

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AND
PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 2, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: G. Russo, S. McCabe

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Hon. M. Katz, Borough President of Queens; Hon. H. Jeffries, MC; Hon. P. Goldfeder; D. Brown, QBPO; L. Savinkin, Rep., Hon. H. Jeffries; P. McCabe, Rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; M. Duvalle, Rep., Hon. James Sanders; L. Blira-Koessler, Rep., Hon. M. Miller; H. Singh-Toor, Rep., Hon. D. Weprin; A. Katz, Rep., Hon. P. Goldfeder; P. Osina, Rep., Hon. S. Stringer; M. Leas, J. Diaz, & K. Ou, SCA; E. Yun, Dept. of Small Business Services; D.I. J. Schiff, C.O., 106 Pct.; PO B. Reddick & PO Paese, 106 Pct.; S. Austrie, Resorts World Casino

The Chairperson began the meeting at 7:45 P.M. and asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairperson announced that anyone interested in speaking during the public hearing on the new school site is invited to place their names on the sign-in sheet provided.

As our Guest Speaker, Queens Borough President, Melinda Katz had not yet arrived, Chairperson Braton opened the first public hearing for the evening, the Capital & Expense Budget for Fiscal Year 2016. She asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak with regard to any item they would like to see included into the Capital & Expense Budget for the Board to consider in formulating its FY 2016 priorities. There were no comments from the public. The Chairperson then read a letter from Mr. Roger Gendron, President of the New Hamilton Beach Civic Association in regard to an issue that the Civic is asking to be included into the Capital Budget. The issue was with regard to the paving/reconstruction of 104th Street. The civic association requested the Board's support. The Chairperson once again asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak. Ms. Donna Montique stated that 134th Street from 133rd Avenue to Rockaway Boulevard is in dire need of street repairs. Ms. Michele Roberts stated that the triangle at 132nd Avenue, 131st Street and Lincoln Street is in need of paving. She stated that there is no sidewalk or drainage. There were no other speakers. The Chairperson closed the public hearing.

The Chairperson informed the members that Joanna Field, representative from the Department of Environmental Conservation, who was scheduled as a guest speaker to give an update on the Spring Creek Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project, was unable to attend due to a personal matter. She will present at the Board's November meeting.

The Chairperson then introduced Mr. Eric Yun, representing NYC Small Business Services who had requested speaking time. Mr. Yun spoke about the ongoing recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy. He stated that many business owners are still suffering financially. He advised that the Small Business Services program is still running. They are approving new businesses every day and they want to reach out to everyone possible to help. The program is open for small businesses located in the City that can demonstrate financial need because of damage suffered from Hurricane Sandy i.e. lost inventory or equipment that hasn't been replaced, or working capital losses. Now businesses can qualify for grants up to \$100,000 and matching loans up to \$1.1 million. This change occurred over the summer when the agency found from speaking with business owners that many stated that they could not incur any further debt. They did not want another loan program, but needed grants. Small Business Services was able to get funding from the Federal government and change it to a grant and matching loan program, rather than loan and matching grant program. He stated that he would remain at the meeting so that anyone who wanted to speak with him would be able to do so. The Chairperson thanked him for his presentation.

The Chairperson acknowledged the presence of Pesach Osina, representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, Leilani Blira-Koessler, representing Assembly Member Mike Miller, Patricia McCabe, Representing State Senator Joseph Addabbo, Jahai Rose, representing Council Member Ruben Wills, Larry Savinkin, representing Congressman Hakeem Jefferies, Harpreet Singh-Toor, representing Assembly Member David Weprin, Arlene Brown, representing Council Member Eric Ulrich, Angelica Katz, representing Assembly Member Phil Goldfeder, and Deputy Inspector Jeffrey Schiff, Commanding Officer of the 106th Precinct and P.O. Brenda Reddick, 106 Precinct. The Chairperson invited the Deputy Inspector to speak. He advised that crime was down for the year and month; spoke of arrests that were made with regard to car break-ins. He advised that domestic violence was up in the community. He commented on the problems involving tow trucks. He advised of domestic violence counseling that is available. He commented on the Green Dot scam as being a major problem and what is being done to control this issue, with the help of 1 Police Plaza, who put together a video. He went on to speak about Vision Zero as well as the workload of 911 and 311 calls his precinct personnel respond to. (C. Mailiza arrived at 8:03 pm)

At this point in the evening, the Chairperson had the distinct honor and pleasure of introducing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz. The Borough President thanked Chairperson Braton, District Manager Karyn Petersen and the entire Board for the good community work that they do. She then presented service awards to Isabel Van Putten, Phyllis Ellison and Salvatore Pace for their 15 years of community service as members of the Board and to Angela Antonino for her 25 years of community service as a Board member. The Borough President thanked the Board for having her attend the meeting and for their service during difficult times in the Borough of Queens. She stated that she has been the Borough President of Queens since January 2014 and commented that it has been a very exciting 10 months. She spoke about the celebration of the 50th and 75th Anniversary of the two Worlds Fairs held in Queens. She stated that 65,000 people came out to celebrate and it was a great time for the people to take notice of the borough of Queens. The Borough President stated that one of the things she started out to do immediately after taking office was to talk about the fact that jobs needed to be created in the borough. The Borough President spoke of the need to increase awareness of the many culture and arts venues and programs within Queens. Promoting the broad spectrum of cultural and arts and increasing awareness would create tourism, which in turn would create various, needed investments. She commented on the continuous efforts to address the impacts from Superstorm Sandy within Community Board 10 and the rainstorm flooding that occurred in Lindenwood. She stated that one of the things that was worked on almost immediately after she took office was the concern of what would happen if there were another hurricane like Sandy. She stated that she, along with Community Board 10's Chairperson, has met with Commissioner Esposito of OEM to discuss planning for future disasters. The Borough President expressed her belief that Commissioner Esposito heard and understands the need for a strategic plan, especially one that addresses better the immediate aftermath impacts, in the event of another storm like Sandy. The Borough President's major concern is that the city be better able to meet people's needs in the aftermath of a storm such as Sandy by engaging in dialog and planning now so that what occurred after Sandy doesn't reoccur during a future disaster. She spoke about the Build it Back Program and how progress has been slow. The new administration is trying to move it forward, with checks sent to those affected and rebuilding where necessary. She's looking forward to seeing results as the new administration continues to work to resolve these issues. She commended Commissioner Emily Lloyd of the Department of Environmental Protection and the contributions she has made to that office, especially after the Lindenwood flood. After that flood, the Comptroller's office has been responding to the many claims submitted. The Borough President advised that

anyone who is not happy with the amounts offered may appeal to the Comptroller's Office. She commented on the soccer stadium idea mentioned in recent news articles. She stated that she is in favor of having sports stadiums in the borough of Queens; however, she has reservations about the Aqueduct site's suitability for a soccer stadium. Her concerns are with the infrastructure at that site. Already, there has been almost 100% increase in the subway ridership as a result of the casino's presence. In closing, Borough President Melinda Katz stated that she is honored to be representing the borough of Queens, which has so much to offer the City of New York, more so than any other borough. The borough offers diversity, expertise, culture, parks and people who have dedicated their lives to the neighborhoods of their borough. She spoke about her family background and her love for the borough. She stated that the community boards are the first line of defense, receiving all of the complaints and she appreciates all of the work and wants to work closely with its members. If anyone felt the need to contact her office, her email is Katz@QueensBP.org and her Facebook page, [QueensBPKatz](https://www.facebook.com/QueensBPKatz). She acknowledged Frank Gulluscio, District Manager of Board 6 and former member of Community Board 10 and Congressman Hakeem Jeffries who were in attendance. She stressed the need for community board training sessions to be held and stated that she thinks it's important and wants to continue with this training every year. She also expects members to maintain their attendance at community board meetings and that members with poor attendance would not be reappointed. She commented that Community Board 10 has good attendance for the most part and for that she is appreciative. The Chairperson thanked Borough President Katz for coming to speak and for her informative comments.

The Chairperson acknowledged Congressman Hakeem Jeffries and invited him to speak. The Congressman spoke about projects his office is working on in partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) that may be relevant to those persons who are still suffering the effects of Hurricane Sandy and concerned about the resiliency efforts that are underway. In terms of ACE, currently, pursuant to the Super Storm Sandy legislation that was passed in January of 2013, the ACE was charged with undertaking a comprehensive study of all of the areas impacted by Super Storm Sandy including the neighborhoods in and around Jamaica Bay, such as Howard Beach, Hamilton Beach and our communities in Queens. The ACE is being charged with issuing a report to Congress in January. That report will subsequently be made public. The report will be provided to the Community Board and then there will be a public comments period about the projects that were studied by the ACE that could potentially provide resiliency protection in the future. After the public comment period the ACE will identify specific projects whereby feasibility studies will be undertaken. The Congressman stated that he will advocate for projects that benefit the community. After the feasibility studies are concluded on a project-by-project basis, then the process will be for the ACE to decide through advocacy by representatives both on the Senate side and in the House to seek funding for specific projects that could be built. It is a three-step process and step one will draw to a close in January. He commended the Board's Chairperson and all those involved in the effort as it relates to New York Rising. He stated that the level of engagement from the community impresses Governor Cuomo. He stated that in his conversations with his former colleagues in State Government, as well as the governor, he makes sure to let them know that those communities that he represents that were impacted, Canarsie, Coney Island and Howard Beach deserve the highest level of attention as they move forward both in terms of completing the recovery effort and making sure they get the resiliency protection in advance of any extreme weather events. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. The Chairperson thanked Congressman Jeffries for his efforts in Washington and expressed her appreciation.

The Chairperson acknowledged Assembly Member Phil Goldfeder and invited him to speak. The Assembly Member stated that it is an honor to serve with his colleagues in government. He stated that the energy that our Borough President brings to the job is infectious. He commented on how Congressman Hakeem Jeffries is committed to Queens, although most of his constituency is in Brooklyn. He spoke about the new school being planned in Centreville, the soccer stadium and community involvement and expressed his view that development is good if it's done responsibly. Resorts World Casino proved that you could have positive development and good community neighbors if the community is involved.

The Chairperson then opened the second public hearing for the evening regarding the proposed site selection and acquisition of a portion of Lot 1 on Block 11558, a portion of Lot 1 on Block 11560, and the intervening bed of Huron Street in Ozone Park necessary for the construction of an approximately 500-seat primary school facility. Ms. Mary Leas, Director of External Affairs for the School Construction Authority made the presentation. The Chairperson asked that everyone hold their questions until after the presentation and again informed those who wished to speak that a sign-in sheet has been provided. She asked that those wishing to speak sign-in and they

would be called on to speak after the presentation. Ms. Leas began the presentation on the new school. She stated that the School Construction Authority has built 8 new schools citywide this past September, with 5 of them being built in Queens. Next year there will be more, however she stated that it has been a long time coming to have a school built in Centreville. It is a unique piece of property that has presented an architectural challenge. There was a large amount of community input on this project. City Council Member Eric Ulrich was insistent to SCA that this is a school that aesthetically fit into the neighborhood. There were many recommendations, i.e., classic style, greenery; a building that looks good from the front and back. She introduced Kenrick Ou, Senior Director of Real Estate Services, who briefly spoke about the public review process. He advised that school sites do not go through a ULURP process. They go through a slightly different process that was crafted to expedite school construction. That process began on September 24th with publication of this proposal. The public comments, from the community board, community education council and the general public, will be accepted until November 8th. Any comments should be directed to the attention of the SCA. He said that much thought was given to the school and how it would fit with the community. Mr. Ou introduced Mr. John Diaz who gave the PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Diaz stated that the school would be located on Albert Road and Raleigh Street. Huron Street will be de-mapped as part of this process. The building will have an approximately 500-seat capacity, fully accessible to the handicapped. It will have 100 autistic students from the District 75 program; and 4 pre-kindergarten classes to comply with the mayor's Pre-K initiative. The building will consist of a 4-story wing and a two-story wing. There will be a full security system, including cameras throughout. It will have day lighting features. The SCA follows the mayor's initiative for green schools. It will be fully wireless equipped and each classroom will be air-conditioned. The building will have two entrance lobbies that are fully accessible, typical instructional classrooms, District 75 program, Art, Music, and Science classrooms, library, and administrative areas, fire sprinkler room, etc. There will be a "gymatorium", basically a gym, cafeteria and assembly area. He referred to the PowerPoint diagrams, explaining where the entrances to the building will be located, sitting areas, etc. The two-story wing will be facing Albert Road and the four-story wing will face the Conduit. There will be a landscape buffer. He continued explaining the layout. Mary Leas stated that this would be a two-year construction project beginning in 2015 with occupancy expected for 2017. She explained what the process would be during the construction of the building. The Chairperson commented that Council Member Ulrich has had a number of meetings regarding the design and has been superb in the back and forth with SCA to make sure that this design was not just your cookie-cutter school design. It is taking a difficult site and making the best use of it. The Chairperson then called upon those who had signed up to speak. Speakers from the public were Cynthia Marciano, a resident of Albert Road; Carole Beroff, a resident of Howard Beach; Susan Koenecke, a resident of Albert Road and Walter Lynch, a resident of 108th Street. Concerns were expressed by Ms. Marciano and Ms. Koenecke with regard to the construction noise to the immediate neighborhood, being informed by SCA as the work continues, buses entering and exiting the school site along Raleigh Street. Comment was made that Raleigh Street is not a fully constructed street. The Chairperson explained that Raleigh Street would be constructed within the HW411B project. They also questioned whether or not the playground will be open to the public and if it will be closed at night. Other concerns expressed were noise due to the low flying planes. Residents were reassured that bus routes and traffic situations will be carefully reviewed in and around the school site. The playground will be closed at night. The school will have acoustic windows to help with the environmental noises. The SCA also assured residents that with regard to the low flying planes; the project has met all the FAA requirements with regard to noise and safety issues. Studies and surveys were conducted with regard to the issue of emissions from traffic on the Belt Parkway and it was revealed that there were no problems or concerns with this issue. Ms. Beroff, wife of the late Art Beroff, expressed her support for the new school and also her support for the school to be named after her late husband. The Chairperson explained that Art Beroff was a member of Community Board 10 from 1980 to 2004, and also was an elected member of School Board in District 27. At the time of his death the Board had voted to seek to name the next school to be built within the Board area after him. Mr. Lynch expressed concerns about community impacts. The Chairperson asked if there was anyone else from the public who wished to speak. There were no other speakers. The Chairperson closed the public portion of the meeting and opened the floor to the Board members. The Land Use Committee Chairperson stated that the design looked very promising. He asked however, about the circulation in and around the school as it related to the buses. He asked what the width of Raleigh Street would be when the school is constructed. He suggested possibly having the building pushed back to get a secondary setback for the buses coming in that would free up the area. Another big issue, he stated, will be parking. He asked if parking would be permitted around the school. He also asked about the height of the fencing. He commented that street traffic with regard to dropping off and picking up of children by parents must be considered. He suggested possibly inseting the sidewalk to provide another 8-10 feet where the buses can be positioned to drop off and pull out. Mr. Diaz addressed the concerns expressed by the Land Use

Chairperson. He stated that Raleigh Street would be wider than the portion of it that is constructed now. It will be one-way north. With regard to circulation, he stated that there are two entrances to a see through lobby, which can be entered either from Raleigh Street or Albert Road. SCA believes most of the walkers will come from the north, so they could use the entrance off of Albert Road. They are working with DDC and DOT for some traffic calming devices, possibly a light at Huron Street. Discussion ensued. The Land Use Committee Chairperson asked if, after the design is completed (design is presently at about 65%), if SCA will come back before the Board with the completed design. He was told that the design might be reviewed; however, no changes will be made when it is complete. Mary Leas commented on the possibility of a "lay-by" however, she stated that DOT does not like the lay-bys because of the danger it poses to children. Discussion ensued. Other questions were posed and comments made with regard to traffic and the bus issues. Discussion ensued. The Chairperson informed members that one of the things that should be considered, in terms of neighborhood, is that, at present, available population data indicates there are over 700 children in the Centreville area who are under the age of 5. By the time this new school is built, most of those children will be school age. If we could ensure that the school is zoned just to the neighborhood, there will be less bussing and more walking. Special Ed will require small buses. Discussion ensued. A member asked if the Department of Education would provide parking for teachers. The DOE does not provide parking at schools. A member expressed concerns regarding traffic issues. A member commented on school security and asked if there will be an alarm system at the entrance/exit doors of the school, so school safety officers could be made aware that a door has been opened. Mary Leas responded to the question and stated that they are looking for more ways to address this issue. A member asked if the school would have a basement. He was told that it would not. The Chairperson thanked the School Construction Authority for their presentation and asked that they stay in touch with the Board as the project proceeds. The Chairperson then asked for a motion. The Chairperson of the Education Committee, Geoffrey Duldulao recommended approval of this design, with the following conditions:

- That the Albert Road School be zoned for children in the Centreville community to minimize the need for bus transportation.
- That the School Construction Agency consider, review and incorporate where possible, solutions to issues raised by the comments made by community residents during tonight's Public Hearing.
- That the District 27 Community Education Council and the Department of Education support and approve the school to be named the "Art Beroff School".

Angie Antonino seconded the motion. There was no discussion; all were in favor with 0 opposing and 0 abstaining. Motion carried.

The Chairperson continued with the regular order of business and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September minutes. There were none.

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

- Notice of application filed at the Board of Standards and Appeals for a special permit, pursuant to Section 73-36 of the New York City Zoning Resolution to allow a physical culture establishment (PCE) within a portion of an existing commercial building located in an M1-1 zoning district.
- Notification received from JR CRUZ, low bidder for the Bergen Basin Reconstruction Project. The Chairperson read the letter. It was indicated that they received an Order to Commence Work, issued by the NYC DEP on July 17, 2014. On September 26, 2014 they commenced mobilization for the above with construction to begin shortly thereafter. As information is received the Board office will provide the data to the board members.
- Notification received on a Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain.
- Early notice received for the next set of proposed activities in the 100-Year Floodplain.

- Notice from the DOT regarding an approved list of CityBench sites. Sites are 96-05 Rockaway Boulevard and 101-21 Rockaway Boulevard.
- Notice from Transportation Alternatives requesting speaking time at a future Board meeting.
- Notice of Solid Waste Planning and Policy Making meeting to take place at Queens Borough Hall on October 7th from 3 to 4:40 pm.
- Legal Notice from the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs, Notice of Public Hearing in regard to petitions for sidewalk café revocable consents. Twist It, Top It is included in this public hearing, which is being held on October 8th at 2 pm 66 John Street, 11th Floor.
- Letter written to the Queens Borough President with regard to the Board indicating its support for the naming of the new school site for Art Beroff. Assembly Member Phil Goldfeder, State Senator Joseph Addabbo and Council Member Ulrich have all indicated their support. Also, a detailed memo was also sent to the Borough President in regard to the Aqueduct parcel that was mentioned in the newspapers in regard to the soccer stadium. Discussion ensued
- Notice for Rule Change Public Hearing on October 30th at 2 pm at Borough Hall. DOT is proposing to amend a subdivision of the traffic rules and regulations to expand the permissible routes in NYC for operating trucks with 53-foot trailers.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer reported expenditures for the month of September 2014.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT – Mr. Dan Brown announced a few events that were coming up, including the Borough President’s Task Force on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Child Maltreatment and Elder Abuse. There will be two workshops held at Queens Borough Hall, Room 213 on Wednesday, October 8th from 10 am to 12 noon and Wednesday, October 22nd from 10 am to 12 noon. Flyers with more information are available. Also, he advised that the Borough President, in cooperation with Governor Cuomo, Senator Addabbo, Assembly Member Goldfeder and Council Member Eric Ulrich is sponsoring a Citizen’s Preparedness Training Program on October 27th at 7 pm at St. Barnabas Church located at 159-19 98 St. The National Guard will be in attendance to train what to do in a disaster. OEM will follow that in a question and answer session. At the end of the night, everyone in attendance receives a go-bag and certificate. They ask that you register at www.prepare.ny.gov. Mr. Brown stated that if there are any issues he may be of help with, contact him at 718-286 2853.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT – No report.

Chairperson Braton advised that the Howard Beach Resilient Neighborhood Study being conducted by City Planning is underway. There will be a meeting regarding it on Oct. 6th.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – No report.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Chairperson advised the Mayor’s Management Report is out. There are considerable amounts of statistics in the report that are pertinent to all areas of the city. She commented on the fact that crime is down in the community. She referred to the fall planting schedule that contained in the board folders. At the Parks Department Budget Consultations, there were a number of discussions regarding some of the Parks. She stated that there was an update on Cedar Lane that will be provided to the Parks Committee Chair.

The Chairperson acknowledged the presence of Sasha Austrie, representing Resorts World Casino.

SANITATION – The Committee Chairperson reported that the Sanitation Department’s test is being given for the first time in 7 years. Filing period is from October 1st through October 31st. Those interested may file online at www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs or may apply in person in Manhattan or Brooklyn. Applicants must be at least 17 years of age to take the test however must be at least 21 at the time of appointment to work. The exam will be given on February 7 and 8, 2015. Applicants who pass the test and are accepted into the Department must have a

Class A or B commercial driver's license. There is a filing fee of \$47.00. He also spoke about the new Sanitation training center that is being planned for Tahoe Street by the Sanitation Officers Assn.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS – Committee Chairperson advised report was contained in Board folders.

TRANSPORTATION – No report. The Board Chairperson advised that any members from the Transportation Committee who want to attend the Port Authority Committee meeting are welcome to attend as it will deal with an overlapping matter. Notices will be sent to the committee with the information.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Committee Chairperson advised report was contained in Board folders.

SUB-COMM. JFK (P.A.) – Committee Chairperson advised the committee would meet on October 19th. The Board Chairperson advised that with regard to Air Cargo Study related DOT rule change hearing regarding 53 foot trucks to be held on October 30th would be before the Board's next meeting on November 6th. Therefore, she asked that a motion be made to authorize the committee to develop the contents of the Board's comment to be submitted on the 53-foot truck rule. Frank Dardani made the motion, Tony Cosentino seconded. There was no discussion, all were in favor with 0 opposing, 0 abstaining. Motion carried.

AQUEDUCT – No report – The Board Chairperson acknowledged Sasha Austrie, representing Resorts World Casino and invited her to speak. Ms. Austrie announced that the Resorts World Casino hours of operation have changed. The casino will now open at 10 am and close at 6 am. They are also participating in a Breast Cancer Walk on October 19 in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. On October 22nd, Resorts World, in conjunction with the American-Italian Cancer Society will be hosting mammograms for women ages 40 and older. For more information, please call 877-628-9090.

LAND USE – Committee Chairperson reported that there is a new BSA action pending which entails a new Physical Culture Establishment (PCE). He advised that he spoke with the applicants and they may come before the Board either in November or December. They are awaiting comments from the Board of Standards and Appeals. It is located at 100-02 Rockaway Boulevard. Committee Chairperson stated that he would be holding a Land Use Committee meeting during October on this BSA application. He also commented on the Greenway Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 7th.

BUDGET – The Board Chairperson advised that there would be a meeting of the Budget Committee to review the Capital and Expense Priorities sometime prior to the next board meeting.

PARKS – The Committee Chairperson advised that the committee had met with the Parks design team regarding the plans to reconstruct the P.O. Demutiis Playground. He reported that it is a \$1.5 million project that covers the playground area and the committee reviewed the design proposed by Parks. The Committee voted to recommend the Board accept and approve the design that was presented to the Parks Committee for the reconstruction of the playground, therefore Mr. Dardani made a motion to do so. Marilyn Vecchio seconded the motion. There was no discussion, all were in favor, with 0 opposed, 0 abstaining. Motion carried. The Committee Chairman commented that in light of the 600 additional trees to be planted into the community, the biggest complaints are regarding tree pruning. In addition, the wait time is now 4 years to get a stump removed. The Board Chairperson advised that the District Manager would brief him on the discussions that were had at the Parks Department Consultation meeting regarding pruning and other issues. Discussion ensued.

SUMMER YOUTH & OTHER EMPLOYMENT – The Committee Chairperson advised the report is contained in the folder. She stated that some civil service exams are coming up. Sanitation, Police, School Safety Agent, Traffic Enforcement Agent are some of the exams that are being offered. She encouraged everyone to visit the DCAS website www.nyc.gov which will give an overview of the exam process. She explained that if there is a specific exam you are interested in taking, you may print out the information necessary from that site.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – There were no speakers.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

MaryAnn Turso
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