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MINUTES JANUARY 10, 2018

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PRESENT

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J. KEVELSON	E. NEWTON	J. WESTON
P. KUMAR	H. PAREKH	E. WONG

ABSENT

M. BERFAS	G. GORDON
H. BULOW	B. KATZ
J. CIORCIARI	S. KING
J. DERESZEWSKI	J. MAKIN
A. FEIGENSON	J. MEDINA
S. GOLDBERG	J. SINGERMAN

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO	DISTRICT MANAGER
J. GRIFFIN	OFF. OF SENATOR ADDABBO
J. PERRICONE	OFF. OF BOROUGH PRESIDENT KATZ
J. GOLDES	OFF. OF CONGRESS MEMBER MENG
K. WISNIEWSKI	OFF. OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER HEVESI
D. ARONOV	OFF. OF COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ
E. FAN	OFF. OF NYC COMPTROLLER STRINGER

CB6

JANUARY 10, 2018

Note: The minutes of December 13, 2017 recorded Fadia Mohama absent. Original copy of the minutes has been corrected to reflect that she was present.

Mark Laster's report from December 13, 2017 should read Central Queens Green_Team_is interested in starting a community garden.

Chairman Hennessy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 13, 2017 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hennessy attended the Borough Board. At that meeting he spoke about the ongoing problems with the re routing of the Q-23 bus. Patrons often have to pay a double fare to go to Trader Joe's Shopping Center. Chairman Hennessy said his solution would be to let the bus, and only the bus, make a left hand turn at the base of the bridge. The Chair continues to request that MTA come to a CB 6 meeting and address this problem.

Chairman Hennessy then gave an overview of the recent NYCHA Housing Authority decision on the Forest Hills Coop in Community Board 6. Mr. Hennessy said with help from the elected officials in CB 6 and a lot of negotiating, the development was sold to Phipps houses for 8 million dollars. The tenants living there will have two years of rent at

the same rate that they have now, new tenants coming in will be covered under HPD. The members of the Forest Hills Coop had to vote on this proposal, and 72% of the Board voted.

DISTRICT MANAGER

The District Manager reported that on January 23, 2018 the NYC Dept. of Transportation will host a public workshop to discuss Safety Improvements on Queens Blvd. between Yellowstone Blvd. and Union Turnpike. The meeting will be held at Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The District Manager said that it is very important that residents attend this meeting so they can be involved in the decision making process.

January 16, 2018, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is the last day that Senior Citizens and Disabled homeowners with annual incomes of \$58,399 or less may qualify for the Senior Citizen Homeowners Exemption or Disabled Homeowners' Exemption.

January 30 Preliminary Budget Priorities must be submitted. Mr. Gulluscio said that one of CB 6's main priorities is funding for the Rego Park Library.

January 26, 2018 State of Borough Address - Borough President Melinda Katz will outline her vision for the future of Queens at the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts at 10 a.m.

NYPD

Dept. Insp. Ramos informed that overall crime in NYC is down 5.4% for 2017, with 335 murders, 13,950 robberies, 2,017 burglaries, 789 shootings.

Burglaries in the 112th Precinct are up 12%. Most of these crimes are residential, with only a few commercial.

The Inspector stressed the importance of Burglar

Alarm Systems. They are a deterrent to crimes, and if a crime does occur their information is very helpful to the Police investigation. The Inspector said that this is the time that IRS scammers are contacting potential victims. He said that the IRS does not call people at home, so if anyone calls claiming to be from the IRS do not give them any information.

COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT HOLDEN

Chairman Hennessy introduced Councilmember Robert Holden. Councilmember Holden addressed the Board, and thanked everyone who supported him in the election. He then spoke about traffic conditions on Woodhaven Blvd., and said that he will work with CB 6 to help improve the situation. The Councilmember commended all the Board Members who give their time to the Board.

STATE SENATOR JOSEPH ADDABBO

Senator Addabbo wished everyone a Happy New Year, and thanked the Board members for their service.

The Legislative Session begins in Albany this week, and the Governor will introduce his Executive Board on January 13, 2018.

GREG CARLSON – REPORT ON UPCOMING UNION NEGOTIATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING EMPLOYEES OF 32BJ.

Chairman Hennessy said that Greg Carlson was very helpful to him during the negotiations with NYCHA, helping to ensure that the Senior Citizens did not receive rent increases.

The 32 BJ CONTRACT which covers multi-family residential units expires on April 20, 2018. Greg Carlson gave an overview of the steps tenants should take in the event of a strike: check the heating oil levels in the building, test apartment locks, urge all residents to carry identification, work with property managers, and have an updated list of building residents available.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Norman Leibowitz, Chair, Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that the Board had one new application Prestige Restaurant, 91-33 63rd Dr., R.P. 11374. The Committee met with the applicant, and there were no objections.

Application was unanimously approved on a roll call vote with 35 members voting. (18-1)

Renewal applications: New A & A Pizza & Restaurant, 71-37 Austin St., F.H., Black Sea Fish and Grill, 95-36 Queens Blvd., R. P., The Other Place, 103-19 Metropolitan Ave., F.H., Shalimar Diner, 63-68 Austin St., R.P., Keuka Kafe, Inc., 112-04 Queens Blvd., F.H.

Renewal applications were unanimously approved by a show of hands. (18-2)

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Myrna Jacobson and Hersh Parekh, Co-Chairs Cultural Affairs Committee, reported on the first meeting of the Library Committee. The Committee plans to contact the other 3 libraries in CB 6, Forest Hills Library, Rego Park Library, and North Forest Park Library. They also will be reaching out to the Central Library. Recommendations are to launch a Book Buddies Program, which would involve reading to young children.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Susan Wanderman, Chair Cultural Affairs Committee, said that the Committee will use the CB 6 Website to post community events. Staff Member Christine Nolan will post information for the committee.

STREET ACTIVITY PERMIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Robert Silver, Chair, Street Activity Permit Committee reported that Community Board 6 has received the following applications for Street Activity Permits:

1. **112th PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL FESTIVAL**
APRIL 22, 2018 10:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
QUEENS BLVD. BETWEEN YELLOWSTONE BLVD. & AUSTIN STREET
2. **FOREST HILLS VISITING NEIGHBORS 63RD DRIVE FESTIVAL**
MAY 5, 2018 10:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
63RD DRIVE BETWEEN QUEENS BLVD. & AUSTIN STREET
3. **FOREST HILLS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**
JUNE 10, 2018 10:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
AUSTIN STREET BETWEEN 69 ROAD & 72 ROAD
4. **JAZZ THURSDAYS FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS**
AUGUST 16, 2018 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
70TH ROAD BETWEEN QUEENS BLVD. & AUSTIN STREET
5. **JAZZ THURSDAYS FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS**
AUGUST 23, 2018 7:P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
70TH ROAD BETWEEN QUEENS BLVD. & AUSTIN STREET
6. **FOREST HILLS REGO PARK LIONS CLUB 63RD DRIVE FESTIVAL**
SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 10 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
63RD DRIVE BETWEEN QUEENS BLVD. & AUSTIN STREET
7. **SHOP FOREST HILLS FALL FESTIVAL**
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 10:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
AUSTIN ST. BETWEEN 69TH ROAD AND 72ND ROAD
8. **112TH PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL FESTIVAL**
OCTOBER 14, 2018 10:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
QUEENS BLVD. BETWEEN YELLOWSTONE BLVD. & 70TH ROAD
9. **CELEBRATE WINTER BLOCK PARTY**
NOVEMBER 26, 2018 11:00 - 8 P.M.
71ST ROAD BETWEEN QUEENS BLVD. & AUSTIN STREET

The Street Activity Permit Committee had no objection to these events, and the Board, by a show of hands, with 35 members voting, voted unanimously to approve them. (18-3)

GOOD & WELFARE OF CB 6

Jordan Goldes, on behalf of Congressman Meng, said that the Congressmembers' office received complaints about mail delivery, but they were mainly because of the snowstorm.

David Aronov, on behalf of Councilmember Koslowitz, said that the New Council Speaker Elect is Corey Johnson. Next week Councilmember Koslowitz will know what committees she has been placed on.

Elaine Fan – on behalf of NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, distributed copies of The Human Cost of Subway Delays: A Survey Of New York City Riders, July 2017.

D'Anthony Johnson – spoke on behalf of the 1,800 IBEW Local 3 workers, who are on strike against Spectrum. Mr. Johnson asked for support from those in attendance.

Brendan Griffith - spoke in support of the workers who are striking against Spectrum.

Edwin Wong, on behalf of the Forest Hills Asian Society, invited those in attendance to the State of Forest Hills Civic Community – Looking Forward to 2018 on January 30, 2018, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the West Side Tennis Club.

Heidi Chain, President 112th Precinct Community Council, said that at the January 24 meeting of the Community Council the guest speaker will be from DOT.

Rafael Nektalov, 62-95 Saunders St. read a statement in opposition to the implementation of bike lanes in Rego Park and Forest Hills, and the resulting loss of parking on Queens Blvd.

Mark Laster Central Queens Green Team said that this group will be meeting the second Monday of every month to discuss starting a community garden, supporting legislation to promote support of alternative energy sources.

John Perricone – reported that Borough President Katz recently had minor knee surgery.

The Borough President will have a homeowners and tenants enrollment event on the following days, January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 22 and June 19. Events will take place 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Queens Borough Presidents Office, 120-55 Queens Blvd.

Jim Galloway, Lefrak City Merchants Assoc., distributed a calendar for 2018. Mr. Galloway thanked CB6 for always being available to the Lefrak City Merchants Assoc.

Frank Fuma, 94-08 70 Ave., has been having a problem getting a C of O for a particular building. He has been working on this for several years, and has hired an attorney, but they are unable to get a C of O, and there is no explanation given. The District Manager suggested that he contact Councilmember Koslowitz.

Sheryl Fetik, gave an update on her climate change action group. She has expanded the group to include a Community Action Network, and will keep the Board informed.

Carol Blatt – said that the community needs more supermarkets. She also commented that although she lives across the street from the Rego Park Library, she has to vote in another location. She was told to contact the Board of Elections.

Meeting brought to a close at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Burns
Board Secretary

CB 6 VOTING SHEET

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Reviews

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

*Show of hands
A.H. Approved.*

Street Activity -

- NAOMI ALTMAN
- PETER BEADLE
- MIRIAM BERFAS
- HARRIS BULOW
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All Approved -

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DATE: 1-10-18

