

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AND
PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 4, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

B. Braton, C. Malizia, A. Antonino, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Gellineau, J. Caruso, M. Vecchio, A. Bellantoni, H. Kamph, P. Baumann, L. Walker, P. Ellison, I. VanPutten, D. Mitchell, J. Ariola, R. Hitlall, L. Amorim, J. Cavanagh, G. Duldulao, R. Martinez, M. Salim, P. Granickas, A. Cosentino, P. Lynch, B. Ramsundar, J. Fazio, N. Santiago, L. Gerardi, S. Pace, J. Calcagnile, G. Russo, I. Dimoh

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

M. Ali, N. Beneduce, F. Dardani, R. Ferrara, M. Finnerty, E. Holland, J. Patron, J. Quijano, D. Quintana, D. Sookram-Singh

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Hon. P. Goldfeder; L. Savinkin, Rep., Hon. H. Jeffries; P. McCabe, Rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; K. Jean-Baptiste, Rep., Hon. J. Sanders; L. Fogal, Rep., Hon. M. Miller; M. Rahmati, Rep., Hon. D. Weprin; S. Simonetti, Rep., Hon. E. Ulrich; D. Brown, QBPO; T. Strickland, DCA; Capt. J. Ganley, X.O. 106 Pct.; Det. B. Reddick, 106 Pct.; S. Austrie, Resorts World

The Chairperson began the meeting at 7:45 P.M. and asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance then opened the first Public Hearing of the evening regarding the Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018. In accordance with Section 204 of the City Charter, the Mayor has submitted for review and comment the Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018. The Chairperson asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no speakers. A motion was made by A. Cosentino, seconded by P. Lynch stating the Community Board does not support the City Wide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Year 2017 and 2018 as presented as it is vague, unclear, non-definitive and non-specific regarding sites of potential impact to CB10. All were in favor, there were no objections and no one abstained. The motion carried unanimously. The Chairperson closed the Public Hearing.

The Chairperson then opened the second Public Hearing for the evening regarding the Fiscal Year 2017 Preliminary Capital and Expense Budgets. She asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no speakers. The chairperson closed the Public Hearing.

The Chairperson then acknowledged the presence of Assembly Member Philip Goldfeder and invited him to speak. The Assemblyman spoke about the Mayor spending \$3 Billion to bring transportation to neighborhoods that don't need it. He stated that this district is asking for a fraction of that amount to give better transportation to an area that needs it. He was referring to the rail line. He spoke about the fact that our part of Queens did fine when it came to the conditions of the streets during the recent snowstorm. He stated that private companies should do their part in areas that are difficult to maintain. He also spoke about Hamilton Beach Park.

(R. Martinez arrived at 7:50 pm)

(G. Duldulao arrived at 7:50 pm)

The Chairperson acknowledged the presence of Captain John Ganley of the 106th Precinct and invited him to speak. He commented that Deputy Inspector Schiff sent his apology, as he was unable to attend the meeting. He spoke

about crime in the area that was down. He mentioned assaults and domestic violence and stated that many assaults were among those who were known to each other. These were not random crimes. There were some slashing instances where, again, those people know each other. He advised that there would be no Community Council meeting this month, but will resume in March. He spoke of traffic related issues, stating that we are doing well regarding the number of crashes. However, pedestrian injuries were up. He spoke about how the police cannot issue summons for failure to yield to pedestrians unless they observe the violation. There is however an ECB violation being reviewed where they do not have to observe and involves a civil penalty. At a crash when a police officer is called to an incident where a pedestrian is struck, the officer responds, the patrol supervisor responds as well and if it is determined that the operator of the vehicle caused the accident and is at fault for not yielding to the pedestrian, the summonses would be able to be written even though the violation was not observed by the NYPD. This is something that One Police Plaza is reviewing and will eventually be incorporated into Vision Zero. Also, he indicated that during 2016 the police would be taking a very aggressive approach in areas where traffic fatalities and crashes occur near locations where there are congregations of seniors. Effort is being focused on Cross Bay Boulevard near the senior center and other areas where seniors congregate in order to reach out to them. He stated if there were any events coming up to contact Community Affairs. He asked if there were any questions. A member commented on the use of cell phones by pedestrians who don't pay attention, causing accidents. The Chairperson thanked Captain Ganley for his information.

The Chairperson then introduced Ms. Tatiana Strickland of Consumer Affairs, who spoke briefly about NYC's Commuter Benefits Law, which took effect on January 1, 2016. Under the law, covered employers must offer commuter benefits to eligible full-time employees. She stated that the Department of Consumer Affairs is hosting a series of trainings to help employers understand their responsibilities under the NYC's Commuter Benefits Law. Training sessions are at 2 pm every Thursday from February through June. She provided fliers with information on when these training sessions would be held. The Chairperson thanked Ms. Strickland for her information.

The Chairperson proceeded with the Regular Order of Business.

She asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January, 2016 minutes. There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE – The Chairperson reviewed incoming correspondence for the month of January 2016, which included:

- Correspondence regarding variance for 106-02 Sutter Avenue. BSA Public Hearing was held on January 22, 2016.
- Correspondence from New York City Transit Riders Council regarding Freedom Ticket.
- Correspondence from the Borough President regarding Land Use Public Hearings that were held on January 28th. One of the Hearings involved ULURP #160097 PPQ for the disposition of a lease to Flight Center Hotel located at Building 60 at JFK International Airport. That project is now on the Borough Board agenda for recommendation and vote at the next Borough Board meeting.
- Letter from the Department of Transportation regarding our letter of July 1st requesting the installation of a speed bump on 135th Avenue between 130th Place and 135th Place.
- Communication to OASAS regarding medically supervised out-patient program in Ozone Park license request. The Board communicated that absent any support from the Ozone Park Community we do not support the granting of any license.
- Dan Brown contacted the Board in January and informed the Chairperson that the National Park Police were engaging in a planning effort and was looking for some feedback. The Board sent a number of points in regard to Hamilton Beach Park, Charles Park and Spring Creek Park.
- Information received on a tour of the Sewage Plant, which will take place on February 14, 2016.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer read the report of expenditures for the month of January 2016.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT – Mr. Brown commented on his request for feedback on the National Park Police planning effort for area parks. He stated he had reached out to a number of people for feedback and that the Chairperson was the only one who did provide feedback. Mr. Brown also advised that the Borough President held her Budget Hearings recently. The process to apply for Capital and Discretionary money is still open. For those who would like to seek funds for projects through Capital money, the process will be open until February 12th and the process to apply for discretionary money is open until March 18th. Information is available on the queensbp.org website or from him at 718- 286-2853. He also mentioned the Mayor's Office of Veteran's Affairs and how Councilman Ulrich helped to move that agency from being the Mayor's Office of Veteran's Affairs to the Department of Veteran's Services. They will be doing outreach, which will increase the staff and there will be satellite offices in all of the boroughs, including Queens, which has the largest population of veterans. One of the Queens locations will be at Borough Hall. This should be up and running by the end of the month. He will have more information on this by the next Board meeting. He lastly stated that those who are up for reappointment should have their applications in. If they have given them to their Councilman, they don't have to be concerned. For those who applied for the first time, there will be an interview process. All those who have applied will be contacted and interviewed. If you have any questions or concerns, you can call Mr. Brown.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – The DM reported the community board office has received a set of composite pre-final contract drawings prepared for the project HWCSCH4C2 School Safety Program 4, which involves Our Lady's Catholic Academy located at 125-18 Rockaway Boulevard. Construction for this project is targeted for spring of 2017. The Department of Homeless Services postponed HOPE Count 2016, which was to be held on Monday January 25th, to ensure accuracy of the data collection and the safety of everyone involved, following the severe winter weather the city experienced the weekend before the count. HOPE 2016 will now take place Monday, February 8th beginning at 10 pm to register to volunteer visit www.nyc.gov/hope. The Board was also informed that the MTA Metrocard Mobile will be in front of the Foch Post Office at 126-15 Foch Blvd. on Tuesday, February 23rd from 1 to 3 pm.

Chairperson Braton acknowledged the presence of Pat McCabe, representing State Senator Joseph Addabbo, Sal Simonetti representing Council Member Eric Ulrich, Linda Fogal representing Assembly Member Mike Miller, Mohammad Rahmati, representing Assembly Member David Weprin, Larry Savinkin representing Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, Kevin Jean-Baptiste representing Senator James Sanders, Sasha Austrie representing Resorts World Casino and Captain John Ganley and Detective Brenda Reddick of the 106th Precinct.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – The Chairperson advised that next month the Board will review the many requests for speed bumps that were received. The 135th Avenue speed hump request will not be part of that review as it has already been ascertained that there is block support. There are two requests that will be not part of the public hearing as they relate to school blocks. If approved by DOT, speed humps on school blocks are generally installed. Mailers were sent out to the affected blocks that will be considered for humps to ascertain block support and the returns are now beginning to come in.

She advised that last night there was a meeting with Con Edison in regard a project that they are engaged in which a battery system will be used to provide additional power during times when there is high demand. This battery power will help support the system. It will be installed on 151st Avenue.

She reminded the Board that if applications for those up for reappointment have not yet been submitted, to please do so.

She mentioned that Block Party season is nearing. The letter indicating the revised Block Party Rules has been sent out to those previously having block parties. There basically have been no changes from last year. Every applicant is provided a copy of the rules three times before the date of the party.

The Chairperson updated members about the Spring Creek South Project, which was to begin on January 28th. Because of the snowstorm, the work is a week behind schedule. The GeoTech work started on Tuesday, February 2nd, the drilling rig appears not to be noisy and is only turned on for a few seconds at a time. The sound does not

travel very far. Soil sampling will begin on February 8th. She continued explaining the process and advised that DEC will be onsite every day.

The Chairperson advised that 311 complaints mostly dealt with blocked driveways and snow removal.

She commented on a conference call with the Department of Health that was held on Monday regarding the Zika virus, which provided an update on the city's response. In the board folders is information that was discussed in that phone call.

TRANSPORTATION –The Committee Chairperson advised that she attended the Jamaica Bay Greenway meeting on January 21st and expressed the community's viewpoints. She stated that she also attended the Queens Traffic Safety Council Meeting.

JFK INTERNATIONAL – The Committee Chairperson reported that passenger activity at Port Authority airports set records in 2015. More than 124 million passengers traveled through the Port Authority's airports last year. This was a nearly 6% increase establishing new travel records and providing a strong boost to the region's economic and job growth. The PA airport system generates \$80 million in regional economic activity annually and supports more than a half million jobs. Preliminary data for 2015 shows JFK had a total of 56.8 million passengers during the year. Of them, 26.8 million were domestic passengers and 30 million were international passengers.

EDUCATION – The Committee Chairperson reported on Pre-K Community Fair, to be held on Saturday, February 6. For more information call 347-421-1917.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Members were advised the report was in board folders.

SANITATION – The Committee Chairperson advised that the Sanitation Dept. did an excellent job clearing the community streets after the recent storm that reportedly dropped 30 inches of snow. The Board Chairperson advised that had been expressed to Sanitation on Tuesday at the Cabinet Meeting and will again be expressed to Sanitation and OEM in writing. She reported that every concern that was brought to their attention by CB10 regarding snow removal and tidal flooding received immediate attention. Most streets were passable quickly in the context of a storm of that magnitude. Discussion ensued.

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

GATEWAY – The Committee Chairperson stated that a meeting took place however he was not able to attend. He commented about park police response time.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – No speakers.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

MaryAnn Turso
Draft, subject to approval