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MINUTES FEBRUARY 14, 2018

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A. FEIGENSON
B. KATZ
R. NEKTALOV
D. SCHIEIER

J. SINGERMAN
B. WEITZBERG
J. WESTON
E. WONG

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO
J. GRIFFIN
J. PERRICONE
CRISTIAN ROMERO
K. WISNIEWSKI
D. ARONOV
T. THOMAS

DISTRICT MANAGER
OFF. OF SENATOR ADDABBO
OFF. OF BOROUGH PRESIDENT KATZ
OFF. OF CONGRESS MEMBER MENG
OFF. OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER HEVESI
OFF. OF COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ
OFF. OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER ROSENTHAL

the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are undernourished has increased from 600 million to 800 million.

There are a number of reasons for this increase. One of the main reasons is that the world population has increased from 5 billion in 1987 to 6 billion in 2000. This increase in population has led to a corresponding increase in the number of people who are undernourished.

Another reason for the increase in undernourishment is that the world's food production has not kept pace with the increase in population. This is due to a number of factors, including the fact that the world's agricultural land is becoming increasingly degraded and that the world's water resources are becoming increasingly scarce.

There are a number of ways in which the world can reduce the number of people who are undernourished. One of the most important ways is to increase the world's food production. This can be done by increasing the amount of land that is used for agriculture and by increasing the amount of water that is used for agriculture.

Another way to reduce the number of people who are undernourished is to improve the distribution of food. This can be done by increasing the amount of food that is available in the world and by ensuring that the food is distributed in a way that is fair and equitable.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Hennessy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance after which the Chairman requested a moment of silence in memory of the child from P.S. 139 who passed away from the flu.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting were accepted.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Gulluscio reported that he attended the Budget Hearings. He said that funding for the Rego Park Library is in place, and the request is in the scoping process. After scoping, it will go before DDC, and then to the Community Board. Dennis Wolcott, President and CEO of the Queens Libraries, will meet with Community Board 6 for an update on the Rego Park library.

At this time, Chairman Hennessy welcomed Board Member John Dereszewski back to the Board after his recent illness.

PRESENTATION BY CLARISSA RODRIQUEZ, CHAIR, NYS COMPENSATION BOARD ABOUT NYS PAID FAMILY LEAVE

Clarissa Rodriquez informed that as of January 1, 2018 Paid Family Leave provides a structure to help employees care for their families. New York's Paid Family Leave benefit is fully funded by employee payroll contributions.

Paid Family Leave provides job-protected paid time off so an employee can bond with a new born, adopted, or fostered child, care for a family member with a serious health condition, or assist loved ones when a family member is deployed on active military service.

Full-time employees with a regular work schedule of 20 or more hours a week are eligible after 26 consecutive weeks of employment. Part-time employees with a regular schedule of less than 20 hours per week are eligible after working 175 days.

Employees have job protection and can return to the same job (or a comparable one) when they return from Paid Family Leave. Employees can keep their health insurance while on leave.

Paid Family Leave is available for up to eight weeks in 2018. Coverage increases to 10 weeks in 2019, and 12 weeks in 2021. Leave can be taken all at once or in full-day increments.

To learn more about Paid Family Leave, visit ny.gov/paidfamilyleave or call 844-337-6303.

PRESENTATION BY KATHLEEN CASSINO, FLUSHING MEADOWS-CORONA PARK

Kathleen Cassino gave an overview of the upcoming spring events: Ball Person Tryouts, Spring Job Fair – about 7,000 jobs are available, Anthem singer Tryouts for age 14 and under, applicant can submit a video.

Queens Day Events are free to the public, and include a Free Tennis Clinic, Senior Day, Arthur Ashe Kids Day (free tickets are donated to organizations), Acing Autism, and the Aces/Paces Program. Three schools participate in this program every year.

Community Services – Earth Day Rally for Relief worked on behalf of the recent hurricanes which occurred in 2017, and raised over \$10,000 for their cause.

Holiday Initiatives – work with Senior Centers during the Holiday Season, City Harvest Food Drive.

The Armstrong Stadium is presently under construction. When completed it will seat 14,000 people

Mr. Gulluscio thanked Ms. Cassino for her presentation, and commended the USTA for all the work that they do with the schools.

At this time, Chairman Hennessy asked the Board for a moment of silence in memory of the students and teachers that were killed or injured in the Florida School shooting.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Norman Leibowitz, Chair, Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee received the following new liquor license applications: Chipotle Mexican Grill, 61-35 Junction Blvd., R.P. 11374, Bar-Be Qu Corp, 103-09 Metropolitan Ave., F.H. 11375, Gabriels, 90-17 63 Dr., R.P. 11374, and Lobster house, 95-25 Queens Blvd., R.P. 11374.

Lobster House was unable to meet in February, but they will come in March. Gabriels did not show up.

Representatives from Chipotle Mexican Grill and Bar-Be-Qu met with the committee. The Committee had no objections to their applications.

Motion to approve both applications were approved on a roll call vote 32 in favor, 0 opposed. (18-4)

The Committee received the following renewals: REEF, 108-02 72 Ave. Pampas Argentinas, 105-07 Metropolitan Ave., and King David, 101-10 Queens Blvd.

Renewals were unanimously approved by a show of hands. (18-5)

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Goldberg, Chair, Public Transportation/Transportation Committee, reported that DOT made a presentation to the committee regarding possible changes on Austin Street to accommodate loading zones. Some proposals would include improved crosswalks, changing meter times in some zones, and changing angle parking on 70 Road from the left side to the right side so that trucks can park parallel to restaurants on 70 Road. CB 6 will

study these proposals before making recommendations to DOT.

DOT is asking Community Board 6's approval to install a speed bump on 67 Avenue between Austin Street and Queens Blvd. in order to slow down traffic.

The Public Transportation/Transportation Committee unanimously approved DOT's request.

By a show of hands the Board approved DOT's request for a speed bump on 67 Avenue between Austin Street and Queens Blvd. (18-6)

GOOD & WELFARE

Kevin Wisniewski reported that Assemblymember Andrew Hevesi continues to work on the Home Stability Support Initiative Program.

Jeff Griffin – reported that State Senator Joseph Addabbo is in Albany working on the budget. The Senator also continues to address the problem of food waste in the schools and increasing access for voting. The Senator has a bill in the NYS Legislature requesting that DOT replace any parking removed for bike lanes somewhere else on the street.

Tax Preparation will be available in the Howard Beach office on March 14. The mobile mammography van will be parked in front of the Maspeth Savings Bank on March 22, and the prostate screening van will be at the Middle Village office on April 7.

Tim Thomas – reported that Assemblymember Daniel Rosenthal will host the Mobile Legal Help Center on April 11, i/f/o 159-06 72 Ave., Flushing, NY., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

E-Waste Recycling Event – March 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Materials can be dropped off at Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills, 70-11 150th St., Flushing, NY.

David Aronov – on behalf of Councilmember Karen Koslowitz, said that Women’s History month will be celebrated on March 29 at the Forest Hills Jewish Center, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Voting on the Participatory Budget is scheduled for 4/7 – 4/15.

John Perricone – on behalf of Borough President Katz, said that help filling out HEAP forms is available on Monday and Wednesday until March 14.

Homeowners & Tenants enrollment event, hosted by the Borough President, is on 2/20 at the NYC Dept. of Finance at Borough Hall.

Lunar New Year Event will be held at the Helen Marshall Cultural Center 3/6.

Elaine Fan – office of Comptroller Scott Stringer, will celebrate the Lunar New Year on 2/12 at Flushing Meadow Town Hall.

Hwai Min Wood – Branch Manager of the Forest Hills Public Library said that the Forest Hills Library will continue working to establish a partnership with the community.

Sharon Pope – distributed flyers from Bike New York. This group will come to your community event for free. They offer Learn-to-Ride Classes, bike safety information, or giveaways. They can be reached at www.bike.nyc

John O’Reilly, Forest Hills - supports State Senator Addabbo’s Bill regarding DOT’s decision to eliminate some parking spaces on Woodhaven Blvd. Mr. Reilly asked the Board to look into a situation in front of the Metropolitan Ave. Car Wash, corner of Metropolitan Ave. and Trotting Course Lane. This car wash uses the public sidewalk when drying off the vehicles after washing, which results in slippery conditions.

Mr. Gulluscio said that the Community Board is aware of this and has requested enforcement at the location. The business has received tickets, but they continue to use the sidewalk.

Bob Silver – said that the Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for May 27, and he asked for the community's support of this event.

Frank Gulluscio, DM, Community Board 6 – informed that Heidi Chain is Chairing an Economic Development meeting on February 26 at the Rego Park Mall Community room. Subject of the meeting is the impact of Queens Blvd. bike lanes on local merchants.

Sheryl Fetik – thanked everyone who worked with her on the Community action network. Ms. Fetik spoke about a new city regulation which requires senior citizens to file in person in order to keep their senior exemption.

Abraham Pinthasor – gave a brief overview of the Queensboro Safety Patrol which was organized three years ago. They are available 24/7, and they work closely with the 112th Precinct. To contact them call 718-329-4444.

Peter Beadle – Women's Bike Riding Event on March 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Event will begin at Queensboro Plaza and end at Queensboro Hall.

Mark Laster – said that the Central Queens Green Team will meet the second Monday of every month. The group will be partnering with other organizations, one of which is the Metropolitan Avenue Expeditionary School.

Alexa Weitzberg – thanked Councilmember Koslowitz for the funding she secured for the Yellowstone Park Alliance. Upcoming events at the park are as follows: March 11 – Nature event for children, April 22 – Earth Day Book Swap, June 2 – Basketball tournament.

Chairman Hennessy asked Ms. Weitzberg to send the event information to the Community Board office.

Ethan Felder – introduced Jonathan Rout. Mr. Rout informed that NY Aces Tennis will have tryouts for children, Pre K to second grade, on March 18 at the Westside Tennis club.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Burns
Board Secretary

2-11-18

New App's

Renewals

U.D. 11 - Public Trust

NAOMI ALTMAN		Ab
PETER BEADLE	X	
MIRIAM BERFAS	X	
HARRIS BULOW		Ab
GREG CARLSON		Ab
HEIDI CHAIN		Ab
SHERIDAN CHU		Ab
JOANN CIORCIARI	Y	
CHRISTOPHER COLLETT	Y	
JOHN DERESZEWSKI	Y	
ANDREW FEIGENSON		Ab
ETHAN FELDER		Ab
GLORIA FERRERAS	Y	
STEVEN GOLDBERG	Y	
GAIL GORDON	Y	
BRENDAN GRIFFITH	Y	
BRUCE GROSSBERG	Y	
JOSEPH HENNESSY	Y	
MYRNA JACOBSON	Y	
BERNICE KATZ		Ab
JOYCE KEVELSON	Y	
SOUMALY KING	Y	
PRAMEET KUMAR	X	
MARK LASTER	Y	
JOAN LEBOWITZ	Y	
NORMAN LEIBOWITZ	Y	
JAMES MAKIN	Y	
JACK MEDINA	Y	
RENEE MEHRA	Y	
YANIV MEIROV	Y	
EDWARD MURRAY	Y	
RAFAEL NEKTALOV		Ab
DR. KARL NEUMANN	Y	
ELIZABETH NEWTON	Y	
HERSH PAREKH	Y	
SHARI ROLNICK	X	
DAVID SCHNEIER		Ab
JEAN SILVA	Y	
ROBERT SILVER	Y	
MARSHA SILVERSTEIN	Y	
JOYCE SINGERMAN		Ab
SUSAN WANDERMAN	Y	
BRENT WEITZBERG		Ab
ALEXA WEITZMAN	Y	
JOAN WESTON		Ab
EDWIN WONG		Ab

all approved

Show of Hands - approved

DATE: 2/11/18