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MELINDA KATZ
BOROUGH PRESIDENT

MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2018

PRESENT

J. HENNESSY, CHAIR
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A. AYON
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C. COLLETT
J. DERESZEWSKI
K. FAKIRA
B. GRIFFITH
M. JACOBSON
E. KALENDAREV
S. KING

M. LASTER
J. MAKIN
R. MEHARRA
Y. MEIROV
J. MEDINA
E. MURRAY
R. NEKTALOV
K. NEUMANN
E. NEWTON
H. PAREKH

S. ROLNICK
D. SCHNEIER
J. SILVA
M. SILVERSTEIN
S. WANDERMAN
B. WEITZBERG
A. WEITZMAN
J. WESTON
E. WONG

ABSENT

N. ALTMAN
S. CHU
J. CIORCIARI
E. FELDER

G. FERRERAS
B. GROSSBERG
O. HORODNICEANU
J. KEVELSON

P. KUMAR
H. SCHONHAUT
R. SILVER

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

CB 6 DISTRICT MANAGER
OFFICE OF BOROUGH PRESIDENT KATZ
OFFICE OF CONGRESS MEMBER MENG
OFFICE OF NYC COMPTROLLER
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE
OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ
OFFICE OF SENATOR ADDABBO
COMMANDING OFFICER – 112TH PRECINCT
112TH PRECINCT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
PATROL BOROUGH QUEENS NORTH

Chairman Hennessy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of November 14, 2018 were accepted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hennessy asked that the Community Board Members stay until the end of the meeting to respect the members of the public that wait until the end to speak.

Chairman Hennessy and Heidi Chain (chair of the CERT Committee) handed out pins to members of the CERT Team for 15 years of service to the community. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

The pins were distributed to: Joe Hennessy, Norman Leibowitz, Renee Mehrra, Steve Goldberg, Peter Beadle, Greg Carlson, Heidi Chain, Robert Schnell, Cindy Wang, Michael Dunne, Michael Reddy, Ed Smalls, Daniel Cifuentes, Rafael, Tawana Jones, Max Nocerino, Jr Nocerino, Larry Berkowitz, Barbara Stuchinski, John Kelly.

Mr. Hennessy attended the community meeting regarding the recent incident on 108th Street. He stressed the importance of parents teaching their children to respect each another.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Frank Gulluscio reported that he sent a letter to the Queens Library asking them to look at the Shalimar Diner property for the expansion of the Rego Park Library.

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT – 112TH PRECINCT

112th Precinct is down in crime for the 28 day period. There is a spike in property crimes during the holiday season. Don't leave packages in your car, don't leave your purse unattended, etc

There has been an increase in violence among young people around the Forest Hills High School area. There is a strong police presence around the high school during

arrival and dismissal times. Police are in the school and around the school as well. On November 29, 2018, there were 2 assaults. Four perpetrators were arrested and charged with gang assault. He stressed to the community that this violence has to end. They should educate the young people that retaliation isn't the answer. The 112th Precinct takes hate crimes very seriously, but as of now, this is not considered a hate crime. Hate crimes are random acts that are based solely on race, religion, etc. Capt. Cermeli would like to schedule some lectures / presentations in the schools regarding this.

Capt. Cermeli reported that there is an increase police presence around houses of worship for the holidays.

PRESENTATION BY MARLENA STARACE, QUEENS COMMUNITY HOUSE – BEACON PROGRAM AT JHS 190

Marlena Starace invited young people from the Beacon Program to talk about the programs offered. There are 91 Beacon Programs across New York City and they are funded by New York City Department of Youth & Community Development.

The Beacon program opened in 1998, providing free programs for children, teens and adults. The program runs from 2:30 PM – 5:45 PM. There are 2 cycles, each running approximately 12-16 weeks. Some of the activities include arts, aerobics, health and recreation, leadership and STEAM.

There is an extended day program which is available for parents that can't pick up their children by 5:45 PM. Also, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, programs are offered for older individuals.

In addition, there is a Saturday program from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM and Holiday & Break Week Services from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

Last, the Beacon Program runs a Summer Camp from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM with an extended day until 5:30 PM.

PRESENTATION BY GROWNYC - FOREST HILLS GREENMARKET

GROWNYC offers several programs including gardens in communities, school presentations, green markets. The Forest Hills Greenmarket is one of the most popular markets in Queens. It started as only a seasonal market, but is now year round. Offers, pickles, vegetables, cheese, baked good, etc.

Motion to renew the Greenmarket permit for 2019 made by Mark Laster. Seconded by Shari Rolnick. All In Favor.

AGING / SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mark Laster, Co-Chair of the Aging / Social Services Committee reported on the meeting that was held on December 10, 2018. The Committee would like to plan the following for the coming year:

- A presentation for the census
- Earned Benefits Fair
- A presentation by Queens Interagency Council on Aging
- Presentation about mental health issues

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Norman Leibowitz, Chair of Consumer Affairs Committee said the Board received 2 new liquor license applications

- Chateau Haveli – 116-33 Queens Boulevard, FH
- Save8 – 102-15 Metropolitan Avenue, FH

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

The Committee motion is to approve the application for Save8. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board received the following liquor license renewals:

- Ensile, Inc. – 111-08 Queens Boulevard
- New Pinang Cuisine, Inc – 111-10 Queens Boulevard
- Austin House Restaurant – 72-04 Austin Street

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

GOOD & WELFARE

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT MELINDA KATZ

Queens Borough President Katz thanked CB 6 Members for their work on the board and spoke briefly about her feeling on term limits for CB Members. She feels that the new ideas and the expertise of the long term members is a good combination.

Ms. Katz spoke about the Queens County Census Committee. The committee will be going into each community to educate people about the census and why it is important to be counted.

Borough President Katz spoke about the hate that is present in our country this year. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year and hopes for peace in our country for the coming year.

CONGRESS MEMBER MENG

Jordan Goldes reported that Cong. Member Meng is very involved in the census preparations. She is also fighting against the citizenship question.

Staff Member Don Capalbi, President of the Queensboro Hills Flushing Civic Association passed away. There will be a public memorial for him in January.

Congress Member Meng has 2 offices, one in Forest Hills and one in Flushing.

NYC COMPTROLLER SCOTT STRINGER

Aneta Golaszewski reported that the Comptroller released a new housing report which offers solutions to New York City's housing crisis. The report found that more than 550,000 New Yorkers are living under extreme housing stress. He is offering the following solutions:

- 1) Redirect the city's current housing plan
- 2) Triple the number of housing units set aside for homeless New Yorkers
- 3) Cut taxes and close tax loopholes

A copy of this housing report will be available in the Community Board Office.

NYC COUNCIL MEMBER KAREN KOSLOWITZ

David Aronov wished everyone a Happy Holiday from Council Member Koslowitz. He also stressed that the Beacon Program is great for our community and Council Member Koslowitz supports them.

NYC PUBLIC ADVOCATE LETITIA JAMES

Stacey Eliuk reported that the Public Advocate released the Worst Landlords List, which holds the bad landlords in the city accountable and informs the tenants of their rights.

NYS SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR

Jeff Griffin wished everyone a Happy Holiday from Senator Addabbo. He also reported that both of Sen. Addabbo's offices will be holding food and clothing drives for Sacred Heart. Senator Addabbo has been appointed to the Gaming and Racing Committee.

David Schneier asked if Forest Hills High School could be invited to speak to the Community Board regarding the fighting in the school and how it is being handled. Chairman Hennessy will send a letter to the principal inviting him to a future meeting.

David Schneier made a motion that Community Board 6 condemn any acts of hate crime and/or hate speech directed against anyone based on their race, religion, sexual identity, sexuality, or nationality. This is not who our community is. Motion was seconded by Mark Laster. All In Favor.

Mark Laster reported that the Forest Hills Green Team received a "Love Your Block" Grant to beautify the community, specifically Yellowstone Boulevard under the LIRR overpass. There will be a beautification project on May 19, 2019.

Don Boe, residing at 71-46 Kessel Street, requested that the Community Board contact DOT regarding the need for Speed Bumps on Kessel Street between 72 Avenue and 71 Avenue. There are 2 schools in the vicinity and cars speed to get to the light on 71 Avenue. Chairman Hennessy said that the Community Board will send a letter to DOT asking them to re-evaluate.

Chris Cabbalero, residing at 71-59 Kessel Street, presented the Community Board with a petition signed by more than 1200 people requesting traffic controls on 72 Avenue at Kessel Street. This petition will also be sent to DOT and local elected officials.

Adam Suionov, Alliance of Bukharian Americans, spoke about the incident that happened on November 29, 2018 with the young people in the community. Mr. Suionov wanted to stress the fact that they feel that this is a hate crime in their community. They don't want to drag out the investigation, but they want to make sure it gets the attention it needs. He also thanked the community for their support.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Nolan
Community Coordinator

Filed as approved,



Naomi Altman
Vice Chair – Secretary, CB 6

CB 6 VOTING SHEET

New

Renewals

- NAOMI ALTMAN
- ANISIA AYON
- PETER BEADLE
- MIRIAM BERFAS
- GREG CARLSON
- HEIDI CHAIN
- SHERIDAN CHU
- JOANN CIORCIARI
- CHRISTOPHER COLLETT
- JOHN DERESZEWSKI
- KURT FAKIRA
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- MYRNA JACOBSON
- EMANUIL KALENDAREV
- JOYCE KEVELSON
- SOUMALY KING
- PRAMEET KUMAR
- MARK LASTER
- NORMAN LEIBOWITZ
- JAMES MAKIN
- JACK MEDINA
- RENEE MEHRA
- YANIV MEIROV
- EDWARD MURRAY
- RAFAEL NEKTALOV
- KARL NEUMANN
- ELIZABETH NEWTON
- HERSH PAREKH
- SHARI ROLNICK
- DAVID SCHNEIER
- HERBERT SCHONHAUT
- JEAN SILVA
- ROBERT SILVER
- MARSHA SILVERSTEIN
- SUSAN WANDERMAN
- BRENT WEITZBERG
- ALEXA WEITZMAN
- JOAN WESTON
- EDWIN WONG

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