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June 4, 2015

COMMUNITY BOARD 2 MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Czarinna Andres
Sandra Bigitschke
Bessie Cassaro
Claudia Chan
Shampa Chanda
Stephen Cooper
Lisa Deller
Sally Frank
Dana Frankel
William Garrett
Kenneth Greenberg
Benjamin Guttmann
Anne Hart
Reverend Joseph Jerome
Mohammed Jewel
Ellen Kang
Denise Keehan-Smith
Badrun Khan
Jordan Levine
Sheila Lewandowski
Charles Markey
Donald McCallian
Dorothy Morehead
Patrick Murray
Patrick O'Brien
Lakshmi Reddy
Moitri Savard
Beth Sexton
Regina Shanley
Michael Son
Lauren Springer
Mary Torres
Karolina Tosi
Rebecca Trent
Santiago Vargas
Al Volpe

Absentees

Terri Adams
Diane Ballek
Anna Bridge
Richard Gundlach
Marie Konecko
Dominic Lippolis
Elliot Park
Norberto Saldana
Elba Santiago
Carol Terrano
Anthony Tudela

Elected Officials

Honorable Jimmy Van Bramer, NYC Council Member/Majority Leader
Jason Banrey, Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer's Office
Matthew Lerch, Senator Mike Gianaris's Office
Elaine Fan, NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office
Yoni Bokser, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Office

CB 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager
MaryAnn Gurrado

Guests
Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation
Nicole Garcia, Queens Borough Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation
Samantha Dolgoff, New York City Department of Transportation
Nicole Altmix, NYC Department of Transportation
Warren Gardiner, New York City Department of Transportation
Frank Fontana, Department of Environmental Protection
Ben Silverman, Edenworks
Elizabeth Ferguson
Fredrick A. Becker, Bright Horizons
Tony Raouf
Peggy Perrin
Rose Tibaldi
David Espinosa
Joan Tang
M. Dan Bach
Maureen O'Connor
Vicki Polizi, Bella Via
Crystal Wolf, Woodside Herald
Gloria Stanich
Irving Estella
Lashaun Lesley
Lori Marshall

Public Comment
Jim Condes
Dorothy Kominsky
Phil Konigsberg, CB 7
Eileen Miller, CB 11
Chris McKee, Queens Library Woodside
Sidney Ko, NYC Emergency Management
Patricia Dorfman
Miguel Cavanzos
Leo McCarthy
William McCarthy
Jean Dropp
Douglas Hanan
Christian Amez
Paul Mucciarone
Paul Salow
AJ Yusuf
Colin Samuel
Jesse Nover
Jane Schreiber
Marnie Julien
Dan Maskara
Joby Jacob

Lorraine Schern
January LaVoy
James Dolan
Daniel Offner
Daniel Leyva
Bernandette Casro
Jessame Hannus
Donald Aridas
Patrick Rhea
Peter Beadle
Brian Howald
Tony Ryan
Rachel Beadle
Norm Sutoria

Mr. Cooper, First Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Cooper welcomed Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer

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Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer provided the following update:

- Thanked Stephen Cooper, Debra Markell Kleinert and the entire Board and staff of Community Board 2.
- Announced it was great to be present for the June Meeting.
- Informed all that before becoming a Council Member, he served on CB 2 for 3 ½ years and those were good times.
- Thanked every member of Community Board 2 for their service.
- Welcomed and congratulated new CB2 Board Members:

Mary Torres
Ben Guttmann
Beth Sexton
Lakshmi Reddy
Czarinna Andres
Sally Frank
Badrun Khan

- Thanked all the Board Members for their service to the community.
- Thanked Chairman Patrick A. O'Brien.

- Announced that Jason Banrey, a member of his staff, would be distributing the new Newsletter. The Newsletter is a snap shot of some of things his office has been working on.
- Council Member/Majority Leader Van Bramer stated he never will forget that he works for every single person in the room.
- Reported that 51st street has a traffic signal for the first time and that this street is safer. Council Member/Majority Leader Van Bramer stated he is very proud and worked for years to get this. Thanked the DOT who worked with them to make it happen.
- Introduced DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg who was in attendance at the meeting.
- Announced that we have been working for 15 years to build a new library in Hunters Point and we broke ground on the new library in LIC a few weeks ago.
- Reported on the Participatory Budgeting Process and stated that this is the first time the people of the district had an opportunity to vote on how a million dollars in capital funding would be allocated. It was very successful and would include the following:
    1. Senior van in Queens Bridge
    2. Tree plantings in Woodside,
    3. Real time bus countdown clocks
    4. District-wide school and library improvements.
- Working on a $78 billion budget that will be voted on in a couple of weeks. He is down at City Hall working hard so this community gets all the resources it needs for our schools, parks and libraries and that they get the funding they deserve.
- Spoke about the Percent for Art Program/Public Art Program which has been a topic of discussion in our community, most recently concerning the Pink Sunbather Sculpture on Jackson Avenue. Advised us that he had sponsored a bill that was recently passed that will make sure that whenever a public art project is going to be part of a bigger project that the community be involved. It has been mandated that a public hearing with the Community Board be held before anything is decided.
- Spoke in favor of the application for a sidewalk café for the Dog and Duck and that this business is critical to the success of the neighborhood. Council Member/Majority Leader Van Bramer believes the owners of the Dog and Duck have helped to make this location a better place to live, work and raise a family. He thanked them and supports their application.
- Spoke about the Queens Boulevard Traffic Safety Improvements. Queens Boulevard has been known for so long as the Boulevard of Death and that many have been fighting for a long time to make it safer for all. There have been many who have been hit by cars and have died and he has attended many events for those who have died on Queens Boulevard.
- Spoke about the first ever town hall meeting at PS 11 a few months ago with hundreds of community members. $100 million dollars has been allocated to make Queens Boulevard safer for everyone and it is an opportunity to transform what was known as the Boulevard of Death into the Boulevard of Life. Council Member/Majority Leader stated this is what we want and need for Sunnyside, Woodside and LIC.

- He stated this is a unique opportunity to think differently about Queens Boulevard and to envision something different and better, that which will save lives and we are all committed to a safer Queens Boulevard.
- Thanked Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation.
- Announced the new Queens Borough Commissioner Nicole Garcia and thanked the entire team at DOT.
- Announced that we have this opportunity today to see this presentation and an opportunity to have input. He hopes the Board will vote to support a new and better Queens Boulevard that is about life, hope and getting to where you need to go and that it will not be known as the Boulevard of Death anymore.
- Announced the Commissioner has been an amazing partner.
- Thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity and privilege of being their Council Member and that every day that he gets up he never stops working for them.
- Council Member/Majority Leader Van Bramer wished all a great summer.

Mr. O'Brien welcomed and introduced Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation.

Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation

Commissioner Trottenberg thanked Chairman Patrick O'Brien, the leadership and the members of Community Board 2 and provided the following update:

- Thanked Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer.
- Commissioner Trottenberg informed the Board that Council Member Van Bramer is a relentless advocate for his constituents and we are lucky to have him.
- She and her team would be in attendance throughout the evening to answer questions.
- Spoke about Mayor de Blasio who has embarked on Vision Zero to make the streets of New York safer and to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries. She spoke about Queens Boulevard and that it is notorious for its fatalities and challenged her department on how to make it better.
- $100 million was allocated to the Queens Boulevard project.
- The DOT developed a creative proposal that will make the road more attractive and safer for pedestrians, cyclists and for people who live and have businesses in the area. It will also keep traffic flowing.
- Looks forward to the discussion.
- Hopes that CB 2 approves the proposal.

Mr. O'Brien recognized the following:

- Yoni Bokser, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Office.
- Matthew Lerch, Senator Gianaris's Office.
- Elaine Fan, Office of the NYC Comptroller's Office.

Yoni Bokser, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Office

Mr. Bokser provided the following update:

- There are many issues about Education and there was some talk about truncation at PS/ IS 78 and the Borough President addressed this at her War Room Meeting several weeks ago.
- There was a Parent Advisory Board Meeting last evening and he does not believe there will be any changes for the next two years. DOB and SCA are working on these issues.
- The BP allocated funds for another universal Pre-K site at the Ravenswood Library.
- Anniversary of the World's Festival at Flushing Meadows Corona Park on Sunday.
- Queens Pride Parade will take place on Sunday and anyone interested in marching with the BP can email him.
- The first Monday of every month at Borough Hall, the BP and EDC have a program for those starting new businesses.
- In May, the BP held a round table meeting with Nepali leaders in Queens.
- Rockaway Board Walk has opened after Hurricane Sandy.

Mikelle Adgate, Office of Green Infrastructure, Department of Environmental Protection

Ms. Adgate provided a power point presentation on the NYC Green Infrastructure Program and explained the purpose of a bioswale and how they will be maintained. A copy of the presentation is attached. Anyone seeking more information about bioswales can visit the DEP website.

Questions were entertained.

Presentation and Overview of the Queens Tech Strategic Plan Long Term Growth

Ms. Tran, Coalition for Queens (CQ4) provided the following update:

Ms. Tran provided an overview of the Queens Tech Strategic Plan. She reported this is a community based initiative that aims to lay the foundations for the continued long-term growth of technology in Queens. In partnership with the Queens Borough President's Office, Ms. Tran reported this is a non-profit organization based in LIC.

Ms. Tran discussed CQ4 projects goals, timeline and the community engagement process. For more information, visit their website at: www.c4q@nyc/techplan.

Questions were entertained.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Condes
Mr. Condes spoke about the following issues with Access A Ride:

- Waited 35 minutes for Access-A-Ride to bring him to the meeting.
- Discussed the voucher system which was better and the broker system.
- Requested CB 2 forward the letters he wrote concerning Access-A-Ride to the elected officials.
- Requested assistance from the elected officials with regard to his concerns with Access-A-Ride.
- Wrote to Governor Cuomo and received a response within four days.
- Requested feedback from Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer's Office and CB2.

Mr. O'Brien reported that each of the letters Mr. Condes sent had been forwarded to the appropriate agency. CB 2 is still waiting to hear from Access-A-Ride with regard to the information they promised to provide last month.

Dorothy Kominsky
Ms. Kominsky requested an update about the dormitory at 63-14 Queens Boulevard.

Mr. O'Brien stated that the DOB has been unable to gain access at this location a number of times. However, CB 2 will continue to follow up.

Phil Konigsberg, Community Board 7
Mr. Konigsberg introduced Eileen Miller, CB 11 and reported that he attended a previous Community Board 2 meeting several months ago to discuss a Resolution on Smoke Free Housing. CB 7 and CB 11 passed A Smoke Free Housing Resolution. He is requesting that CB 2 make a decision to pass this resolution.

Eileen Miller, Community Board 11
Ms. Miller spoke about second hand smoke and hopes that people will vote this resolution in.

Chris McKee, Woodside Community Library
Mr. McKee informed there would be a rally for Saturday Service at the Woodside Library and invited all to attend on Friday, June 5, 2015 at 5:00 pm at 54-22 Skillman Avenue, Woodside, NY

Sidney Ko, NYC Office of Emergency Management
Mr. Ko provided an update about the following:

- Hurricane Season which is September to November.
- He emphasized that "Everyone should know their evacuation zone."
- Encouraged everyone to sign up for Notify NYC so that individuals can find out about emergencies in their area.
- Visit the website at www.nyc.gov/oem.

Patricia Dorfman, Director, Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce and Founder of Sunnyside Artists
Ms. Dorfman spoke of the following:

- Queen of Angels Art Fair VIII will take place on June 7, 2015 from 10am-5pm.
- Her concern that sidewalk cafes and small businesses are at risk due to possible future rezoning.

- Thanked Lisa Deller for her service to the community.
- Trying to get a bill passed to protect small businesses and sidewalk cafes that may be displaced if there is future rezoning.

Miguel Cavanzos
Mr. Cavanzos stated he is a resident of Blissville and spoke of the need for a public park for the children of this community.

Leo McCarthy
Mr. McCarthy spoke about the following concerns:

- Misuse of municipal vehicles which have been observed parking at bus stops, and are preventing people from taking the bus on Greenpoint Avenue.
- School Safety Officer was observed parking on the sidewalk at Queens Plaza on 27th Street and 29th Street.
- Delivery motor scooters that drive on the sidewalks.
- Noise concerns at Bar 43.
- Requested the new bar which will be opening on 43rd Street and 43rd Avenue does not get approved for their outdoor seating.

Jean Dropp
Ms. Dropp spoke about the need for a traffic signal near Robert Wagner High School on 30th Place and 48th Avenue. In September the school will go from 6 to 12th grade.

Douglas Hanan
Mr. Hanan spoke about the senior building on Queens Boulevard in Woodside near the Big Six Towers, and stated the following:

- Discussed the criteria to get into this building.
- It is HUD Section 8 housing and you have to be on a waiting list, which has been closed for 5 years.
- They cannot open the list without permission from HUD and until they have exhausted the current list. It is a federally subsidized building and it does not have a community preference similar to city affordable housing.
- Federally subsidized buildings use a lottery system. When they open the waiting list, they will inform and do outreach to CB 2, Council Member/Majority Leader Van Bramer and all elected officials.
- This is sponsored by Woodside On The Move and Sunnyside Community Services.
- This building is for low income individuals with 50% area median income or less.
- Must be 62 years or older at the time you apply.

Christian Amez, Vice President Marketing for the Queens Post
Mr. Amez thanked all who attended the Sunnyside Post Mile Run including the following individuals:

Council Member/Majority Leader Van Bramer

- Senator Mike Gianaris
- Chairman Patrick O'Brien
- 108th Police Precinct

- Sponsors
- Lenore White

They raised $10,000 for the Coalition for the Homeless.

Paul Salow
Mr. Salow, Woodside resident, stated that the 52nd Street Station staircase of the Number 7 Line Main Street bound side was closed. He requested the MTA advise the public when they plan to do construction work, and include the expected duration of the project.

AJ Yusuf, Mayor's Office of Community Affairs
Mr. Yusuf spoke about the IDNYC card, official form of identification which has many benefits. Mr. Yusuf is also available to provide presentations to organizations regarding the program.

Presentation by Department of Transportation – Queens Boulevard Safety Improvement Project, Operational Project 1- Roosevelt Avenue to 73rd Street

Nicole Altmix, NYC Department of Transportation
Ms. Altmix made a presentation of the Queens Boulevard Project between Roosevelt Avenue and 73rd Street, operational project number 1, which is part of the Vision Zero Initiative. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Public Comment – Queens Boulevard Safety Improvement Project, Operational Project 1- Roosevelt Avenue to 73rd Street
The following individuals spoke in favor of the project.

- Daniel Leyva
- Bernadette Castro
- Jessame Hannus
- Donald Aridas
- Patrick Rhea
- Peter Beadle
- Brian Howald
- Rachel Beadle
- Norm Sutoria

The following individual spoke in opposition to the project:
Tom Ryan

ULURP Application Bright Horizons – ULURP Number N15DCP123Q
Applicant Bright Horizons Children's Center is seeking a zoning text amendment to modify the use provisions of the New York City Zoning Resolution, "Queens Plaza Sub District" of the Special Long Island City Mixed Use District "LIC District". The proposed action would facilitate a proposal by the applicant to operate an approximately 8,200 gross square foot use group 3A community facility on a portion of the ground floor of a 21-story, approximately 544,000 mixed use building located at 1 Gotham Center, the project site.

Frederick Becker, representative for the applicant provided the following update:

- Large portion of the site can be used as –of-right for the day care center Bright Horizons.
- It is a text amendment to change a portion of the site, one additional classroom space for the day care center use.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS APPLICATIONS:

An application for a new application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 40 seats at 49-49 Vernon Kitchen LLC d/b/a Bareburger, located at 48-19 Vernon Boulevard, LIC.
The representative reported there would be 4 tables and 8 seats on Vernon Boulevard and 16 tables and 32 seats on 49th Avenue.

There were no speakers for this application.

An application for a renewal/modification for an application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 28 seats at Cooljag Corp. d/b/a The Dog and Duck located at 45-20 Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside.

The owners spoke about their proposal to increase their sidewalk café from 8 tables and 16 seats to 10 tables and 28 seats. The owners stated this proposal satisfies all city regulations. They also stated they run clean, successful businesses and that they support numerous events and charities. They presented petitions and reported the responses received from the community that they run a successful business and there is a desire for more seating at the establishment. They are seeking the Board's support.

Jane Schreiber
Ms. Schreiber spoke about the Dog and Duck's outdoor seating and that they do not close it at the time they should. When they have live music inside, they keep the windows open so the people outside can enjoy it. This occurs on weekend nights and for the past two years she has called at 10 pm asking them to close their windows. She reported they are not a great neighbor.

Marni Julian
Ms. Julian stated that we need small businesses in the community and that we want to encourage good neighbors. She reported that the Dog and Duck is not a good neighbor, they do not close their windows and hang up when they are contacted. She is requesting they be more considerate.

Dan Maskara
Mr. Maskara spoke in favor of the Dog and Duck.

January LaVoy

Ms. LaVoy spoke in favor of the Dog and Duck.

Lori Marshall
Ms. Marshall spoke in favor of the Dog and Duck.

An application for a renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 28 seats at Donato's Pizzeria Restaurant Corp. located at 50-22 39th Avenue, Woodside.

There were no speakers for this application.

An application for a renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 17 tables and 36 seats at Sal & Vik/d/b/a Bella Via Restaurant, located at 47-46 Vernon Boulevard, LIC.

The owner reported that she closes at approximately 10:00 pm from Sunday through Thursday and approximately 10:30 on Saturday.

There were no speakers for this application.

An application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 48 seats at El Kamla View Inc. d/b/a Riverview, located at 2-01 50th Avenue, LIC.

There were no speakers for this application.

An application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café with 16 tables and 32 seats at Station LIC, LLC d/b/a Station LIC at 10-37 Jackson Avenue LIC.

Greg Okshteyn stated his business has been operating for approximately seven months. The sidewalk café will be on the corner of Jackson Avenue and 50th Avenue and he is seeking to make the area more lively and fun. The hours of operation will be Sunday through Thursday 10:00 pm and Friday and Saturday 11:00 pm.

Attendance
Total Present 36 Total Absent 11

Approval of the May 7, 2015 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

Dorothy Morehead made a motion and it was seconded to approve the May 7, 2015 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes. All were in favor by a show of hands.

Chairman's Report
Mr. O'Brien provided the following update:

- Thanked Barbara Coleman for her many years of service, as she is resigning from the Board for health reasons.
- Met with new board members on May 27, 2015 to discuss policy and committee assignments.

- All new Board Members and reappointed members attended training on May 14, 2015 with the Borough President's Office.

- Borough President Swearing Ceremony will take place on Monday, June 8, 2015 at the New York Hall of Science at 6:00pm.

- Stated he and Ms. Markell Kleinert met with Borough President Katz on many community issues.

- Website launched today will take a day or so to be live. We will send an email with the new link.

- CB2 attended a briefing with EDC on Sunnyside Yards RFP, and the Vernon Blvd Department of Education site.

- Reminder the Sunnyside Flag Day Parade will be held on Saturday, June 13th at 11:00am. Formation will be at 41st Street and Greenpoint Avenue. Borough President will be attending.

- Reminder the Queens Zoo Community Board breakfast will take place June 13, 2015 at 8:30 am.

- The CB 2 Newsletter contains information from the 108th Precinct regarding July 4th and the frozen zones for the fireworks. CB 2 is working with the agencies to have a meeting to discuss the details.

- Ground breaking at the new library of Hunters Point was held on May 16, 2015 and was a great success.

- We received complaints regarding 63-14 Queens Blvd. The Department of Buildings has attempted to gain access several times. Inspectors went out on May 6, 8, and 12th. The compliance unit is working on gaining access.

- Congratulated the following:

    - Rachel Thieme, Sunnyside Shines BID on the Taste of Sunnyside which was held on May 19th, 2015.
    - Sheila Lewandowski on the Taste of LIC which was held on June 2, 2015.

- Working with Denise Keehan-Smith, Chair, Transportation Committee and LaGuardia College on transportation issues. Attended a walking tour and will have further meetings.

- Homework for summer, the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities to be reviewed. Submit requests to the CB 2 office over the summer.

- Con Edison will be replacing gas mains in long island city on weekdays from 9am to 4pm. and Saturday from 8am-6pm and Sunday from 9am to 6pm for the next 3 months.

District Manager's Report

Ms. Markell Kleinert provided the following update:

- The new website launched today. Will take a day or so to be active. In the hands of DOITT. This was a very lengthy process working with the City to launch this interactive website. Thanked Patrick O'Brien and Joseph Conley.

- Attended Education Meeting with the Borough President to discuss the need for schools in the CB2 district.

- Department of Health conducted an operational inspection with the 108th Police Precinct from Vernon Blvd to 46th Street and Greenpoint Avenue and Borden Avenue to 39th Avenue.

    - They observed one food processing cart with food item and no permit decal, one illegal fruits and vegetable cart and one illegal ice cart. There were 3 ECB summons issued with approximately 50lbs of food items confiscated and discarded.

- Con Edison will be replacing gas mains in Long Island City on weekdays from 9am to 4pm and Saturday from 8am-6pm and Sunday from 9am to 6pm for the next 3 months.

Penny Lee, Department of City Planning

Ms. Lee provided the following update:

- Last month, the Landmarks Commission voted to landmark the Clock Tower.
- Text Change for Bright Horizons public hearing will take place on June 17, 2015 and a vote in July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Queens Boulevard Safety Improvement Project Roosevelt Avenue to 73rd Street

Denise Keehan-Smith provided the following update:

- DOT did an awesome job in presenting their proposal.
- The June 2015 Transportation Committee meeting did not have a quorum present.
- CB 2 was not aware of Option 2 until tonight.
- 22 parking spaces would be taken away from the community.

The DOT representative reported on the following:

- Curb side moving lane on the north side of Queens Boulevard between 63rd and 65th Streets is in the overall project and they did not have an alternate solution for the loss of parking
- This solution will remove 22 spaces between 7am to 10am and 4pm to 6pm.

- Option 1 would keep the bike lane in the main line of Queens Boulevard from 69th to 73rd Streets. Option 2 moves the bike lane from the main line to the service road. Doing so results in the loss of an additional 25 parking spaces from 7am-7pm.
- Option 2 will cause a maximum of 50 parking spaces to be lost during the busiest time of the day.

Steve Cooper asked to get a motion on the floor.

Ms. Keehan-Smith spoke about the following:

- Asked if we wanted to proceed with taking a vote on the options or wait until September when there was more time for discussion.
- DOT is very anxious to get this going.
- Expressed concern that this is the right plan.
- Bicyclists use Queens Boulevard whether we like it or not. The new lanes provide more safety for them.

Mr. O'Brien suggested we discuss this in terms of what the options are, including loss of parking, and other significant concerns and recommendations made by the Committee.

Ms. Keehan-Smith said there were concerns about some of the slips and length of time to cross 65th place.

Mr. Vargas stated that as a member of Transportation committee he voted to support DOT's proposal but since there was a lack of a quorum for a vote he made a motion to table until September where there can be more discussion.

Mr. Cooper asked if we delay the vote until September, when would the project begin.

DOT representative stated that starting later would be difficult due to the seasons. Marking the street could be delayed and impact the schedule of the capital project. They are closely following the timeline of the capital project.

Mr. Cooper asked for a withdrawal of the motion.

Mr. Vargas said if the will of the body is to vote it down then let the body vote it down.

Mr. O'Brien stated there is a motion made and seconded and when the motion is to table there is no discussion.

Ms. Keehan-Smith stated that the consequence is that if this is tabled until September it will not begin until next year.

Mr. O'Brien explained this is the process, and we do not have a choice but to follow the process or the vote does not mean anything. When the motion is made and seconded to table, there is no discussion. We have to take a yes or no vote to say yes we table it or no, we do not table it. If we vote to table it that is the end of this aspect tonight and we deal with it at a later time. If we vote no, we will not table it, then we can have further discussion to address this to break down the components and have answers to the questions that have been raised. If you vote yes, no more questions, we are duty bound to stop talking about it

Mr. O'Brien stated this is a vote to table the motion.

All those in favor of the motion to stop discussion tonight.

For the motion: 9 Opposed: 26 a majority voted no Abstention 0

Stephen Cooper made a motion that we approve the plan then we have something to talk about.

A board member asked if there would be time to make changes between now and 2017 to make changes and the response was yes.

Ms. Keehan-Smith stated that Option 1 was the only option presented at the Transportation committee meeting.

DOT reviewed Option 1 of the bike lane on the main line and advised it is protected. The Rep from DOT spoke about the dimensions of the Jersey barriers which are 3 feet high and 42 inches.

Mr. Cooper spoke about the following concerns:

- Snow removal near the bike lanes.

The response was they are designed so DOS vehicles can fit the bike path. They have a few different vehicle types for clearance to fit that is 11 feet. There is clearance in the main section. One section will be a bit tighter and they need to address this. They have done this in other areas and there is a variety of trucks in the city available for use.

- A question was raised about reducing accidents, but will this change increase road rage?

The response was they analyze the traffic data to insure that they do not cause congestions and can make adjustments as they go along.

- Have they seen a decrease in traffic accidents?

The response was they did a study of protected bike paths and found a 20% reduction in injury across the board for all street users combined.

Questions were entertained.

Ms. Keehan-Smith stated that the Committee discussed some of the issues that we were not happy with.

Comments were inaudible here:

Loss of parking spots from 7am to 10am and 4pm to 6pm.

Review of Option 1 & 2

The DOT representative provided the following information:

- Option 1
  Bike lane on main line - This was presented on Tuesday. The Transportation Committee brought up that concerns that cyclists would not be safe on the main line.

- On Tuesday and Wednesday DOT developed Option 2 which puts the bike lane on the service road. Because the traffic is so heavy they need two travel lanes in this section and it was proposed that they look at parking utilization to see if they could remove parking to accommodate a bike lane on the service road.

- They spent a lot of time modeling this rendition, the DOT is concerned with safety and traffic, looked at volumes, modeled it and analyzed it and what actually works is if they installed curbside moving lane for the three blocks from 7am to 7pm. If the committee was not comfortable with the 7am to 7pm option, they can reconsider using rush hour regulations similar to those being used at 63rd and 65th Streets.

Ms. Keehan-Smith spoke about parking and that we would lose 3 blocks of parking on the eastbound side from 7am to 7pm and on the westbound side in the morning we would lose 3 blocks from 7am to 10am and 4pm to 6pm.

Mr. Conley asked the following questions, however were inaudible:

- If we look at DOT's why not look at it now and plan to remove parking spaces
- Were recently added as traffic calming
- Accommodate a true bicycle path

Ms. Morehead asked why DOT is proposing pedestrian walkways in the middle of the road which terminates. Why aren't the sidewalks being used?

S. Vargas made a motion to move the question.

Ms. Lewandowski stated this is a visionary plan, except for the one block and if there was a way to move this ahead and vote on it.

Mr. O'Brien asked that Mr. Cooper accept an amendment to his motion to condition any vote to approve the plan on a commitment by DOT to maintain an ongoing dialogue with CB2 to monitor, identify, and modify aspects of the plan (including the loss of parking on the eastern portion, the turn on 50th Street, and other things identified by the Committee that warrant further discussion) as and when unintended consequences and negative impacts occur, and work with CB2 toward the implementation of corrective solutions and improvements to address them. This amendment was accepted by Mr. Cooper.

Ms. Keehan-Smith clarified that this was Option 2.

Mr. Cooper's motion, as amended, was seconded to approve the plan on the conditions described above.

The final vote was for Option 2, to install protected bicycle lanes in the service road. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 34 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention with the Chairman present and voting.

Ms. Keehan-Smith provided the following update:

- Update on walking tour with LaGuardia College on traffic issues and continued meetings.

- DOT updated the committee on the Thomson Avenue Mural Project. Shoe pattern on the Thomson Avenue Bridge between Skillman Ave and 44th Drive. LIC Partnership is a strong supporter of this project. DOT will implement from July 26th to August 1, 2015.

- Note the presentation from DOT on Hunter Street and/ Crescent Street project. They made changes as CB 2 suggested and no parking will be removed.

- CB2 placed a request to DOT (Al Volpe request) to remove the No Standing Anytime sign regulations on the southeast corner of Skillman Avenue and 51st Street. DOT has determined that these signs are no longer necessary. The removal of the signs should be completed by August 31, 2015.

- Update on the Long Island Rail Road elevator.

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Lisa Deller provided the following update on how the Land Use Committee voted on the following applications:

An application for a renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 17 tables and 36 seats at Sal & Vik/d/b/a Bella Via Restaurant, located at 47-46 Vernon Boulevard, LIC.

The Land Use Committee voted unanimously in favor to approve.

An application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 48 seats at El Kamla View Inc. d/b/a Riverview, located at 2-01 50th Avenue, LIC.

The Riverview had a change of ownership and they have to reapply. The Land Use Committee voted to approve this application, the hours have not changed.

An application for a renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 28 seats at Donato's Pizzeria Restaurant Corp. located at 50-22 39th Avenue, Woodside.

The applicant has been a good neighbor and has been in the community a long time. The Land Use Committee voted unanimously in favor to support this application.

An application for a new application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 40 seats at 49-49 Vernon Kitchen LLC d/b/a Bareburger, located at 48-19 Vernon Boulevard, LIC.
A new application and hours are Sunday through Thursday at 10 Friday and Saturday close at midnight.

The Land Use Committee voted unanimously in favor of the application.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the above applications. The vote was all in favor by a show of hands with 1 opposed and 0 abstention with the Chairman present and voting.

An application for a renewal/modification for an application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 28 seats at Cooljag Corp. d/b/a The Dog and Duck located at 45-20 Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside.

Ms. Deller provided an update about the seating on 46th Street and the doors opening to the basement.

Questions were entertained.

Land Use Committee did not make a recommendation as they wanted to hear from the community.

A motion was made and it was seconded to not oppose the application provided the owners agree to monitor the noise, as they had complaints. The vote was 26 in favor of approving this application with 4 opposed to the application and 1 abstention with the Chairman present and abstaining

Mr. O'Brien spoke about the stipulation agreement in which they agreed to monitor and respect the quality of the neighborhood that City Services does with any liquor license. This has the consent of the applicant.

An application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café with 16 tables and 32 seats at Station LIC, LLC d/b/a Station LIC at 10-37 Jackson Avenue LIC.

Ms. Deller spoke about subway vent on the sidewalk and a discussion followed.

A motion was made and seconded to reject the application, subject to reconsideration if the applicant amends its application as well as its floor plan diagram and other required drawings to include the existing bicycle racks on the 50th Avenue side of its establishment, and a reconfiguration of the proposed area to be licensed to provide all required physical criteria and sidewalk clearance standards.

Ms. Deller spoke about an amended application and that the Executive Committee will review and amend the application.

The vote was all in favor of the motion by a show of hands with 36 in favor; 0 opposed and 1 abstention with the Chairman present and voting.

ULURP Application Bright Horizons – ULURP Number N15DCP123Q

Applicant Bright Horizons Children's Center is seeking a zoning text amendment to modify the use provisions of the New York City Zoning Resolution, "Queens Plaza Sub District" of the Special Long Island City Mixed Use District "LIC District". The proposed action would facilitate a proposal by the applicant to operate an approximately 8,200 gross square foot use group 3A community facility on a portion of the ground floor of a 21-story, approximately 544,000 mixed use building located at 1 Gotham Center, the project site.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the text change amendment for the Queens Plaza Subdistrict Ground Floor Use Provisions Text Amendment (N 150141 ZRQ). The vote was all in favor by a show of hands with 36 in favor of the motion, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions with the Chairman of Community Board 2 present and voting.

CITY SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. O'Brien reported there was a new application for Show Palace.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Ms. Terrano was absent; however, Moitre Savard provided the following update:

- Health Committee drafted a Resolution on the Smoke Free Housing.
- Executive Committee provided changes.
- The Health Committee is asking for three things:
    1. All owners and developers strive for smoke free housing.
    2. Tell people what the status is for smoke free housing.
    3. City Council considers legislation to look at smoke free housing throughout the city.
- Will send the resolution so that it can be voted on in September

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Dorothy Morehead announced there would be a committee meeting on June 24, 2015.

Mr. O'Brien wished everyone a happy Father's Day and very safe and Happy July 4 and a great summer.

Respectfully submitted by:
MA Gurrado

Attachment #1 – NYC Green Infrastructure Program
Attachment #2 – Queens Boulevard Proposed Corridor Safety Improvements

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