

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AND
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2015**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

B. Braton, M. Salim, L. Gerardi, J. Fazio, A. Antonino, P. Baumann, N. Santiago, J. Patron, F. Dardani, A. Gellineau, B. Ramsundar, J. Caruso, M. Finnerty, J. Ariola, R. Ciulla Frisone, M. Vecchio, I. VanPutten, R. Hitlall, J. Quijano, P. Granickas, I. Dimoh, D. Mitchell, L. Amorim, P. Lynch, J. Calcagnile, S. Pace, C. Malizia, R. Martinez, J. Cavanagh, D. Quintana, A. Cosentino, D. Sookram-Singh

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

R. Ferrara, M. Ali, A. Bellantoni, N. Beneduce, G. Duldulao, P. Ellison, D. Gilmartin, E. Holland, H. Kamph, G. Russo, L. Walker

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Hon. J. Addabbo; Hon. P. Goldfeder; Hon. E. Ulrich; L. Savinkin, Rep., Hon. H. Jeffries; P. McCabe, Rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; M. Cano, Rep., Hon. D. Weprin; C. Ramirez, Rep., Hon. M. Miller; B. Cori, Rep., Hon. P. Goldfeder; S. Galeano, Rep. Hon. S. Stringer; J. Rose, Rep., Hon. R. Wills; G. Mitchell, Rep., Hon. E. Ulrich; T. Smith & M. Herlitz, DCP; D. Brown, QBPO; D.I. J. Schiff, C.O., 106 Pct.; Det. K. Zorn, 106 Pct.; M. Nacmias, Rothkrug, Rothkrug, & Spector

The Chairperson began the meeting at 7:45 P.M. and asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked that all remain standing for a moment of silence in honor of slain Police Officer Randolph Holder, who was recently killed in service of the city. On behalf of the Board, the chairperson expressed condolences to Deputy Inspector Schiff and the New York Police Department.

The Chairperson acknowledged State Senator Joseph Addabbo and invited him to speak. The Senator spoke about the Select Bus Service project and stressed the importance of residents making their voices heard. He stated that this project would impact the community and the quality of life with regard to traffic pattern changes, pedestrian safety, local businesses, local streets, etc. People will begin to use alternative routes.

(A. Cosentino arrived at 7:49 pm)

Senator Addabbo commented that everyone should attend the upcoming Town Hall meetings. The Senator also thanked all veterans for their service and sacrifice to and for our country and advised that the Borough President will be having a Veterans' Day Observance Ceremony at Borough Hall this coming Friday, November 6 from 11 am to 12 pm Reception will follow. Also, on November 12 from 6 pm to 8 pm at P.S. 49 on 80th Street in Middle Village the Senator will be sponsoring a Veterans' Resource Day. On Saturday, November 7th he will be holding a CUNY College Fair. This will be co-sponsored by Assembly Member Philip Goldfeder, Assembly Member Mike Miller and Council Member Eric Ulrich and will be held at MS 137 in Ozone Park 11 am to 2 pm. The Senator also commented that on Thursday, November 19th he would be at the Ozone Park library for anyone who wants to speak to him about any concerns they may have. He will be there from 5:30 pm to 7 pm.

(L. Gerardi arrived at 7:52 pm)

The Chairperson then acknowledged Assembly Member Philip Goldfeder and invited him to speak. The Assemblyman spoke of his position regarding reactivation of the rail link. He commented that he does not accept the Select Bus Service Project.

(D. Sookram Singh arrived at 7:55 pm)

The Assemblyman commented on the heroism of first responders and stated his view that most of our children do not know much of what occurred on September 11, 2001. He said schools today do not discuss the tragedy of the

events that transpired and are still affecting the lives of so many. The Assemblyman reported that he has introduced a bill to require all schools across the city to have a mandatory moment of silent reflection in memory of 9-11. (M. Salim arrived at 7:57 pm)

The Chairperson opened the Public Hearing for the evening, BSA Cal. No. 178-15-BZ, 99-47 Davenport Court, Howard Beach wherein an application has been filed at the BSA to permit in an R3-1 zoning district the legalization of a two-family dwelling that exceeds the permitted FAR (floor area ratio) and does not provide a required front yard, side yard and rear yard contrary to district requirements. Mr. Michael Nacmias, representing Rothkrug Rothkrug & Spector LLP gave the presentation on behalf of the applicant. He explained that currently the premises are developed with an existing cellar and two-story, two-family dwelling. The existing building is an enlargement of a previous one-story, one-family building that was constructed circa 1920. The original one-story building was situated on the western portion of the subject lot approximately 16.5 wide by 46.5 ft depth (approximately 750 sq. ft. of floor area). The original building, constructed prior to December 15, 1961, included a permitted non-complying front yard of 13'-8" (15' required pursuant to R 3-1 district regulations), rear yard of 8'-2" (30' required), and western side yard of 1'-4 3/4" (5' required). He continued to explain that in 2007 plans were filed with the Department of Buildings for an alteration to the original building to enlarge it and change the use from one-family to two-family. The proposed enlargement included the addition of an 18 ft. by 18 ft. first floor addition to the east (creating an L-shaped structure) and the addition of a second floor, matching the floor plate of the enlarged first floor. Construction was completed, however, the original plans filed at DOT, self-certified by a previous architect, were not approved and no Certificate of Occupancy was ever obtained for the enlarged building. In October 2012 while the property was occupied, the Department of Buildings issued violations because the second floor did not comply with the FAR requirements and was too big. Hurricane Sandy caused significant damage to the building with the cellar completely flooded and the first floor damaged to significant extent. The property owners were forced to evacuate the premises and upon return were confined to the second floor as repairs occurred at the lower levels. Absent the second floor, they would have been forced to vacate the premises for an extended period of time. Subsequent to the storm and during repairs the property owners were made aware of the incomplete alteration and retained a new architect to complete the previous enlargement. Although the second floor enlargement, occupying the same floor plate as the first floor, did not decrease existing yards since the original building had a permitted non-complying front, rear and side yard, the enlargement on the second floor resulted in a non-compliant front, rear and side yard. Additionally, the floor area for the existing building slightly exceeded the permitted floor area for the R 3-1 zoning district. Mr., Nacmias stated that relief is sought to allow for the legalization of the existing building that exceeds R3-1 district requirements. He stated that the same person owns the only other home that could be affected by this property and this building fits into the character of the neighborhood. The Land Use Committee Chairperson asked that Mr. Nacmias discuss the five findings that needed to be met in order for this application to be approved by the Board of Standards and Appeals. He explained the five findings, one being uniqueness. He stated that the lot itself is unique. Lot is 50x68, which is a narrow depth. There aren't any other lots in the area that are that small which makes it difficult to comply with a side yard and rear yard, especially with the other existing building on the property. There is also an element of reasonable return, which he explained, however that does not have to be met in a one or two family home variance, so that does not apply to this application. The third finding is character of the neighborhood. The two story, two family home must fit into the neighborhood and not impair future development. There are other properties similar to this property, so that finding is met. He stated that he will come back to the fourth finding, self-created hardship as this needed discussion. He explained the fifth finding which is minimal variance, which involves asking the BSA for the minimal relief, which would be to legalize the existing conditions otherwise more work would be needed to the property. Mr. Nacmias then explained the fourth finding, self-created hardship, which is the issue the Land Use Committee was having difficulty with. Rothkrug Rothkrug and Spector believes this is not a self-created hardship because although the owner didn't know about it when he enlisted the architect that oversaw the plans and construction, the architect wasn't supposed to put the second story on top of the first story as it was against the zoning regulations. The front yard did not comply on the second floor. It would have exceeded the FAR. The owner was unaware of this and the construction continued. This wasn't discovered until the Department of Buildings gave them violations in 2012 and they hired a new architect to legalize the conditions. They were then made aware that they needed to go through the BSA. Mr. Nacmias explained that they believe it wasn't a hardship that was created by the owner. The practical difficulties and unnecessary hardship affecting the premises are due to the narrow depth of the subject lot and its location within a high flood zone. These factors are inherent to the site and were not created by the owner of the premises or a predecessor in title. No hardship is claimed with respect to the existing enlargement of the subject building sought to be legalized. He explained that modifications to the building had to be done because of the flood elevation. It is an issue that must be discussed

with the BSA. Chairperson Braton asked if there were any questions from the public. Another resident asked if there were other lots similar to the one in question. He was told that there were many lots of that similar shape and size. The Chairperson asked if there were any other questions. There were none. She stated that there was one letter received to be entered into the record; a letter from the New Hamilton Beach Civic Association, wherein the Civic Association stated it approves the granting of the variance as requested by the owner of 99-47 Davenport Court, Hamilton Beach, The letter was signed by Roger Gendron, President of the New Hamilton Beach Civic Association. The Chairperson asked if there were any other questions or comments from the public. There were none. The Chairperson closed the public portion of the meeting. She then opened the floor to the board members. She asked if there were any questions from the board. A member asked which of the two houses the landlord lived in. Mr. Nacmias stated that the landlord lived in the house next to the property and rents out the property in question. This is a source of income to the owner. The Land Use Committee Chairperson stated his view as a registered architect and as Land Use Chairperson, that although four of the five findings have somewhat been met, the finding of the self-created hardship is in question. A member asked how much of the building would have to be removed to make it conform to the zoning regulations. He was told that a substantial amount would have to be removed. Another member stated that parking in that area was not a problem. The Chairperson explained that the Land Use Committee had met on this issue and unfortunately a quorum of the committee was not present so the committee was unable to vote on a recommendation to the full board. She addressed the Land Use Committee members and stated that it is of the utmost importance that members of the committee attend the meetings because otherwise, the committee cannot act, as in what has occurred in regard to this application.

The Board Chairperson summarized for the Board members the discussion that took place at the Land Use Committee meeting. In terms of this application, it is in our most impacted Sandy area. There is a great need at this particular time to repair homes and that families are able to get back into their homes. There may be financial needs relating to repair that may be a problem in this case that cannot be addressed until a C of O is granted. It is unclear as to what the situation was originally, as to whether the owner was misled by the architect. The greater need to get homes in that area rebuilt, elevated and get people back into proper living situations is very real and may in this case offer an extenuating circumstance in relationship to extending the benefit of the doubt to the applicant in regard to the possibility of a self-created hardship. Therefore, the Chairperson asked for a motion of conditional approval. The condition would be that the owner demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Board of Standard and Appeals that they were misled and did not self-create the hardship. Mr. J. Calcagnile made the motion; Mr. P. Lynch seconded that motion. The Chairperson once again reiterated that this was a conditional “yes”, meaning that if the conditions are not met, it would become a “no” vote. Discussion ensued. The vote was 31 in Favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstaining, as follows:

In Favor

Betty Braton
John Fazio
Angela Antonino
Pamela Baumann
Nellie Santiago
Joy Patron
Frank Dardani
Anthony Gellineau
Bhola Ramsundar
James Caruso
Margaret Finnerty
Joann Ariola
Rosemary Ciulla-Frisone
Marilyn Vecchio
Isabel Van Putten
Romeo Hitlall
Jose Quijano
Peter Granickas
Irene Dimoh
Dorothy Mitchell
Luis Amorim

Opposed

Leonora Gerardi

Philip Lynch
John Calcagnile
Sal Pace
Carmela Malizia
Ruben Martinez
John Cavanagh
David Quantina
Anthony Cosentino
Dip. N. Sookram-Singh
Mohammad Salim

Motion carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE – The Chairperson read correspondence for the month of October, which included:

- Notice from CityBench. CityBench is planning to place a bench on 101st Street, South of 158th Avenue.
- Notice from OMB on the work on the Upper Spring Creek Project.
- Notice from the Public Service Commission advising of public hearings.
- Notice of OMB in regard to the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program
- CEQR notice on the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Text Amendment.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer read the report of expenditures for the month of October 2015.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT – D. Brown announced the Borough President's Veterans' Resource Fair on November 12 at PS 49 in Middle Village from 6 pm to 8 pm. There will also be a meet and greet that day from 5 pm to 6 pm. Queens Borough President Katz will have a Veteran's Day Observance Day Ceremony tomorrow at Borough Hall at the Veterans' Memorial Garden. A Reception and refreshments will follow. On January 21 at Queens College at 10 am the Queens Borough President's State of the Borough Address will be given. RSVP by calling 718-286-2661 or emailing queensbp.org. To contact Mr. Brown for any concerns, he may be reached at 718-286-2853

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT – Mr. Tom Smith and Ms. Melissa Herlitz gave a PowerPoint presentation with regard to the Housing New York Zoning for Quality and Affordability and Mandatory Inclusionary Housing text amendments. Mr. Smith stated that much of what is in these text amendments does not apply to our community board. The first text amendment he spoke about is the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing. As a key initiative of Mayor de Blasio's housing plan, Housing New York, the Department of City Planning is launching a proposal for a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing program that would require through zoning actions a share of new housing to be permanently affordable. Developed in close consultation with the Department of Housing Preservation and Development and informed by extensive policy and financial feasibility analysis, this proposal marks a new approach to ensuring neighborhood economic diversity as we plan for growth. The population is growing, especially the senior population. The gap between rent and income is increasing. There is a high rent burden on residents. There is a limited supply of affordable units. This is a new proposal to use zoning to require permanently affordable housing when future City Planning Commission actions encourage substantial new housing development. City Planning will be doing a considerable up-zoning. Affordability is based on the median income of the area. He went on to explain levels of affordability, main features of the policy and timetable for review. He then went on to explain the Department of City Planning's introduction to the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing proposal into public review on September 21st, 2015. The proposal has been referred to all Community Boards, Borough Presidents and Borough Boards for 60 days for their review. Following this period the application will be subject to review and votes at the City Planning Commission and City Council. Again, he stated that our community board is

minimally affected. He also spoke about the Housing New York Zoning for Quality and Affordability. As part of the City's coordinated efforts under Housing New York, the Mayor's ten-year, five borough housing plan, the Department of City Planning is proposing a set of targeted changes to zoning regulations to support the creation of new affordable housing and encourage better residential buildings. The Zoning for Quality and Affordability text amendment advances numerous goals of Housing New York, including making the city more affordable to a wide range of New Yorkers, and fostering diverse, livable communities with buildings that contribute to the character and quality of neighborhoods. Zoning establishes limits on the use, size and shape of buildings with numerous zoning districts mapped in the city's diverse neighborhoods to reflect their varying density and character. These limits help give shape to neighborhoods and predictability to their future. But sometimes they also have unintended consequences, discouraging the very types of outcomes they were intended to encourage affordability and quality of recent buildings. He spoke about affordability, quality, the kind of changes that are proposed and what areas would be affected. The proposed zoning changes are carefully targeted. They would not allow any additional market rate floor area or encourage teardowns. They would not eliminate any contextual zoning district, or re-map any zoning district. They would not reduce or alter the Landmarks Preservation Commission's oversight of landmarked buildings or historic districts. They would not change as-of-right residential rules in one and two family districts. They would not reduce the amount of green or open spaces required for buildings and they would not produce dramatic changes in development in any neighborhood. They would however align zoning regulations with the Housing New York goals of promoting affordability and livable neighborhoods. They are designed to work together with the proposed Mandatory Inclusionary Housing program and to aid the effective use of City subsidies to create new affordable housing for New Yorkers at a range of low and moderate incomes. They will support the goals of current and future neighborhood planning initiatives. Mr. Smith explained the options available to applicants. He stated that 25% of the housing and development must be affordable at an average of 60% of AMI. In the units, 25% must be affordable but they can range in their rentals as long as the average cost of all those units averages out to 60% of AMI. The second option is 30% of housing units and an average cost of 80% of AMI. The difference between the two options is that in option one, you would provide fewer units at a deeper level of affordability whereas in option two, you would have more affordable units but they can be at a higher affordability so you wouldn't get more at a deeper level. The third option cannot have any subsidies coming from any city agency. 30% of the units in a residential area must be affordable at a 120% of AMI. The Land Use Chairperson asked if that would include the tax breaks on real estate tax. Mr. Smith states that this does ducktail with the regulations of the 421A Safe Program for the tax abatements. Discussion ensued. Mr. Smith continued explaining various other options within this project. Mr. Smith stated that they are currently nearing the end of the 60 day review period by the Community Board and Borough President. It will come back to the City Planning Commission for 60 days and then go back to City Council for 50 days for the final vote. He continued to discuss the Zoning for Quality and Affordability. He stated that one of the first key pieces of this text amendment would be to promote affordability senior housing and care facilities. Currently the use groups listed in the zoning don't speak too clearly with regard to senior housing, where they would fit in, etc. There are two categories presently; affordable independent residents for active seniors and the long term care facilities. That would be the traditional nursing home, etc. In the existing zoning now, they have higher FARs than your standard residence, however nursing homes and health related facilities actually have a lower existing FAR maximum so a lot of the senior housing is being mixed. In certain cases, the building envelopes that were developed in the contextual districts make it harder to do real affordable senior housing in some of the districts so one of the changes that would be made is in the R6A districts where they will allow one additional floor in height, however only for affordable senior housing. He stated that the only place that this would apply in our community would be at the Lefferts Boulevard and Liberty Avenue vicinity. In the zoning resolution, affordable senior housing require a lesser amount of parking. Mr. Smith continued explaining this zoning text amendment. The same review process applies to this text amendment.

Ms. Melissa Herlitz then gave an update on the progress of the Resilient Neighborhood Study. She spoke about possible contextual rezoning in Old Howard Beach and proposing a single-family district in Hamilton Beach. She also stated that DCP will be finalizing their recommendations and the report will come out in February. After that it will go through the public review process. At that time, she will be back with a formal proposal. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Smith and Ms. Herlitz for their presentations.

The Chairperson acknowledged Council Member Eric Ulrich and invited him to speak. The Councilman stated that he chairs the Veterans Committee and Veterans Day is next week. He asked that any veterans in attendance at the meeting stand to be recognized. He stated that after some very long negotiations with the Mayor, there is finally an agreement on his Veterans bill that will be voted on this coming Tuesday. Passage will abolish the Mayor's Office

of Veterans Affairs and create a New York City Department of Veterans Services so veterans will finally have their own city agency in NYC. This will take effect on July 1st of the upcoming fiscal year, if passed. This will be a complete game changer for our veterans according to the Councilman. This will now be more than just a branch of the Mayor's Office. This will help not only veterans who live here in New York City now. It will aid the many who will be coming home to the city after active duty in current and future conflicts. The Chairperson thanked the councilman.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – The District Manager reported that the Department of Parks advised that T-Pyramid would soon start work at Demutiis Park. The work is being administered through a Requirement Contract and the scope of the project is to reconstruct the handball fence and to install new handball pavement and new concrete pavement. The work should start in the month of November. This project should cost approximately \$101,200 and they estimate the job will be completed in five months. We have also been informed that the MTA Metrocard Mobile will be in front of the Foch Post Office at 126-15 Foch Blvd. on Tuesday, November 24th from 1 to 3 pm. The District Manager wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The Chairperson acknowledged the presence of NYPD Deputy Inspector Jeffrey Schiff and invited him to speak. He reported that there has been a burglary problem within the last few months, however there has now been a drop in burglaries. There have been some arrests made. He also advised that there has been some gang activity in South Ozone Park that possibly related to shootings that the community has experienced in the last few months. The Community Council meeting will be held on Wednesday at the Precinct where he stated he will go into more detail.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – The Chairperson referred to Mr. Smith's presentation and stated that there was much discussion with regard to these text amendments at the October Borough Board Meeting. This is coming up before the Borough Board in November for a vote. This is a text amendment that does not require a vote by the Board and the Board has not taken a position. However at this point in time, unless something significant changes in their content regarding parking requirements, the Chairperson indicated that it was her intention to vote no on both of the text amendments when they come before the Borough Board. The Chairperson explained there is a very limited area in our Board where general affordable housing could be developed, basically along the transit corridor, which is Liberty Avenue. The reduction in parking requirements was the key issue at the October Queens Borough Board in its discussion. During the discussion, it was indicated that poorer people don't own cars. In some cases that may be true, but in Queens most people own cars. Secondly, the presentation at the Borough Board implied senior citizens don't have cars. In Queens, many do, as they need to get where they need to go. The existing as yet unaddressed transit difficulties in getting around our borough, makes it necessary in most cases for people of all ages to have cars. Affordable senior housing is needed and desirable, however the Chairperson stated that she can't recall a zoning variance issue or development issue pretty much anywhere in this borough where people have felt the required parking was satisfactory.

The Chairperson commented again that the Land Use Committee did not have a quorum at its last meeting. She stated that the Borough President's counsel had met recently with the board chairs and district managers to go over some of the legal issues that community boards deal with. She stated that, as the board knows, this is a government agency and we have to comply with the open meetings law and FOIL. It appears some board members on all of the different boards do not realize that committees also require a quorum in order to conduct a vote and attendance at committee meetings is very important. The Chairperson reminded members committee that one more than half of any committee's members must be present for votes on issues to occur. She stated that she would be removing some members from the Land Use Committee. She asked that when members receive their committee meeting notices to please attend the meetings.

The Chairperson then announced that the former Director of Community Boards, Mr. Barry Grodenchik was elected to the City Council earlier this week. Replacing Mr. Grodenchik as Acting Director of Community Boards is Ms. Vicky Morales. She reported on 311 complaints, stating that noise and blocked driveways continue to be at the top of the list. She stated that the Holiday gathering would be just prior to our December meeting.

The Chairperson acknowledged the presence of Mr. Sergio Galeano, representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, Ms. Carmen Ramirez, representing Assembly Member Mike Miller, Mr. Jahai Rose, representing Council Member Rubin Wills, Mr. Larry Savinkin, representing Congressman Hakeem Jefferies, Ms. Pat McCabe, representing State

Senator Joseph Addabbo, Jr., Ms. Marazol Cano, representing Assembly Member David Weprin and Greg Mitchell, representing Council Member Eric Ulrich.

Committee reports were given as follows:

BUDGET – The Committee Chairperson advised that the Board folders contained the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for FY 2017 and that the Budget Committee had met to review the FY 2017 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities. The Committee recommends that the Board approve the FY 2017 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities as presented. The Board Chairperson read the top 10 priorities for the benefit of the public present. Ms. N. Santiago made the motion to accept the committee’s recommendation, seconded by Ms. A. Antonino. There was no discussion. All were in favor with 0 abstaining, 0 opposing. Recommendation to approve unanimously carried.

JFK INTERNATIONAL – Committee Chairperson’s Report was contained in board folders.

GATEWAY – The Committee Chairperson reported on the committee meeting that was held with regard to the West Pond Environmental Assessment, which was released by the Federal government. The comment period is open on that. Of the alternatives that were presented in the EA, Alternative B is the one that the committee recommends the Board submit comment to NPS in support of with an additional comment that a simple culvert be added to what Alternative B proposes. The motion to approve the Committee’s recommendation was made by J. Fazio, seconded by J. Patron. There was no discussion. All were in favor with 0 opposing, 0 abstaining. Motion carried. The Board Chairperson thanked the Committee Chairperson and stated that if anyone was interested in reading the full Environmental Assessment, it was available. The Committee Chairperson commented on improvements in regard to nitrates in the Bay.

LAND USE – The Committee Chairperson advised that another action will be coming before the Board for public hearing. The BSA 201-97-BZ application will come before the board next month regarding 119-02 Rockaway Blvd., the property where Walgreens is located. A Land Use Committee meeting will be held on this action before then.

TRANSPORTATION – The Committee Chairperson reported on the Halloween parade that was held on Cross Bay Blvd. and commented that the 106th Precinct was there promoting Vision Zero. She commended them for their tireless service to the community.

SANITATION – The Committee Chairperson reported on the 2015-2016 Sanitation Snow Plan and changes that have been made to the plan. He also commented on the Sanitation’s Snow Laborers and the qualifications necessary to perform the job.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY – The Committee Chairperson advised the report was contained in the folders. He also advised that with regard to Vision Zero, on October 26th the DOT and the 106th Precinct started handing out pamphlets throughout all parts of the community. This continued for one week. On November 2nd Vision Zero enforcement began. He relayed the number of summonses that were handed out the first 3 days of the continuing initiative. In all 900 summonses were handed out in 3 days. Discussion ensued.

LIBRARIES – The Committee Chairperson had no report. The Board Chairperson commented that all libraries would be going to a 6 day a week operation.

OLD BUSINESS – A member asked about a Capital Budget Priority relating to drains. He was told that it was part of our submitted priorities however the Chairperson read only the top 10 priorities earlier.

NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC FORUM: Joseph Taylor of Blue Raven Solar spoke briefly about how solar energy can save costs. Mr. Konigsberg spoke about Intro 977 for new building constructions for non-smoking buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9: 29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

MaryAnn Turso
Draft. Subject to approval.