



# COMMUNITY BOARD 6, QUEENS

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## MINUTES NOVEMBER 8, 2017

MELINDA KATZ  
BOROUGH PRESIDENT

### PRESENT

J. HENNESSY, CHAIR	N. ALTMAN, VC. SEC.
S. GOLDBERG, 2 <sup>ND</sup> VC	G. CARLSON, VC FINANCE
N. LEIBOWITZ VC LAND USE	
P. BEADLE, VC. SCOPING	

H. BULOW	J. KEVELSON	D. SCHNEIER
H. CHAIN	S. KING	J. SILVA
S. CHU	P. KUMAR	R. SILVER
J. CIORCIARI	M. LASTER	M. SILVERSTEIN
C. COLLETT	J. MAKIN	J. SINGERMAN
E. FELDER	R. MEHRRA	S. WANDERMAN
G. FERRERAS	J. MEDINA	B. WEITZBERG
B. GRIFFITH	E. MURRAY	A. WEITZMAN
B. GROSSBERG	E. NEWTON	J. WESTON
M. JACOBSON	S. ROLNICK	E. WONG

### ABSENT

M. BERFAS	B. KATZ	R. NEKTALOV
J. DERESZEWSKI	N. LEBOWITZ	K. NEUMANN
A. FEIGENSON	Y. MEIROV	H. PAREKH
G. GORDON	F. MOHAMA	

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

FRANK GULLUSCIO	DISTRICT MANAGER
J. GRIFFIN	OFF. OF SENATOR ADDABBO
J. PERRICONE	BPO
J. GOLDES	OFF. OF CONGRESSMEMBER MENG



**COMMUNITY BOARD 6**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2017**

Chairman Hennessy opened the meeting at 7:45 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**112th Precinct**

Chairman Hennessy introduced Deputy Inspector Ramos. Inspector Ramos said that even though overall crime is down, there has been a spike in residential burglaries. From 9/21 to 11/4 there were 6 residential burglaries. These burglaries occurred on Selfridge St., Exeter St., 70 Ave., Harrow St. and Yellowstone Blvd. They were all private houses, and the perpetrators entered through the rear, removing jewelry and cash. The burglaries took place in the late afternoon. The Inspector said that an alarm system is a good idea. It is a deterrent as well as a great help to the Police Dept.

Mail box fishing – there were 2 arrests made on the midnight shift at 64 Rd. and 99 St. A witness saw the perpetrators from their window and called 911. Myrna Jacobson said that her building was successful in getting a P.O. Box inside their building with help from Congressman Meng.

Skimming Devices – were recovered from the MCU Bank and the TD Bank on Queens Blvd. The banks have been very vigilant about checking for skimmers, and there are no victims at this time.

Phone Scams continue – especially the ones that inform Senior citizens that a family member has been in an accident, or arrested, and is in need of money.

P.O. Maser distributed crime prevention tips.

The following items were brought up during discussion:

Ticketing of parents at Our Lady of Mercy and P.S. 144 is continuing. District Manager Gulluscio said that the ticketing is not from the 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct but the Traffic Enforcement Agents.

At Gerard Towers people continue to pick through the garbage and go through the recycling. Inspector Ramos said that this should be called in to 311, and then the conditions officer will handle it.

**STATE SENATOR JOSEPH ADDABBO**

Senator Addabbo reviewed two new bills recently signed by Governor Cuomo.

1. In March 2018 NYS will go through an Awareness Campaign where pedestrians will be requested to stay off their phones while crossing the street.

2. In March 2018 NYS will implement a program that will deal with the unused and wasted food in the schools, and the possibility of donating it to local food pantries, animal shelters, or even organic composting . The Department of Education will work with the Department of Agriculture on this.

On November 29 the Metro Card Van will be in front of the Maspeth Federal Bank on Metropolitan Ave. from 2 to 3 p.m.

Senator Addabbo said that last September's Recycling Event resulted in 14.6 tons of electronics being recycled, and the next recycling event will be on April 29.

Senator Addabbo wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Hennessy spoke about Election Day, and said that the turnout to vote was very low this year.

## **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Gulluscio also spoke about the low turnout in this year's election.

Woodhaven Blvd. – on November 12 the Select Bus Service will go into effect. DOT has informed the District Manager that if anyone has any comments or suggestions about Woodhaven Blvd. they should forward them to DOT as soon as possible.

The District Manager asked DOT if they will be coming back to Community Board 6 for a review. They said that they would be back.

The merchants on Woodhaven Blvd. have said that they cannot get deliveries because of the changes made to the Blvd.

Heidi Chain had a question about the location of the bus signs on the Q-23 route.

Chris Collet said that it is very difficult to drive on Woodhaven Blvd. because some lanes merge into one, and some disappear altogether. DOT will be coming back for a second look.

Chairman Hennessy addressed the ongoing problems with the Q-23 bus. When the bus stops in front of the Stop and Shop on Union Turnpike, and the driver takes a short break, the passengers already on the bus must wait for the driver to return. When the bus starts up again, the driver has been charging those on the bus an additional fare. MTA has said that they told the drivers not to do this, but it continues to happen. Chairman Hennessy said that the MTA should come to a Community Board meeting and speak to this issue.

**LONG ISLAND JEWISH FOREST HILLS HOSPITAL UPDATE –  
SUSAN BROWNING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Susan Browning informed that she visited Community Board 6 early in January 2017, and she wanted to update the Board on the progress that has been made since then.

Long Island Jewish Forest Hills is a fully owned hospital of Northwell Health, which is comprised of 21 hospitals across 7 counties, employs about 61,000 people and having more than 13,000 physicians, and 558 ambulatory sites.

Their mission is to provide the highest quality and most compassionate healthcare in the county, with sensitivity and respect for the cultural needs of the patients and their families.

Some of Long Island Jewish Forest Hills achievements are as follows:

They have been given “Baby Friendly” status by UNICEF, NYS Dept. of Health designated Stroke Center, highly regarded Advanced Illness Program, American Heart Assoc./American Stroke Assoc., Elite Honor Roll for Target Stroke, American College of Radiology designated Lung Cancer Screening Center, ACGME accredited residency program in Internal Medicine, NYC FDNY-EMS designated heart station.

The hospital conducts continuous drills and preparations for emergencies, and continues to expand ambulatory care.

LIJ Forest Hills has more than 1,259 employees, 410 nurses, over 1,400 affiliated physicians, more than 52 faculty physicians, and more than 116 volunteers. 2016 operating statistics: they have 312 hospital beds, 1,742 births, 16,610 hospital discharges, 55,536 emergency visits, and 4,534 ambulatory surgeries.

## **COUNCILMEMBER KAREN KOSLOWITZ**

Councilmember Koslowitz thanked everyone for their support in the recent election.

Holiday Lights – Councilmember Koslowitz said that she contacted Leslie Brown from the Forest Hills Chamber and informed her that there will be funding for the Holiday Lights on Austin St. The Concert Promoters awarded money to expand the Ace Program, and there were funds left over which they donated to the Holiday Lights.

## **CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Norman Leibowitz, Chair, Consumer Affairs Committee, reported that there were 5 new applications on the agenda: Beth Torah Kosher Caterers, 106-06 Queens Blvd., Rosalia Pizza, 103-15 Queens Blvd., Numero 28 of Forest Hills, 107-12 70 Rd., Salute Kosher Restaurant, 63-61 108 St. Chophouse, 107-02 70 Rd. Informed the Board that they were not prepared at this time, and will come back some time in January or February.

The Committee approved all 4 applications.

Motion to approve all four applications passed unanimously on a roll call vote. (17-28)

The following renewals were unanimously approved by a show of hands. (17-29)

Redwood Deli, 118-18 Queens Blvd., Vstrecha NY Inc., 98-98 Queens Blvd., One East Ocean Palace, 113-90 Queens Blvd., L'Amour, 102-11 Queens Blvd., Tandoor & company, 95-24 Queens Blvd., and The Billiard Company, 70-49 Austin St.

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Steve Goldberg, Chair, Public Transportation/Transportation Committee, said that the committee met to discuss 72 Rd. being converted to a one-way street between Queens Blvd. and Grand Central Parkway Service road.

DOT did a study about this proposal, but Mr. Goldberg said that sometimes when a street is converted to a one-way the street becomes a speedway. The Committee decided not to take a vote at this time, but they requested DOT to provide the Board with the data that they used to arrive at this decision, and they want to see the traffic study before they make any recommendations.

Also under consideration at this time are proposals for 2 traffic bumps on 67 Dr. between Austin St. and Booth St., and 67 Rd. between Yellowstone Blvd. and 108<sup>th</sup> St. Mr. Goldberg said that if anyone has comments about these locations they can give them to the District Manager as soon as possible.

Chairman Hennessy said that Community Board 6 will not accept any public comments at this time because they need more facts from DOT. The Community Board will meet with DOT and will report to the community after that meeting.

## **PARKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

District Manager Gulluscio met with the Parks Committee. Each member of the committee was given a number of parks to study, after which they will come back to the Board with recommendations.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Michael Antonoff, 113-14 72 Rd., F.H. – said that he is in favor of making 72<sup>nd</sup> Rd. a one way street.

Walter Weiss, 107-40 Queens Blvd., F.H. – commented that vehicles do not stop for the traffic signal in front of Russell Sage JHS.



Regarding 72 Rd. between Queens Blvd. and the GCP Service Road, Chairman Hennessy said that the Community Board will contact DOT after the Transportation Committee makes their recommendations to the Board. At that time the Board will take a vote. He hopes to be able to do this at the December meeting.

Ron Cohen FH. Volunteer Ambulance – Mr. Cohen said that the ambulance Corp is available for non-emergency wellness checkups.

John Perricone, on behalf of Borough President Katz, said that applications for renewals and new applications are due by January 12, 2018.

On October 21 the BPO sponsored a clean up at Russell Sage JHS, and the fence was painted.

Chris Collett said that the Forest Hills Community & Civic will meet on Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion on Metropolitan Ave.

Edwin Wong, Forest Hills Asian Society, spoke about a series of workshops being held at Queens College where you can learn about the basics of government, the Constitution, and our political system. The series runs from Oct. 5 – Nov. 16.

Heidi Chain said that Councilmember Karen Koslowitz will be the guest speaker at the Nov. 15 meeting of the 112<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council.

Meeting was brought to a close at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Burns  
Board Secretary

11-8-17

New App-

Renewals

- NAOMI ALTMAN
- PETER BEADLE
- MIRIAM BERFAS
- HARRIS BULOW
- GREG CARLSON
- HEIDI CHAIN
- SHERIDAN CHU
- JOANN CIORCIARI
- CHRISTOPHER COLLETT
- JOHN DERESZEWSKI
- ANDREW FEIGENSON
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- BRUCE GROSSBERG
- JOSEPH HENNESSY
- MYRNA JACOBSON
- BERNICE KATZ
- JOYCE KEVELSON
- SOUMALY KING
- PRAMEET KUMAR
- MARK LASTER
- JOAN LEBOWITZ
- NORMAN LEIBOWITZ
- JAMES MAKIN
- JACK MEDINA
- RENEE MEHRA
- YANIV MEIROV
- FADIA MOHAMA
- 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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