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Minutes of Community Board 8 Board Meeting held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at the Hillcrest Jewish Center, 183-02 Union Turnpike in Flushing, New York

**Attendance:**

**Board Members Present:**

Dilafroz Ahmed, Jagir Singh Bains, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Dr. Allen J. Bennett, Robert H. Block, Susan D. Cleary, Maria DeInnocentiis, Brian DeMasters, Mary Maggio Fischer, Carolann Foley, Kevin Forrestal, James Gallagher Jr., Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Robert Harris, Tami Hirsch, Fakrul "Delwar" Islam, Bright Dae-Jung Limm, Paul S. Lazauskas, Frank Magri, Mitch Lisker, Jennifer Martin, Tamara Osherov, Frances Peterson, Charlton Rhee, Samuel Rodriguez, Jesse Rosenbaum, Steven Sadofsky, Annie Salvatore, Michael F. Sidell, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin, Alvin Warshaviak, and Stanley Weinblatt

**Board Members Absent:**

Edward Chung, Kenneth Cohen II, Monica Corbett, Allen Eisenstein, Florence Fisher, Howard A. Fried, Joshua Glikman, Steven Konigsberg, Mark J. Lefkof, Elke Maerz, Rabbi Schlomo Nisanov, Simon Pelman, Seymour Schwartz, Jacob Weinberg and Albert Willingham

**Others Present:**

Helen Ho representing Mayor Bill de Blasio, Susie Tanenbaum representing Borough President Melinda Katz, Eugene O'Neal representing Councilman Mark Weprin, Councilman Rory Lancman, Masis Sarkissian representing Councilman Rory Lancman, Anthony Lemma representing Assemblyman David Weprin, Courtney Cariello representing Assemblywoman Nily Rozic, and Stephen Everett representing City Planning.

**Call to Order:**

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

**Public Participation:**

**Judith Guttman**- I am the President of the Parkway Village Historical Society. Our Charter with the Board of Regents charges us with preserving not only Parkway Village but also its environs. The T-Building is our closest neighbor. We wish to thank the Chairman for creating a T-Building subcommittee and conducting it in such a transparent manner. After all, developers can advance their special interests to the BSA and the Planning Commission, but small grassroots groups like ours have you, and thankfully your special interest is us. The current T- Building proposal involves Martin Dunn, an affordable housing specialist. He has invited the Community Board and the Civics to visit some affordable housing sites elsewhere and perhaps some of my concerns can be resolved down the road, such as: Has he ever worked with Comunilife before? How does the promised supervision of highly at risk individuals proposed for the subsidized units compare with the promised lack of supervision described in the original Comunilife proposal? We all recall that we did not take the risks to our school children lightly back then. The only thing that has changed is the fact that there will only be 75 at risk individuals instead of hundreds. How iron clad is Mr. Dunn's 99 year lease with the hospital? Is there any backup plan if there are significant vacancies in the affordable housing component and does it include installing

more at risk individuals? Were such a scenario to develop, would those clients' needs outpace the staff Comunilife has pledged and budgeted to assign to the task. Despite my gloom and doom tone, I am cautiously optimistic as the T-Building proposal in its current iteration is more sensitive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood. Let's all hope the trend continues.

**Salute to the Flag**

Chairman Warshaviak led the salute to the flag.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Dr. Allen Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2014 seconded by Frank Magri.

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

**Board Members who approved the minutes:**

Dilafroz Ahmed, Jagir Singh Bains, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Dr. Allen J. Bennett, Robert H. Block, Susan D. Cleary, Maria DeInnocentiis, Brian DeMasters, Mary Maggio Fischer, Carolann Foley, Kevin Forrestal, James Gallagher Jr., Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Robert Harris, Tami Hirsch, Fakrul "Delwar" Islam, Bright Dae-Jung Limm, Paul S. Lazauskas, Frank Magri, Mitch Lisker, Jennifer Martin, Tamara Osharov, Charlton Rhee, Samuel Rodriguez, Jesse Rosenbaum, Steven Sadofsky, Annie Salvatore, Michael F. Sidell, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin, Alvin Warshaviak, and Stanley Weinblatt

**Board Members who did not approve the minutes:**

None

***Chairman Warshaviak introduced former Board Member and current City Councilman Rory Lancman to address the Community Board***

**Councilman Rory Lancman-** Good evening, I wanted to stop by and wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year as well as give an update about a few important things going on in our Community. First, let me remind everybody that if you are involved with an organization that gets funding from the City Council or would like to, now is the time to apply. The deadline to apply has now been moved up, so please try to get those applications in as soon as possible. You can reach out to Masis, my budget director, and he will give you the link. Everything is done online these days. The Council has told us that they are not going to consider late applications. I also wanted to mention the T-Building. Sey did come and meet with me. He discussed the Board's concerns regarding the site. This is the latest version of what they are proposing to do there. Whether or not it is something I end up supporting depends on where the proposal ends up once the Community has weighed in. I, like the Board, am very concerned that the building be constructed by Union workers. This is an issue that we are facing across the City, where there is a real drive to build affordable housing (which is terrific). In the process we are not paying people decent wages. They are paid off the books and people are being hurt on the job. I am cautiously optimistic that down the road we are going to hear some good news about that. I believe the De Blasio administration is attuned to that concern. I was surprised to hear that the community space available would be rented out at market rate. If that is the case, I do not understand what the big favor is that they are doing for the community. There is already plenty of storefront space at Union Turnpike. Those are issues that we are working on that are very important to me and people in the immediate area of Parkway Village and Hillcrest Estates. What the program will be, security, and tenants are all of concern to us in the start of this process. I know there are a lot of questions about the process. We received an opinion from the City Council confirming what HHC has been saying: This is not ULURP process, but HHC needs the permission of the City Council to proceed. I assume the Board will have a public hearing on this and make their position known, and knowing where I come from I am sure you know how important that is to me. Finally, there is a proposal which snuck up on me by surprise to institute Select Bus Service (sometimes called Bus Rapid Transit) for the bus routes on Main Street, Kissena, Parsons, and 164<sup>th</sup> Street between Flushing and Jamaica. That would almost certainly mean some closure of a traffic lane or parking lane on those streets. It caught me by surprise because the MTA's outreach focus has been in Flushing and Jamaica, not all the people that live in the middle. Assemblyman Michael Simanowitz and I wrote a strong Op-Ed piece in one of the local papers expressing our

strong opposition to any plans that would close traffic or parking lanes on any of those streets. The impact on traffic and congestion in the surrounding neighborhoods would be not worth what they are trying to accomplish. There is a hearing or some kind of Town Hall meeting at Townsend Harris High School regarding this issue next week. I hope that you come out and be heard (whatever your opinion may be) and at some point the Community Board will give its opinion on this matter.

**Chairman Warshaviak**- Kevin Forrestal will be giving a presentation later on the T-Building. We will not be taking a position on it tonight. You mentioned two issues regarding the T- Building; Union Labor and the rent for the Community space in the building. We believe there is a third thing we would like, which will include that some of the apartments go to veterans and some of the apartments go to residents within the Community Board district.

**Councilman Lancman**- It is important that there be as public and open a vetting process as possible. I think we are in the process with some of the other elected officials' offices to arrange visits to some of the other programs that are run by the organization that will run the program. The three components to this proposal are HHC, Dunn Development, and Comunilife. If anyone is interested in taking that tour, please reach out to my office and let Masis know.

**Chairman Warshaviak**- There is a motion by somebody in the Bronx to set term limits on Community Board Members. Where do you stand on that?

**Councilman Lancman**- I was asked about this in the Chronicle, I think. I do oppose it. The bill is sponsored by a member of the City Council from Manhattan. When I originally saw it I thought it was a terrible idea. It seeks to impose some term limits on Community Board members. I don't know if it is five or six two-year terms. I served on CB8 for 16 years so I'm not really in a position to advocate for term limits. What I have said is that the Community Board is different from the City Council. We [in the City Council] run for office, we try to get votes, and represent constituents on all issues far and wide. A Community Board is a little bit different in that each of you are a Civic/ Community/ Business/ Labor/ Leader in your own right. You're here to vote for the benefit of the whole community but also to represent those in those particular interests. While we do have a list of people that want to be on the Community Board, to arbitrarily remove people that have years of experience, knowledge, participate in meetings, and are the civic leader in their neighborhood is not a good way to ensure that the voice of the Community is heard. I don't think that bill is going anywhere to be honest with you. If I thought somebody on this Board should not be on this Board, I would just not reappoint them. I do support term limits for City Council members because it is incredibly difficult to run against an incumbent elected official. Community Boards are not elected legislative bodies.

**Susan Cleary**- I just wanted to mention that the DOT presentation on the BRT is on January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 p.m to 8:00 p.m. at Townsend Harris High School.

**Martha Taylor**- What is the deadline on those City Council Grants?

**Councilman Lancman**- The link is live and you can apply now. The deadline is February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**James Gallagher Jr.**- Is there any update on the Utopia Parkway flooding?

**Councilman Lancman**- Yes, I met with DEP regarding the flooding on Utopia Parkway about a year and a half ago. Jim Gennaro had DEP come and do a presentation at Ryan M.S. 216 on their plans to improve the flooding condition on Utopia Parkway. We had a meeting last month. They are tentatively interested in raising the manhole covers on the street to alleviate flooding. If they are able to raise the covers to a certain height they believe it would help. They asked me to reach out to DOT because they cannot do this work on their own, and the Commissioner told me she was open to that. I am hoping they get back to me soon as to their decision. It must be done in a way that does not affect drivability of the roads.

**Kevin Forrestal-** If DOT is going to repave in order to make the manhole covers flush with the street they should also learn how to pitch the streets correctly. The street floods because many of the streets in the district do not have correct pitch.

**Councilman Lancman-** When DOT and DEP are ready to say this is what we should do I will bring it to the Community Board.

**Samuel Rodriguez-** About five years ago these people from the T- Building came with proposals and they were denied. When we held a meeting, all the civic organizations were against the proposal. We are concerned because these people are using our money, the public money, to do these renovations. I have not seen any major changes between this proposal and the last. Then there is the smoke and mirrors about not using Union Labor. Why are some people changing their minds, especially the people in elected office? You told us now that you are waiting to hear more when five years ago you were opposed. Is there a special reason why? They have proposed nothing new. In addition, the same problems persist with nearby schools and not nearly enough supervision of these people.

**Councilman Lancman-** I am not their spokesperson or ambassador. They must come to the Community Board when their plans develop. I know that they came to the Committee that was set up with Seymour Schwartz. I know that there are differences, and whether they are enough to garner your support and mine is something we have to see. The differences include fewer residences, fewer special needs units, and there was a little more clarity on the conditional circumstances of who may be in those special needs units. The process is not anywhere near complete. I know there were people who were concerned and wanted to fight against the building being torn down, and that is no longer part of this new proposal. That is not my biggest concern, but to those people were concerned about that issue, this is a majorly different proposal. We need to determine whether we support this or not by answering the questions that have been raised, and visiting the sites in other parts of the program, and then we can make a decision as a community. I am not officially, informally, or even ‘wink wink’ in favor of this proposal yet, but they will come and answer all our questions.

**Chairman Warshaviak-** Kevin Forrestal is going to issue a report from the Health Committee. We did not make a decision at that meeting, nor will we give a yes or no tonight. We are just going to give as much information as we have. Thank you very much Councilman Lancman.

### **Chairman’s Report:**

- This first point item is one of the best things about being a Chairman, and something I don’t wish I have to say very often, and that is welcoming back Stanley Weinblatt. We hope to see you here, in good health and with that smile on your face for many years to come.
- Congratulations to Monica Corbett, who gave birth to a baby girl on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Her name is Maya Michelle.
- Congratulations to Mike Sidell, on the birth of a Great Grand Daughter on January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- I’d like to offer condolences to Allen Eisenstein on the passing of his mother, Mrs. Ida Eisenstein, as well as Harbachan Singh on the passing of his sister, Mrs. Ranjid .
- Last month Community Board 8 sent a letter in opposition to Intro 47, a bill that would remove the car parking requirements for all Livery base licenses. In a letter written to the Chair of the Government Affairs Committee, Harbachan Singh, from Councilman Mark Weprin stated he will oppose the bill.
- Board Member Marc A. Haken was on the front page of the Queens Examiner last week for his support of the Hollis Public Library.
- A very interesting presentation was given by the Port Authority that asserted that too much freight is coming into New York City through trucks, and they are proposing a major billion dollar Capital Project to expand railway trade from upstate New York and the Tri-State area.
- There is a very nice letter from Seymour Schwartz thanking all the Board Members for our support during this difficult time of the passing of his wife.

**Mary Bandziukas**- I am here today to talk about Queensborough Community College's Service Learning Program. If you are affiliated with a nonprofit organization especially, within schools, I would encourage you to get in touch with us and our program. The students that do Service Learning projects apply what they are learning in class to provide a service in the community. We say that this program is real, reciprocal, and reflective. It is a reciprocal program because both the student and community benefits. It is reflective because we build time into the program for the students to reflect and think about what they are doing. This experience is very broadening for many of the students that participate. We are limited to a 10 week program in the spring, but we still accomplish some really nice things. Some of our students have created brochures, and I have brought some examples along with me. One was completed for the Queens Historical Society for distribution to interested people. We have a wide variety of subjects, so that way if you have an idea there is someone that will work with you. We go into a lot of schools and senior centers.

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District Manager's Report, January 2015

**DFTA**

Our DFTA representative Darnley Jones is in charge of all senior citizen issues with the Access-a-Ride program. He informed us that there has been an increase in complaints in 2014. It appears that many of their vehicles are not equipped with GPS. *[If you are having any issues with this program, please contact the Community Board.]*

The agency is still working with all senior centers to prepare senior citizens for fire safety during the winter. They encourage seniors to purchase extension cords that have UL Approved seals. Others overload the sockets and may cause fires. In spite of urging seniors to have their boilers checked before the winter many wait until they have issues to take any action.

**DOB**

Department of Buildings may expedite boiler inspections for those who can show in writing that they have a hardship. Buildings will be working with DFTA if necessary to assist when a senior must replace a boiler and require inspection. They are only willing to expedite a regular replacement. All boiler conversions (i.e. oil to gas conversion) should be done in the summer.

The Department of Buildings has seen a decrease in written correspondence sent by snail mail. It is attributed to the use of 311 and email. Complaints sent via mail take longer to address.

**Fire Department**

The year-to-date stats for Community Board 8 are as follows:

- FDNY responded to 6489 calls in 2014
- 348 structural fires (25 less than last year)
- 2629 medical emergencies
- 25 suspicious fires (5 more than last year).

The Fire Department will be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. There will be many events held throughout the city to celebrate. I will keep you posted.

**Department of Design and Construction**

**QED 989(Hillcrest)**

All work and restoration under this contract have been completed. The attached QED-989 Newsletter was submitted to our office. If there are any unresolved issues, please contact the Community Board ASAP.

### **QED 1001(Briarwood)**

They have completed 61% of the water main replacement work. Final restoration of Parsons Boulevard from Hoover to GCP was completed. They will be working on the final restoration of 164<sup>th</sup> Street from Hillside Avenue to GCP.

The type of work being done is weather permitting. On very cold days like today they are unable to work.

### **Sanitation (DSNY)**

As of January 1, 2015, it is illegal to dispose of electronics at the curb for removal. If you do, DSNY personnel will not remove them and will post a notice (Red Sticker) on the electronics. The Community Board 8's January Newsletter has information on how and where they can be disposed. Buildings with 10 or more apartments can make arrangements to have them removed and information is available on [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov).

### **Department of Consumer Affairs**

The DCA is taking complaints against employers who do not provide employees with sick leave. The full-time employees are entitled to 40 hours of paid sick leave if the company has more than 5 employees. If they have 5 or less the employees are entitled to 40 hours of unpaid sick leave.

We were informed that hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers are missing \$2,000 to \$10,000 in tax credits, like the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Care Tax Credit. About 25% of eligible working families fail to claim their money – money families need to help pay for daily necessities – because many people don't know about these programs. DCA is encouraging New Yorkers to apply for the EITC. In addition, they are having a Phone-A-Thon on Saturday, January 31, 2015 and are looking for volunteers. The following time slots are available: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information and to register, please go to: [www.nyc.gov/dca](http://www.nyc.gov/dca).

DHS – On Monday, January 26, 2015, the department of Homeless services will conduct its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) count. Volunteers assist from approximately 10:30 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. If you wish to participate, please register at:

<https://a071-hope.nyc.gov/HOPE/welcome.aspx> .

Community Board 8 resolved 455 complaints in 2014! This is excluding inquiries and Transportation Committee requests. We are working towards doing even better in 2015.

### **Happy Birthday to Board Members:**

Jagir Singh Bains, Mike Sidell, Kenneth Cohen II, Maria DeInnocentiis, Frank Magri and Martha Taylor who are celebrating a birthday this month.

**Frank Magri**- Regarding the new Sanitation ban on throwing away electronics, I'd like to say that it is not the DSNY that is coming to take the electronics away. The service is being subbed out. In Electchester, the individuals we had come to interview for the job were mostly former convicts that drive the trucks. I do applaud the second chance opportunity for these rehabilitated individuals. I think it is important to be aware of who comes to your apartment (if you are in a development with more than 10 dwellings) to take these away.

### **Borough President's Representative – Susie Tanenbaum**

- January 22<sup>nd</sup> is Borough President Katz's State of the Borough Address at Queens College. You are all invited. She has extended a special invitation to Community Board members, in the hope that you RSVP and attend. Refreshments will be served. In order to RSVP you may log on to [www.queensbp.org/rsvp](http://www.queensbp.org/rsvp) or call (718) 286-2661. Parking will be available on Reeves Avenue and some parking will be provided by Queens College.

- NYC now has a Municipal ID program called ‘ID NYC.’ This is the first time that our City has issued a valid government ID. This program was launched on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> by Mayor De Blasio at the Flushing Library. The program is open to everyone regardless of immigration status. There are many benefits to apply, including membership to 33 different cultural institutions in NYC. You can download the application at [www.nyc.gov/IDNYC/](http://www.nyc.gov/IDNYC/) , or make the appointment through 311. Borough President Katz received her municipal ID card this afternoon.
- Borough President Katz will be hosting a Martin Luther King Jr. Day event. I’d like Marc A. Haken to say a few words about it:

**Marc A. Haken**- Harbachan Singh and I are members of the Borough President’s Martin Luther King African American Heritage Month Committee and we would like to invite everyone to our Martin Luther King Day Celebration. It will be held in conjunction with the Central Queens Library this Saturday at noon. You are all invited.

**Stephen Everett – City Planning**

- The past few times I have been here I have spoken about the ongoing efforts of City Planning regarding the Jamaica Action Plan. This includes District 8 and 12. We would like to thank everyone that has come out to our public conferences or the Transportation Committee of Board 8. We look forward to the plan coming out in the next several weeks.
- These are not all long term projects; we expect to see some immediate benefits.

**Committee Report:**

**Health Committee:**

**Kevin Forrestal, Area 3 Chair**

- In your packet, as Seymour Schwartz predicted, there is a superb set of minutes eight pages long. It is more like a transcript, and I’d like to commend Joseph Marziliano for doing that fine work. I will try to be very brief in giving you some highlights because I think maybe some of you may not have complied with Chairman Warshaviak’s request to read the minutes. When someone has a conflict of interest, it is preferable to follow what is known as the ‘three D’s’; disclose, discuss, and don’t vote. I am disclosing that I am an employee of the Health and Hospitals Corporation. The presentation started on December 17<sup>th</sup>, at the ad hoc Committee to deal with this issue. LaRay Brown, Senior Vice President for Regulatory Affairs from the HHC attended. She noted that the T-Building is a beautiful building but it cannot be used as a health facility at this time. They wanted to develop this building, reap a financial benefit, and work towards a solution to the very serious problem of discharging patients with housing issues. They are proposing a multi-use building with 205 apartments for the general public and one additional apartment for the superintendant. They proposed 90 studio apartments, of which 75 would be for special needs individuals. In the proposal there are also 49 one-bedroom apartments, 58 two-bedroom apartments, and eight three-bedroom apartments. She wanted to reaffirm that the demolition of the building is off the table. There is 20,000 ft.<sup>2</sup> of rent free space set aside for Queens Hospital Center’s back office operations. This space would provide the financial benefit to QHC and HHC in this proposal. Martin Dunn, the Principal of Dunn Development and Management, plan to take over the building’s management once they complete developing it. He spoke about their expertise in dealing with special populations in their buildings. So far they have done a walkthrough of the building, and they do not have specific plans. As these plans develop some of their numbers may change slightly. The 75 special needs units represent 36% of the total units in the proposed T-building. They also propose to have a front desk to provide a doorman/ security function 24 hours per day. In the evening there would be two doormen working, which would be contingent upon 75 special needs units. There are 8,000 ft.<sup>2</sup> set aside in the proposed building for community facilities, which would be charged to whichever organization that ends up to be. The population will be very varied; the allowed income level for some families would approach close to \$100,000 per year for affordable housing. They also propose to have market rate housing. The special needs population will be subject to final review by management which

will include criminal background checks. They will not accept convicted sex offenders, felons for classes A-E, drug traffickers, or arsonists. There would be a preference for municipal employees, QHC employees, and persons who wear uniforms. Regarding their budget, they are planning this as a non Union Labor Job. Quite frankly, if that changes then the nature of their proposal will have to change for financial reasons. Assuming that for every bedroom you have two people sleeping in that bedroom, that makes about 510 individuals. There are 100-110 parking spaces there to accommodate that population. In your packet you will also see that there is a letter from Congresswoman Grace Meng suggesting a provision be made for consideration of Veterans. At the Executive Committee last week the feeling was that it is premature to make a stand on the whole project but there is certain things that we think would preclude our endorsement. These include:

- The use of Union Labor in the development of the building.
- The use of the space set aside for community facilities should be given to the public free of charge.
- Special provisional consideration for veterans.

*Kevin Forrestal opened the floor to discussion and questions.*

**Frank Magri-** While you read the packet, keep in mind that 40% of these apartments are going to be at market value, so I do not think that using Union Labor on this job would be a problem.

**Robert Harris-** When this was discussed several years ago one of the problems that the people in Parkway Village and the people in the community around it had was that what would the people in the buildings be doing during the day? Would they be wandering around, would they sit in the neighborhood, or smoke and drink? What is being done to provide facilities for these people to have a social life in the building and not to wander the neighborhood? **Answer:** If you review the minutes, there is some discussion about community space within the building and there will be certain social activities and events. In the minutes you will also see the individuals are also people that need housing because they do not have accessibility to housing due to physical disabilities, mental/ behavioral issues, or precarious living arrangements where discharge from the hospital due to illness would not be back into sub optimal housing. There is not going to be an entertainment coordinator or recreation specialist. There will be social work and case management provided for the special needs tenants. We also do not know yet who the population is going to be. I think there is potential to discuss with them who those 75 people are.

**Samuel Rodriguez-** I do not know why they have to make any changes. I understand that the building right now is self sufficient. What is the problem to improve the building without causing this major dysfunction to the community and burden to the taxpayers? All these people that are going to be put there will be supported forever. The bureaucracy of the Hospital Industrial Complex has an interest. **Answer:** I can't answer that question.

**Mary Maggio-Fischer-** To answer your question, they stated that these are people who are already draining the Medicaid system. Your tax dollars are already paying more for them to lie in an institution until housing for them is found.

**Maria DeInnocentiis-** I was surprised that the developers are getting a 99 year lease. Was there any discussion as to what the value to HHC is going to be for 99 years? **Answer:** Mr. Dunn spoke about the fact that they are taking on major debt in order to finance the development of the building, and they need to secure the building for an extended period of time as if they owned it in order to do this. The HHC benefits by getting the space for back office operations.

**Frank Magri-** I applaud the request to put veterans inside the building. I don't know if Mr. Dunn does or does not hire Veterans, but I know the individuals that want to build this building. The building trades in NYC have hired thousands of 'Helmets to Hardhat' Veterans program.

**Susan Cleary-** I think we are all putting the cart before the horse. This proposal is nowhere at this point in time other than they will not tear down this beautiful building. If any of you are familiar with [the story of Astoria](#)

Cove, it is a 1,700 unit complex that was originally scheduled to be built with Non-Union Labor. Since then Costas Constantinides worked together with a bunch of people and that complex is now going up with Union Labor. Let's see what these people have to say.

**Chairman Warshaviak**- Susan, you are 100% right. That's why I said in the beginning that we formed this Committee just to keep everyone aware and to stay on top of this issue. The three or four provisions that we are going to seek the approval of the full board tonight will be specifications contingent on our eventual approval down the road.

**Kevin Forrestal**- Can I suggest that we take a motion on that?

**Motion:**

**Marc A. Haken made a motion to send a letter on behalf of the Community Board to the interested parties of the development of the T-Building asking for the following inclusions in their proposal: Use of Union Labor in the development of the T-Building, the use of the space set aside for community facilities be given to the public free of charge, and that there be special provisional consideration for admission of Veterans. The motion was seconded by Carolann Foley.**

**The motion was amended to include a fourth provision by Chairman Warshaviak to include a special consideration for tenant applicants of Community Board 8 residents. The amendment was accepted by Marc A. Haken.**

**Discussion:**

There was no further discussion.

*Kevin Forrestal called for a hand vote on sending this letter on behalf of the full Community Board. The measure passed unanimously, with no opposition.*

**Vote:                      In Favor: 34                      Opposed: 0                      Abstained: 1**

**Voted for:** Dilafroz Ahmed, Jagir Singh Bains, Carolyn Baker-Brown, Dr. Allen J. Bennett, Robert H. Block, Susan D. Cleary, Maria DeInnocentiis, Brian DeMasters, Mary Maggio Fischer, Carolann Foley, James Gallagher Jr., Marc A. Haken, Michael Hannibal, Robert Harris, Tami Hirsch, Fakrul "Delwar" Islam, Bright Dae-Jung Limm, Paul S. Lazauskas, Frank Magri, Mitch Lisker, Jennifer Martin, Tamara Oshero, Frances Peterson, Charlton Rhee, Samuel Rodriguez, Jesse Rosenbaum, Steven Sadofsky, Annie Salvatore, Michael F. Sidell, Harbachan Singh, Martha Taylor, Mohammed Tohin, Alvin Warshaviak, and Stanley Weinblatt

**Voted Against:** None

**Abstained:** Kevin Forrestal

*Chairman Warshaviak noted that the vote to send the letter passed unanimously.*

**Adjournment**

Carolann Foley made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:43 p.m., seconded by Frank Magri.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph Marziliano, CB8 staff  
January 16, 2015*