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**September 8, 2016**

## **Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes**

### **Attendees**

Terri Adams  
Czarinna Andres  
Sandra Bigitschke  
Bessie Cassaro  
Claudia Chan  
Stephen Cooper  
Lisa Deller  
Sally Frank  
William Garrett  
Ira Greenberg  
Kenneth Greenberg  
Richard Gundlach  
Benjamin Guttmann  
Anne Hart  
Ellen Kang  
Denise Keehan-Smith  
Marie Konecko  
Jordan Levine  
Sheila Lewandowski  
Dominic Lippolis

Donald McCallian  
Taina McShane  
Thomas Mituzas  
Dorothy Morehead  
Patrick Murray  
Patrick O'Brien  
Steven Raga  
Lakshmi Reddy  
Norberto Saldana  
Moitri Savard  
Regina Shanley  
Michael Son  
Carol Terrano  
Mary Torres  
Karolina Tosi  
Rebecca Trent  
Anthony Tudela  
Santiago Vargas  
Maria Magdalena Vielma

### **Absentees**

Ryan Balas  
Diane Ballek  
Anna Bridge  
Mohammed Jewel  
Badrun Khan

Charles Markey  
Elliot Park  
Mark Salinas  
Elba Santiago  
Lauren Springer

**Community Board 2 Staff**

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager  
MaryAnn Gurrado

**Public Members**

Joseph Conley

**Elected Officials**

Aliay Latif, New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office  
Yoni Bokser, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Office  
Dylan Cepeda, Council Member Elizabeth Crowley's Office  
Elan Ehrenberg, Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer's Office  
Kenny Medrano, Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer's Office

**Department of City Planning**

Penny Lee  
Alexis Wheeler

**Guests**

Frank Manetta, FDNY  
Chief James Maloney, FDNY

**Public Comment**

Marvin Jeffcoat  
Dorothy Kominsky  
Alice Crespo  
Paul Salow  
Stephen Martin, Four Freedoms Park Conservancy  
James Chan, Sunnyside Community Services  
Erycka de Jesus  
Sarah Gibson, Columbia Journalism  
Pat Dorfman, Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce  
Manny Gomez, Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce  
Amadeo Plaza, Court Square Civic Association  
Angel Diaz  
Barry Druss  
Jim Condes  
Sarah Obratis, M. Wells  
Amy Paul, Woodside on the Move  
Aditi Hudli

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Denise Keehan-Smith, welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced she is the new Chairwoman of Community Board 2.

### **Dylan Cepeda, Council Member Elizabeth Crowley's Office**

Mr. Cepeda provided the following update:

- Council Member Elizabeth Crowley will be holding Participatory Budgeting Meetings on the following dates:
  - Tuesday September 20, 2016 at PS 229, Woodside at 6:30.
  - Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at Maspeth Town Hall at 6:30 pm.
- Dorothy Neary Co Naming was passed. Dorothy Neary was a member of the United Forties Civic Association who passed away. They are waiting to get in touch with the family members for a date to hold the ceremony.
- Discussed the proposed homeless shelter at the Holiday Inn which is located at 59-40 55<sup>th</sup> Road and borders CB 2 and CB 5. Council Member Crowley filed a law suit against the City and the Department of Homeless Services on the grounds that the shelter violates the city code which mandates that all shelters have cooking facilities and the hotel does not have cooking facilities.
- Council Member Elizabeth Crowley has proposed a Light Rail service for the Lower Montauk Branch of LIRR which runs from LIC to Jamaica. In the recent City Budget, Council Member Crowley was able to get \$500,000 for a feasibility study which is currently with DOT. The feasibility study should be finished by the same time next year.

### **Kenny Medrano, Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer's Office**

Mr. Medrano provided the following update:

- Phipps Barnett Avenue Development Project has been in discussions throughout the summer. Council Member/Majority Leader Van Bramer has made the decision to oppose the project and it will go before the Council for a vote at the hearing on September 20, 2016 at 9:30 at City Hall. Mr. Medrano encouraged all to attend the hearing to voice their concerns. Council Member/Majority Leader Van Bramer stated that during an interview he pointed out that he is not working for the developers; that it is his job to represent his constituents.
- Announced that SCA has intent to purchase the property at 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Barnett Avenue the site of the Pulse Gym for the development of a middle school. Allocated 2 million dollars for the projects.

- School Drive, very successful and Council Member Van Bramer will distribute the supplies to the schools throughout the district and welcome the children back to school.
- Mr. Medrano provided a brief update about the Participatory Budgeting Process and introduced his colleague Elana Ehrenberg.

**Ms. Ehrenberg, Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer's Office**

Ms. Ehrenberg provided the following update:

- The Participatory Budgeting Process is beginning and the program allocates \$1 million to for community project proposals.
- The voting takes place in March.
- There will be a series of Public Meetings and flyers were distributed. They will take place all over the district and the meetings begin at 6:00 pm
- Encouraged everyone to volunteer to help develop proposals.

Stephen Cooper asked if Community Board 2 was notified about the Middle School.

- Mr. Medrano reported the SCA has issued an intent to purchase the property at 38-04 48<sup>th</sup> Street. In response to a question, Mr. Medrano stated the owner was contacted. He stated that anyone seeking more information may reach out to the Council Member's Office.
- Mr. Medrano reminded everyone of a local 9/11 firefighter hero by the name of Michael Brennan, son of Eileen Walsh, a member of the United Forties Civic Association who lost his life that day.

Ms. Morehead informed the board of another local 9/11 firefighter hero from the community by the name of Lawrence Virgilio who also lost his life on that day.

**Aliya Latif, NYC Comptroller's Office**

Ms. Latif provided the following update:

- Ms. Latif is the liaison from the NYC Comptroller Office. Anyone that has concerns or issues can contact her.
- Announced that the NYC Comptroller came to visit Sunnyside Community Services.
- The Comptroller held a Round Table discussion at LaGuardia Community College.
- Ms. Latif provided material from the NYC Comptroller's Office.
- Ms. Latif discussed the Community Action Center which is like a mini 311.
- Discussed the NYC Comptroller's Newsletter
- Announced the NYC Comptroller would be holding a breakfast for the Polish Community

- Distributed a book mark for students to start off the school year.

#### **Yoni Bokser, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Office**

Mr. Bokser provided the following update:

- Announced the Queens Borough President's Fall 2016 Newsletter.
- Borough President Melinda Katz will host a Homecoming Welcome for Queens Olympians on September 12, 2016 at 12:00 at Queens Borough Hall.

#### **Presentation by Lt. Frank Manetta, FDNY**

Lt. Manetta provided the following update:

- Teaches fire safety education; from children to seniors.
- Discussed prevention and early detection and planning.
- Distributed literature on several topics.
- Discussed three fires where children were involved and stated it is important that families discuss early prevention and planning.
- FDNY will be conducting presentations.
- Encouraged all to install and maintain smoke alarms.
- Discussed carbon monoxide detectors.
- Discussed the use of UL rated extension cords.
- Announced the Get Alarmed NYC, a free smoke alarms and installation program that is free of charge.
- Discussed barbecue guidelines.
- Discussed smoke alarm batteries.
- For more information visit the website at [fdny.nyc.gov](http://fdny.nyc.gov).

Lt. Manetta entertained questions.

#### **Presentation by Chief James Maloney, FDNY, Queens Borough Command on Fire Safety and Update on the Fire that took place at 43-34 37<sup>th</sup> Street and Queens Boulevard**

Chief Maloney provided the following update:

- Discussed fire safety, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors.
- Discussed a fire that took place on 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 41<sup>st</sup> Street. He responded to this fire, no smoke detectors were in the house where there were 10 children. Everyone got out safely.

- Discussed the fire that took place on 37<sup>th</sup> Street between Queens Boulevard and 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.
- Many units were called to respond and they tried to localize the fire and find out where the fire was. The FDNY was able to put the fire out by 12:00 midnight.
- The owner occupied the building since 1966 and it is a woodworking facility. There were no sprinklers and the location was inspected in May and they found everything clean.
- It was not a suspicious fire and no one was injured. The fire did not spread onto the adjoining buildings.

Chief Maloney entertained questions.

### **Presentation by Representative of the Conflict of Interest Board**

Representative from the Conflicts of Interest Board of the City of New York provided the following update:

- Discussed the COIB tries to resolve conflicts of interest.
- COIB is when the public integrity is in some way entangled with private interests.
- Annual Disclosure Unit is the department that makes politicians and policy makers file their financial disclosures.
- Discussed Conduct Enforcement among the public servants.
- For more information call: (212) 424-1400 or visit [nyc.gov/ethics](http://nyc.gov/ethics).
- Provided information about the Advice Unit.
- Distributed a handout to all members and requested that everyone review it and that people look out for misuse of the office.

Questions were entertained.

### **Public Comment**

#### **Marvin Jeffcoat**

Mr. Jeffcoat, former board member of Community Board 2 announced that he is running for the New York State Senate, 12<sup>th</sup> District. Mr. Jeffcoat announced he is a native of Queens, and attended White Plains High School. He served 22 years in the Army where he met his wife. He is retired and resides in Woodside. He is a Cub Master, Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Catholic War Veterans and the American Legion. He is employed as a Facilities Manager with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. He encouraged all to visit his website at: [www.marvinjeffcoat.com](http://www.marvinjeffcoat.com)

### **Dorothy Kominsky**

Ms. Kominsky spoke about the following:

- New school in Sunnyside Gardens.
- Homeless shelters in the surrounding areas.
- Believes they should build housing for homeless not shelters.
- Bush Park has homeless sleeping, urinating and defecating in the park.
- Does not want trash in her back yard.

### **Alice Crespo, Helping Hands**

Ms. Crespo spoke about the following:

- Provided an update on Helping Hands for the disabled of NYC.
- This organization serves five boroughs and helps the disabled community.
- Assists those who need help with everyday tasks.
- The organization is looking for volunteers to help disabled adults.
- Anyone seeking information can visit the website at [www.hhdnyc.org](http://www.hhdnyc.org) or call (718) 606-9712.

### **Paul Salow**

Mr. Salow reported that he lives across the street from the Quality Inn Hotel on 53<sup>rd</sup> Street and Queens Boulevard. He stated this hotel was secretly converted to a homeless shelter. Mr. Salow reported that young kids are playing basketball in the parking lot until 1 am in the morning. He stated he observed people hanging out in front of his stoop and that litter had been shoved into his mail box. He has reported numerous complaints to the management as well as to 311 concerning noise in the parking lot of the hotel. He has also observed individuals smoking marijuana and someone scribbled graffiti on his stoop. He is requesting signage in the parking lot to respect neighbors' property.

Ms. Keehan-Smith reported that she has spoken with the Department of Homeless Services concerning the Quality Inn Hotel.

- We had no knowledge that this hotel was being used as a temporary shelter. A non-profit organization is providing three meals a day to the homeless residents.
- Complaints have been called into the community board.
- An investigation was conducted by DHS, but they were not able to confirm the offenses were done by homeless people at the hotel.
- Recommended that specifics are provided to Community Board 2.

Mr. O'Brien recommended that he contact 311, and that he provide the information to Community Board 2.

**Steven Martin, Four Freedoms Park, Roosevelt Island**

Mr. Martin provided the following update:

- Represents Four Freedoms Park on Roosevelt Island which opened in 2012.
- Educational Programs for Schools in Queens.
- They have received a grant to do illuminations in the park so the park is visible at night, which will be appropriately lit at the appropriate hours.
- Has received support from the Queens Borough President's Office and the Manhattan Borough President.
- For more information email: [smartin@fdrffp.org](mailto:smartin@fdrffp.org) or visit the website at: [www.fdrfourfreedomspark.org](http://www.fdrfourfreedomspark.org)

**James Chan, Sunnyside Community Services**

Mr. Chan provided the following update:

- Open enrollment for free Pre-K Program from 10 to 2.
- SCS has after-hours care.
- Open enrollment for Middle School grades 6 to 8.
- Out of School Program for youth from 18 to 24. The program offers mentoring, financial literacy, etc. and to help them find a jobs. They are looking for 18 – 24 year olds.
- There is a Free Home Health Aide Training Program and there an open house is held on Monday's and Tuesday's (Monday's English, Tuesday's Spanish)

**Erycka de Jesus, Big Reuse**

Ms. de Jesus provided an update about the following:

- New York City Compost Project hosted by Big Reuse.
- Used to be known as Build It Green.
- Salvage Surplus Warehouse is located in Astoria and Gowanus.
- They help to keep material out of the landfills.
- Discussed the collection of food scraps near the Ed Koch Queensborough Bridge.
- Discussed Street Tree Care Project.
- Discussed Community Greening Projects.
- For more information visit the website at: [wwwcompost@bigreuse.org](http://wwwcompost@bigreuse.org).

### **Sarah Gibson**

Ms. Gibson stated she is a student at the Columbia School of journalism and has been assigned to this area and will be reporting on various assignments.

### **Pat Dorfman, Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce**

Ms. Dorfman provided an update about the following:

- Announced the October 18, 2016 Luke Adams Sunnyside of the Year Award Event which will be awarded to Tony Lana, who has spent 40 years serving this community. The event will be held at the Tangra Restaurant.
- Announced the September 18, 2016 Jobs, Homes & Hood at Queen of Angels Parish Hall in Sunnyside. All are invited to attend.

### **Manny Gomez, President of Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce & President of Sunnyside Artists**

Mr. Gomez announced November 18, 2016 Craft Show at Queen of Angels Parish Hall and invited all to attend.

### **Amadeo Plaza, President, Court Square Civic Association**

Mr. Plaza provided an update on the following:

- Court Square Civic Association will be having its first public community meeting on September 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm which will be held at MoMA PS 1. Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer, Paul Januszewski and Penny Lee will be in attendance at this meeting.
- For more information visit [courtsquarecivic.org](http://courtsquarecivic.org) or [emailhello@courtsquarecivicassociation.org](mailto:emailhello@courtsquarecivicassociation.org)

### **Angel Diaz**

Mr. Diaz spoke about the homeless and trash conditions at the small park on 50<sup>th</sup> Street and 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. He stated he has reported this problem in the past, to no avail.

He also discussed the dirty conditions along Skillman Avenue, Roosevelt Avenue and 50<sup>th</sup> Street Ms. Keehan-Smith advised Mr. Diaz to contact 311 to report the complaint and then contact CB 2 with the complaint number.

### **Barry Druss**

Mr. Druss discussed his ideas for solving the coming Community board 2 Transportation Crisis and presented his strategies.

### **Jim Condes**

Mr. Condes spoke about the following:

- Discussed Access A Ride.
- Discussed the voucher system versus the broker system and would like the issue of Access A Ride to be included in the Budget.
- He has submitted material to the Elected Officials and Community Board 2.

Mr. Gundlach stated that everything Mr. Condes stated is true and hopes the task force can focus in on this issue.

### **Sarah Obratis**

Ms. Obratis spoke about a mobile book cart on Crescent Street in the vacant lot next to M. Wells Steakhouse. Books can be dropped off on Wednesday through Saturday after 2 at the restaurant at 43-15 Crescent Street. They are seeking book donations for all ages. Ms. Obratis announced they will be holding a book fair in October.

### **Attendance**

<b><u>Total Present</u></b>	<b>39</b>	<b><u>Total Absent</u></b>	<b>10</b>	<b><u>Quorum</u></b>	<b>Yes</b>
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### **Approval of the June 2016 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes**

Patrick O'Brien made a motion and it was seconded to approve the June 2016 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes. All were in favor by a show of hands.

### **Chairwoman's Report**

Denise Keehan-Smith provided the following update:

- Observed a moment of silence for September 11<sup>th</sup> the 15 Year Anniversary.
- Announced there would be a Candlelight Gathering in remembrance of September 11<sup>th</sup> at Doughboy Park at 5pm on September 10, 2016 located at the corner of 56<sup>th</sup> Street and Woodside Ave.
- Observed a moment of silence in honor of Lilly Gavin who passed away over the summer.
- Announced that former Board Member Gert McDonald celebrated her 100th Birthday.

- Congratulated former Board Member Rita Manton on her retirement from Sunnyside Community Services.
- Congratulated Captain Travaglia on his promotion to Deputy Inspector.
- CB2 attended National Night Out on Crime on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Toursney Park.
- Congratulated the 108<sup>th</sup> Precinct on a great job on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- CB2 attended the hate crimes forum at Queens Borough Hall with the Borough President and DA Brown.
- CB2 attended a Round Table discussion with Comptroller Scott Stringer at LaGuardia Community College.
- CB 2 attended the Elmhurst Hospital Legislative Meeting.
- Announced she facilitated meetings with the Executive Board and all of the Chairs of Committees over the summer.
- Announced there will be an Executive Budget Meeting with the Chairs on budget items for Capital and Expense. Please submit any last minute items before September 16<sup>th</sup>. The Capital and Expense Budget will be voted on in October.
- Announced the City Council Zoning Subcommittee is meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am to discuss the project on the Phipps Barnett.
- Announced that we are still waiting to hear from the MTA on the Comptrollers Audit Report on Access A Ride. We are monitoring this closely and MTA has told CB 2 they are still in the process of drafting their report.
- Provided an update on the Quality Inn Homeless Shelter at 53-05 Queens Blvd. Ms. Keehan-Smith reported that she has spoken with the Department of Homeless Services and was informed the shelter is temporary and houses fewer than 40 families. This is an emergency shelter with mothers and children. Older children attend schools where they currently attend and food is provided by a nonprofit organization.
- Announced the Public Hearing for The Universal Church located at 68-03 Roosevelt Avenue. CB2 will be holding a Public Hearing on September 27, 2016 which will be held on Tuesday, 6:00 pm at St. Sebastian's Parish Center.
- Discussed the Rent Freeze Program.
- School Construction Authority will be doing exterior modernization of Aviation High School. This project will be through the spring 2018.
- The Department of Health had access the property at 44-02 Vernon Blvd and sprayed for West Nile Virus and Ziska.
- **61-12 Laurel Hill Boulevard (aka dumpling factory)**
- Community Board 2 received a response from the NYC Department of Buildings concerning 61-12 Laurel Hill Boulevard (aka dumpling factory).
  - The DOB did not have any information about the factory being shut down. However, according to the DOB four (4) new ECB violations were issued on August 18, 2016. The ECB hearing date will be sometime the last week in

September or the first week in October, and should be posted on the DOB website in the near future.

Following is a list of the violations that were issued:

- ECB violation posted for illegal rear addition which fails to comply with zoning for floor area ratio.
- A 8WWP for electrical panel, switches, fixtures, receptacles, on 1st floor rear extension.
- ECB violation posted for dumping factory covering all of first floor in 61-12 and 61-14 in A C-1 District.
- ECB violation posted for illegal use in a residential district. Illegal rear addition fails to comply with ZR Lot Cover.

Carol Terrano reported this location has been closed. Ms. Terrano reported that numerous agencies had been notified. There was family living there and they were being removed, however they had a place to go to. This site is 200 feet from an active playground and 100 feet from the BQE, the DOH has been called due to the unsanitary conditions of the site. Ms. Terrano stated the gas has been turned off and this location has been a problem for nearly a year.

- CB2 attended a press conference with Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer on July 12<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the newly completed Basketball and Handball Courts at Noonan Playground.
- CB2 attended a press conference with Borough President Katz and Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer on the funding upgrades for Hart Playground in Woodside.
- Parks will be renovating Sgt. Collins Square as they have received a Requirements Contract for the renovation of pavers, new horticulture and electrical hook ups. The project should cost approximately \$350,000. They will begin in September.
- Acknowledged Terri Adams for her Community Unity Event.

### **Vote for Secretary**

Ms. Keehan-Smith announced that we would accept Nominations from the floor and vote on Secretary.

Patrick O'Brien made a motion to nominate Norberto Saldana for the position of Secretary. It was seconded by Patrick Murray and Regina Shanley. Mr. Saldana accepted the nomination.

All were in favor of the nomination for Norberto Saldana for the position of Secretary. The vote was unanimous with all in favor with none opposed and no abstentions.

Ira Greenberg made a motion and it was seconded by Moitri Savard to close the nominations.

## **District Manager's Report**

Ms. Markell Kleinert provided the following update.

- Announced she will be attending Budget Consultations over the next month.
- Announced that CB 2 will hold the Annual Candy Drive for the children at the Metro. Please drop off a bag of wrapped candy at the CB 2 Office.
- The website is updated regularly. We have added additional useful links to city agencies to make it easier to navigate the city system. We are in the process of adding additional committee meeting minutes. The website is: [www.nyc.gov/queenscb2](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb2).

## **Alexis Wheeler, NYC Department of City Planning**

Ms. Wheeler provided the following update:

- Phipps/Barnett Avenue Project was sent out on August 31. City Council will be voting on this matter.
- EDC Vernon Boulevard RFP under review now. The location is at the end of 44<sup>th</sup> Drive waterfront site. It is a mixed use project to be inclusive of light industrial manufacturing housing and open space and will include a school either on site or a close by area.
- Hunters Point South Parcels C F & G RFP.
- Hotels are on City Planning's radar, and they are working on this issue to curb rampant development of these hotels by the end of the year.

## **Penny Lee, Department of City Planning**

Ms. Lee provided the following update:

- Queens Plaza Garage Site announcement in June that Tishman Speyer will proceed with the build out of the rest of the site.
- 1.1 million square feet of office space, 40,000 retail space.
- There will be two buildings, two towers on a base, 29 and 30 stories.
- DOH building is 21 stories.
- DOH has 162 public parking spaces and with the redevelopment of the rest of the site Tishman will be required to build out the rest of the spaces. The required parking spaces will be 550.

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Ms. Keehan-Smith provided the following update:**

- Announced a site visit with the MTA Luke DePalma at 61<sup>st</sup> Street and Roosevelt Avenue to discuss the bus stop configuration for the Q70, Q53, and Q32.
- Announced that Q70 SBS will be a special boarding bus beginning October 1, 2016 that will go to LaGuardia Airport.

- Q53 Rockaway Bus 2017.
- Q32 stops in same area as the Q53 and Q70 under the LIRR trestle. MTA wants to move the Q32 stop east of 61<sup>st</sup> Street, in front of the Stop Inn Diner to eliminate turning. If the spot is moved, four parking spots will be lost; this is still a year away.
- Provided an update on the Walk thru on Greenpoint Ave.
- Provided an update from the Transportation Committee Meeting that was held on September 6<sup>th</sup> 2016
  - Update on LIC / Hunters Point Reconstruction Project. There is still tweaking by DOT. The next Transportation Committee Meeting will take place on November 1, 2016 at 6:00 pm.
  - Update on the LIRR Resiliency Plan – Committee will have another meeting with the LIRR on other options. They are looking to erect a 10 foot flood wall to the LIRR in the event of another superstorm. The committee voiced concerns and they have been invited to come back.
- DDC Community Advisory Notice Sidewalk Construction, Curb Replacement and Pedestrian Ramps within CB2. DDC will be performing repairs through October.
- Ferry Landing met with EDC to have an additional ferry stop on 44<sup>th</sup> Drive. EDC wants to put it on Center Boulevard. There will be a press conference in September.
- The next Transportation Meeting November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. As of December, the Transportation Meeting will return to the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.
- In response to a questions from a Board Member, Ms. Keehan-Smith stated CB 2 has contacted the President of the MTA for an update on Access A Ride and to date have not received a response.
- In response to a question, Ms. Keehan-Smith stated that CB 2 has written a letter to the Mayor concerning the homeless shelter.

### **Land Use Committee**

Ms. Deller provided the following update:

- Phipps Barnett Hearing will take place on September 20, 2016 at 9:30 at City Hall for the City Council Sub Committee Hearing.
- Ms. Deller reported that hardly anyone showed up at the DCP Hearing or the Borough President's Hearing about the Phipps.
- Ms. Deller stated that people must show up at the City Council Hearing to voice their concerns about the project.

Mr. Bokser stated that the BP did support the community and sent a letter against the Phipps Project.

Ms. Lewandowski stated that individuals can go with a prepared statement or sign up to speak at the City Council Hearing.

- Ms. Deller stated this is the first time we have heard about the school construction project.
- There will be a public meeting on September 27, 2016 at 6:00 pm regarding the Universal Church concerning the BSA Application for 68-03 Roosevelt Avenue at St. Sebastian's Parish Center. Ms. Deller provided an overview of the project.
- Ms. Deller stated CB 2 has heard from the Percent for Art Program and the Sunbather is under construction. CB 2 has been invited on a tour of The Foundry where it is being made to see how it is coming along.

### **City Services & Public Safety Committee**

Mr. O'Brien provided the following update:

- The City Services & Public Safety Committee Meeting will take place on September 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm.
- There is an applicant on the agenda by the name of Baru which has the same name as the liquor license on Barnett Avenue and 48<sup>th</sup> Street. We do not know if it is the same operator. The location is a different address.
- Senator Peralta represents constituents east of us on Roosevelt Avenue and has proposed a moratorium on certain liquor licenses, especially for night clubs.
- Mr. O'Brien has reached out to his office and spoke with the Senator's chief of staff. CB 2 has been active on the west side especially from 62<sup>nd</sup> Street to 70<sup>th</sup> Street and we have had other problems along 52<sup>nd</sup> Street to 54<sup>th</sup> Street and Roosevelt Avenue. However, this proposal encompasses a larger stretch with different kinds of problems. Senator Peralta's Office will keep us in the loop.
- Mr. O'Brien reported that if it is appropriate, we may reach out to our elected officials and it is something we will monitor.
- Announced that the law has changed recently and restaurants and other license premises can now serve liquor at 10:00 am.

### **Health & Human Services Committee**

Dr. Savard provided the following update:

- CB 2 has been trying to get a response from Access A Ride and they have not been responsive.
- The next Health and Human Services Committee Meeting will take place on September 19 at 4:00 pm. ACQC will attend to provide an update on the Needles Exchange Program.
- Dr. Savard discussed the Health and Human Services Committee has been discussing the East Side Ferry going to the hospitals on the Upper East Side. They would like to request

the Executive Committee to address the issue of access to the hospitals and that patients have access to the premiere health care institutions on the world.

- Anne Hart asked if the other Community Boards have been contacted with regard to Access A Ride.

### **Environment Committee**

Ms. Morehead provided the following update:

- Announced the Safe Disposal Event will take place on September 17, 2016 at the Astoria Park Parking Lot from 10:00 to 4:00 pm.
- Boat Trip on Newtown Creek and it was sponsored by the Newtown Creek Group. This was to get people to learn more about the Creek and that the DEP does not get off the hook for their part of the cleanup.
- Discussed Fresh Direct who is located on Newtown Creek, trucks are hosed down and there is nothing to stop it from going to Newtown Creek. Finding various things in the Creek. Want to get something to catch the stuff that goes into the creek
- The DEP will be installing Bioswales and other means to prevent storm water from entering the combined sewers.
- The Environment Committee Meeting for September has been cancelled.
- The Environment Committee Meeting for November and December has been Cancelled.
- Smiling Hogs Head Ranch MTA received the expression of Interest for the Montauk Cutoff. Coffeed also submitted their expression of interest and claim to have 10 million dollars to invest in the project.
- Kosciuszko Bridge Project there will be a certain amount of land for public use. Not possible to get the Bradley triangle as it too far away from the project. It will go through the Parks Department and will submit their proposal to the Community Board. No information about the open space.
- Ms. Morehead will request a slide show from the people who did the boat trip for the October 27, 2016 Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

MA Gurrado

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