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J. WESTON

ABSENT

H. BULOW
A. FEIGENSON
G. FERRERAS
B. KATZ

J. KEVELSON
J. LEBOWITZ
H. PAREKH

R. SILVER
J. SINGERMAN
E. WONG

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO
J. GRIFFIN
J. PERRICONE
J. GOLDES
K. WISNIEWSKI
A. NUNZIATO
D. ARONOV
F. ARMAND
D.I. RAMOS
P.O. CLEMENTZ
DET. REDZEMATOVIC
V. RAMANATHAN

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 HOLDEN
OFF. OF COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
COMMANDING OFFICER – 112TH PRECINCT
112TH PRECINCT CRIME PREVENTION
PATROL BOROUGH QUEENS NORTH
QUEENS LIBRARY

COMMUNITY BOARD 6

MARCH 14, 2018

Chairman Hennessy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of February 14, 2018 were accepted as distributed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hennessy attended the Borough Board meeting on March 5, 2018. Commissioner Steven Banks, Dept. of Homeless Services, made a presentation at the meeting. He informed that there are 69 homeless shelters in the Borough of Queens, 38 hotels that house the homeless, and 28 standard shelters. It is the Commissioner's goal to have everyone out of the hotels and into regular shelters. Presently there are about 8,000 homeless persons in Queens, and almost all of them are city residents.

112TH PRECINCT

Deputy Inspector Ramos said that there has been a rash of tires and rims being stolen from vehicles. There have been 6 incidents in the past month along the GCP service Road, and a few on 110 Street. Toyota Camrys Acura's, Infinity's, and Honda Accords seem to be the most stolen.

Inspector Ramos recommended parking in a well lit area, or in a garage.

On February 20 there was a shooting at 3:30 in the afternoon behind LBH. An arrest was made.

Mailboxes – fishing incidents are on the rise, especially along Queens Blvd. The Inspector said if it is possible, try to mail at the Post Office.

Illegally Parked tractor trailer trucks - on the GCP service road. Councilmember Koslowitz and Borough President Katz have included money in the budget to buy additional heavy-duty tow trucks capable of towing large trucks. Inspector Ramos said towing the vehicles instead of ticketing them has more impact on the owners.

Inspector Ramos was asked his thoughts about the recent school shooting in Florida, and the safety of the schools in general. He said that the school safety agents are very well trained, and the students are more likely to report anything suspicious.

DISTRICT MANAGER

Mr. Gulluscio said that at the District Manager's meeting, one of the speaker was an FBI Special Agent, who addressed the recent school shooting in Florida. At another meeting, Chief Juanita Holmes, Patrol Borough North, also addressed school safety. Chief Holmes said that each school has their own protocol in place with to handle lockdowns.

With respect to trucks parking overnight on the GCP Service Road Community Board 6 has had many complaints over the years about this situation, and they continue to report them.

Budget- the Community Board has been informed that their budget is stable for now. The District Manager asked the elected officials for their support.

Batteries – The Fire Department gave a supply of 9Volt batteries to the CB 6 office, and the District Manager distributed them to the Board Members.

The District Manager congratulated Heidi Chain on the birth of her first grandchild.

Chairman Hennessy informed that he invited representatives from Spectrum to attend tonight's meeting, but no one showed up. He said that the service is very bad, and he will continue to invite them to address

the Board.

PRESENTATION BY STEFANIE JACKOWITZ RE: QUEENS COMMUNITY HOUSE FRIENDLY VISITING PROGRAM

The Friendly Visiting Program, funded by the NYC Dept. for the Aging, matches home-bound seniors with volunteers for weekly visiting. The volunteers visit older adults on a regular basis. Ms. Jackowitz said that reference checks and background checks are done on all volunteers. Presently the program services about 45 visits once a week.

The Queens Community House is still recruiting and looking for volunteers. Anyone wishing to participate can call Stefanie Jackowitz at 929-3264, or email volunteer@gchnyc.org.

PROPOSED INDIVIDUALIZED RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVE SUPERVISED RESIDENCE SERVING FIVE INDIVIDUALS 110-34 68TH RD., F.H. 11375 – SPONSORING AGENCY, LITTLE FLOWER CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES OF NY

Gail Gordon and Mark Laster are Co-Chairs of the Social Services/ Aging Committee. Gail Gordon said that the goal of the Agency is to provide quality residential services that allows for normal life-enriching experiences. The home will provide meals social activities, and training in the activities of daily living. During the week individuals attend recreational activities, and social events, such as dining out at local restaurants, shopping, attending concerts. They also participate in shopping, local banking, medical and doctor visits. The Residence is operated under the auspices of the NYS Office of People with Developmental Disabilities.

Tanisha Washington, Vice President of DD Services, addressed the Board and gave an overview of how the facility will be operated. The home will accommodate 3 females and 2 males. There is a staff office designated to be on the same floor of the bedrooms to help with supervision. The individuals require support supervision with ADL tasks, medication and community inclusion. They attend day programs within the community and transportation will be provided. The house itself will be taken care of as far as snow removal, gardening, painting, and upkeep by housekeeping staff.

The Committee voted to approve the Individualized Residential Alternative located at 110-34 68 Rd., on a vote of 34 in favor, 1 abstention.
(18-6)

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Norman Leibowitz, Chair, Consumer Affairs Committee, said that the Committee received one new application, the Lobster House, 95-25 Queens Blvd., R.P.

The Committee met with the applicant and there were no objections. Application was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

Four renewal applications were received as follows:

Tamashi Red, 71-34 Austin St., F.H., Best Beverage Catering, 69-50 Burns St., F.H., Avellino Restaurant, 97-01 64th Ave., R.P., and Shogun, 111-16 Queens Boulevard, F.H.

Renewal applications were unanimously approved by a show of hands. (18-7)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Heidi Chain, Chair Economic Development Committee, reported that the Economic Development Committee meeting was held on February 26, 2018 at the Rego Park Mall Community Room. The topic of the meeting was the Impact of Queens Blvd. bike lanes on local merchants. Ms. Chain said that during the meeting businesses and organizations were able to submit additional petitions and letters to the Board. The Forest Hills Chamber submitted a petition with 900 signatures against the bike lanes. During the report it was announced that 235 parking spaces were removed. A loading zone was created, but some customers got tickets for parking in them because they were not aware that they were loading zones.

PARKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Jean Silva, Chair, Parks Committee, reported that the Community met on February 20, 2018 with representatives from Mayor de Blasio's office about a plan to put soccer fields in Playground 62 at P.S. 220. Representatives from P.S. 220 sent a letter in favor of the soccer fields.

The Parks Committee supported this request.

The Board voted unanimously, by a voice vote, to approve the soccer fields in Playground 62 at P.S. 220. (18-8)

GOOD & WELFARE

Jeff Griffin, on behalf of State Senator Joseph Addabbo, reported that in light of the recent school shootings in Florida, the Senator has submitted a Bill requiring all Public Schools to lock their doors at all times. This bill is working its way through the NY State Senate.

Jean Silva reported that the First Annual State of Flushing Meadows Corona Park will meet on March 21, 2018 at the Kew Gardens Community Center, 80-02 Kew Gardens Road, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

J. Goldes – reported that Congressman Meng met with officials from the Postal Service, and they informed the Congressman that they will be improving service, and will be retrofitting the mail collection boxes to avoid mail fishing.

Congressman Meng took part in the school walkout in support of the schools.

David Aronov, on behalf of Councilmember Koslowitz, informed that March is the 7th Anniversary of Women's History month. On March 29 Councilmember Karen Koslowitz will be honoring former NYC Council Member Elizabeth Crowley, Chief Juanita Holmes, Commanding Officer Queens North, Carmencita Gutierrez, Queens District Attorney's, and Susan Migliano, Principal, PS 196Q.

The voting for Councilmember Koslowitz' Participatory Budget will take place on April 6 through April 15, 2018. Some of the items to be voted on are school Bathroom Renovations, School Auditorium Upgrades, Water Fountains, New Gym Lockers, Outdoor Exercise Equipment, Circuit Training Stations, ADA Accessible Doors, and Bus Countdown Clocks.

Anthony Nunziatto – reported that Councilmember Holden spoke to representatives from DOT with regard to the movement of traffic on Woodhaven Blvd., specifically the fact that the lights are not in sequence. DOT determined that there is a problem on Woodhaven Blvd. and they will be monitoring the situation.

Councilmember Holden also plans to look at the traffic conditions on Queens Blvd.

Mr. Nunziatto informed that Councilmember Holden is in favor of keeping Riker's Prison open, and that he will be actively looking into the Opioid problems in Queens.

The Councilmember will be moving to a new office at 64-69 Dry Harbor Road.

Fabrice Armond, NY City Correction Department, reported that the Department is sponsoring Summer Internship Programs June 4 through August 10.

The NYC Dept. of Correction is now hiring for many non-uniform Career jobs. Visit nyc.gov/jointheboldest for more information.

Alexa Weitzman – last week a nature event was held at Yellowstone Park, and commemorative T-shirts were distributed. Ms. Weitzman reported on upcoming events in Yellowstone Park. Some of the events will include a Carnival, a Book Swap, and an Arts and Crafts event.

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

Steve Goldberg – reported that last month he attended the Borough Board Budget meeting. He commented that all across the Board on an Individualized basis funding for almost every service the city provides is the lowest, or the second lowest, per individual for the Borough of Queens. Queens has a deficit of 35,000 school seats, and Mr. Goldberg questioned

why Queens is always at the bottom when it comes to funding city services.

Prameet Kumar proposed the following motion:

At their March 14, 2018 meeting Community Board 6 adopted the Resolution written below:

WHEREAS:

Following the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida, last month and the conversations around gun violence prevention its students have furthered both nationally and in local communities, we move that Queens Community Board 6:

Commend Queens students, parents, and education professionals who participated in the National School Walkout this morning and those who will participate in the March for Our Lives next weekend to demand that Congress pass federal legislation to curb gun violence;

Commend the more than 150 heads of independent schools in New York, including the Kew-Forest School in Forest Hills, for their open letter to the President of the United States and our national legislative leaders "to do everything necessary to stem this tide of senseless gun violence";

Join our local city and state elected officials in insisting on additional gun violence prevention laws in New York State; and

Join the New York City Police Department in opposing any federal regulation that would override and weaken any local laws that control gun violence.

RESOLVED:

NY City Community Board 6, Queens

Motion was seconded by Mark Laster.

Motion was adopted unanimously on a roll call vote. (18-9)

Sheryl Fetik – said that The Independent Community Action Network's next meeting is on March 17, 2018, 3 to 5 p.m., at the Rego Park Library. Ms. Fetik then reported on various changes that have been made which will affect Seniors and Homeowners Real Estate Taxes.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Burns
Board Secretary

CB 6 VOTING SHEET

L. Flower Residence

PS 220
Soccer Field New App
Lobster House

Renewals

- NAOMI ALTMAN
- PETER BEADLE
- MIRIAM BERFAS
- HARRIS BULOW
- GREG CARLSON
- HEIDI CHAIN
- SHERIDAN CHU
- JOANN CIORCIARI
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- JOSEPH HENNESSY
- MYRNA JACOBSON
- BERNICE KATZ
- JOYCE KEVELSON
- SOUMALY KING
- PRAMEET KUMAR
- MARK LASTER
- JOAN LEBOWITZ
- NORMAN LEIBOWITZ
- JAMES MAKIN
- JACK MEDINA
- RENEE MEHARRA
- YANIV MEIROV
- EDWARD MURRAY
- RAFAEL NEKTALOV
- DR. KARL NEUMANN
- ELIZABETH NEWTON
- HERSH PAREKH
- SHARI ROLNICK
- DAVID SCHNEIER
- JEAN SILVA
- ROBERT SILVER
- MARSHA SILVERSTEIN
- JOYCE SINGERMAN
- SUSAN WANDERMAN
- BRENT WEITZBERG
- ALEXA WEITZMAN
- JOAN WESTON
- EDWIN WONG

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all in favor

Hand vote

UP AND MINDS

Hand vote

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*34 in favor
1 abstain*

DATE: 3-14-15