined reasons, the proposed enlargement of this residential property would be in keeping with the character of the surrounding residential neighborhood and meets the requirements of the existing zoning regulations in an R4B Zoning District. He asked the Board to support this request for a waiver of the bulk regulations, under Section 35 of General City Law (GCL), and pursuant to Section 72-01 of the Zoning Resolution.

The Board Chairperson thanked Mr. Becker for his presentation and opened the floor to questions and comments.

In response to questions from the floor, Mr. Becker said that this house was built in the bed of a mapped, but unimproved, street decades before the Zoning Resolution was adopted in 1961. His client bought and

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moved into this house about 10 years ago. He displayed a photo of the existing 1½ story frame house on this lot, as well as a Zoning Map of the surrounding area.

Walter Sanchez, Chair of the Zoning and Land Use Review Committee, said that the Committee met recently with Mr. Becker about this application and Committee members agreed that the proposed development of this site is not out of character with the surrounding residential neighborhood.

As there were no other questions or comments on this matter, the Board Chairperson referred the matter to the Zoning and Land Use Review Committee for further consideration and recommendation.

The Board Chairperson stated that no statements were submitted to be read during the Public Forum.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Vincent Arcuri

Mr. Arcuri requested that the District Manager read the Statements from Elected Officials into the record, as follows:

Statement from State Senator Michael Gianaris, 15th SD submitted by Ahtziri Campos

"Good Evening Community Board 5, I hope that you are all staying safe and healthy. State Senator Gianaris sends his regards to all of you. With the end of session last week, Senator Gianaris will be spending more time in the district. He is looking forward to joining all of you at the September Community Board 5 meeting and hearing from you.

If you have any questions, concerns, or are in need of constituent services, please reach out to our office at 718-728-0960, or by email at gianaris@nysenate.gov. You can also contact me directly at campos@nysenate.gov. Thank you."

Statement from State Senator Joseph Addabbo, 18th SD, submitted by John D'Angelo

"Senator Addabbo sends his regards to everyone at Community Board 5.

Regarding Legislation:

The 2022 Legislative Session wrapped up in Albany this past weekend. Major issues, including health care, Mayoral accountability with our public schools, addressing gun violence and the environment, were worked on legislatively. Senator Addabbo welcomes constituents to contact him with any questions regarding the legislation passed this session.

Just ahead of the Memorial Day weekend, the Senator joined his Senate colleagues in approving a package of Bills to support the well-being and success of our veteran community. These Bills will assist veterans with education, housing, employment, business opportunities and support, while assuring they continue to receive the recognition they deserve for their dedication to our country.

The Senator co-sponsored legislation to address the increase of helicopters flying over local communities. The Bill creates a right of action against any person who creates an unreasonable level of sustained noise at ground level from a helicopter. Additionally, it bans non-essential heliport use and restricts helicopter use through the Hudson River Park. After passing the Senate, the Bill was sent to the Assembly for consideration.

The Senator and his Senate colleagues advanced legislation to improve the accessibility and affordability of prescription drugs for all New Yorkers. In addition to cost-saving Initiatives, the legislation will promote prescription drug awareness and provide information on cost-increase measures. Three Bills (**S.4620-C, S.4856, S.5299-A**) were passed by both the Senate and Assembly and are awaiting the Governor's signature, while another five Bills (**S.1413, S.1737, S.3081-B, S.5489, and S.7499-B**) were delivered to the Assembly's Health Committee for consideration.

The Senator announced his support of Mayor Adams' NYC Gun Violence Prevention Task Force. He looks forward to working with the Mayor's Administration on the City level and Governor Hochul's Administration on the State level to better address and handle gun violence across New York.

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The Senator asked that we remember the 78th Anniversary of D-Day and all our Veterans who were a part of this historic event.

Events

The Senator is hosting Mobile Office Hours on Thursday, June 16th, at the Rego Park Library."

Statement from Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi, 28th AD, submitted by Kevin Wisniewski

"As we move towards the Summer, I hope you and your loved ones are staying well. Here is a recent update from my office outlining volunteer opportunities, available resources, and victories from this year's Legislative Session.

This past Saturday, Assemblyman Hevesi and our team joined a Community Cleanup and bench painting effort at Frank Principe Park in Maspeth, in partnership with the Friends of Frank Principe Park, and with Partnerships for Parks. This was the fifth installation in this year's cleanup series and we were able to repaint 27 benches throughout the park. We also discussed prospective options to secure State Resources to address some outdated Infrastructure and grounds keeping needs in the Park.

In Albany, we just wrapped up a productive session, the second session in which Assemblyman Hevesi served as the Children and Families Committee Chair. This year, we spearheaded initiatives to make childcare accessible and affordable, assist foster youth and kids with intellectual or developmental disabilities, and sponsored a number of other priorities led by colleagues. Our priorities included:

- Assemblyman Hevesi's introduction of the Children and Families Reinvestment Act, leading to a \$7 billion investment making childcare more affordable and making an additional 400,000 kids eligible for childcare subsidies
- Assemblyman Hevesi's introduction of Bill A8090A, which passed the Assembly, created a statewide study of kids in foster care who have intellectual or developmental disabilities, ensuring they be connected to appropriate supports
- Assemblyman Hevesi's introduction of Bill A7661, which passed the Assembly, ensured that parents with alternative working schedules or who are in school have access to childcare resources
- Co-sponsored and advocated for colleague-led Initiatives, including the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Equity Fund, and regulating the cost of prescription drug prices.

Finally, we're continuing to provide protective personal equipment (PPE) supplies to constituents. So far, our office has distributed over 150,000 protective facemasks, thousands of bottles of hand sanitizer, and thousands of At-Home Rapid Detection Tests directly to local residents. Most recently, the Assemblyman worked with Governor Hochul to secure an additional 10,000 Rapid Detection Tests. To arrange a FREE pickup of supplies, contact our office at hevesia@nyassembly.gov.

Please contact us at (718) 263-5595, if we may be of any assistance or if you would like to get involved in local efforts. Thanks, and remain safe."

Statement from Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar, 38th AD, submitted by Vjola Isufaj

"Dearest CB 5 Board, I extend my warmest greetings to you. Thank you for your continual service to our community. Your work on CB5 is truly a labor of love and I want you to know how much I appreciate you.

Last week, the 2021-22 Legislative Session in Albany ended with a marathon week of passing Bills, capping off a year in which we passed over 1,000 Bills. I helped pass a Bill that supports our Police by creating a Blue Alert System to catch people who kill or injure a Police Officer.

I also passed Bills supporting organ donors who save lives; creating job opportunities for older New Yorkers; converting hotels into affordable housing; and ensuring screenings for learning disabilities. I personally sponsored and led the passage of a Bill that aids the victims of crimes. After I debated the Bill on the floor, it passed with bipartisan support, and is now on its way to the Governor's desk. The Bill expands state reimbursements for crime victims, helping them through some of the most difficult times in their lives.

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I also sponsored and led the passage of a bill creating the first-ever New York Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission. This State Commission will include 7 appointments from the Governor and will develop solutions to the rise in hate crimes against Asian Americans. Crime, including the fatal shooting in Ridgewood on Monday, is always one of my top concerns. I am in constant contact with all the Police Precincts in my district, as well as Mayor Eric Adams and District Attorney Melinda Katz, and will do everything possible to bring down crime.

I introduced a historic resolution proclaiming Mount Everest Day in New York State, in honor of Nepali New Yorkers in Ridgewood and across our State who climbed to the top of Everest. I am proud to report that a delegation of Sherpa New Yorkers who climbed Mount Everest joined me for a beautiful celebration in the State Capitol, impressing everyone with their great human achievement.

On May 31st, I hosted another successful COVID-19 vaccination event at my office. Anyone who needs help scheduling a vaccination appointment, including booster shots, can contact my office, where we also offer free COVID-19 test kits.

I am excited to announce that on June 9th, I will be hosting the Fourth Annual Queens Rock Fest, a day of performances by some of the greatest musicians from the World's Borough. The complimentary event will run from 10am to 8pm. I am also looking forward to seeing many of you at National Night Out Against Crime on August 2nd.

If you know anyone with a Commercial Driver's License looking for career opportunities, I suggest they consider registering for the Sanitation Worker Civil Service Exam being offered for the first time in seven years. Registration is now open until June 28. Jobs at the Department of Sanitation offer competitive salaries, generous benefits, and many opportunities for advancement. Requirements include possessing a CDL and high school diploma or equivalent, as well as the ability to pass a physical. Anyone interested can register at nyc.gov/examsforjobs.

As the summer months are upon us, I remind you that my office welcomes summer interns. If you know any extraordinary young people with a passion for government, please to refer them to me. Finally, if anyone is ever in need of assistance on anything, you can always contact or visit my office on weekdays from 9:00am to 5:00pm, and Saturdays from 11:00am to 2:00pm. May you all have a healthy, safe, and relaxing summer! Very Truly Yours, Jenifer Rajkumar, Assemblywoman, 38th AD"

Statement from NYC Council Member Robert Holden, 30th CD, submitted by Daniel Kurzyna

"Hello neighbors, Community Board 5 members, and fellow elected officials. I hope you are all staying safe and healthy, and I thank you for your continued work and volunteerism.

As we enter Summer, I wanted to share with the Board the various events my office will be hosting this season:

- Thyroid and Carotid Artery Screening: Tomorrow, June 9, at PS/IS 119, at 1:30 PM.
- Movie under the Stars: this Friday, June 10, in Juniper Valley Park (blacktop area), at 8 PM.
- Disney Singalong Concert: Thursday, June 16, in Juniper Valley Park (blacktop area), at 7 PM.
- Movie under the Stars: Friday, June 17, in Reiff Park, at 8 PM.
- Water Festival: Saturday, June 18, in Juniper Valley Park (blacktop area), at 12 Noon.
- Beatles Tribute Concert: Thursday, June 23, in Juniper Valley Park (blacktop area), at 7 PM.
- 80s Tribute Concert: Thursday, July 7, in Juniper Valley Park (blacktop area), at 7 PM.
- Rolling Stones Tribute: Thursday, July 14, in Juniper Valley Park (blacktop area), at 7 PM.

At 2 PM on Sunday, June 26th, at the corner of 64th Street and 78th Avenue in Liberty Park, Glendale, I will be hosting a Street Co-Naming for legendary baseball player Phil Rizzuto. I'll also be hosting Street Co-Namings for Joseph Magnus and Maureen Walthers in August.

As always, Community Board 5 members and the public are invited.

Please remember that my office is always at your disposal, so do not hesitate to call us at 718-366-3900, email us at District30@council.nyc.gov, or visit us in person at my new office in Maspeth, 58-38 69th Street, at the corner of Brown Place. Thanks again for volunteering and have a good night. Sincerely, Robert F. Holden, Council Member, District 30."

Statement from NYC Council Member Jennifer Gutierrez, 34th CD, submitted by Juan Mayancela

"Dear Community Board 5, I want to wish a Happy Pride Month to our LGBTQ+ community in NYC and Council District 34! Over the past few months, I have been fighting for a budget that prioritizes equity and resources for every New Yorker, especially for the 34th Council District. As budget season draws to a close, my office has lots of events and programs for the community.

I am aware that trash has been an issue in Ridgewood. I'm working with the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) on their "Adopt a Basket" Program. Through this Program, businesses can take care of an existing DSNY basket. The adopting business is responsible for replacing each full trash bag with a new bag and placing the bag full of trash at the curb for collection by DSNY. That's it! It's an easy way for businesses to play a role in keeping our streets and commercial corridors clean. If any business wants to take part of this Program, please contact my office.

To every constituent in the 34th Council District, if you see any rats in the neighborhood, please submit a 311 complaint, and contact my office. Making a record of rat issues is the best way to show the City where this is happening, so it can be addressed.

After many weekends of classes, our free YOGA classes in Grover Cleveland Park have come to an end, and they were a big success! Thank you to everyone who came out and joined us. Special thank you to Greater Ridgewood Restoration.

Providing services to the community is the most important thing for me. I will be hosting Mobile Office hours at Fenix Car Service on Friday, June 24th, 2022, from 1pm to 5pm. My staff will be at Fenix Car Service to provide our regular services to the community, such as, applications for benefit programs, re-certification, housing needs, etc.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to my office at 718-963-3141. You can also reach out to Juan Mayancela, Ridgewood community organizer. Stay tuned for a Calendar of Events my office will be hosting this Summer, and I'm looking forward to seeing you there!
Best regards, Council Member Jennifer Gutierrez"

The Board Chairperson directed John Maier on staff to take attendance of Board Members present. Mr. Arcuri asked Mr. Maier to read aloud the list of Liquor License applications and renewal, as follows:

Liquor, Wine & Beer License Applications and Renewals**New Liquor License Applications**

- 1) JJ Middle Village Bar Inc. d/b/a *JJ Demsey's American Ale House*, 73-13 Metropolitan Avenue, Middle Village, NY 11379
- 2) *Noir Tavern LLC*; 66-28 Forest Ave., Ridgewood, NY 11385

Liquor License Renewals

- 1) 64-63 Dry Harbor Tavern Inc. d/b/a *Harbor Inn Sports Bar*, 64-63 Dry Harbor Road, Middle Village, NY 11379
- 2) 8338 Woodhaven Rest. Inc. d/b/a *Don Tequila Urban Cantina* 83-38 Woodhaven Blvd, Glendale, NY 11385

New Wine, Beer & Cider Applications

- 1) BUSHWICK PITA INC. d/b/a *Bread&Wine* (Pending), 55-27 Myrtle Ave. #105, Ridgewood, NY 11385

Wine, Beer & Cider Renewals

- 1) *Nova Soccer Club Inc.* 775 Woodward Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385

Beer & Cider Renewals

- 1) *Original Sal's Pizzeria Inc.* 60-48 Myrtle Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385

Other Notifications

- 1) * *AMMA Cafe Inc.*; 68-64 Forest Ave., Ridgewood, NY 11385 (WB&C)
- 2) ** *Time Tequila Bar Café Corp.* 675A Seneca Ave. Ridgewood, NY 11385 (LWB&C)
- 3) *** Poppers Locarno LLC d/b/a *Holo* 15-63 Decatur Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385 (LWB&C)

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* **Class Change** – Establishment is seeking a change from Wine, Beer & Cider to a full license for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

** **Alteration** – Establishment will be expanding into the rest of the first floor at 675 Seneca Avenue.

*** **Corporation Change**

(B&C): Beer & Cider – (WB&C): Wine, Beer & Cider – (LWB&C): Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Demolition Notices – read by John Maier, Staff Member

62-85 60 Street, in Ridgewood – a residential garage

Staff member John Maier asked Board members to contact the Board Office to report any questionable construction work to the Board staff.

MINUTES

The Board Chairperson asked Board members to review the minutes of last month's remote Board Meeting which was conducted on May 11, 2022. The Chairperson accepted a motion from Ken Rehberger, which was seconded by Maryann Lattanzio, to approve the minutes as submitted. The minutes were adopted by acclamation.

District Manager's Report

Gary Giordano

The District Manager extended his condolences to the family of Peggy Sumsky, a former Board Member who passed away yesterday at the age of 88. He said that she is survived by her five sons, and daughters-in-law, including Board Member Cathie Sumsky, as well as several grandchildren. He said Peggy was very active in the Maspeth community for many years, where she made her home, until she moved with her husband down to Florida several years ago.

The District Manager also reported that he was informed by the 104th Precinct about a murder that occurred at 1:30am on Monday morning, in front of 1080 Wyckoff Avenue in Ridgewood where there are several sound studios. He said that police had informed him that the victim and suspect apparently knew each other.

Ted Renz, Executive Director of the Ridgewood Local Development Corporation, said that he's been informed by the Precinct that the victim was a rapper and the victim recognized the suspect as someone he knew in prison. The District Manager said that this was the second murder in our Board area in the past two weeks.

On another note, the District Manager reported that as part of the City's Green Infrastructure Program, a contractor is in the process of installing 232 new green gardens throughout our Board 5 area. He said that the goal of this project is to reduce the flow of rainwater runoff into the city's sewer system. He said that when he met with City officials and supervisors about this project, he asked that these trenches be restored within two weeks after digging them, for both pedestrian and traffic safety reasons.

Richard Huber, a Board member, asked how this project would affect his elderly mother's mobility, since she would have to exit the car at the curb where the plantings are. The District Manager welcomed him to call the office about any problems.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Services

Maryann Lattanzio

Maryann Lattanzio reported that the Committee met remotely with Community Affairs Officers Michael Berish and Dilsia Bonilla of the 104th Police Precinct to review the most recent crime statistics for our area, as well as to discuss the increased incidence of gun violence in our City.

Ms. Lattanzio cited the crime statistics for the past 28 days and Year-to-Date as compared to the prior month and Year-to-Date figures, which were reported to the Committee as follows:

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	Past 28-Day Period		Year-to-Date	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Murder	1	1	1	2
Rape	1	1	7	7
Robbery	17	11	67	46
Felony Assault	32	14	110	95
Burglary	20	35	97	102
Grand Larceny	42	36	249	191
Grand Larceny Auto	26	25	100	79

Ms. Lattanzio reported that the Officers advised Committee members that many of the reported robberies occurred in connection with online sales and exchanges at remote locations. The Officers advised that when people exchange goods, the transactions should be conducted in well-lit, secure areas, such as, in front of the local Stationhouse. Regarding the incidence of rapes that have occurred in the 104th Precinct, Officer Berish informed the Committee that these are cases where the victim knows the attacker.

Ms. Lattanzio also gave a breakdown of the crime statistics that Officer Berish reported for each Sector of the Precinct:

- 1) In the Glendale Sector, there's been a 14% increase in crimes reported during the past 28 days over the prior month, as well as a corresponding 18% increase in crimes reported Year-to-Date, as compared to same period last year.
- 2) In the Ridgewood Sector, during the past 28 Day Period, the overall incidence of crime has increased by 27% over the prior 28-Day Period.
- 3) In the Maspeth Sector, there's been a 17% increase in crimes reported during the past 28 days over the prior 28-day period this year, as well as an 18.5% increase in crimes reported Year-to-Date over the same period in 2021.
- 4) In the Middle Village sector, she reported that there's been an 18% decrease in crimes reported during the past 28 days as compared to the prior month, but a 2% uptick in the overall incidence of crimes that have occurred Year-to-Date, as compared to last year.

In response to a question about whether police are patrolling the Precinct as much as last year, Officer Berish replied that police staffing in the Precinct is down this year, due to retirements and Officers leaving their jobs for other positions outside of the NYPD. He informed the Committee that 7 additional Police Officers, who graduated from the Police Academy this year, have been assigned to patrol units in the 104th Police Precinct.

Ms. Lattanzio also reported that Officers Berish and Bonilla informed the Committee that there's been an increase in gun violence in our Precinct this year. They said that there are more guns on the street now than in the past. Officer Bonilla said that Officers on patrol have been taking guns off the street on a regular basis, including "ghost" guns that cannot be traced. Officer Berish said that, in his opinion, the new Bail Reform Law, the spread of Covid-19, and protests that took place last year all drained the precinct's resources.

Ms. Lattanzio gave the most recent statistics regarding summoning in the 104th Precinct, as follows:

	During the past 28 Days	Year-to-Date
Moving Violations	496	3013
Parking	665	4398
Speeding	80	604
Failure to Yield	21	110
Cell phone	25	189
Texting	61	347
Red Light	59	347
Tinted Windows	27	164
Hydrants	243	1783
Unlicensed Operator	50	243

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Officer Berish told the Committee that 8 unlicensed operators were arrested; 28 motorcycle summonses were issued and 8 motorcycles were confiscated. Officer Bonilla reminded everyone that, to her knowledge, the law requires that anyone driving a mini motorcycle must obtain a license. They requested tips from the public about any locations where these types of vehicles are being stored.

Ms. Lattanzio reported that the Committee also discussed traffic and pedestrian safety concerns at accident prone locations, and the fact that, very often, people riding motorcycles and mini-motorcycles don't wear helmets.

The Board Chairperson opened the floor to questions and comments.

Derek Evers, a Board Member, pointed out that shootings have decreased by 30% over the last 2 months since last year at this time of year.

On the other hand, he said that robberies have increased substantially in Ridgewood. He asked what's being done to address the problem. He also asked about the status of complaints about fake license plates on cars that are illegally parked on the streets of Ridgewood. Ms. Lattanzio said that the Committee didn't address these issues at their meeting but she would put them on the Agenda for their next meeting. In the meantime, she encouraged everyone to contact the Board Office to request updates.

Fred Haller, a Board member, asked for an update on the School Safety Meeting that Council Member Holden held in his office recently. Mr. Evers replied that the meeting focused on developing safety protocols in each Individual school to address school security questions in the wake of the recent shooting incident outside of Maspeth High School during the school day.

Mr. Evers said that the Police Officers offered to inspect and complete safety checks at each school in our Board in order to ensure the safety of the school population. He pointed out that apparently PS 88Q, in Ridgewood, is the only school in District 24 without security cameras. He said that Council Member Holden estimated it would cost \$400,000 to install a security system in their school.

Parks Services Committee

Since Mr. Fiedler was unavailable at this time, the District Manager gave the Parks Committee report. He said that the Committee met remotely at 7:30pm on Thursday, May 26th with representatives of the NYC Dept. of Parks and Recreation to review the proposed plans to reconstruct Benninger Playground on Madison Street, between 60 Place and Fresh Pond Road, in Ridgewood. The District Manager said that at their meeting, representatives of the Parks Department gave a power point presentation on the proposed Reconstruction of Benninger Playground. He said that this playground covers .6 acres, and this project is estimated to cost \$4 Million. He said that the project entails a full rehabilitation of the entire playground, that would expand the play area, install 2 sets of swings, add another park entrance, install a new basketball court, planting areas, spray showers, and a drinking fountain.

He said that Committee Members recommended that a comfort station be installed in this playground, and they requested that the existing 8' fence along Madison Street remain in place to ensure safety and security inside the playground, instead of replacing it with a 4'7" exterior fence.

Mr. Giordano gave a brief update on the status of several ongoing capital projects in our Board area. He said that work on the Construction of a New Entrance to Forest Park in the vicinity of Union Turnpike has begun. He said that Mr. Fiedler expressed concern about the need for additional barriers at the Myrtle Avenue entrance, in order to prevent cars from driving into the new park area.

The District Manager also gave an update on the status of the Reconstruction of the Soccer/Football Field and Running Track in Juniper Valley Park. He said that this project is expected to be completed by December of 2022. He said that the contractor is currently planning to replace a section of the drainage system that's totally clogged, and install a connection to the sewer main that is located under Lutheran Avenue, on the western edge of the park.

Bob Cermeli, a Board Member, asked if this sewer main replacement is causing a delay in the completion of this project. The District Manager said that this work has been holding up the completion of this project.

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Ed Lettau replied that the contractor may need to haul in heavy construction equipment in order to complete the sewer main job, so the installation of the soft-surface turf playing field would have to wait until the repairs to the drainage system are completed.

Dennis Stephan, a Board Member, asked if work on this project could be speeded up. The Board Chairperson replied that it depends on how the contract was written, and if all this work could be accelerated or not.

On a different topic, Bob Cermeli asked what's holding up the replacement of netting above the fence that separates the baseball field from the children's playground on the south side of the park. He said that the poles have already been installed. The District Manager replied that he would follow up on his request with Parks Department staff.

The District Manager also reported that Phase I of the Starr Street Playground project is nearing completion now, and the contractor is slated to begin working on Phase 2 of this project. He pointed out that this playground does not have any restroom facilities. He said that the installation of a new restroom in a local park is estimated to cost well over \$1 Million.

Zoning and Land Use Review Committee

Walter Sanchez

Walter Sanchez, First Vice-Chairperson and Committee Chair, took a moment to share some of his fond memories of the late Peggy Sumsky. He said that as a boy, he used to watch the Roller Derby tournaments that Peggy skated in every Saturday morning, which were televised on WPIX-TV. After being appointed to the Board, he served on several Committees along with her, and was always amazed by her tireless devotion to the community and her public spirit. He offered condolences to her family, especially Cathie Sumsky, her daughter-in-law.

Mr. Sanchez reported that the Committee met in the Board Office at 7:30pm on Monday, to review the proposed Zoning Map Amendment for the properties located at 78-44 and 78-46 Metropolitan Avenue, from an R5 Zoning District to an R5D/C2-3 Zoning District. He said that the owner of the adjoining property at 78-44 Metropolitan Avenue is in favor of the proposed zoning change (ULURP#: 220133 ZMQ).

In addition, he said that Dr. Thomas told the Committee that both dwelling units in the 2 additional stories on the existing one-story building will be occupied by staff. He said that Dr. Thomas also agreed to the Committee's request to plant several trees in front of the building once the construction is completed.

He reported that the Committee unanimously recommends in favor of the proposed rezoning application.

As there were no further questions or comments on this matter, the Board Chairperson requested a Roll Call vote on the Committee recommendation, which carried unanimously by a vote of -42- in favor; -0- abstentions; and -4- not voting.

Transportation Services and Public Transit Services

Toby Bloch

Toby Bloch, Co-Chair of the Transportation Services Committee, reported that the Committee met with representatives of the NYC Dept. of Transportation to review two separate presentations regarding proposals for safety improvements on local streets. He said that the first presentation involved a Street Improvement Project for Pedestrian Safety on the Queens Midtown Expressway Eastbound Service Road at and near 58 Road. The second presentation was for a Street Improvement Project for Pedestrian & Traffic Safety on Cooper Avenue, from Cypress Avenue to 65 Street, in Glendale. He said that the Committee was in favor of the first proposal.

Mr. Bloch said that the Committee reviewed a number of traffic safety requests that were submitted by members of the general public, as well.

NOMINATIONS and ELECTION of CBSQ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Board Chairperson gave the floor to the District Manager to conduct the nominations and election of officers to serve as Executive Committee members.

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Prior to opening the floor to nominations, the District Manager pointed out that all of the current Executive Committee Officers who were nominated at last month's Board Meeting have accepted their nomination. He said that the Executive Committee consists of the Board Chairperson, namely Vincent Arcuri; First Vice Chairperson Walter Sanchez, Second Vice Chairperson Dmytro Fedkowskyj, Treasurer Katherine Masi, and Secretary Margaret O'Kane, together with 4 Members-at-Large, including Theodore Renz, Paul Kerzner, and Fred Haller, with one position vacant. He reminded everyone that at last month's Board Meeting, both Maryann Lattanzio and Walter Clayton were nominated for Member-at-Large positions on the Executive Committee.

The District Manager opened the floor to nominations, asking if there were any other nominations in addition to the nomination made at last month's Board Meeting for Vincent Arcuri to serve in the position of Chairperson. There being none, Secretary Margaret O'Kane closed nominations and cast one ballot to elect Vincent Arcuri as Chairperson of Community Board 5, Queens.

The District Manager then asked if there were any other nominations for the position of First Vice-Chairperson, besides Walter Sanchez. As there were no other nominations from the floor, Secretary Margaret O'Kane closed nominations and cast one ballot to elect Walter Sanchez to serve as First Vice-Chairperson of Community Board 5, Queens.

The District Manager asked if there were any other nominations for the position of Second Vice Chairperson, besides Dmytro Fedkowskyj. There being none, Secretary Margaret O'Kane closed nominations and cast one ballot to elect Dmytro Fedkowskyj to serve as Second Vice-Chairperson of Community Board 5, Queens.

The District Manager asked if there were any other nominations for the position of Treasurer, besides Katherine Masi. There being none, Secretary Margaret O'Kane closed nominations and cast one ballot to elect Katherine Masi to serve as Treasurer of Community Board 5, Queens.

The District Manager asked if there were any additional nominations for the position of Secretary, besides Margaret O'Kane. There being none, he closed nominations for this position and asked the Secretary to cast one ballot to elect Margaret O'Kane to serve as Secretary of Community Board 5, Queens. The Secretary then cast one ballot to elect Margaret O'Kane as Secretary.

Regarding nominations for the four At-Large Members of the Executive Committee, the District Manager pointed out that there are 5 candidates who were nominated and accepted their nominations at last month's Board Meeting, as follows: Walter Clayton of Middle Village; Fred Haller of Glendale; Paul Kerzner of Ridgewood; Theodore Renz of Middle Village, and Maryann Lattanzio of Maspeth. He said that each Board member can only vote for up to four candidates.

The District Manager asked if there were any more nominations for the positions of At-Large Members of the Executive Committee. As there were no further nominations from the floor, the District Manager closed nominations. He said that, due to the fact that this Board Meeting is being conducted remotely, the Election Ballots would be emailed to their email addresses, along with instructions to print the names of the candidates of their choice on their Ballot, and print their own name, sign and date their ballot, and return it to the office of Community Board 5, no later than a week from Friday, on June 17, 2022.

The District Manager congratulated everyone on their election at tonight's Board Meeting.

New Business

Fred Haller, a Board Member, welcomed everyone to participate in the 28th Annual Relay for Life in Juniper Valley Park on Saturday, June 25th, the last Saturday in June. He said that all proceeds from this event support research efforts to find a cure for cancer.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the Board Chairperson entertained a motion from the floor to adjourn the Board Meeting at 9:10pm. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned. He said that next month's Board Meeting will be conducted at 7:30pm on July 13th, 2022, location to be determined.