

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AND
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

B. Braton, D. Gilmartin, A. Gellineau, A. Antonino, J. Caruso, F. Dardani, R. Ciulla-Frisone, I. Brasile, M. Finnerty, N. Beneduce, H. Kamph, S. Pace, J. Calcagnile, C. Malizia, P. Lynch, M. Salim, R. Ferrara, M. Ali, R. Martinez, P. Granickas, J. Fazio, D. Mitchell, D. Quintana, N. Santiago, J. Ariola, R. Teuschler, P. Ellison, L. Walker, I. VanPutten, J. Patron, L. Gerardi, L. Amorim, M. Vecchio, J. Cavanagh, R. Hitlall, A. Cosentino, I. Dimoh, G. Duldulao

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

P. Baumann, L. Harricharran, E. Holland, S. McCabe, B. Ramsundar, G. Russo

COMMUNITY BOARD 10 STAFF PRESENT: K. Petersen, DM; M. Turso

OTHERS PRESENT: Hon. J. Addabbo, Jr.; Hon. P. Goldfeder; Hon. R. Wills; L. Savinkin, Rep. Hon. H. Jeffries; P. McCabe, Rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; D. Renz, Rep., Hon. M. Miller, N. Jones, Rep., Hon. M. Titus; H. Singh-Toor, Rep., Hon. D. Weprin; E. Svartzman, Rep. Hon. P. Goldfeder; P. Osina, Rep., Hon. S. Stringer; A. Brown, Rep., Hon. E. Ulrich, G. Caliendo, RA; S. Anaconostu, RA; A.C. D. Barrere, C.O., NYPD PBQS; D.I. J. Schiff, C.O. 106 Pct.; Capt. J. Ganley, X.O., 106 Pct.; Det. K. Zorn, 106 Pct. P. Jenkins & S. Austrie, Resorts World

The Chairperson began the meeting at 7:45 P.M. and asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. She then commenced with the Public Hearing for the evening, pursuant to Section 72-21 of the NYC Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, BSA Cal. No.: 24-14-BZ, premises at 106-02 Sutter Avenue; an application to permit the vertical enlargement of an existing one family dwelling and conversion from one dwelling unit to two dwelling units which does not comply with 23-45 and 23-46 ZR on an existing narrow lot located in an R4 zoning district. The Chairperson introduced Mr. Gerald Caliendo, the architect and applicant before the BSA, representing the present owner, Mr. Frank Moreno. He explained that the application's purpose is to legalize an extension of a 2nd floor that the previous owner enlarged. The buyer of the property did not know that there was an extension that did not comply with the law. Now he is going through the process of legalizing it. The lot is a narrow lot on the corner of Sutter Avenue and 106th Street, similar to many of the properties in the area. The property is short relative to its yard setbacks. Mr. Caliendo introduced Ms. Sandy Anaconostu who explained that the side yards do not comply with the zoning resolution. She stated that they feel this particular case does meet the five findings under 72.21 of the NYC Zoning Resolution. Without this variance, the owner is facing a great financial hardship and requests the Board's approval. The Chairperson asked if there were any comments or statements from the public. There were none. The chairperson opened the floor to the Board members. A member asked what the size of the property was and was told that it was 25'x97'. The Chairperson of the Land Use Committee stated that the committee had met to review the matter on March 25th. After hearing the presentation and having discussed the matter that evening with the present owner and architect, the committee felt that the owner did deserve the relief that they were requesting due to the circumstances the new property owner inherited. What was questionable is how this was not known at the time he purchased the property; however, the sale went through. The Land Use Chairperson mentioned that this happens quite often. There were concerns that the building would be used as an investment property rather than a live-in property. The owner stated that he intends to live there. A positive fact about the property is that there is no outside entrance to the cellar; it is only accessible from within. It was expressed by the Land Use Committee Chairperson that there was no possibility of an illegal basement to be created, which would turn the property into an

illegal 3 family home. A recommendation to approve the variance requested was made by J. Calcagnile. S. Pace seconded the motion. A member expressed concerns with the fact that the property owner could use the building as an investment property. The owner, Mr. Frank Moreno was present at the meeting and stated that he intended to live in the home. A member expressed the opinion that the possibility exists that any of the properties in the area could do the same thing but felt that the new owner deserved the relief, especially since it was not a self-created hardship; the previous owner did the work with a self-certification application. The Board Chairperson informed members that stated there was a history at the property of illegal construction and of stop work orders. The Land Use Committee Chairperson stated that the previous owner before construction should have done what the new owner is doing now in seeking a variance. It will now become a legal home. Discussion ensued. The Chairperson restated that motion to approve. All were in favor with 0 opposition, 0 abstaining. Motion carried.

The Chairperson acknowledged a new Board member, Mr. Mohammad Iqbal Ali.

The Chairperson informed the members that the planned Guest Speaker for the evening, Commissioner Pierre-Louis of the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, was unable to attend and will be rescheduled at a future date.

The Chairperson then acknowledged the presence of Council Member Ruben Wills. Councilman Wills gave several updates on what was happening in the community. He spoke of the city's homeless and of the Skyway Men's Shelter, stating that the 39 level 2 and 3 sex offenders that had been living at the facility had been moved out. He announced free tax preparation services that he is sponsoring and the Tax Lien Sale Outreach Event that will be held on April 22nd from 5 to 7 pm at the Department of Finance Queens Business Center in Jamaica. He also advised of free legal services that he is providing out of his office, 10 am to 6 pm every Monday. A lawyer will be present to give legal assistance for free. He mentioned funding that is given to community schools for computer programs, etc. He commented that April is Autism Month. He stated that legislators are planning to pass a mass package of bills for Autism. He spoke about Sanitation with regard to a press conference that will be held on April 7th wherein they have secured funds for a group called Wildcats, similar to the Doe Fund, to clean the commercial corridors 3 times a week starting Monday. Sanitation has provided extra manpower. He warned that businesses, places of worship, not for profits, etc. that do not clean the street and curb in front of their property may be given violations. He spoke about charter schools stating that he is not against charter schools, however he was against co-locations. He has a lawsuit, fighting against co-locations. A member asked where the Wildcat cleaning would be done. The Councilman stated that the clean up within CB10 would start from the Van Wyck Service Road, 134th Street to 117th Street. If more cleaning is needed, he will partner with Council Member Eric Ulrich to secure more funding to continue the work past 117th Street. Discussion ensued.

The Chairperson commented that one of the issues that Council Member Wills mentioned, the presence of registered sex offenders at the Skyway Shelter, has been an ongoing issue in the Board area. The Chairperson further commended the work of the men and women of the 106th Precinct, under the leadership of former CO DI Pascale and the current leadership of DI Schiff, which has prevented any incidents emanating from those offenders while they were living at the shelter. The Chairperson also thanked the Board's District Manager and Board member A. Gellineau, who have regularly participated with PS 124, the shelter management, and the police department at shelter advisory board meetings to insure that no untoward incidents occurred, especially any involving children.

The Chairperson acknowledged the presence of Larry Savinkin, representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, Pat McCabe, representing State Senator Joseph Addabbo, David Renz, representing Assembly Member Mike Miller, Harpreet Singh-Toor, representing Assembly Member David Weprin, Eugene Svartzman, representing Assembly Member Phil Goldfeder, Sasha Austrie, representing Resorts World, Arlene Brown, representing Council Member Eric Ulrich and Pesach Osina, representing Comptroller Scott Stringer.

The Chairperson acknowledged Deputy Inspector Jeffrey Schiff who spoke about the state of his command. He commented that the area is up in robberies, most occurring in the early morning and afternoon. He believes it may be a truancy problem and that John Adams H.S. has been notified. He spoke about his home program where an officer will visit with the family in the evening and speak with the youth and the parents. There are programs that are free throughout the city that can help the parent deal with the problem youth. He encouraged all to be aware of their surroundings. He stressed that cars should not be left running without being in them. Grand Larceny Auto has increased since last year. He also spoke about an increase in assaults, mainly domestic assaults. A joint seminar was conducted with the 102nd Precinct, educating the public to what domestic crime and some of the remedies that are

available to the victim. This program has been pushed at PTA meetings and civic association. Burglaries are down for the most part, however there have been spikes in Howard Beach and South Ozone Park, particularly between Rockaway Boulevard and the Conduits. There are assets in those areas and the Borough NYPD Command has provided additional officers temporarily. He stated that the men and women of the 106th Precinct would always do the best they can. He assured everyone that he would be available and work as hard as he can for the community that he serves. The Chairperson commented that the domestic violence issue mentioned by DI Schiff is one of the reasons Commissioner Pierre-Louis asked to come to speak at the meeting.
(M. Salim arrived at 8:25 pm)

The Chairperson acknowledged Assembly Member Phil Goldfeder and invited him to speak. He stated that the budget that was passed in Albany on Monday, marked the 4th year in a row that it was passed on time. He expressed his view that the budget contains historic increases for education. They were able to provide Pre-K and not raise taxes. For the first time in the budget, Albany has included funds for resiliency and storm preparedness for the future on a much larger scale. He also stated that he was unhappy that the budget cut the MTA by \$30 million. He commented that April is Autism Awareness Month. NYFAC in Howard Beach is doing a great job.

The Chairperson continued with the regular order of business.

The Chairperson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March minutes. There were none.

The Chairperson opened the floor to Board Officers' nominations for the year 2014-15. F. Dardani nominated B. Braton for the position of Chairperson, S. McCabe for the position of 1st Vice Chairperson, J. Calcagnile for the position of 2nd Vice President, N. Santiago for the position of Executive Secretary and I. Van Putten for the position of Treasurer. G. Duldulao nominated R. Ciulla-Frisone for the position of Executive Secretary; J. Fazio nominated J. Calcagnile for the position of 1st Vice Chairperson. P. Lynch nominated S. McCabe for the position of 2nd Vice Chairperson. A. Antonino nominated J. Fazio for the position of 2nd Vice Chairperson. M. Salim nominated R. Hitlall for the position of 2nd Vice Chairperson. T. Cosentino nominated D. Gilmartin for the position of 2nd Vice Chairperson.

The Chairperson conducted a roll call vote for the contested position of 1st Vice Chairperson. The candidates were S. McCabe and J. Calcagnile. The vote was as follows:

| <u>SEAN MC CABE</u> | <u>JOHN CALCAGNILE</u> | <u>ABSTAINING</u> | <u>NOT VOTING</u> |
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| Louis Amorim | Angie Antonino | Anthony Gellineau | Mohammad Ali |
| Anthony Bellantoni | Joann Ariola | Leonora Gerardi | (new member first time |
| Ida Brasile | Nick Beneduce | 2 | attending) |
| Betty Braton | John Calcagnile | | |
| Rosemary Ciulla-Frisone | James Caruso | | |
| Tony Cosentino | John Cavanagh | | |
| Frank Dardani | Geoffrey Duldulao | | |
| Irene Dimoh | Phyllis Ellison | | |
| Rosemarie Ferrara | John Fazio | | |
| Donna Gilmartin | Margaret Finnerty | | |
| Romeo Hitlall | Peter Granickas | | |
| Howard Kamph | Phil Lynch | | |
| Joy Patron | Carmela Malizia | | |
| Marilyn Vecchio | Ruben Martinez | | |
| 14 | Dorothy Mitchell | | |
| | Sal Pace | | |
| | Jose Quijano | | |
| | David Quintana | | |
| | Mohammad Salim | | |
| | Nellie Santiago | | |
| | Renate Teuschler | | |
| | Isabel Van Putten | | |
| | Linda Walker | | |

Mr. Calcagnile was elected to serve as 1st Vice Chairperson.
(J. Cavanagh left meeting at 8:30 pm)

The Chairperson conducted a roll call vote for the contested position of Executive Secretary. The candidates were Nellie Santiago and Rosemary Ciulla-Frisone. The vote was as follows:

| <u>NELLIE SANTIAGO</u> | <u>ROSEMARY CIULLA-FRISONE</u> | <u>NOT VOTING</u> |
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| Luis Amorim | Joann Ariola | Mohammad Ali |
| Angie Antonino | Nick Beneduce | |
| Anthony Bellantoni | Ida Brasile | |
| John Calcagnile | Betty Braton | |
| Anthony Cosentino | James Caruso | |
| Frank Dardani | Rosemary Ciulla-Frisone | |
| Phyllis Ellison | Irene Dimoh | |
| John Fazio | Geoffrey Duldulao | |
| Phil Lynch | Rosemarie Ferrara | |
| Ruben Martinez | Margaret Finnerty | |
| Sal Pace | Anthony Gellineau | |
| Jose Quijano | Leonora Gerardi | |
| David Quintana | Donna Gilmartin | |
| Nellie Santiago | Peter Granickas | |
| Renate Teuschler | Romeo Hitlall | |
| Isabel Van Putten | Howard Kamph | |
| Marilyn Vecchio | Carmela Malizia | |
| Linda Walker | Dorothy Mitchell | |
| 18 | Joy Patron | |
| | Mohammad Salim | |
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Ms. Ciulla-Frisone was elected to serve as Executive Secretary.

The Chairperson conducted a roll call vote for the contested position of 2nd Vice Chairperson. The candidates were Donna Gilmartin, Sean McCabe and Romeo Hitlall. John Fazio respectfully declined his nomination. The vote was as follows:

| <u>DONNA GILMARTIN</u> | <u>SEAN MC CABE</u> | <u>ROMEO HITLALL</u> | <u>NOT VOTING</u> |
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| Luis Amorim | Joann Ariola | Romeo Hitlall | Mohammad Ali |
| Angie Antonino | Anthony Bellantoni | Mohammad Salim | |
| Rosemary Ciulla-Frisone | Nick Beneduce | 2 | |
| Anthony Cosentino | Ida Brasile | | |
| Frank Dardani | Betty Braton | | |
| Irene Dimoh | John Calcagnile | | |
| Phyllis Ellison | James Caruso | | |
| John Fazio | Geoffrey Duldulao | | |
| Leonora Gerardi | Rosemarie Ferrara | | |
| Donna Gilmartin | Margaret Finnerty | | |
| Ruben Martinez | Anthony Gellineau | | |
| Dorothy Mitchell | Peter Granickas | | |
| Joy Patron | Howie Kamph | | |
| David Quintana | Phillip Lynch | | |
| Nellie Santiago | Carmela Malizia | | |
| Isabel Van Putten | Sal Pace | | |
| Linda Walker | Jose Quijano | | |
| 17 | Renate Teuschler | | |
| | Marilyn Vecchio | | |
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Mr. McCabe was elected to the office of 2nd Vice Chairperson.

The Chairperson then conducted a voice vote for the uncontested Board officer positions.

Chairperson – Betty Braton 0 opposed, 0 abstaining

Treasurer – Isabel Van Putten 0 opposed, 0 abstaining

The Board Officers elected to serve until April 2015 are:

B. Braton, Chairperson

I. Van Putten, Treasurer

J. Calcagnile, 1st Vice Chairperson

R. Ciulla-Frisone, Executive Secretary

S. McCabe, 2nd Vice Chairperson

The Chairperson acknowledged Assistant Chief David Barrere, Commanding Officer of the NYPD Patrol Borough Queens South and invited him to speak. Chief Barrere gave some background on his career, stating that he has had that assignment since January, 2014. He has 24 years on the force in uniform and in the last few years had been assigned to the detective bureau in Brooklyn. Now he is happy to state that he is back in Queens. He commented that he felt community boards are where things happen. He is looking forward to working with the community. He thanked the Board for allowing him to speak. The Chairperson reiterated what had been said earlier in the evening before the Chief's arrival regarding the excellent work of the precinct leadership and personnel with regard to and ongoing issue of numerous registered sex offenders at the Skyway Men's Shelter. The Chairperson asked if there were any questions. A member thanked the commander for the help and presence of police in Howard Beach due to recent incidents. Discussion ensued. The Chairperson thanked Chief Barrere for attending and for the attention he had provided to Howard Beach. She also reminded him that CB10 and the 106 Pct. also serve the communities of Ozone Park, South Ozone Park, and part of Richmond Hill. His response to the burglary pattern in Howard Beach with the influx of manpower and the placement of a command center there has set a precedent that all of our communities will rightfully expect whenever there are unfortunate spikes in crime in them.

The Chairperson acknowledged the presence of State Senator Joseph Addabbo and invited him to speak. He spoke about the State budget being passed on time for four consecutive years in a row. He stated that this is the first time in a number of years that the budget has a surplus. He spoke about the tax credits that will result because of this surplus for homeowners and renters; for seniors, the expansion of Epic. More money has been given to Education, Pre-K, and libraries. Employers will receive a tax credit for hiring veterans or those with disabilities. He provided a written summary of the budget for those interested in reviewing it. He announced the recycling event that would be held on Sunday, April 6 at 10 am to 2 pm at the Forest Park Bandshell parking lot. He also announced that on Friday, May 30th he will sponsor a job fair for seniors only, 50 and over at 80-02 Queens Boulevard/Kew Gardens Road. He wished everyone happy holidays.

CORRESPONDENCE – The Chairperson reviewed incoming correspondence for the month of March 2014, which included:

- Copy of letter written by State Senator Joseph Addabbo to Borough President Melissa Katz, requesting a specific postal address for Resorts World Casino, as presently the address is shared with Aqueduct Racetrack.
- Announcement of the upcoming Recycling Day, to be held on Sunday, April 6th at 10 am to 2 pm at the George Seufferts Sr. Bandshell parking lot located in Forest Park, sponsored by Senator Joseph Addabbo and Assembly Member Mike Miller.
- Announcement of the Woodhaven Boulevard Select Bus Service Community Planning Workshop to be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm at JHS 210, Elizabeth Blackwell, 93-11 101st Avenue sponsored by the NYC DOT and the MTA.

The Chairperson stated that if there were any questions with regard to the directed mail contained in the board folders to please contact her.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer reported the expenditures for the month of March 2014.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT – Mr. Brown reported that the letter from Senator Addabbo was received regarding the request for a separate address for Resorts World Casino. He stated that this would not be an issue. The Borough President held the first meeting of Veterans on March 27th. It was a big success. On May 22

the Annual Veterans Memorial Ceremony will be held in the Veterans Garden followed by reception that will include a first time ever Veterans Art Exhibit. He commented that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Borough President has a task force on Domestic Violence. Flyers are available. An event will be held on Wednesday, April 23rd at 10 am at Borough Hall. Mount Sinai Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Programs will provide a workshop in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This summer a series of health fairs will be held, one in Board 10 and one in Board 14. More information will be forthcoming. He commented that he is the liaison for the Borough President for the Build it Back program. Anyone experiencing difficulties with the program should contact him. He stated that he has been sending email blasts on various information and job opportunities that he receives. He would be happy to include anyone interested to this list. Lastly, he stated that Borough President Melinda Katz wants everyone to know that Borough Hall is open to all.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT – No report.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – The District Manager reported that the Board office received notification that on one day only, between Wednesday, April 2nd and Friday April 18th, the NYC Department of Transportation Division of Bridges will close eastbound and westbound lanes on the Belt Parkway under Cohancy Street to repair under-deck shielding and re-point joints in the cladding stones. Lanes will be closed between 12:01 am and 5:00 am. At least one lane in each direction will remain open to traffic at all times. The office was also notified that the Metro Van will be in front of the Foch Post Office at 126-15 Foch Blvd., South Ozone Park on Tuesday, April 29th from 1 to 3 pm. She also advised that Community Board 10 now has a new official website, www.nyc.gov/qnscb10.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – The Chairperson reported that at the last Borough Board meeting the Borough Board voted on its FY 2015 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities. A hard copy is available for review. All of the Board’s priorities are included as well as other matters of concern to the community. On March 29th, the mayor announced the implementation of some structural changes to streamline the Build it Back process. She commented on the changes to help homeowners to speed up repairs. On the Build it Back website, there is a new booklet that is 24 pages long, posted on March 28th. The updates are indicated on that website. She then referred to a flyer contained in the Board folders on goals and recovery functions. The flyer contains a “note” indicating that the project boards displayed at the March 10th public meeting on the New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program held at Russo’s on the Bay may be found and downloaded at: <http://stormrecover.ny.gov/nyrcr/community/new-howard-beach-and-old-howard-beach>. The Chairperson passed around the file for the Board’s review. The committee’s work has been completed as far as its plan being written and submitted to the state. It is very detailed and contains very good concepts. The Chairperson reported on 311 complaints for the month. At our May Community Board meeting, the State DEC will attend advising of further information with regard to the governor’s \$40 million project for the Spring Creek Hazard Mitigation Project. A member commented on the Build it Back issue and stated that when DEC was at a previous meeting, he had mentioned to them that some residents were having difficulty obtaining permits because of the close proximity to the water. He wanted to know if there was any update on the matter. The Chairperson responded he would be able to ask that next month when DEC was present. Build it Back has identified the properties that are 50% or more damaged that have to be rebuilt or elevated. It appears that the city is going to engage in a process to ease the obtaining of permits to do that. There may be Land Use applications coming before us soon as it appears they will be done in batches by neighborhood. Our community does not have too many homes that fit that category. She stated that she understood that this was not entirely what the member had inquired about, however at the meeting that the District Manager attended earlier in the week, one of the issues in terms of Built it Back where decks and other structures in the back of homes on the water that may have been damaged will possibly not be covered by Build it Back. Mr. Brown advised that on April 28th the next meeting of the Borough President’s Hurricane Relief Task Force at Borough Hall would be held. The Chairperson and District Manager will be in attendance as well as the Land Use Chairperson. Representation from DEC will be there, so that issue could possibly be discussed. The Chairperson also reported that some who live in the Centreville area have received notices on court actions on the acquisitions. This is part of the process with regard to the sewer project moving forward. On Friday, some airport workers are planning a rally and they will be marching from JFK Airport along Lefferts Blvd.

SUMMER YOUTH & OTHER EMPLOYMENT – The Committee Chairperson advised the report was contained in Board folders. She encouraged all interested in employment opportunities for summer youth positions to visit DYCD or DCAS websites. (www.nyc.gov/DYCD, www.nyc.gov/DCAS.) Applications are available on line and she had some with her. Deadline is April 25th. She stated that one of her committee members, was able to get 19

students to apply online and most of them were able to obtain jobs. Among the job opportunities she advised of were for school crossing guards as well as lifeguards. Lifeguards will be tested by the Parks Department for qualifications. Crossing guards must apply through the Police Department. She also advised that the DCAS website has monthly information on civil service exams. A member mentioned that she shares the job opportunity sheets with her church, which posts it. She stated that a blacksmith was in need of a job and there coincidentally was a city job listing for a blacksmith and he was able to get the job.

A member commented favorably on the provision of written reports by the committee. The Board Chairperson thanked this committee chair and all the committee chairs that compile information so that a copy can be included into the folders and can be shared throughout the community.

GATEWAY – The committee chairperson reported that there was a meeting scheduled next Tuesday with the CAC. The superintendent of Gateway National Parks will be attending. The 10 priorities will be reaffirmed for the park.

LIBRARIES – The committee chairperson commented on a flyer that indicated the implementation of a 24-hour return policy at the Lefferts Library for the return of books. It is a machine that is available 7 days a week, 365 days a year where people may return books and get a receipt. She also indicated that you can download books from the library's website.

EDUCATION – The committee chairperson commented that he had copies of the 2015 Preliminary Budget Report and information on Pre-K and after school programs and that he would provide to the Board members.

PUBLIC SAFETY – The committee chairperson reported that the Public Safety Committee met to discuss the Mayor's Vision Zero policy proposal. He thanked the Board Chairperson for the PowerPoint Presentation. He stated that the committee is in support of the concept of the mayor's proposal for Vision Zero and presented the committee's recommendation that the full Board support the Vision Zero policy. The Board Chairperson restated that the committee was making a recommendation that the Board support, in concept, the mayor's policy that has been presented in his Vision Zero plan. She asked if there was a second. A. Antonino seconded. A. Bellantoni and R. Ciulla-Frisone disclosed they work for agencies involved therefore they recused themselves from the vote. All were in favor. There were 0 opposing, 0 abstaining. Motion carried. The Committee Chairperson advised that the Crime Stat Report was in the Board folders.

TRANSPORTATION – The Committee Chairperson advised that the report was contained in the Board folders.

JFK INTERNATIONAL – The committee had no report, but used her time to congratulate Ms. Ciulla-Frisone for being elected Executive Secretary. She also thanked the Board members who voted for her, even though she lost the election. The Board Chairperson stated that the Board thanks Ms. Santiago for her many years of service as the Executive Secretary and also pointed out for newer members as well as all present that Ms. Santiago is probably one of the longest serving Board members in the Borough of Queens who has served our Borough and community well.

SUB-COMM. JFK (P.A.) – The committee chairperson reported that the governor has directed the Port Authority to take action with regard to noise control. Round table discussions will be held with FAA representatives and local officials for JFK and LaGuardia. She stated that they are also talking about portable noise monitors so that they can be put into communities that do not presently have them and that will be moved around where they are needed. The Port Authority is establishing a new Aviation Noise Office. There will be people responding to calls, not just a recording. The hotline for complaints is 1-800-225-1071. There is also a new flight tracking system in place called Web Track, where people may go online and put in the time of day to see the aircraft that went over a house, the altitude and where it was going, where it came from and the number of the plane. Also, the AirTrain is not in use during certain times in April due to construction work. Shuttle buses will be going back and forth to the terminal.

AQUEDUCT – The committee chairperson reported that Saturday, April 5th Aqueduct would be sponsoring the Wood Memorial race. She cautioned that traffic in the area might be heavy due to this event. The potential impact to the community has been discussed with NYRA, Resorts World and the Police Department. Resorts World has obtained approval for the construction of a covered walkway going from the Conduit to the train station. Construction is going to begin this month and will take about 5 weeks. The "No Children" policy has been modified. Entry to the building for those less than 18 years of age is limited directly from the upper level parking

area not the front entrance. Upper level parking entrance will allow for the patrons dining with children to access the two restaurants (not the food court) as well as the third floor for various entertainment venues that are suitable for children. Parking is no longer free in the parking garage for the red card club players. The parking fee will be \$5.00. As of April 21st, Resorts World will open 10 am and close at 4 am. They will no longer open at 8 am. The bus pad needs to be reconstructed where the Q37 comes in, so they moved the stop closer to the building temporarily. The Board Chairperson advised that the full state fiscal year financial reports submitted by the casino are available online at the NY Lottery website.

LAND USE – The committee chairperson reported on the activity in Centreville with regard to the sewer project that is moving forward (411B) wherein residents have received packages of information. Mr. Calcagnile thanked everyone for his or her support in electing him to the office of 1st Vice Chairperson. He stated that this was the first time he's ever won an election in two consecutive months. He stated that this is a good Board and all will work together on future issues.

PARKS – The committee chairperson reported that DPR had granted an extension of one month to get the Cedar Lane Stables in order. He reported that it DPR is considering having Gallop NYC on site. They are a horseback riding facility for children with special needs. Gallop NYC has been talking with the Federation about moving in as a full time tenant. Under the new agreement, the Federation will be responsible for the care of the horses. Under the old agreement the owners were responsible for the care of the horses. The Parks Department has put the Federation in touch with other horse organizations to get guidance. Parks is waiting for the Federation to submit their plan. The committee chairperson emphasized that there are still no answers on the type of things that go on at the stables. Trucks have been seen at the site, buildings being put up, etc. Answers are necessary with regard to those questions and DPR should be consulting with the local community before allowing additional groups to utilize the site.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS – The committee chairperson advised the report was contained in Board folders

OLD BUSINESS – A member commented on the use of noise monitors at JFK.

The Chairperson thanked the Board for re-electing her to the office of Chairperson. She thanked everyone for their assistance, especially the committee chairs that take the time to do the work, ferret out information and prepare their reports.

NEW BUSINESS –None

PUBLIC FORUM – MaryAnn Carey, District Manager of Community Board 9 Queens was in attendance and spoke of a street-renaming proposal CB 9 would be voting on.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

MaryAnn Turso
Draft, subject to approval