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Minutes of Community Board 8 Board Meeting held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at the Hillcrest Jewish Center, 183-02 Union Turnpike in Flushing, New York.

Attendance:

Board Members Present:

Dr. Allen J. Bennett, Susan D. Cleary, Kenneth Cohen II, Maria DeInnocentiis, Mary Maggio Fischer, Florence Fisher, Carolann Foley, Kevin Forrestal, James Gallagher Jr., Joshua Glikman, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Robert Harris, Sylvia Hernandez, Tami Hirsch, Steven Konigsberg, Paul S. Lazauskas, Bright Dae-Jung Limm, Mark J. Lefkof, Mitch Lisker, Elke Maerz, Frank Magri, Tamara Osheroov, Simon Pelman, Charlton Rhee, Jesse Rosenbaum, Steven Sadofsky, Seymour Schwartz, Michael F. Sidell, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin, Alvin Warshaviak, Jacob Weinberg ****and Marilyn Mossop, Board Member Emeritus****.

Board Members Absent:

Dilafroz Ahmed, Jagir Singh Bains, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Robert H. Block, Edward Chung, Monica Corbett, Allen Eisenstein, Howard A. Fried, Fakrul "Delwar" Islam, Jennifer Martin, Rabbi Shlomo Nisanov, Frances Peterson, Samuel Rodriguez, Douglas Sherman, Stanley Weinblatt, and Albert Willingham.

Others Present:

Stephen Everett representing City Planning, Susie Tanenbaum representing Borough President Melinda Katz, Irving Poy representing Borough President Melinda Katz, Councilman Elect Barry Grodenchik, Stephanie Campanha representing State Senator Tony Avella, Aaron Siegel representing Assemblyman David Weprin, Alexander Bennett representing Congresswoman Grace Meng, Daniel Rosenthal representing Councilman Rory Lancman, Stacey Eliuk representing State Senator Leroy Comrie, Facia Class representing Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz, Marie Adam-Ovide, CB8 District Manager, and Joseph Marziliano, CB8 staff member.

Call to Order:

Chairman Warshaviak called this Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Public Participation:

Alex Bennett- I am the Community Board 8 representative for Congresswoman Grace Meng. Last week the U.S. House of Representatives passed three pieces of transportation legislation sponsored by Congresswoman Meng. This was attached to the \$325 million Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015. That bill funds the nation's roads, bridges, and highways. The Congresswoman is also sponsoring a Small Business Resource Event along with the NYC Public Advocate Letitia James on Saturday November, 14, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Plaza College of Forest Hills. This event is for anyone who runs or aspires to run a small business.

Linda Valentino- I am the President of the Holliswood Civic Association. I came tonight because even though tonight's zoning propositions would not affect Holliswood, I am opposed to it for several reasons. One reason that sticks out in my mind is the mandatory nature of Inclusionary Housing. Also, the proposals speak of economic diversity but how will the people that qualify for these homes be monitored in the future? After a person qualifies, will this program fall into chaos? I am opposed to Mandatory Inclusionary Housing.

David Kupferberg - As an Urban Studies Major at Queens College and regular rider of the MTA Bus Service in North East Queens, I believe I am qualified to comment on the results of the MTA North East Bus Study's Final Report. The claim in the Executive Summary in the Key Findings section that most bus customers were more concerned with the performance of existing routes is false, as I attended that workshop. The fact is that the riding public wanted the rerouting of current services as much as they are concerned about existing performance. Bus routes must keep up with the times to reflect current ridership patterns and trends. Today, riding between Bayside and Queensborough Community College requires taking three buses. I am extremely disappointed that there will be no major bus route changes in the area and I believe it is due to the corporate culture within the MTA, especially for New York City Transit. They only want to maintain the status quo or cut service, not improve it. Although it is stated in the Final Report that the MTA wishes to further analyze north-south service gaps in the area, that's not enough. Implementing these changes [Proposal submitted to Community Board 8 and available upon request] would allow bus service in Northeast Queens to become as robust as the rest of the network for years to come.

Ivan Mossop- I'm here today on behalf of a former Board Member and my Mother, Marilyn Mossop. She is in attendance today and is enjoying her retired life. She is 93 years young. When I found out there was a proposed street renaming for Shirley Weinstein I immediately asked for speaking time tonight. I am 100% in support of this street renaming of Aguilar Avenue. When I was in Jamaica High School in 1977, I had to do an independent land use study for Social Studies. I did an analysis of Carlton Gardens and the 'White Flight' to the suburbs at that time. In order to complete that study I interviewed all the members of Community Planning Board 8. Shirley Weinstein was the secretary at that time and helped me with that project. From that time on we were acquainted. Shirley already had a working relationship with Marilyn Mossop, who at that time was the Flushing Suburban Civic Association President and Community Board 8 member. Shirley Weinstein was a civic activist who marshalled other civic leaders to step up and serve their community. She was someone we can all be proud of knowing. She made a difference in my mother's life as an ally, and in my life as a civic resource. I support this renaming on behalf of Marilyn Mossop, Flushing Suburban Civic Association, and myself.

Chairman Warshaviak- I'd like to invite Marilyn Mossop to sit as an honorary Community Board 8 Member tonight. She was a mainstay at our Community Board, serving with grace and dignity in the 70's and 80's. Marilyn will always be a part of this Board.

Stacey Eliuk- I am here representing State Senator Leroy Comrie. Senator Comrie wanted to inform the Community Board of two events that are coming up. First Senator Comrie is sponsoring a Health Fair on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at York College. Also on Tuesday November 17, 2015 Senator Comrie is having an event in partnership with an organization called Heart Share. They will be working to help individuals decrease their bills and utility costs. There are flyers with more information in the back.

Salute to the Flag

Chairman Warshaviak led the salute to the flag.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Warshaviak – Before we approve the minutes, we have to point out that clarification was made to us regarding abstentions from voting. It was always the understanding of the Board that abstentions without cause were to be counted as a 'No' vote. Marie reached out to the appropriate channels and found out the answer to this question. According to Steven Goulden of the Law Department:

“Your board member is right in that he/she cannot be compelled to vote, and may abstain from voting at any time (though, of course, this is not encouraged). But, unless the board member abstains because of a conflict of interest, his or her abstention is the same as a "no" vote. This is because the member counts as one of those present for the vote, but does not vote in favor of whatever motion is being voted on. However, if a member abstains because of a conflict of interest, that person does not count as one of those present for the vote, so that the abstention is not the same as a "no" vote.”

In other words, the concept we were operating under has been correct. For instance, we have 50 members on the Board. If during a vote there is an abstention for cause then the motion would need the majority of 49 members. If it is an abstention without cause then the motion would still need the majority of 50 members to pass.

Dr. Allen Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes of October 14, 2015 seconded by Marc A. Haken.

Count in favor 34 **Opposed:** 0 **Abstained:** 0

Board Members who approved the minutes:

Dr. Allen J. Bennett, Susan D. Cleary, Kenneth Cohen II, Maria DeInnocentiis, Mary Maggio Fischer, Florence Fisher, Carolann Foley, Kevin Forrestal, James Gallagher Jr., Joshua Glikman, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Robert Harris, Sylvia Hernandez, Tami Hirsch, Steven Konigsberg, Paul S. Lazauskas, Bright Dae-Jung Limm, Mark J. Lefkof, Mitch Lisker, Elke Maerz, Frank Magri, Tamara Osheroov, Simon Pelman, Charlton Rhee, Jesse Rosenbaum, Steven Sadofsky, Seymour Schwartz, Michael F. Sidell, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin, Alvin Warshaviak, and Jacob Weinberg.

Board Members who did not approve the minutes:

None

Chairman’s Report – Alvin Warshaviak:

- I’ve been away for some time and most of you know that I am now the proud grandparent of another baby boy. My wife and I babysat for two and a half months for a four year old and an infant and it was great. Unfortunately because of a misdiagnosis I ended up in the hospital in Israel but it all turned out excellent and I am well.
- I would like to thank Stanley and Martha for standing in for me and helping out while I was away. I would also like to thank Marie for the great job that she does. I get credit for a lot of things that belong to Marie. And she does have a great staff.
- In your packet there is a page for the final Board Meeting dates for 2016. You had until November 2nd to contact the Office with any issues, therefore these dates stand.
- Congratulations to Bob and Edna Harris who will be receiving an award on Sunday November 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Our Board Members are the greatest. They are recognized by every institution you can imagine, both secular and religious.
- I’d like to congratulate Mitch Lisker and his wife on the event of his grandson’s birth.
- I am pleased to announce that Harbachan Singh who was an honored guest by the Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club as the Chairman of the Queens Civic Congress. Congratulations.
- Two of our Board Members have been very active liaising between the Community Board and the developers of the T-Building. Sey Schwartz and Susan Cleary have been in touch with Mr. Dunn and they have accomplished a great deal. If everything is approved, they have put in a request that 8,000 ft.² of space will be granted to community usage. Early on in our discussion everything was based upon the use of union labor. It seems that based upon negotiations Mr. Dunn has had the union labor would raise the price of the building considerably. He has entered into discussion with the building trades, including Local 3 where they would work out some sort of deal. I do not know the details of that agreement, but Local 3 has written a letter in support of that agreement. Sey and Susan have progressed that a tremendous amount of the way in making this a reality and I commend them. The one caveat to the space for community usage is that we would need funding for the programs to take place there.

Kevin Forrestal- There has been a report that Comptroller Scott Stringer opposes this development plan as it stands now.

Seymour Schwartz- At one point the head of the Building Trades Council had indicated disapproval. You are correct in saying Local 3 has come to terms with this development. The stipulations we provided in one of our meetings have nearly all been met. These stipulations include preference for veterans, community residents, union labor and free space. Union labor is reaching a promising point. There will be priority preference for

community residents and veterans. Interestingly, to the point of Mr. Dunn's desire to accommodate us he asked me today whether that percentage for veterans was ever made specific. I said no. He also asked if that percentage for veterans was to be from the QHC disabled population or the general population? I told him we would talk about it and make a recommendation. They have been very agreeable and it is pretty promising.

Susan Cleary- I wanted to mention something about the 75 units for QHC persons with disabilities. We are still working on who that population might include.

Chairman Warshaviak- At this point the Community Board may want to start reaching out to the Borough President and our various Elected Officials to help make this happen.

Mark J. Lefkof moved that Community Board 8 reach out to the Board's Elected Officials to facilitate this development in moving forward, seconded by Susan Cleary.

Marc A. Haken- I would like to understand the reservation of the Comptroller mentioned by Kevin Forrestal regarding this development.

Kevin Forrestal- The labor part of this deal which came out was opposed to by a Labor Leader and Scott Stringer. This is part of a whole housing plan which goes well beyond the T-Building. I was just making a point of information that there are a lot of jobs involved here and the Comptroller is opposed to the plan.

Chairman Warshaviak- This is an opportunity for our community. Hesitation could cause us to lose everything.

Seymour Schwartz- All affordable housing to date has been completed with a mandate of firm understanding from the applicable unions and that is what we are looking for.

Kevin Forrestal- I will abstain on this vote on the grounds of my employment by Health and Hospitals Corp.

A hand vote was taken on the motion.

Count in favor 32 **Opposed:** 1 **Abstained:** 1

Board Members who voted in favor:

Dr. Allen J. Bennett, Susan D. Cleary, Kenneth Cohen II, Maria DeInnocentiis, Mary Maggio Fischer, Florence Fisher, Carolann Foley, James Gallagher Jr., Joshua Glikman, Michael Hannibal, Robert Harris, Sylvia Hernandez, Tami Hirsch, Steven Konigsberg, Paul S. Lazauskas, Bright Dae-Jung Limm, Mark J. Lefkof, Mitch Lisker, Elke Maerz, Frank Magri, Tamara Oshero, Simon Pelman, Charlton Rhee, Jesse Rosenbaum, Steven Sadofsky, Seymour Schwartz, Michael F. Sidell, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin, Alvin Warshaviak, and Jacob Weinberg.

Board Members who voted against:

Marc A. Haken

Board Members who abstained:

Kevin Forrestal.

Chairman Warshaviak- Shirley Weinstein served in our Community for many years and passed away recently. She also served as the Secretary of our Community Board for many years under former Chairman Al Daly. Tonight we are officially having a memorial in honor of Shirley Weinstein. To that extent we have asked a number of people to speak.

Janet Diamond- Former Board Member Bernie Diamond is my husband of 46 years. He could not be here

tonight but he is recovering from pneumonia and doing well. Shirley Weinstein had many sides to her personality. She was a strong leader, which has been brought up time and time again. She knew facts about her community that went beyond usual recognition. She lead by example and never strayed from her moral code. When a service wanted to pay her in order to use the land on Aguilar Avenue many years ago she refused the offer. When my own children needed cheering up she invited them over to bake cookies. It was a beautiful memory that the kids still remember. They mentioned it when they were told she had passed away. When you saw Shirley she was always in high heels which added inches to her height. She would click down the hallway with remarkable speed for such high heels. You could keep time to her walking as the click-click-click came closer to you. She was a true friend that sent cards for happy occasions in a friend's life. She called regularly and was always happy to hear from you. Her laugh would be described today as capable of going viral on the internet. She could laugh loudly and whole heartedly. She never appeared sad, although being childless left a hole in her being. Years after knowing and loving her, she said that with today's modern technology she probably would have had children. She loved and was proud of her nieces and nephews. She made it through many years of marriage and bolstered each other when they had to. She never showed her age. She was Shirley, just Shirley. Everyone knew her and what she stood for all these years. There was no one like Shirley. I dare say that she will be a hard act to follow.

Chairman Warshaviak- Please convey to Bernie a speedy recovery.

James Gallagher Jr. - It's good to hear Mrs. Diamond talking about Shirley Weinstein and the good old days. Shirley was born in Williamsburg, Brooklyn in 1925. She lived through many of the major events of the 20th Century. Her Community work began as a volunteer Poll Worker for the 1960 Census. In 1966 they moved to the newly built Aguilar Gardens Coop. She worked for Community Board 8 for 28 years as the recording secretary. In those days there were no computers, and the minutes were recorded from hand written notes and typed on a typewriter. She loved her community. In the 1980's she took over as the President of the Mid Queens Community Council. She had quarterly meetings with her own four page newsletter. She also served as the treasurer for the 107th Precinct Community Council. She was also the 107th Precinct's first Auxiliary Officer. One of her closest friends was Pat Dolan, and I believe they kept each other sharp. She loved talking with Elected Officials and rallying to them. There are so many great memories that we have of Shirley.

Maria DeInnocentiis- Many of the things I wanted to say have been covered. I've known Shirley for about 38 years, starting with the reorganization of our Civic Association. It had been defunct during the 1970's until Tami and I started it back up. Shirley invited us to the join the Mid Queens Community Council and we met at Bob's house. Shirley was active in so many things. Shirley had a great love for the community and for the people who stood up for the little people. She loved the residents of Aguilar Gardens and was President for a long time. She used her knowledge to outreach to residents and seniors. She will be remembered fondly by many for her outspokenness, dedication to the community and the people she cared about. She will be missed by those who loved and respected her for the care she gave to all the residents in Queens and us on Community Board 8. I for one miss Shirley very much.

Chairman Warshaviak led the Community Board in a moment of silence in memory of Shirley Weinstein.

- I'd like to welcome Irving Poy from the Borough President's Office who is here tonight, who is very knowledgeable about zoning matters.

District Manager's Report, November 2015

District Manager Marie Adam-Ovide provided the following written report, and highlighted the reports from DDC, DEP and a meeting with the Street Activity Permit Office at the Community Board Meeting.

DOB

The Department of Buildings received an increase in work without a permit complaints from CB8 this past month. They are also receiving an increasing amount of complaints in Queens regarding homes being used for B & Bs.

The Department encourages residents/homeowners to take advantage of the homeowner's nights for assistance (i.e. curing violations, work permits etc.). It is held every Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 120-55 Queens Boulevard. You must have an ID card to enter the building.

DDC

QED 1001 Project - The Department of Design and Construction informed us that they have completed 86% of the work for this project. They are excavating from November 2nd to November 6th on Queens Boulevard southbound between 84th Drive and Hillside Avenue. National Grid will be doing work at that location.

The following water shut-offs are scheduled for Friday, November 13, 2015 in Briarwood:

- 86th Avenue between Queens Blvd and 138th Street
- 138th Street between 86th Avenue and 87th Avenue

DEP

Community Board 8's complaints were mostly related to leaks and noise last month. The new noise unit started in October. They are available for inspections Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and they are routed out mostly to address bar noise complaints.

There will be information about ways to prevent pipes from freezing during the winter months in your DEP bills [CB8 will also include information on this issue in our December Newsletter]. Frozen pipes may take up to 3 to 4 days to thaw and you will have to hire a plumber to address it; therefore, prevention is best.

HRA

Open enrollment began on November 1, 2015 and will end on January 31, 2016 to make any changes to your health coverage. If residents do not have health coverage through their employers they may be able to find a low-cost coverage through the NY State of Health, the official health plan market place. Information is available at www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov, by calling 311 or 1-855-355-5777.

DFTA

Daylight savings time ended on November 1st and it is a reminder to change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors if you have not done so. The best thing is to have a smoke and CO detector equipped with a lithium battery that lasts for ten years.

DPR – Parks is meeting with NY/NJ Child Conference to arrange for volunteers to clean the trails borough wide. They are starting to lose staff for the winter months. They will have more staff again in the spring, as is customary.

FDNY- There was an increase in both emergency and non-emergency calls made to the Fire Department last month. The actual number of fires were less for the same time period last year. The increase in calls may be due to fear. There were gas explosions in the news in recent months.

Con Edison – Contact 911 FIRST if electrical wires are on the ground then file a complaint with Con Edison by calling the 800 number.

DOH & MH - The Department of Health is encouraging everyone to take the flu shot this year. Pre-school students are required to take the flu shot by December 31st in order to attend school.

Assemblyman Simanowitz's office informed us that the assemblyman was able to secure \$2 Million for NYCHA. This funding will be used for security upgrades at Pomonok. NYCHA awaits DOB approval to proceed with the work.

The Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) held a meeting on Monday, November 2, 2015 with District Managers throughout the City. They reiterated the importance of submitting the applications for street activities (i.e. block parties, street festivals and special events) on time. At this time, if your application is late the website will not allow you to file for a permit past the deadline.

They also stressed the importance of applying for the right permit (i.e. a Block Party where there are no sales of goods or services versus a Street Fair where the general public can purchase goods or services). The fees for each type of event differs as well. Once you file an application and pay a fee, you cannot change the type of permit.

The Moratorium on multi-day and multi-block events is still in effect. The SAPO will not approve any new multi-day or multi-block event. The event must have taken place the previous year to be approved. More information is available at www.nyc.gov/cecm.

Borough President’s Representative – Susie Tanenbaum

- Borough President Katz held her land use Public Hearing today. One of the main items on the Agenda was the Zoning Text Amendments which you will be voting on tonight. The Borough Board will be voting on that item on Monday night.
- On November 6th, Borough President Katz hosted her annual Veterans Day event. This year marks the 70th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War. She honored three World War II veterans. It was very moving.

Seymour Schwartz- I was honored twice this week as one of 64 Veterans who were flown down to Washington D.C. They spared no expense and we were transported and guarded at all times at multiple memorials. Wherever we went we were well received by the public, waving and saluting.

- On November 4th, the Borough President held her annual Diwali event making the start of the Hindu festival of lights.
- On October 20th, at St. John’s University the Borough President partnered with Joe Sciamè’s Italian Heritage Committee on hosting the annual Italian Heritage Culture event. They honored five people, including Provost Robert Mangione who published over 100 articles and said “I don’t think I am worthy of this recognition.” I would like to congratulate Paul Lazauskas on taking care of all the behind the scenes details.
- Borough President Katz has a *save the date* Postcard for her State of the Borough Address at Queens College on January 21, 2016.

Office of City Planning – Stephen Everett

- I’d like to start by thanking Board 8 for hosting a Public Hearing on the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing text Amendment and the Zoning for Quality and Affordability Zoning Text Amendment on October 26th. I look forward to the Committee reports and discussion this evening.
- I’d like to wish everyone a continued Happy Holiday Season and I look forward to seeing everyone through the remainder of the year and into the next.

Barry Grodenchik, Councilman Elect of District 23

- I just wanted to come by this evening to let you know that I am the new Councilman East of 188th Street. There are so many friends in this room. My friend Alvin is a brother to me and Simon is both a brother to me and my treasurer. So many of you who helped me on my campaign are here tonight including Marc Haken and Tammy Oshero.
- Politics is over now, and I will be taking my seat on the City Council two days before Thanksgiving. The paperwork is being processed as we speak. I will be happy to be taking up the business of the people of this Community.
- It has been my pleasure since I was younger to serve this community. I grew up in Pomonok Houses, which some of you know is in the middle of Board 8. It was a fabulous place to grow up.

- You have great representation in this Board with my dear friend, Rory Lancman to the West. Please do not hesitate to contact me. Ari Gershman will be my Chief of Staff and he is already running the Office. We will be doing participatory budget.
- The largest institution in District 23 is Cunningham Park. I have lobbied already for upgrades in equipment and funding for programs. I have asked to serve on the two Committees of Transportation and Parks so far. As everyone knows, Eastern Queens is a transportation desert. Also, our district contains over 1,000 acres of park land.

Committee Reports:

Steven Konigsberg - Zoning Committee Chair-

ULURP Application No. N 160051 ZRY/ CEQR No. 16DCP028Y- Citywide Mandatory Inclusionary Housing ULURP Application No. N 160049 ZRY/ CEQR No. 15DCP071Y- Zoning for Quality and Affordability Text Amendment

Steven Konigsberg – We had two public hearings on October 19th. The presentations were made by Stephen Everett on behalf of the applicant. The City is trying to address a growing problem of housing the people in such a large city. The City believes the problem is due to a growing population, an aging population, a growing gap between rent price and income, the lack of supply of affordable housing units, and shrinking housing subsidies. The City devised two programs as a solution to this problem. The first one had to do with the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Text Amendment. That is an attempt to require any new residential building of 10 or more units to give something back by way of a percentage of affordable housing in order to take advantage of certain benefits. This would not have a great effect on many of the buildings currently in existence within Community Board 8 nor is there much opportunity for development along these lines in CB8.

Mark J. Lefkof moved to approve ULURP Application No. N 160051 ZRY/ CEQR No. 16DCP028Y- Citywide Mandatory Inclusionary Housing, seconded by Susan Cleary.

Kevin Forrestal- What was the vote at the public hearing? **Answer:** We did have a quorum at the public hearing. 15 Board Members voted against approval of this application, and one in favor. This proposal does not deal with poor people. Affordable Housing, as it is defined in this context, is not affordable to the average New Yorker. This is a one size fits all solution which requires rezoning and will accelerate gentrification. People that serve us in the less attractive and lucrative fields need to live in the City also. This is an ill-conceived plan.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

Count in favor 1 **Opposed:** 32 **Abstained:** 0

Board Members who voted in favor:

Bright Dae-Jung Limm.

Board Members who voted against:

Dr. Allen J. Bennett, Susan D. Cleary, Maria DeInnocentiis, Mary Maggio Fischer, Florence Fisher, Carolann Foley, Kevin Forrestal, James Gallagher Jr., Joshua Glikman, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Robert Harris, Sylvia Hernandez, Tami Hirsch, Steven Konigsberg, Paul S. Lazauskas, Mark J. Lefkof, Mitch Lisker, Elke Maerz, Frank Magri, Tamara Osheroov, Simon Pelman, Charlton Rhee, Jesse Rosenbaum, Steven Sadofsky, Seymour Schwartz, Michael F. Sidell, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin, Alvin Warshaviak, Jacob Weinberg.

Steven Konigsberg- The second Public Hearing we conducted that evening was what is known as the Zoning for Quality and Affordability Text Amendment. This is the second half of a similar type of application to address the shortage of housing that the City considers a growing problem. This application seeks to accomplish the same goal as the previous application, but also address certain shortages and excesses in the current zoning building regulations. The application aims to reduce building loss, create more affordable housing, create more beautiful city

landscapes, and make the city a better place. One of the things they would be doing is based upon studies addressing certain fiscally underperforming populations that would not have vehicle ownership because that would reduce public transportation. Therefore, anytime zoning requires new buildings to provide parking is not as necessary as once thought. The senior citizen population has lower rates of motor vehicle ownership, so again, parking requirements would be reduced. Parking would be reduced in areas with greater transportation services and neighborhoods that would be servicing senior housing. In addition there are certain building styles that would be encouraged to dress the City up and have nicer buildings. Allowing certain buildings to be taller, to be setback from the foundation, and have taller first floors would give the buildings more of a desirable appearance. One other thing that was mentioned in this program was that certain building materials are not utilized to their best ability with buildings longer than 60 feet in depth. This would allow shorter buildings to make better use of materials. The applicant believes their goals can be met with the stated changes, alongside Mandatory Inclusionary Housing. The vote at the public hearing was unanimously against this application.

Mark J. Lefkof moved to approve ULURP Application No. N 160049 ZRY/ CEOR No. 15DCP071Y- Zoning for Quality and Affordability Text Amendment, seconded by Michael Hannibal.

Marc A. Haken- Anything that reduces the required number of onsite parking spaces for development, be it of a one family home or 100 unit apartment building, is asinine. No one should vote for this.

Kevin Forrestal- We had the discussion at length on this proposal. There was a revised environmental statement to review this plan and some slight revisions were made. The problems we had with this application still stand and I urge you to vote against it.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

Count in favor 0 **Opposed:** 33 **Abstained:** 0

Board Members who voted in favor:

None.

Board Members who voted against:

Dr. Allen J. Bennett, Susan D. Cleary, Maria DeInnocentiis, Mary Maggio Fischer, Florence Fisher, Carolann Foley, Kevin Forrestal, James Gallagher Jr., Joshua Glikman, Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Robert Harris, Sylvia Hernandez, Tami Hirsch, Steven Konigsberg, Paul S. Lazauskas, Mark J. Lefkof, Bright Dae-Jung Limm, Mitch Lisker, Elke Maerz, Frank Magri, Tamara Oshero, Simon Pelman, Charlton Rhee, Jesse Rosenbaum, Steven Sadofsky, Seymour Schwartz, Michael F. Sidell, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin, Alvin Warshaviak, Jacob Weinberg.

Chairman Warshaviak invited Marilyn Mossop to come back and visit the Community Board anytime. He also wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Carolann Foley made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:57 p.m., seconded by Frank Magri.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Marziliano, CB8 staff
November 18, 2015*