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MINUTES DECEMBER 13, 2017

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ABSENT

M. BERFAS	A. FEIGENSON	R. MEHARRA
H. BULOW	G. FERRERAS	F. MOHAMA
S. CHU	G. GORDON	R. SILVER
J. CIORCLARI	M. JACOBSON	M. SILVERSTEIN
J. DERESZEWSKI	B. KATZ	B. WEITZBERG

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO	DISTRICT MANAGER
SARAH SPELLMAN	OFF. OF SENATOR ADDABBO
J. PERRICONE	OFF. OF BOROUGH PRES. KATZ
J. GOLDES	OFF. OF CONGRESSMEMBER MENG
K. WISNIEWSKI	OFF. OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER HEVESI
S. ELIUK	OFF. OF PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES

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The Chairman informed that Detective Gigi Redzematovic's father passed away two weeks ago. The Board will extend their sympathy to Detective Redzematovic and her family.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

The Board sent a fruit basket to John Dereszewski who is in the hospital.

The District Manager spoke to the Board about social media and the impact it has on the CB6 District Office. For example, CB 6 has been dealing with the problems on Alderton Street and Fleet Street since 2014.

Community Board 6 is collecting Toys for distribution. If anyone wishes to donate they can bring their toy to the District Office.

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM

David Schneier informed that Medicare Savings Programs are programs that help pay your Medicare premiums and sometimes also coinsurance and deductibles. The three main Medicare Savings Programs are Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary, and Qualifying Individual Program.

If you meet the income limit in New York State, the Medicare Rights Center can help you apply for a Medicare Savings Program. Call 800-333-4114 for more information. Homebound Seniors 60 and older can call Queens Community House for assistance. 718-268-1412.

Mr. Schneier said that 18% of persons in the CB 6 district are 65 and older., 49% report a rent burden.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER DANIEL ROSENTHAL

Chairman Hennessy introduced Assemblymember Rosenthal, who is taking over for Assemblymember Michael Simanowitz, who passed away on September 7, 2017.

Assemblymember Rosenthal addressed the Board and informed that his committees are Aging, Labor, Property Tax, and Social Services. Assemblymember Rosenthal's Swearing-in Ceremony is scheduled for January 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at P.S. 201. He said that he looks forward to working with everyone in Community Board 6, and wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH CROWLEY

The Councilmember said that it has been a pleasure to work with the CB 6 community while she was in the Council, and she wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Councilmember Crowley updated the Board about some of the projects she has worked on with CB 6. For example, the problem at the Forest Park Crescent Coop caused by the reversal of the Q23 bus on Union Turnpike. Councilmember Crowley said that the DOT made a commitment to her to replace the bus shelter in front of the FH Coop. When the bus stop was moved across the street from the FH Coop the bus shelter was never installed. She said that she intends to follow up on this.

The Councilmember said that she was very pleased to have received the funding for the Lower Montauk Lines. DOT is in the final stages of the study and the results will be released by the end of the month.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Goldberg reported on DOT's proposal to convert 72nd Rd. between Queens Blvd. and Grand Central Parkway Service Road from a two-way street to a one-way street in a northbound direction. The Committee voted 7 in favor of this proposal, 2 opposed.

Motion to approve DOT's proposal was passed on a roll call vote 24 in favor, 10 opposed. (17-30)

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Norman Leibowitz, Chair, Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that there were 3 new applications:

U Yuri Fergena, 94-09 63 Dr., R.P. , Shashlichnaya, 96-30 Queens Blvd., R.P., and Prestige Restaurant, 91-33 63 Dr., R.P.

Prestige Restaurant withdrew their application, and will apply again next month.

Mr. Leibowitz said that the committee met with both applicants and there were no objections.

Both applications were unanimously approved on a roll call vote, with 33 members voting. (17-31)

There was one renewal application, Acey Ducey's, 101-17 Metropolitan Ave., F.H., which was unanimously approved by a show of hands. (17-32)

GOOD & WELFARE

Kevin Wisniewski – reported that Assemblymember Hevesi will be going to Albany shortly. On behalf of the Assemblymember, Mr. Wisniewski wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Sarah Spellman – on behalf of State Senator Joseph Addabbo wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season. Steve Goldberg commented that the MTA has posted notices stating that they plan to eliminate some bus stops on the Q-60 route and he requested that Ms. Spellman bring this information to Senator Addabbo's attention. Ms. Spellman replied that from the very beginning, Senator Addabbo has not been in favor of the Select Bus Service on Woodhaven Blvd. At present, he is working on a bill for the upcoming session in Albany. This bill proposes that if the city wishes to install a capital project, and they take away parking spaces, they have to find replacement parking within a block radius of their capital project.

Parking spaces on Cross Bay Blvd. and Woodhaven Blvd. have been eliminated.

Assemblymember Michael Miller and State Senator Joseph Addabbo will speak about this issue in the Assembly and Senate.

Chairman Hennessy said that CB 6 has invited MTA to attend a Board meeting but they have not responded.

John Perricone – on behalf of Borough President Melinda Katz, informed that the new applications, and renewal applications for the Board, are due on January 12, 2018. Also, high school students and college students can apply for internships. Call 718-286-3000 for more information.

Mr. Perricone said that the Borough President has written to DOT about the problems on Alderton St. and Fleet St. The Borough President will continue to work with CB 6 in order to make sure that DOT responds to their issues.

Stacy Eliuk, on behalf of Public Advocate Trish James, thanked everyone for their support during election time. Ms. Eliuk said that the Public Advocate's office just released the list of the worst landlords. On the list is the landlord who owns 63-69 110 Street in Forest Hills. This building had an average of 35 violations. The Public Advocate is in favor of holding these landlords responsible.

Ms. Eliuk wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Barney Chow, Social worker for Mayor de Blasio's office, spoke about NYC's mental Health Initiatives. One in five Americans suffer from a mental health condition. Cities Thrive brings together people who are able to brainstorm new ideas and work for solutions

Jordon Goldes, on behalf of Congressmember Grace Meng, said that the legislature signed into law Congressmember Meng's bill that includes provisions that will assist women in the military.

Congressmember Meng met with U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and they discussed excessive aircraft noise over Queens, and improving charter bus safety in the wake of the charter bus crash in Flushing.

Heidi Chain reported that she will have an Economic Development Committee meeting in January 2018.

Mark Laster – Central Queens Reading group is interested in starting a community garden. More information will follow.

Edwin Wong – the Forest Hills Asian Association is having their Holiday Party on December 21 at the West Side Tennis Club, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Kathryn Finch, 112-20 72 Place representing the Balfour owner's group, thanked the Board for their vote on the 72nd Road one way conversion. Ms. Finch then spoke about the intersection of 112th St. and 72 Rd. Ms. Finch said that a lot of people use this intersection to go to P.S. 196, including children, carriages, etc. Now that the traffic will be moving faster because of the one-way conversion, Ms. Finch asked that the DOT monitor this location before an accident occurs.

Bob Bruno, Kennedy House, 110-11 Queens Blvd. – thanked the Board for voting in favor of the one-way conversion on 72nd Road.

Jan Ramanathan, Forest Hills Library - gave an overview of the Forest Hills Library. The Forest Hills Library has an open mic night every month, and they have movies every Friday. Russell Sage's Holiday Concert will be held at the Library on December 18, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Manager of the Library, B.J. Ramade, informed that the auditorium is available for community meetings.

Sheryl Fetik – said that she took a Cornell Extension course on climate change, which she recommended very highly. Ms. Fetik has included some of this information on her Facebook page.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Burns
Board Secretary

72 Rd.

Formerly Office New-lands

NAOMI ALTMAN		Ab	Yes	/
PETER BEADLE	Yes		Yes	
MIRIAM BERFAS		Ab		
HARRIS BULOW		Ab		
GREG CARLSON	Yes		Yes	
HEIDI CHAIN	Yes		Yes	
SHERIDAN CHU		Ab		
JOANN CIORCIARI		Ab		
CHRISTOPHER COLLETT			Yes	
JOHN DERESZEWSKI		Ab		
ANDREW FEIGENSON		Ab		
ETHAN FELDER	Yes		Yes	
GLORIA FERRERAS		Ab		
STEVEN GOLDBERG	Yes		Yes	
GAIL GORDON		Ab		
BRENDAN GRIFFITH	Yes		Yes	
BRUCE GROSSBERG	Yes		Yes	
JOSEPH HENNESSY	Yes		Yes	
MYRNA JACOBSON		Ab		
BERNICE KATZ		Ab		
JOYCE KEVELSON		No	Yes	
SOUMALY KING	Yes		Yes	
PRAMEET KUMAR	Yes		Yes	
MARK LASTER	Yes		Yes	
JOAN LEBOWITZ		No	Yes	
NORMAN LEIBOWITZ	Yes		Yes	
JAMES MAKIN	Yes		Yes	
JACK MEDINA	Yes		Yes	
RENEE MEHRRRA		Ab		
YANIV MEIROV	Yes		Yes	
FADIA MOHAMA	Yes		Yes	
EDWARD MURRAY	Yes		Yes	
RAFAEL NEKTALOV		Ab	Yes	
DR. KARL NEUMANN	Yes		Yes	
ELIZABETH NEWTON		No	Yes	
HERSH PAREKH		No	Yes	
SHARI ROLNICK	Yes		Yes	
DAVID SCHNEIER	Yes		Yes	
JEAN SILVA		No	Yes	
ROBERT SILVER		Ab		
MARSHA SILVERSTEIN		Ab		
JOYCE SINGERMAN		No	Yes	
SUSAN WANDERMAN	Yes		Yes	
BRENT WEITZBERG		Ab		
ALEXA WEITZMAN	Yes		Yes	
JOAN WESTON	Yes		Yes	
EDWIN WONG	Yes		Yes	
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