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Chairperson, Martha Taylor

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Minutes of Community Board 8 Board Meeting held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 via [Zoom Webinar](#).

Attendance:

Board Members Present:

Jagir Singh Bains, Heather Bennett-Idels, Carolyn Brown, Edward Chung, Kenneth Cohen II, Solomon Davydov, Maria DeInnocentiis, Allen Eisenstein, Florence Fisher, Kevin Forrestal, Howard A. Fried, Bhitihara-Martha Fulton, James Gallagher Jr., John Gebhard, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Tami Hirsch, Steven Konigsberg, Paul S. Lazauskas, Elke Maerz, Mary Maggio, Jennifer Martin, David Mordukhaev, Dilip Nath, Alan Ong, Tamara Osherov, Hersh Parekh, Simon Pelman, Wendy Phaff, Mohammad Rahman, Jesse Rosenbaum, Seymour Schwartz, Harbachan Singh, Dr. Penny M. Stern, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin, Jacob Weinberg and Albert Willingham.

Board Members Absent:

Dilafroz Ahmed, Robert H. Block, Susan D. Cleary, Carolann Foley, Joshua Glikman, Robert Harris, Frank Magri, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Frances Peterson, Charlton Rhee and Douglas Sherman.

Others Present:

Susie Tanenbaum representing Acting Borough President Sharon Lee, Honorable Council Member Barry Grodenchik, Honorable Council Member Rory Lancman, Kristen Jeffries representing Honorable Council Member Rory Lancman, Davinder Singh representing Honorable Council Member Barry Grodenchik, Anthony Lemma representing Honorable Assembly Member David Weprin, Marie Adam-Ovide, CB8 District Manager and Jatnna Reyes, CB8 Staff Member.

Call to Order:

DM Adam-Ovide called this Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. [*Chairperson Taylor was experiencing technical difficulties before joining*].

The order of the agenda was changed due to networking issues with some of the attendees having delay in joining.

Chairperson’s Report – Martha Taylor:

- Chairperson Martha Taylor welcomed aboard our new Board Members: Heather Bennett-Idels,
- The Community Board office will

District Manager’s Report – June 2020

SANITATION

Superintendent Egher asked that residents continue to place their garbage and/or recycled materials the night before [*after 4 p.m.*] to avoid a missed collection. They may collect them as early as midnight. Please hold on to your electronics so you can return them to the electronics stores or when the DSNY drop off sites reopen. Sanitation asked that residents cut their grass, clean their yard, sidewalks and eighteen inches from the curb into the street. They had to issue violations to many locations last weeks.

TRANSPORTATION

They are still looking for location for “Open Streets” and for partners/sponsors. These partners will be responsible to open the barricades in the morning and close them at night. We received a list for night resurfacing. The locations are as follows:

1. Melbourne Avenue between Kissena Blvd. and Main Street
2. 149th Street between Melbourne Avenue and Gravett Road
3. Gravett Road between 149th Street and Main Street
4. Francis Lewis Blvd. between McLaughlin Avenue and Hillside Avenue

The regular [daytime] resurfacing list is still not available.

BUILDINGS

We continue to see a decrease in the number of complaints for CB8. We had about 40 complaints for our district in May. Phase 1 started on Monday, June 8th and the Department of Buildings’ representative informed us that construction sites can bring equipment and construction materials to the work site. They can also work to make areas safe.

CON EDISON

Con Edison will resume shut off valve installation in the district. They will send 90-day, 45-day and 30-day notices. The Community Board will be notified by email before the work starts. Con Edison will not discontinue service due to non-payment until further notice. They do encourage their customers to call and make payment arrangements.

NYC COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The agency has added a new protected class for employment. As of May 10, 2020, if an individual is looking for employment and drug testing is required, they cannot test him/her or marijuana. There are certain *exception (i.e. operators of heavy machinery, train conductor etc.)*. More information is available on their website: www.nyc.gov/humanrights.

FIRE

Total responses for 2020 through May for CB#8 – 2424. Emergency Responses are down during the Pandemic, they believe it is due to the quarantine. Medical Responses are up slightly during the pandemic. There has been a dramatic increase in CPR responses especially in April due to COV-ID 19. They performed CPR 132 times in April, normally this number would be less than 10. Most of these CPR responses were in nursing homes. By mid-May, medical responses returned to Pre-Pandemic averages.

There is an individual lighting rubbish fires in the area. Most of these have occurred from the Van Wyck to 165th Street along Hillside Ave. He has been identified and our Fire Marshals are investigating. There haven’t been any incidents related to the protests.

The earliest the FDNY will be hiring any new Firefighters will be the Fall of 2020. Budget concerns might push this back.

DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING

The City is giving out free air conditioners to seniors who pre-qualify. NYCHA, HRA, HPD and DFTA are handling this. For more information, residents can call (718) 707-7771.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES

Community Board 8 has been advocating for air conditioning at the Briarwood residence for over a decade without success. At a weekly meeting with the Mayor’s office, I inquired about plans for the families with children at the Briarwood residence. When will the city provide them with air conditioning? They currently use an air-conditioned common area for cooling. If New Yorkers must continue to social distance, how would that be accomplished during the hot days in the summer? What activities will the children be engaged in while staying home? We are waiting for a response.

DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

- **Judith Ogoe, CCL for GCTI10-4B** – Green Infrastructure in Flushing Creek Area [KGH]. They were still doing saw cutting in Kew Gardens Hills [79th Avenue/141st Street/Union Turnpike/77th Road] in preparation for the project. Next week the work will start and there may be limited driveway access.
- **Evelyn Garcia, CCL for GCI10 -03** - Green Infrastructure [rain gardens at multiple locations]– Project was on pause pending notification. The work started last week on this project.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilman Barry Grodenchik, Assemblyman David Weprin, Assembly Member Nily Rozik’s office and I met with DEP via Zoom today on the Green Infrastructure project – specifically Jamaica Estates and West Cunningham Park Civic area. Assistant Commissioner Michelle Adgate, Mikelle Adgate, and Karen Ellis attended the meeting. It was confirmed that robocalls were made twice and messages left with information for the residents. They were given the three types of rain gardens to choose from:

- Fenced rain gardens
- Grassy infiltration basin
- Concrete infiltration basin

Most of the West Cunningham Park area opted for the grassy infiltration basins. We also discussed the maintenance of the rain gardens. The contractors will be maintaining them for the first year then DEP staff will do the maintenance. They already have one hundred (100) DEP maintenance workers hired to do so. The Borough of Queens has its own crew.

Lien Sales - The lien sale has been suspended and will probably resume in August. For payment arrangements, residents should call 718 595-7890 or send an email to dep@nyc.gov



*to Board Members who celebrated their birthdays in June!
Mohammed Tohin, Elke Maerz and John Gebhard*

During the District Manager’s report, Honorable Council Members Rory Lancman and Barry Grodenchik joined the meeting. Chairperson Martha Taylor invited them to say a few words.

Elected Officials’ Announcements:

Honorable Councilman Rory Lancman – CM Lancman welcomed aboard all new Board Members. He informed us that they are still working on their budget. Within the next couple of weeks, the City will have its new budget which will involve a lot of fiscal painful choices due to the current circumstances. He is working along with Council Member Barry Grodenchik to make sure our Borough gets everything it needs. They are trying on reforming the criminal justice system in New York City. If anyone has any issues that relate to the budget and any other important issues, he that they reach out to him.

Mr. Haken mentioned to Councilman Lancman that he heard that funds are being paired from the Police Department and a certain amount of those funds are going into youth activities. He asked if some of those funds will restore summer youth employment and/or summer camps. Councilman Lancman ever since it became obvious that there will be substantial cuts to the City’s budget because of the hardship we are undergoing in the fiscal year that we are in and the one that is upcoming in results to the Coronavirus crisis, it’s been the City Council’s position that all of those cuts cannot just be cannot just be given to programs that affect young people or elderly. The Police Department’s budget which is a \$6B budget has got to have its fair share of cuts. The Mayor’s original response to what is now a \$9B budget hold in the City’s budget for next year, it has almost a complete harm on the Police Department’s budget. After the George Floyd’s killing and the inequity, the criminal justice system became unavoidable to have their

budget cut. There is no agency or organization that will go harmless in this situation. Unfortunately, everyone will suffer all of the cuts that need to happen during this crisis.

The City Council is working very hard to make sure that youth programs are funded, that kids have youth employment if possible and programs for mental health services etc. He will keep us apprised of any changes.

Honorable Councilman Barry Grodenchik – CM Grodenchik informed us that the City Council had a conference call today to speak about the budget. They will be going to be passing a criminal justice reform legislation including a choke hold bill which is sponsored by Council Member Rory Lancman. There will be other legislations on how to discipline police officers in the City of New York. They expect for them to get passed next week. They don't expect to have a budget until the end of the month. He explained that he understands that the main concern is the budget for the youth. They are working hard on getting into a consensus to restore the funds if the budget permits. This remains his priority, he will work hard to make it happen. It has been a long time since they had a serious budget issue in the City. During the Mayor's mayoralty, they increased by \$20B since he started. They will hold the line on property tax increase. There are a lot of people that cannot afford to pay their property taxes as is.

Mr. Haken mentioned to Council Member Grodenchik that even though property taxes don't go up, the assessment have gone up making the property taxes higher. He believes this is a heat on the increase of property taxes. Council Member Grodenchik mentioned to Mr. Haken that they have had this discussion many times with Mayor de Blasio. They also have the property tax reform commission which has sidetrack due to the Coronavirus epidemic. He doesn't expect anything to happen for the remainder of the year. Property taxes continue to become a big part of the New York City budget and the revenue has been increasing on a steady basis at 6% a year which is unsustainable. Many people in this community are living on a fixed income. He will keep us apprised of any news and/or changes.

Salute to the Flag

Chairperson Martha Taylor led the salute to the flag. She asked that everyone stand in their own way (*an image of the salute to the flag was shown during screen sharing*).

Approval of Minutes:

made a motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2020, seconded by.

Count in favor: **31** Opposed: **0** Abstained: **0**

Borough President's Representative – Susie Tanenbaum

- On behalf of Borough President Lee, Ms. Tanenbaum welcomed all new board Members. They have joined a great Board and she believes they will contribute a great deal. She looks forward to working with all of them in the next few months ahead. She welcomed back all members who have been re-appointed.
- Borough President Lee is promoting two new initiatives: Get Out to Count (GOTC) and Get Out to Vote (GOTV). She encouraged everyone to complete the census. It can be done online in the comfort of your home, by telephone or by mail. She also encouraged everyone to vote on June 23, 2020. There is still time to request an absentee ballot.
- Borough President Lee is having four upcoming virtual events:
 - Queens Pride Event - Thursday, June 18th at 2:00 p.m.
 - Job Recruitment Fair – Wednesday, June 24th at 2:00 p.m. [previous events have received up to 400 attendees via zoom].
 - Philippine Independence Day Event – Wednesday, June 24th at 5:00 p.m.
 - Celebration of Jerusalem Event – Thursday, June 25th at 5:00 p.m.
- She will send of this information via email. Instruction on how to join the events can be found on the Brough President's website at: www.queensbp.org.
- She will truly miss Community Board 8's Annual Health Fair. She hopes we reunited when is safe to do so. She wished everyone a happy and safe summer.

Committee Reports:

Queens Complete Count Committee (QCCC) – Michael Hannibal/Kevin Forrestal

- **Census 2020** – At their last Census meeting via Zoom they had a few people in attendance. Census Bureau New York Regional Director Jeff Behler was in attendance. He informed everyone that Queens’s self-response rate was approximately 45.4% which is a little lower than what it was in 2010. This is believed to be caused to the COVID-19 pandemic. The self-response has been extended to October 31, 2020. There will be a non-response follow-up which will allow numerators [census workers] to go out and knock on doors. This will take place on August 11, 2020. They are encouraging everyone to do the self-response to avoid having census worker knock on people’s doors. This information was made available to everyone in the Community Board.
- He informed us that he follow-up with Dr. Joseph Salva who is the chief of demographer with the Department of City Planning who had come up with some key point particularly narrowing down Queens. They are working closely to make sure everyone fills out the Census in a timely manner. They will have a Queens Complete Count Committee meeting tomorrow, June 11th to discuss the metrics on having a successful Census response rate in Queens. He encouraged everyone to fill out the Census. This will enable Queens to get its fair share and get what the Borough deserves.

Kevin Forrestal – Mr. Forrestal stated that the report that Mr. Hannibal referred to was emailed to the Community Board this morning. The best area is Fresh Meadows, Utopia with over 60% in response. The lower area is Briarwood and Jamaica Hill with upper 40%. They are doing relatively well and could do better.

Committee Reports:

Health Minute with Dr. Penny Stern, Health Committee Chair:

- Dr. Stern spoke about Telehealth. Telehealth is the distribution of health-related services and information electronically. It is long distance patient and provider contact in order to carry out various services including examination, diagnosis and more. With the use of mobile devices, tablets and/or camera devices, doctors can see their patients and gather information.
- Telehealth is not for emergencies related health concerns like strokes or hearth attack. In case of an emergency, one should call 911 immediately.
- Although telehealth has been around for a long time, it has become especially preeminent and prominent in the age of COVID-19 where people have fear of going to health care facilities in person because of the risk of infections.
- At her institution, more than 50,000 visits were carried out in one month. Telehealth visits continue to go on and grow. Just like face-to-face appointments, it is important to prepare for a telehealth appointment. Appointments should be conducted in a space with as much privacy as possible to avoid interruptions. If you want to have a family member with you that is fine. Make sure you have a list of questions to go with the provides (i.e. what the diagnosis is, do I need any test or prescriptions, etc.). It is important to have a list of current medications being taken so that your medical record can be updated. Be sure to take notes on important information or ask for a summary of the visit can be sent to you electronically for your records.

Anthony Lemma representing Assembly Member Weprin – Mr. Lemma informed us that the Office of Assembly Member Weprin continues to work remotely. They continue to give out face masks and provide food to those in need. They are trying to reach out to as many people as possible and assist in anything they need. He wished everyone a happy and safe summer.

Committee Reports:

Parks Committee

Bhithara Martha Fulton, Chair – The Parks Committee met on May 27th via Zoom webinar to discuss a proposal from the NYC Parks Department on the 210th Street Playground reconstruction. The playground is located within Cunningham Park at 73rd Avenue. These are some of the highlights of the proposal:

- This project is a \$3.8M funded. Funds were granted by the Borough President (\$3M) for FY 2020 and from Honorable Councilman Barry Grodenchik (\$800K) for FY 2020. The playground is located on the corner of 73rd Avenue and 210th Street. The main goal is to re-construct play equipment, install spray showers, seating areas, drainage, water supply systems, install security lighting and make comfort station entrances more accessible.
- A letter of support was sent to NYC Parks Commissioner Michael Dockett. At the meeting, there were 6 Board Members present and all voted in favor. One Board Member had technical difficulties joining and the vote was not recorded. Honorable Council Member Barry Grodenchik fully support this project along with the Community Board. *(an image of the support letter sent was shown through screen sharing).*

Resolution – Police Brutality and Peaceful Protest

Marc A. Haken, Executive Committee Member – At Community Board 8, we are part of New York City, part of New York State, part of the United States. What goes on anywhere within this country, goes on within CB8. We are a mosaic of religion, races, creeds, ethnics. As a result of this, we cannot just seat idle with what is going on around the country without being involved in it. I found it necessary and reasonable to draft a resolution supporting the right of all citizens for peaceful protest to condemn those who use that protest to loot, injure and harm others. To reject institutional racism which has existed in many places within our country. He asked the entire Board to approve this resolution so it can be distributed throughout the area to say to those who chose to be racist, to choose to hate others because of their color or their religion or where they came from that we do not tolerate you and you don't belong here. Those who belong here are those who live here side by side with everyone else. He asked for a motion for this resolution.

Harbachan Singh made to approve Marc Haken's resolution on Police Brutality and Peaceful Protest, seconded by Carolyn Brown.

Discussion:

Kevin Forrestal – I haven't seen the final draft of the resolution. There have been comments made and I haven't seen anything besides comments.

Answer: *[DM Adam-Ovide]* – DM Adam-Ovide shared the final draft of the resolution via screen sharing for everyone to see.

Answer: *[Marc Haken]* – I was assisted to draft this resolution with the help of Carolyn Brown and Michael Hannibal. I incorporated a number a various idea within his original resolution.

Michael Hannibal – While I understand the institutional racism, my concern is in law enforcement. It seems to be too generic for me. I rather have it be specific. It is not just the racism but the police brutality.

Answer: *[Marc Haken]* – I think that is included. He asked for DM Adam-Ovide to check since he was using a mobile device and was unable to see the screen sharing.

Answer: *[Wendy Phaff]* – It is very specific to that. It states, “.be it resolved that as a Community Board we will not tolerate any points of racism, unchallenged brutality or aggression by law enforcement and/or institutions”.

Answer: *[Marc Haken]* – I believe that answers your question Michael. If I am not mistaken, that is your wording. **If it is in there, then that addresses my concern.**

Answer: *[Marc Haken]* – Yes, it is.

Parekh Hersch – While I appreciate the intent of this and the language that is being presented, I think we also need to accept and incorporate the fact that these protests and demonstrations have not just been about racism generally but about unjust and racist discriminatory actions against the African American community. I think that this needs to be addressed directly as well because this is something that has been a focal point of these protest demonstration.

Answer: *[Chairperson Taylor]* – (To Marc Haken) - Okay. Can we incorporate that in the resolution?

Answer: *[Marc Haken]* – I don't know how we will incorporate that in the resolution. I don't know the exact wording and where would it fit into the resolution.

Okay, let me just see if I can make a quick suggestion. Give me a minute.

Answer: [Chairperson Taylor] – Ok.

Kenneth Cohen II – While that thought is being done, some of my concerns with the resolution, some of them have already been addressed but I feel that part of the problem that we have with what is going on right now is that we continue to put focus on some of the negatives. While this predominately addresses the fact that we need to hold people accountable to even mention the looters or anybody that is doing a negative activity is irrelevant to this conversation. We are focusing on the positive things and where we need to go if I am interpreting this correctly. To mention anything that is negative about what is going on continues to distract us from what the overall goal is.

Answer: [Marc Haken] – You are not interpreting correctly. I feel that it was necessary to incorporate that within the resolution because it was happening. Not because of these legitimate protesters but of those who were taking advantage of the peaceful protest to break the law, loot, to injure and to harm others. I feel that is important that it remains within the resolution.

Has there been any negative protests happening in Community Board 8?

Answer: [Marc Haken] – I don't know if there has been any protest at all in Community Board 8.

There has been. Senator John Liu hosted a march that went from Cunningham Park that members of this Community Board participated in and it went all the way to Borough Hall.

Answer: [Chairperson Taylor] – There was another March that went from around where the precinct is all the way to Queens College and back. There have also been other, but I only know about those two.

I think in Community Board 8 sometimes we are a little out of touch with reality given our relationship with the 107th Precinct. We don't call the 107th Precinct on their crap. We have a lot of residents of Community Board 8 that have been victims of unjust policing within our area that hasn't gone addressed. I feel that this resolution doesn't do those people that have been negatively impacted by policing in our area. I think this continues to give the police a little benefit of the doubt once again because of our relationship with the 107th Precinct. It doesn't put them on notice that they need to address their issues as well. If we are going to come up with a statement that is supposed to reflect the residents of Community Board 8 it should affect all of the people, the people that have negatively been impacted by policing and the people that have been positively impacted by policing. I am a 34-year-old black man who has been consistently harassed by police in the 107th Precinct. My dad was on the precinct council for a number of years. I was an explorer in the 107th Precinct. I don't approve this resolution as it is written.

Kevin Forrestal – I would just like to point out, I don't think the purpose of the resolution is only to address the issues as it relates to Community Board 8. I am sure as in every area there have been abuse. The generic statement that you don't tolerate abuse in Community Board 8 or whatever community board represents the areas that may be affected by inappropriate police action. I would like to see this resolution passed here tonight and go forward on positive behavior.

Hersh Parekh – I am not the best resolution write here but I also ask for others for their input. I think we should do another be it resolved or be it further resolved something along those lines to say that as a Community Board we condemn specifically racism, discrimination and acts of brutality and aggression by law enforcement against the African American community. I think changing that first be it resolved essentially duplicating it but making it also to address the specific issue of the African American community.

Answer: [Marc Haken] – I can accept that.

Dilip Nath – I want to add one more thing. It is not only black. I think there has been a number of times where the brown community has also been victimized by the police. I think we should include instead, the Black and Brown community.

DM Adam-Ovide requested that Mr. Parekh dictate the expert to be incorporated into the resolution.

The following is the text of the inclusion into the resolution:

Be it further resolved that as a Community Board we condemn any forms of racism, unchallenged brutality/aggression by law enforcement and/or institutions, specifically against the Black and Brown community.

Kenneth Cohen II – I think that we should also include or take a look at the legislation that the State legislator have on the table and support that as well. If we are really putting action behind our words, then there are twelve police reform bills that are on the table at the State legislation. The repeal of 50-a has already been passed. There are eleven others that help a lot of people within our Community Board that we support if we really mean the words that we are typing on this paper.

Answer: [Chairperson Taylor] – I don't see Ken how we support legislation if each one of us have not seen the language that is being produced.

In my opinion, we need to table this resolution until we see that. If we are not fully knowledgeable about all of the ways that are out there to resolve the issue, then we should try to do some research so that we can make a resolution that has something behind it. To me this is just words on paper. It is just us getting out there and saying something so that we can be on record to say something. I rather to not say nothing at all if that is what we are going to do. I think we really need to do our due diligence to make sure that we get it right.

Answer: [Carolyn Brown] – I think that this is a good beginning. I am concerned that if we do nothing now, we can't do anything until September.

Answer: [Chairperson Taylor] – I would suggest that perhaps, a second resolution could be drawn up after we know what the legislations are and go ahead with this one tonight.

Answer: [Carolyn Brown] – I would agree that we make a resolution now and then perhaps another one in September. I would also suggest that the resolution that was submitted earlier that we put in, "we condemn and will not tolerate".

Seymour Schwartz – Clearly there are very important contributions that have been made now that we must take seriously. I don't think we can wait. The world is burning up. People are marching day and night. I don't think we can settle to this resolution in light of the criticisms offered. I would suggest as a practical measure that each of the person that spoke this evening, be given the opportunity to work together in a Zoom get together to resolve the issue to best of our ability.

Answer: [Chairperson Taylor] – I don't know that we want to put this on and let it go on indefinitely. I think we need to do something tonight and then maybe do something additionally in September. I don't know what other people think.

Answer: [Hersh Parekh] – I agree with the Chair. The fact that we made some amendments and these issues are current right now who knows what the issue will be the issues in September. I think is important to make a clear message from the Community Board today. If there is an interest in doing something further down the road, we can do so in the Fall.

Marc Haken – I want to pull a question on this issue.

Answer: [Kevin Forrestal] – You cannot pull a question.

Yes, I can, I made the resolution.

Answer: [Kevin Forrestal] – We cannot call a question. It will require a second motion and a vote by roll call with a 60% I believe of vote. If you go on for a couple of minutes and can control the meeting you can avoid that.

DM Adam-Ovide – [to Chairperson Taylor] – I don't usually get involve business in that respect but as a black woman I would be remiss if I don't say anything. I think even though we do not know what the legislations are, I think we can support legislation that would fulfill the goal that we have of having racial equity.

Answer: [Chairperson Taylor] – Marie, we cannot vote on legislation until we see it.

Not the legislation that are proposed as it but as a general, that we will support legislation that will fulfill the goal of racial equity that I believe we all share.

Answer: [Chairperson Taylor] to Mr. Parekh – What do you think?

Answer: [Dilip Nath] – Actually, I like that Martha. That is actually a fantastic idea.

Answer: [Kenneth Cohen II] – I think is necessary to be included.

Answer: [Kevin Forrestal] – I agree with that. One other thing we can do if necessary, we can have a meeting of the Board again through Zoom and discuss this further.

Answer: [Chairperson Taylor] – We need to do something tonight. Does this satisfy everyone?

Answer: [Kevin Forrestal] – Yes.

Maria DeInnocentiis – Marie, I think the be it resolved on the first one which is repeated on the second one, should be removed. The sentence above the new text that you wrote.

Answer: [Seymour Schwartz] – I agree with that.

Dilip Nath – **These are two specific things; I think the second one was more emphasized on a specific issue. The first one is more general. I think they both should be there.**

Answer: [Howard Fried] – Unless you modify the second by saying that we reiterate because we are calling out all things or racism and we are also specifying our intolerance to racism against the black and brown community.

Answer: [Chairperson Taylor] – I think we should leave it the way it is. How many words do you need to say something?

Changes were made to the resolution.

Kenneth Cohen II – **I think it's being pretty well documented that the policing we are seeing is systemic. The entire police force.**

Heather Bennet-Idels – **I wasn't getting involved when everyone was saying brutality/aggression and any sort of negative behavior towards the black and brown community. At the beginning of this document it said against everyone and I agree with that. I agree that there shouldn't be any sort of negative treatment to the black and brown community, but it is really against anyone. I know that people across the board are being punished for saying is not only black lives matter. All lives matter. This community, which is such a diverse community, it is true all lives matter, specifically black, brown, Hispanic, Latino, Jewish, white. Everyone matters here. I don't think I agree with the gentleman who said that is incorrect about the large number of police brutality that is not documented. That is actually incorrect. I have done a lot of research on this. I am a very sensitive person; my family is sensitive. We are all grieving of the loss of George Floyd and to anyone who has been abused by any sort of system. I tis not correct that there is a larger percentage of police brutality who have in police force with hundredths of officers. I am disagreeing with that. Thank you.**

Answer: [Kenneth Cohen II] – I am sorry. Maybe I worded that wrong. I don't think I said there are a large number of, I said the entire police force that covers up and doesn't acknowledge that these things happen. Have you not heard of the blue wall of silence? Whenever a police officer does something that would be put upon us as regular civilians in the community, police officers don't speak up about it.

I respectfully disagree.

Chairperson Taylor requested order in the meeting. Many of the members were talking over each other making it difficult to understand one another. She stated that we have a resolution to pass tonight. Outside conversations are not allowed.

Dr. Penny Stern – **I want to make a suggestion. In the paragraph about the actions of a small number of role police persons around the country, would it satisfy everybody's concern to just say the actions of role police persons around our country and not just a small number?**

Answer: [Marc Haken] – I can accept it.

Answer: [Kevin Forrestal] – I accept it.

Additional changes were made to the resolution satisfying all Board Members suggestion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Roll call vote was taken. Unanimously approving the resolution.

Count in favor: 34

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Adjournment

Mary Maggio made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jatnna Reyes, CB8 staff
June 15, 2020*