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2ND VICE-CHAIR

NAOMI ALTMAN
VICE-CHAIR · SECRETARY

GREGORY CARLSON
VICE-CHAIR · FINANCE

NORMAN LEIBOWITZ
VICE-CHAIR · LAND USE

ROBERT SILVER
VICE-CHAIR · SCOPING

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

MELINDA KATZ
BOROUGH PRESIDENT

PRESENT

J. HENNESSY, CHAIR	G. GORDON, 1 ST VC
N. ALTMAN, VC SECRETARY	G. CARLSON, VC, FINANCE
N. LEIBOWITZ, VC LAND USE	P. BEADLE, VC, SCOPING

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K. FAKIRA	Y. MEIROV	B. WEITZBERG
G. FERRERAS	E. MURRAY	A. WEITZMAN
B. GROSSBERG	K. NEUMANN	J. WESTON
O. HORODNICEANU	E. NEWTON	E. WONG
M. JACOBSON	S. ROLNICK	

ABSENT

M. BERFAS	B. GRIFFITH	J. MEDINA
H. BULOW	S. GOLDBERG	R. NEKTALOV
E. FELDER	J. MAKIN	H. PAREKH

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO CAPTAIN CERMELLI J. NOCERINO J. GOLDES D. ARONOV	CB 6 DISTRICT MANAGER COMMANDING OFFICER – 112 TH PRECINCT OFFICE OF BOROUGH PRESIDENT KATZ OFFICE OF CONGRESS MEMBER MENG OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ
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Chairman Hennessy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of June 13, 2018 were accepted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hennessy reported that CB 6 Board Secretary Pat Burns passed away suddenly after our last meeting. He also reported that 2 former board members passed away, Stanley Speirs and Michael Rich. He recognized all three of them for many years of dedication service to the Community Board. Tonight's meeting will be adjourned in their memory.

Chairman Hennessy said that he was approached by some members regarding changing the Public Forum portion of the meeting to the beginning. He will have a meeting with the Executive Board and discuss this.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Frank Gulluscio reported that we are currently short staffed in the office but we are trying to address all concerns in a timely manner.

District Manager Gulluscio said that this month he will be attending Budget Consultations with the other District Managers in Queens. He will be chairing the consultations for Department of Education.

There will be a provision on the ballot in November regarding Charter Revision.

Mr. Gulluscio announced that it is Hurricane Preparedness month and everyone should have their Go-Bags ready.

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT – 112TH PRECINCT

Chairman Hennessy introduced the new Captain for the 112th Precinct, Captain Jonathan Cermelli.

Captain Cermelli reported that there are 5 new officers with him tonight. They are currently in the academy but when they graduate, they will be assigned to the 112th Precinct.

He also stressed the following tips:

- Always be prepared for an emergency (batteries, flashlights, emergency plan, etc.)
- With schools now open, try to pay attention to students walking to and from school and getting on and off school buses, etc.
- Mailbox phishing – Try to place your mail inside the post office or bring it to the mailbox before the mail is picked up for the day.
- Lock your doors / windows to prevent break-ins
- Lock your car doors, don't leave key fob's in the car and don't leave anything valuable in the car

Captain Cermelli gave a brief synopsis of the NCO program. He said residents can look up their NCO Officer's information on www.nyc.gov/nypd.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A) CHAIR

Chairman Hennessy asked Gail Gordon to take over the meeting for the Chair Election. Peter Beadle nominated Joseph Hennessy. Norman Leibowitz Seconded the nomination. Secretary cast one ballot for Joseph Hennessy as Chairman.

B) 1ST VICE CHAIR

Norman Leibowitz nominated Gail Gordon. Renee Lobo seconded the nomination. Secretary cast one ballot for Gail Gordon as 1st Vice Chair.

C) 2ND VICE CHAIR

Myrna Jacobson nominated Steve Goldberg. Robert Silver seconded the nomination. Secretary cast one ballot for Steve Goldberg as 2nd Vice Chair.

D) VICE CHAIR, SECRETARY

Myrna Jacobson nominated Naomi Altman. Gloria Ferreras seconded the nomination. Secretary cast one ballot for Naomi Altman as Vice Chair, Secretary.

E) VICE CHAIR, FINANCE

David Schneier nominated Gregory Carlson. Joann Ciorciari seconded the nomination. Secretary cast one ballot for Gregory Carlson, Vice Chair, Finance.

F) VICE CHAIR, LAND USE

Myrna Jacobson nominated Norman Leibowitz. Marsha Silverstein seconded the nomination. Secretary cast one ballot for Norman Leibowitz, Vice Chair, Land Use

G) VICE CHAIR, SCOPING

Mark Laster nominated Peter Beadle. Bruce Grossberg seconded the nomination.

Norman Leibowitz nominated Robert Silver. Myrna Jacobson seconded the nomination.

Board voted by secret ballot. Robert Silver won 17-19.

PRESENTATION BY MARIAN CICOLELLO, SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES – BUSINESS SOLUTIONS CENTER

NYC Small Business Services Business Solution Center in Queens is located at 90-27 Sutphin Boulevard and can be reached at 718-270-8500.

They offer the following services to Small Businesses:

- Legal consultation with a Pro-Bono Attorney
- Courses such as QuickBooks, Business planning, marketing and social media.
- Funding through alternative lending and traditional banks
- Recruitment (assist businesses find and vet employees)

There are 2 training grants currently available

- *On The Job Training* – provides funding for on boarding eligible new employees with a grant covering up to 70% of wages for up to the first 280 hours of a new hire.
- *Customized Training* – provides up to \$400,000 to train 10+ employees, with varying skills.

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- The business solution center will help a Minority or Women Owned Business get certified.
- This assists the business obtain contracts with NYC

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

District Manager Frank Gulluscio reported that Community Board 6 received 3 Speed Bump Requests from DOT.

- A) *Austin Street between Ascan Avenue & Union Turnpike*
- B) *Booth Street between 65th Road & 66th Avenue*
- C) *Kessel Street between 74th Avenue & 75th Avenue*

The Committee had no objections, and a motion to approve the Speed Bumps passed as a voice vote – 34 In Favor, 2 Opposed (18-17).

CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Norman Leibowitz, Chair of Consumer Affairs Committee said the Board received one new liquor license application, *Versailles Palace, 63-34 Austin St., RP*

Chairman Leibowitz reported that there were some concerns from the Committee about Parking (which was a problem with previous owner). The new owners assured the committee that they were working on solutions to this. They will have valet parking and are attempting to rent spaces in the diner parking lot across the street.

The Committee motion is to approve this application. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote (18-18)

The Board received the following liquor license renewals:

- LaVigna, 100-11 Metropolitan Ave., FH
- Desert Rain, 107-29 Metropolitan Ave., FH
- Jade Eatery, 1 Station Square, Space A, FH
- El Coyote, 70-09 Austin St., FH
- Mito Asian Fusion, Inc., 64-18 108 St., FH
- TGI Fridays, 70-00 Austin St., FH (Corp. Change)

The Committee had no objections, and a motion to approve the renewals passed unanimously on a voice vote. (18-19)

GOOD & WELFARE

QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT MELINDA KATZ

Joe Nocerino read a statement from the Queens Borough President regarding her opposition to Charter Revision related to Term Limits for Community Boards.

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER KAREN KOSLOWITZ

David Aronov reported that Participatory Budgeting is starting up. There will be 2 upcoming meetings on September 20, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Rego Park Library and on October 1, 2018 at 6:00pm at the FH Library to decide what the Council Member should spend \$1 million of discretionary money on in our community.

CONGRESS MEMBER MENG

Jordan Goldes, reported that Congress Member Meng has been working on the following issues:

- Tax on menstrual hygiene products
- Food additives
- Visited U.S / Mexico border to meet with detained families

Heidi Chain (112th Precinct Community Council) reported that the 112th Pct Community Council Meeting will be on Monday September 24, 2018. Also, on Sunday, October 21, 2018 there will be a Health Safety Fair at Rego Center Mall.

Chris Collett (Forest Hills Community & Civic) announced that the Forest Hills Civic Association meeting was cancelled for September. They are currently looking for a location for their meetings. Check facebook for updates.

Edwin Wong (Forest Hills Asian Association) announced the following upcoming events:

- Annual Mooncakes for Mid-Autumn Festival, Fall Meet & Greet on Thursday September 27, 2018 from 6:30pm – 9:30pm at Ridgewood Savings Bank
- Alliance for Flushing Meadows Corona Park Evening Under the Sphere Fundraiser on October 4, 2018 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Mark Laster reported that Sunnyside Community Services has a Caregiver Support Group at the Queens Community House. Sunnyside Community Services is also having a Job Fair on September 22, 2018 from 5pm – 8pm.

Judith Berman announced that there will be a Mural Project at the underpass on Yellowstone Blvd between Austin Street & Burns Street. The priming will take place on Saturday September 15, 2018 at 10:00am and the painting will take place on Sunday September 16, 2018 from 12:00pm – 5:00pm.

Ariel Bernstein, GrowNYC, announced that there will be a Youthmarket in Forest Park on Saturdays, 10:00am – 3:00pm from September 8 – November 17. It will be at Myrtle Avenue & Park Lane South.

Peter Beadle stressed the importance of Hurricane Preparedness. He also announced that on Sunday, September 16, 2018, he will be hosting a Sunday Boulevard Bike Ride at 4:00pm at Federoff Triangle (67th Ave & QB).

Michael Mulvaney spoke about the need for more NYPD enforcement in the community. Specifically to address speeding, illegal u-turns and jay walking in the vicinity of 71 Avenue between Metropolitan Avenue & Queens Boulevard and Yellowstone Boulevard and Austin Street.

Bruce Grossberg asked District Manager Gulluscio to clarify the upcoming meetings that he will be attending with respect to the budget.

Mike Arcati asked the Community Board to fight against the proposed prison in Kew Gardens. Although it isn't part of our Community Board, it will have an impact and destroy the dynamic of the community.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Nolan
Community Associate

