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MINUTES JUNE 13, 2018

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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO
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J. GRIFFIN

J. PERRICONE

J. GOLDES

K. WISNIEWSKI

D. ARONOV

S. ELIUK

CB 6 DISTRICT MANAGER

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OFFICE OF SENATOR ADDABBO

OFFICE OF BOROUGH PRESIDENT KATZ

OFFICE OF CONGRESS MEMBER MENG

OFFICE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER HEVESI

OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ

OFFICE OF NYC PUBLIC ADVOCATE

Chairman Hennessy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of May 9, 2018 were accepted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hennessy announced that the next meeting will be in September unless a ULURP comes in. Election of officers will be in September. He said he will continue to be Chair if he is nominated.

Chairman Hennessy announced that Deputy Inspector Ramos is retiring.

Mr. Hennessy thanked Bob Silver for his work with the Memorial Day Parade.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

NO REPORT

**NYC DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION PRESENTATION
SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
QUEENS BOULEVARD BETWEEN YELLOWSTONE BOULEVARD AND
UNION TURNPIKE**

Albert Silvestri, Deputy Commissioner and Lily Gordon-Koven, made a presentation regarding the Queens Boulevard Safety Improvement Project.

Some design features of the plan include:

- 1) Protected bicycle lanes and pedestrian path
 - a. Calm service roads and reduce speeding
 - b. Expand pedestrian network and shorten crossing distances
 - c. Allow for safe, convenient bicycle travel
 - d. Encourages cycling
 - e. Organizes roadway
 - f. Creates predictable movements
 - g. Creates a footprint for the great streets capital build out
- 2) Median tip extensions and mall to mall crossings
 - a. Shorten crossing distances
 - b. Create new crossings
 - c. Visually tighten wide intersections
- 3) Expanded pedestrian space
- 4) Stop controlled slip lanes
 - a. Allow for safer vehicle transitions between mainline and service road

- b. Allow for pedestrian path and bike lane
- c. Reduce highway-like feel

DOT plans the following parking changes:

- 1) Remove 202 parking spaces along the service road medians between Yellowstone Boulevard and Union turnpike to continue safety improvements.
- 2) Maintain 215 parking spaces against the curb.
- 3) Add 22 parking spaces curbside on Queens Boulevard, Ascan Avenue, Austin Street and 112th Street.
- 4) Add 10 spaces for truck loading and unloading and update hours of existing truck loading zones.

Mr. Silvestri and Ms. Gordon-Koven reported that this concept has been used on Queens Boulevard in other Community Boards and there is data that the total crashes decreased by 19%, and pedestrian injuries decreased by 55%. In addition, there have been no pedestrian or cyclist fatalities on Queens Boulevard since implementation.

There was much discussion about the proposal. Some concerns of the Community Board Members include:

- Location of the bicycle lanes
- Double parking
- Bicycle enforcement
- Changes to the plan once it is enacted
- Safety for seniors crossing
- Lack of parking for seniors and disabled persons
- Financial impact on businesses in CB 6
- Economic impact in other areas
- Removal of parking spaces
- Impact on buses along the corridor
- Additional time for CB consideration
- Emergency vehicles delays due to traffic congestion
- Vehicles travel / park in bike lane
- Educating citizens about bicycling / navigating bike lanes
- When will Capital work begin? / Is design already set?

Steve Goldberg, Chair of Transportation Committee, reported that the Committee voted 3 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 had no recommendation.

Community Board 6 voted against DOT's proposal with 22 opposed, 12 in favor, and 6 abstentions. (18-14)

Chairman Hennessy requested that DOT come back to the Community Board in about 6 months to update on this project.

N 180349 ZRY – PROPOSED M1 HOTEL TEXT AMENDMENT

Steve Goldberg, Chairman of Planning & Zoning Committee reported that the proposed zoning text amendment would introduce a Special Permit under the jurisdiction of the City Planning for new hotels, motels, tourist cabins, and boatels in Light Manufacturing districts citywide, in order to ensure balanced mix of uses in neighborhoods.

These special permits would come before the Community Board for approval. However, Transient hotels operated for a public purpose by the City of New York or organizations under contract with City will be exempt from the Special Permit requirement.

Committee recommendation was unanimous to approve the text amendment with the following conditions:

- Any transient facility, regardless of either having contractual status with a State, City or non-profit organization, or not having such status, and regardless of the eventual end use, be subject to the Special Permit requirements.

Community Board 6 voted unanimously in favor of the Committee recommendation. (18-15)

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Brent Weitzberg, Consumer Affairs Committee said the Board received the following liquor license renewals:

- Tazzina, 102-15 Metropolitan Avenue
- Ganey Orly, 65-37/41 99th Street
- Narita Japanese Restaurant, 107-08 70th Road
- Moca Asian Bistro, 107-18 70th Road
- Barosa, 62-29 Woodhaven Boulevard

The Committee had no objections, and a motion to approve the renewals passed unanimously on a voice vote. (18-16)

GOOD & WELFARE

STATE SENATOR JOSEPH ADDABBO

Jeff Griffin reported that Senator Addabbo sponsored several bills including one that creates a tax credit for small businesses that hire disabled employees.

On July 28, 2018, Sen. Addabbo will be sponsoring a Rain Barrel Giveaway. You must call the office to reserve.

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER KAREN KOSLOWITZ

David Aronov reported that the City Budget is almost complete. It includes Fair Fares (reduced price Metro cards for those living in poverty) and a \$43,000 budget increase for Community Boards.

Council Member Koslowitz will be hosting a Rain Barrel Giveaway Event on Sunday, July 15 from 10am-12pm at PS 139's playground in Rego Park. You must call the office to reserve one.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER ANDREW HEVESI

Kevin Wisneski reported that the Assembly session is almost over. AM Hevesi was able to secure 15 million for his Home Stability Support initiative.

AM Hevesi also helped pass a bill to create a shelter system in New York State for survivors of human trafficking.

CONGRESS MEMBER MENG

Jordan Goldes, reported that the House passed a National Defense bill, including a jet noise reduction program.

Congress Member Meng has an office in Forest Hills and Flushing, if anyone needs assistance with federal issues.

Peter Kaufmann, Joelle Galatan, Ellen Reiser, Laura Shepard, and Steven Shakarchy spoke in support of bike lanes in our community. Laura Shepard provided CB 6 with petitions of residents in Queens that are in favor of the bike lanes.

Melissa Barnes spoke about the need for additional enforcement of laws for bicyclists.

Sheryl Fetik thanked the CB for their vote and spoke about the need for DOT to take the community input into account. She also spoke about the Community Action Network which will be addressing issues in the community.

Anisia Ayon, Alliance for Flushing Meadows Corona Park, reported that there will be a fundraising event on September 20, 2018.

Leslie Brown, Forest Hills Chamber of Commerce spoke regarding the effect of bike lanes on local businesses.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Nolan
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