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ABSENT

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R. MEHRA

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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO
J. PERRICONE
J. GOLDES
D. ARONOV
J. GRIFFITH
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CAPTAIN CERMELI
P.O. KEITH TUOHEY
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DET. REDZEMATOVIC

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OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ
OFFICE OF SENATOR ADDABBO
OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER HEVESI
COMMANDING OFFICER – 112TH PRECINCT
112TH PRECINCT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
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COMMUNITY BOARD 6

JANUARY 9, 2019

Chairman Hennessy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of December 12, 2018 were accepted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hennessy notified the board members that DOT will not be asking for Community Board recommendations on Speed Bumps as of January 1, 2019.

Mr. Hennessy also informed the board that CB 6 sent a letter to Queens Library asking them to look at the former Shalimar Diner as a possible site for the new Rego Park Library. The Queens Library responded to say that the new library will be built on the existing footprint of the old library.

Any speakers that would like to address the board must sign up at the beginning of the meeting.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Frank Gulluscio reported that Community Board Membership Applications are out for new members and renewal members. The new applications are available online or through Queens Borough Hall. Applications are due by February 8, 2019.

Mr. Gulluscio feels that the upcoming charter revision in relation to Community Boards will weaken the boards.

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT – 112TH PRECINCT

Captain Cermeli reported that crime was down in 112th Precinct and in New York City for 2018. He feels that the NCO philosophy has helped keep crime down.

The 112th Precinct is down in auto break-ins, but there are still a lot of them. Many of them are unlocked cars. Don't forget to lock your car doors. Mailbox fishing is on the decline. Capt. Cermeli feels that the retrofitted mailboxes are helping.

As a follow up to the student incident that was brought up at the last meeting, the perpetrators that were arrested and tried as adults will appear in court on Wednesday

January 16. Members of the public are welcome to attend. It is in Queens Criminal Court.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER DANIEL ROSENTHAL

Assemblyman Rosenthal addressed the community board. He represents a small part of Community Board 6 and has an office at 159-06 71st Avenue, Flushing.

AM Rosenthal said that for the first time since 2009, the house and senate are controlled by the same party. This will help ensure that important common sense bills are brought up and voted on, such as voting reform and increased funding for schools.

2020 CENSUS

Zakera Ahmed spoke about the importance of the 2020 Census. In between the decennial census, the census bureau also conducts several surveys to collect data.

It is mandated by Article I of the US constitution that a population count is completed every 10 years. The census bureau is reaching out to community groups, elected officials, faith based groups, etc to help spread the information about the census. Government funding for the states and representation in the House of Representatives is determined by the population count.

Ms. Ahmed explained that any information collected is secure. This information isn't shared with any other agency (ex, ICE, Homeland Security, and IRS).

Residents can fill out the Census form online or by phone starting in March 2020 (each household will receive an identification number). If a response is not received, you will receive a form by mail. If there is no response, the Census Bureau will send enumerators to your home.

The following is being done in 2019 to prepare for the census:

- Visiting community groups to explain the importance of the census
- Hiring people to work for census
 - o 4 offices in Queens
 - o Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs (must be 18 years old and have a social security number)
 - o \$25 per hour for enumerator / \$27 per hour for field supervisor

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Norman Leibowitz, Chair of Consumer Affairs Committee said the Board received 3 new liquor license applications

- Black Sea Fish and Grill, 95-36 Queens Blvd., RP
Class Change from Beer & Wine to Full Liquor
- Ten Zen Asian Cuisine, 67-03 Austin Street, FH
- Sorry Not Sorry, 70-15B Austin Street, FH
Method of Operation Change from Restaurant to Bar / Lounge

Chairman Leibowitz reported that Sorry Not Sorry didn't appear before the Committee. Therefore, the vote will be tabled.

The Committee motion is to approve the applications for Black Sea Fish and Grill and Ten Zen Asian Cuisine. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board received the following liquor license renewals:

- Cobblestones Pub, 117-18 Queens Blvd., FH
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- Mint's Thai Kitchen, 70-15A Austin Street, FH
- Umi Sushi Zheng Inc., 96-05 Metropolitan Ave., FH
- Cabana 70 Associates LP, 107-10 70th Road, FH
- Chipotle Mexican Grill, 70-28-70-30 Austin Street, FH
- West Side Tennis Club, 1 Tennis Pl., FH
- West Side Tennis Club, 1 Tennis Pl., FH (Club Terrace)
- Sushi Yasu, 70-11/13 Austin Street, Lower Level, FH

The Committee had no objections, and a motion to approve the renewals passed on a voice vote, with 1 abstention.

The Committee also received an application for an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café for The Theater Café at 106-03 Metropolitan Avenue, with 18 tables and 36 chairs. The Committee had no objections, and a motion to approve the sidewalk café passed on a roll call vote, with 1 abstention.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Speed Bump Requests:

- A) 112th Street between 72 Drive & 73 Avenue
- B) 75TH Road between Metropolitan Avenue & Kessel Street

Steve Goldberg reported that this will be the last time the Community Board will vote on speed bumps.

The Committee had no objections, and a motion to approve both speed bumps passed on a voice vote, with 1 opposed.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Myrna Jacobson reported that the Library Committee met with the managers of all three CB 6 libraries. Each library offers several programs which will be distributed to the Community Board on a monthly basis. Myrna also distributed a flyer about the Culture Pass. This entitles anyone with a library card to free admission at museums. Other programs offered include: homework help, mahjong lessons, computer classes, reading club, etc. Contact your local library to see what they have to offer.

GOOD & WELFARE

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT MELINDA KATZ

John Perricone reported that the State of the Borough Address will be on January 25, 2019 at 10:30am at LaGuardia Community College. If anyone is interested in attending, you must RSVP by calling 718-268-2661 or queensbp.org/rsvp.

He also reminded everyone that the Community Board application period is now open. Applications can be accessed by going to queensbp.org under the community board link.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Kevin Wisniewski reported that Assemblyman Hevesi is going to try to push the implementation of Home Stability Support this session. Follow this on twitter @homestabilityny.

CONGRESS MEMBER MENG

Jordan Goldes reported that he distributed 2019 calendars from Cong. Member Meng. Cong. Member Meng has been calling for an end to the federal government shutdown. She will also continue working on voting rights, helping small businesses, and other issues.

Staff Member Don Capalbi, President of the Queensboro Hills Flushing Civic Association passed away. There will be a memorial for him on Saturday January 12, 2019 at Queens College from 11:00am – 1:00pm.

VA office hours will be on January 23, 2019 at the Northeast Queens office.

NYC COUNCIL MEMBER KAREN KOSLOWITZ

David Aronov reported that nonprofit groups can begin applying for FY2020 Discretionary Funding, using the City Council website. The deadline is February 19, 2019.

He also said that residents can submit Community Board applications to Council Member Koslowitz's office. Applications must be notarized.

NYS SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR

Jeff Griffin reported that Senator Addabbo will be holding an E-Waste recycling event on Saturday January 26, 2019 at Rosemary's Playground in Ridgewood from 10:00am-4:00pm.

Senator Addabbo sent a survey out to his constituents regarding issues that they would like to see addressed this year.

Heidi Chain reported that the 112th Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on Wednesday January 16, 2019 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs at 7:45pm. The guest speakers will be Chief Martin Morales, new chief of Queens North and Chief Judith Harrison, Special Victims Unit. The 112th Precinct Community Council will also be hosting an essay contest for grades 6-12 to encourage tolerance. The essays are due at the 112th Precinct by March 1, 2019

Chris Collett, reported that the Forest Hills Civic will be meeting on Monday January 14, 2019 at 7:30pm at Our Lady of Mercy in the Parish Hall. The guest speakers will be CB 6 District Manager and Chairman.

Edwin Wong reported that the Forest Hills Asian Association will be sponsoring the "State of Forest Hills Civic Community" on January 30, 2019 at 7:00pm at West Side Tennis Club. Mr. Wong also reported that there will be a Lunar New Year & Black History Month Celebration, a film screening at the Forest Hills Library on Saturday February 23, 2019 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

Miriam Berfas told the Community Board that she received a call on her cell phone which was a scam. The call is from another country and there isn't much that can be done, but people must be alert when they receive these calls.

Mark Laster reported that the Forest Hills Green Team will be meeting on Monday January 14, 2019 at the Forest Hills Library to discuss a "Love Your Block" grant that the group received to beautify the community, specifically Yellowstone Boulevard under the LIRR overpass.

Alexa Weitzman reported that there will be a MLK event taking place at Common Point Queens on Monday January 21, 2019. There will be various events taking place throughout the day including a blood drive, ice skating, and a conversation about diversity in the Jewish community.

Ethan Felder reported that he was informed that there was wage theft taking place at the Shalimar Diner. He is willing to take on cases such as this pro bono, if anyone knows of labor laws being violated.

Gloria Imperante, President of the Board at 66-92 Selfridge Street, has been advocating for safety improvements at 3 dangerous intersections; Kessel Street & Selfridge Street, Selfridge Street & Yellowstone Boulevard and Juno Street & Yellowstone Boulevard. However, DOT tells her that these improvements are not warranted. She thanked Community Board 6 for assisting her in this matter.

Richard Kuper, residing at 67-76 Booth Street, spoke about the dangerous intersection of 67th Drive & Booth Street. He has been trying to get a stop sign at this location. DOT has denied his requests but they have installed speed bumps.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Nolan
Community Coordinator

Filed as approved,



Naomi Altman
Vice Chair – Secretary, CB 6

CB 6 VOTING SHEET	New	Renewal	Sidewalk Cafe	Speed Bump Requests
	Liquor License App.	Liquor License App	106-03 Metro Ave	112th Street & 75 Road
NAOMI ALTMAN	Y		Y	
ANISIA AYON	Y		Y	
PETER BEADLE	Y		Y	
MIRIAM BERFAS	Y		Y	
GREG CARLSON				
HEIDI CHAIN	Y		Y	
SHERIDAN CHU	Y		Y	
JOANN CIORCIARI				
CHRISTOPHER COLLETT	Y		Y	
JOHN DERESZEWSKI	Y		Y	
KURT FAKIRA	Y		Y	No
ETHAN FELDER	Y		Y	
GLORIA FERRERAS	Y		Y	
STEVEN GOLDBERG	Y		Y	
GAIL GORDON	Y		Y	
BRENDAN GRIFFITH	Y		Y	
BRUCE GROSSBERG				
JOSEPH HENNESSY	Y		Y	
ODED HORODNICEANU	Y	abstain	Y	
MYRNA JACOBSON	Y		Y	
EMANUIL KALENDAREV	Y		Y	
JOYCE KEVELSON				
SOUMALY KING	Y		Y	
PRAMEET KUMAR	Y		Y	
MARK LASTER	Y		Y	
NORMAN LEIBOWITZ	Y		Y	
JAMES MAKIN	Y		Y	
JACK MEDINA				
RENEE MEHARRA				
YANIV MEIROV	Y		Y	
EDWARD MURRAY	Y		Y	
RAFAEL NEKTALOV	Y		Y	
KARL NEUMANN	Y		Y	
ELIZABETH NEWTON	Y		Y	
HERSH PAREKH				
SHARI ROLNICK	Y		Y	
DAVID SCHNEIER	Y		Y	
HERBERT SCHONHAUT	Y		Y	
JEAN SILVA	Y		Y	
ROBERT SILVER	Y		Y	
MARSHA SILVERSTEIN	Y		Y	
SUSAN WANDERMAN	Y		Y	
ALEXA WEITZMAN	Y		Y	
JOAN WESTON	Y		Y	
EDWIN WONG	Y		abstain	
			DATE:	1/9/2019

Motion Passed, All In Favor, 1 abstention

Motion Passed, 37 In Favor, 1 opposed
voice vote