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MINUTES MAY 9, 2018

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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO

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J. GOLDES

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OFF. OF CONGRESS MEMBER MENG

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COMMUNITY BOARD 6

MAY 9, 2018

Chairman Hennessy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of April 11, 2018 were approved as distributed.

112TH PRECINCT

Deputy Inspector Ramos reported on recent crimes in the CB 6 district. A grandparent was called on the phone and informed that a grandchild was arrested in Miami and it would cost \$17,000 to get him released. In another case, a grandparent was called by someone claiming to be a Public Defender who said that their grandchild was arrested and it would take \$2,000 to arrange for their release. In both cases, the grandparents lost their money.

IRS – if anyone receives a call from someone saying that they are from the IRS and you owe them money, hang up immediately. The IRS does not call people at home, they notify them of any problem by mail.

P O Box Fishing – Inspector Ramos said that there has been an increase in fishing incidents. Last night 10 mailboxes were broken into on Queens Blvd. The next morning the Mail Carrier noticed a sticky material on the box, and the boxes were empty. The Anti-Crime Unit arrested a group of people who were gathered around the mail box. The arrest was made because a resident called it in to 911. The Inspector said that most fishing crimes occur after 11 p.m., and he said it is a good idea to mail any checks inside the Post Office.

It was brought to the Inspector's attention that on Yellowstone Blvd. in front of the 112th Precinct many vehicles in the right hand lane go

through the red light. Inspector Ramos said that DOT is monitoring this location.

Diversity Dinner – sponsored by the 112th Precinct Community Council will take place on May 10, 2018 at Queensborough Hall, at 7 p.m. The winners of the Poster Contest will be announced at this event.

112th Precinct Community Council meeting - on May 16, 2018 Police Commissioner James O'Neill will be the guest speaker. Event will take place at the American Legion Hall on Metropolitan Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hennessy reiterated the rules with regard to the speaking time allowed for members of the general public.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Bob Silver reported that the Memorial Day Parade is on May 27 and starts at 12 noon.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Gulluscio reported that from May 1 to July 31 the bridge on Woodhaven Blvd. between 60 Dr. and Eliot Ave. is being painted. There may be some interference at this location.

Two successful events were held in CB 6 in honor of Earth Day. Alexa Weitzman hosted children's events, including games, at Yellowstone Park, and Steve Melnick and his volunteers planted flowers at MacDonald Park. On June 8 the Concerts at the Forest Hills Stadium will begin.

Rego Park Library – plans were submitted to DDC for review. When the review is finished they will come before the Board and CB 6 will have some input.

The District Manager spoke about the monthly District Service Cabinet meetings. These meetings are attended by representatives from City Agencies and are very productive.

The DM wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

NOTE: PRESENTATION BY NICHOLAS CHIRCHARO, DEPT. OF SANITATION RE: ORGANICS PROGRAM had to be cancelled because of a conflict in scheduling.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Norman Leibowitz, Chair, Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that CB 6 received one new liquor license application. The Committee had no objections, and the application for Bldv. Bistro & Bar, 92-77 Queens Blvd., was approved on a roll call vote, 36 in favor, 0 opposed. (18-12)

The Board received 4 renewals: Red Pipe Café, 71-60 Austin St., Austin Public House, 70-28A Austin St Hookah & Lounge, 72-13 Austin St., Shake Shack, 71-26 Austin St.

The Committee had no objections, and the renewals were unanimously approved by a show of hands. (18-13)

The Board received 1 verbal complaint about the Austin Public House (loud music). The District Manager and the Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee will look into this complaint.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Myrna Jacobson Co-chair Library Committee, reported that librarians representing the libraries in CB 6 attended this meeting. The Forest Hills Library offers Ballroom Dancing on Saturdays from 10 to 1:30p.m. , Book Club, Health Conferences on Wednesdays, and water coloring on Fridays.

At the Rego Park Library it is possible to download films and songs. They have Tai Chi Exercises on Wednesday at 1 p.m.

The North Forest Park Library on Metropolitan Avenue will be giving Mah Jong lessons. They have many events for children.

The Librarians will continue to attend CB 6 meetings and keep everyone updated.

GOOD & WELFARE

Alexa Weitzman, gave an update on what the Yellowstone Park Alliance is doing with the funds received from the Councilmember's Parks Equity Initiative. The Earth Day Event accommodated about 50 children and there were about 40 different activities for them to participate in. A Bubble Party will be held on May 20, and on June 2 there will be a Basketball Tournament for grades 7 through 9 and 10 through 12

Heidi Chain, President, 112th Precinct Community Council, informed that NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill will be the guest speaker at the May 16, 2018 meeting of the Community Council. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Post, 107-15 Metropolitan Ave. On May 10 the 112th Precinct will host the Diversity Dinner at Queens Borough Hall. At that event the posters from the Poster Contest will be on display. Please let the 112th Precinct know if you are attending.

Oded Horodniceanu said that the work being done by National Grid has caused gas leaks along Austin Street in the vicinity of Ascan Ave. Mr. Horodniceanu said that many times National Grid responds to calls, and their answer is that they know that there is a leak, but there is nothing that can be done at that time. They continue to monitor the situation. Mr. Horodniceanu requested that further action be taken. Chairman Hennessy said that in the future these complaints should be called in to CB 6. The complaint will be recorded and referred to the proper agency.

Mr. Horodniceanu also complained about a resident who leaves food out for cats, but raccoons are also attracted to the food. The District Manager said that the only thing that can be done about raccoons is to report them to 311. If a trapper can catch them they will be taken upstate and released.

Edwin Wong – said that the Forest Hills Asian Association will march in the Memorial Day Parade, and they will have an event on May 26 at the library in honor of Asian Pacific Heritage Month.

Forest Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps is holding an Open House on May 26.

Councilmember Karen Koslowitz said that her office never received any complaints about gas leaks. They also would reach out for assistance with this problem.

The Councilmember welcomed all new Board Members, and she thanked Chairman Hennessy for his work on the Board. The Councilmember said that the Council continues to work on the Budget, and she is on the negotiating team. She is also on the Leadership Committee, and Chairs the Rules and Priviledges Committee.

Jeff Griffin, on behalf of State Senator Addabbo, reported that on May 17 at the Kew Gardens Hills Jewish Center the Children's Board of Family Services is having a Job Fair. On May 25 there is a Job Fair for Seniors at the Queens Community Center, and a Job Fair at the Queens Y on 108 St.

Kevin Wisniewski, informed that Assemblymember Andrew Hevesi is in Albany working on Bills that address the Biological effects of Childhood Trauma.

Tim Thomas, said that Assemblymember Daniel Rosenthal is sponsoring a Reduced Fare Metrocard Mobile Sales Bus at his office on May 31, 2018, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. MTA representatives will be on site to help qualified individuals obtain a half-fare MetroCard.

John Perricone, on behalf of Borough President Melinda Katz thanked everyone who attended the swearing in event.

Awards ceremony will take place June 26 at Borough Hall.

Jordan Goldes, on behalf of Congressman Meng, informed that Congress passed the FAA Reorganization Act which will help the FAA to reduce air craft noise over Queens.

On May 23 the Veterans Association will have office hours in the Congressman's office. Call for an appointment.

Members of the Public who wished to address the Board:

Rosa Hall, 67-87 Booth St., - Ms. Hall requested a speed bump or a four-way STOP sign at 67 Dr. and Booth Street. There is a steep hill at this location, and vehicles do not slow down.

Ms. Hall also urged people who walk their dogs to clean up after them.

Ms. Hall then inquired about the new construction on Queens Blvd. and how it would affect the community. Mr. Gulluscio said that CB6 has no information at this time about this construction and what will be built.

In answer to a question about parking at construction sites, Councilmember Koslowitz said that during the day there is no parking allowed, but cars can park at night. Cars must move before work begins.

Susan Wong, 63-84 Saunders St. – said that there is a problem with vehicles speeding while driving on 64 Rd. toward 63 Dr. Ms. Wong submitted petitions for a speed bump at this location.

Chris Wong – distributed informational flyers about events at Lost Battalion Hall facility. There are free classes for Teens 13 – 18 to teach them how to fill out job applications and create resumes. Some of the classes available are Olympic Weightlifting, Chess Program, Indoor cycling, Adult basketball, Table tennis, Tai Chi, Volleyball, Never Too Late Fitness, Girls Basketball, and many other events. Call for more information 718 – 263 – 1163.

Sheryl Fetik – is interested in finding more ways to participate in the community. She attended the Library Committee before the Board meeting, and she requested continuation of the use of the community room at the Rego Park Library.

Ms. Fetik said that she is in favor of the composting program that is being introduced by the DOS.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Burns
Board Secretary