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*Chairperson*

## Community Board No. 5

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Gary Giordano  
*District Manager*

### Minutes of Community Board 5 Public Meeting April 13, 2016

#### Board Members Present

Vincent Arcuri, Jr.; Tobias Sheppard Bloch; Walter E. Clayton, Jr.; Peter Comber; Daniel Creighton; Patricia Crowley; Jerome Drake; Dmytro Fedkowskyj; Sarah Feldman; Angela Giovanniello; Patricia Grayson; Fred Hoeffler; Robert Holden; Paul A. Kerzner; John J. Killcommons; Michael LoCascio; John Maier; Lydia Martinez; Eileen Moloney; Margaret O'Kane; Michael O'Kane; Donald Passantino; Michael Porcelli; Theodore M. Renz; Luis Rodriguez; Nelson Rodriguez; Lee S. Rottenberg; Walter H. Sanchez; David Sands; Carmen Santana; Connie Santos; Lorraine Sciulli; Jean Tanler; Barbara Toscano; Maryanna Zero

#### Board Members Absent

Robert Cermeli; Henry Cross; Karamjit Dhaliwal; Brian Dooley; Thomas C. Dowd; Steven Fiedler; Caroline Fuchs; Fred T. Haller, III; Kathleen Knight; Katherine Masi; Alexander Maureau; Catherine Sumsky

#### Elected Officials

NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., 15<sup>th</sup> S.D. and Staff Neil Giannelli  
Don Capalbi – US Representative Grace Meng, 6<sup>th</sup> C.D.  
Evelyn Cruz – US Representative Nydia Velazquez, 7<sup>th</sup> C.D.  
Lauren Capozzi – NYS Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi, 28<sup>th</sup> AD  
David Aglialoro – NYS Assemblywoman Catherine T. Nolan, 37<sup>th</sup> AD  
Diana Santana - NYS Assemblyman Michael Miller, 38<sup>th</sup> AD  
Maggie Hayes - NYC Council Member Elizabeth Crowley, 30<sup>th</sup> CD

#### Staff Present

Gary Giordano, District Manager, CB5 Queens  
Catherine O'Leary, Community Associate - CB5Q Staff  
Catherine Moore – Queens Borough President Melinda Katz  
Thomas Smith – Queens Office of NYC Dept. of City Planning

#### GUESTS

Jeremiah Hay, Deputy Dir. of Outreach - Pre-K for All, NYC Dept. of Education, 52 Chambers St, NY, NY 10007  
Angela Mirabile, Executive Director, Greater Ridgewood Restoration Corp, 68-56 Forest Ave, Ridgewood, NY

Board Chairman Vincent Arcuri called the monthly Board Meeting to order at 7:35pm, following the Salute to the Flag. He introduced the first Item on the Agenda as:

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**Presentation re: Pre-K for All Program, also known as Universal Pre-K**

By Jeremiah Hay, Deputy Outreach Director – Pre-K for All Program  
NYC Dept. of Education

Jeremiah Hay informed everyone that the Pre-K for All Program was initiated by Mayor de Blasio's administration in order to offer free kindergarten instruction to all children who are 4 years old by the first of the year. He said that while the initial enrollment period has already ended, parents are welcome to enroll their 4 year olds in the Pre-K for All Program during the Round 2 enrollment period, which extends from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. He said that applicants can obtain more information by calling 3-1-1, and follow up by enrolling their children in any one of the local programs that have seats available.

Mr. Hay said that he has personally inspected all of the existing Pre-K sites in Queens, and that he would highly recommend any one of the excellent Pre-K programs in this Board area to prospective parents. He asked everyone to spread the word to their friends and neighbors.

Carmen Santana asked if children with special needs are eligible to enroll in local Pre-K for All programs. Mr. Hay replied that depending on each child's needs, they might be enrolled in a regular classroom or they may be assigned to a special class, with a ratio of 2 or 3 children per teacher.

Peter Comber asked if the Pre-K for All Program provides any services for infants and toddlers with special needs. Mr. Hay said no, there is no provision for infants and toddlers.

**Presentation re: Tenant and Property Owner Issues**

By Angela Mirabile, Executive Director -Greater Ridgewood Restoration Corporation

Angela Mirabile introduced herself by saying that she has lived and worked in the community for over 30 years as Executive Director of Greater Ridgewood Restoration Corporation (GRRC). She said that GRRC is a local not-for-profit organization that has been instrumental in stabilizing and upgrading the neighborhoods that make up Community Board 5 for the last 40 years, offering free programs such as landlord/tenant counseling, helping homeowners apply for low-interest home improvement loans, lobbying for street tree plantings, removing graffiti and more. She said that the motto of their organization is: "Community stabilization and redevelopment through community participation and cooperation."

Ms. Mirabile said that their graffiti-removal program is one of their most popular programs. She said that this program, which is now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year of operation, has serviced over 5,600 locations since its inception in 1992. She explained that their cleaning crews use a hot water pressure washer and paint remover to clean graffiti on washable surfaces like brick, while non-washable surfaces are painted over, all free of charge since the program is funded by grants and donations. She welcomed everyone to call their office at (718) 366-8721 with reports about graffiti on buildings that are located in the Board 5 area.

Ms. Mirabile said that over the past year, she has worked with City Council Member Antonio Reynoso's office to form a coalition of local community groups to address the growing pressure on rent-stabilized tenants to move out of their apartments, so that developers can convert the housing stock into condominiums or market rate apartments. She explained that in lots of these cases, developers are harassing existing tenants by failing to make the repairs that are necessary in order to maintain essential services in their buildings, such as, heat, hot water, and electricity. In her work as a housing counselor over the past 30 years, she said that she has met with an increasing number of tenants who face illegal evictions cases. And, she pointed out that some of the most distressing cases involve elderly tenants who are particularly vulnerable in these situations. She said that in these cases, she works closely with Queens Legal Services to protect the tenant's rights and preserve the

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affordable housing stock in the Board 5 area. Throughout the City, there has been a decrease in the number of affordable apartments and an increase in the number of homeless families and individuals, she said.

Ms. Mirabile said that the coalition, made up of representatives of local community groups, the Catholic Migration Services, Queens Legal Services, the Ridgewood-Bushwick Senior Citizens Council, and local elected officials, has organized several Tenant Forums in Ridgewood over the past year. She said that the most recent Ridgewood Tenants Forum, where representatives of various city and state agencies are present to answer questions, provide legal assistance, and expedite building inspections and housing repairs, was held on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council's headquarters, located at 59-03 Summerfield Street. She said that hundreds of local residents attended. She said they plan to hold the next Tenant Forum in the Spring.

Lastly, she encouraged local residents who need help or advice regarding housing issues to contact her office at (718) 366-8721, or to call the Board 5 office at (718) 366-1834 to set up an appointment to meet with her in person on Thursdays, in the Board 5 office, located at 61-23 Myrtle Avenue, in Glendale. She pointed out that she has been working on Thursdays in the Board 5 office for the past 30 years, offering free advice and assistance to local residents regarding rent stabilization and rent control laws, the maintenance of essential services in residential buildings, leases, repairs, and eviction notices. In addition, she helps seniors or disabled clients to apply for programs and services that they may be eligible for, as well as providing referrals for free legal services, on a case by case basis. Flyers were distributed.

The Board Chairman opened the floor to questions and comments.

Sarah Feldman thanked Angela Mirabile for her work in this area. She said that when she moved to New York from out-of-town recently, she didn't know anything about rent regulations, or her rights as a tenant. And, she has found that most people who she encounters are not aware that rent-stabilized apartments exist. She said that the information provided during these Tenant Forums has been very helpful to many of her friends.

Ms. Mirabile commented that landlords have been harassed by real estate speculators, also. She pointed out that there have been cases where tenants in building after building are told that their building is sold and that they are being evicted. She said that landlords are not permitted to evict a legal tenant without a Court Order issued by a Judge in Housing Court. She said that each case may take 6 months to a year to resolve in Housing Court.

The Board Chairman said that he has personally witnessed the number of clients who visit the Board office on a regular basis to seek help and advice from staff, because they have no other recourse. He said that in his opinion, Angela provides an invaluable service to the community and he thanked her for her efforts.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Jonathan Greezy, proprietor of Jungo Road at 1080 Wyckoff Avenue, on the corner of Schaeffer Street in Ridgewood, described his restaurant as occupying a small portion of the industrial building at this site. His restaurant only occupies 1,200 square feet of the overall 56,000 square foot building, and the rest of the building is occupied by art and production studios. He said that he and his partner both live nearby and there are no other restaurants that are close by. He said that he applied for an on-premises liquor license now, and offered to meet with members of the Board to answer any questions or concerns about his new establishment. The Board Chairman said that there are concerns about the establishment displacing industrial businesses in the Industrial Business Zone in Ridgewood.

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Mary Parisen, co-chair of Civics United for Railroad Environmental Solutions (CURES), thanked Community Board members for their support over the years in their attempts to reduce the air pollution, that is spewing out of the NY and Atlantic Railway's Tier 1 diesel engines used to haul freight through the Board 5 area on a year round basis. She informed everyone that on March 1<sup>st</sup>, representatives of CURES met with representatives of the Long Island Railroad and Governor Cuomo's office, to raise their objections to the bidding process that resulted in the purchase of two Tier 3 locomotives this year, instead of two Tier 4 locomotives at a lower bid price. She said that recently, they were informed that an additional Notice from the Office of Contracts was issued, with the option to purchase two additional Tier 3 locomotives, instead of upgrading to Tier 4 locomotives that employ state-of-the-art technology to reduce their emissions. In closing, she pointed out that these four additional Tier 3 locomotives will emit 25 tons of additional particulates into the air over the next 20 years. She said that CURES members would like to know why the NY and Atlantic Railway was permitted to manage the procurement process in this case, when public funds were being spent to acquire these locomotives.

Nikki Koch and Julia Kingrea, proprietors of Sweet Jane's at 64-02 68Avenue, announced that they're holding a Grand Opening celebration in their new bar today. They invited everyone to attend their Happy Hour tomorrow night at 7PM. The Board Chairman said that Sweet Jane's was the first establishment where the owners agreed to sign the Board's new stipulations regarding hours of operation. He said that he and the District Manager continue to review and revise the Board's liquor license application questionnaire, which has been distributed to all new applicants for liquor licenses, and applicants who renew their liquor licenses, in the Board 5 area.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**Vincent Arcuri, Jr.**

#### **MINUTES**

The Board Chairman asked Board members to review the minutes of the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board Meeting. Dan Creighton made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Walter Clayton. The minutes were accepted by voice vote.

Board Chairman Arcuri welcomed representatives of local elected officials to address the Board.

On behalf of Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, Catherine Moore announced that a new Satellite Office of the NYC Department of Veterans Services has opened in Queens Borough Hall, in Room 222, today. She said that there are more American Veterans living in Queens than any other borough in the City. This satellite office will ensure increased accessibility for veterans, instead of travelling to lower Manhattan for assistance. She said that the satellite office will be open three days a week, on Tuesday through Thursday, from 10am to 2pm. She said that walk-ins are welcome, but advised everyone to call (718) 286-2868 before visiting the new office.

Ms. Moore also announced that the Orientation and Training Session for new and reappointed Board Members will be conducted, starting at 5pm on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in the Queens Hall of Science in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park. She said that invitations will be mailed out to Board members. She reminded everyone that attendance is mandatory.

On behalf of Congresswoman Grace Meng, Don Capalbi informed everyone that, beginning in January, 2016, a number of tax breaks were adopted by Congress, that provide additional tax credits for working families. He said that the Congresswoman continues to advocate for increased scrutiny of the decibel levels along flight paths that are used by commercial carriers on arrival and departure flights from airports in Queens.

On behalf of State Senator Addabbo, Neil Giannelli announced that this Spring's Electronic Recycling Event is scheduled for Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the parking lot at the Forest Park Bandshell. The event is co-sponsored by their office and State Assemblyman Mike Miller's office.

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State Senator Addabbo announced that budget negotiations in Albany are nearing completion. He said that in the coming fiscal year, personal income tax rates will be frozen for the next two years. He also announced that he will be distributing free Rain Barrels to constituents on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> in front of his office that is located at 159-53 102 Street, Howard Beach, in Queens. He encouraged homeowners to call his office at (718) 738-1111, to register to pick up one of the rain barrels.

On behalf of City Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley, Maggie Hayes announced that their office is sponsoring the annual Community Recycling Day on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm in the parking lot of the Maspeth Federal Savings Bank, located at 69 Street and Grand Avenue. She said that free paper-shredding, electronic recycling, vin-etching on personal devices will be available. Residents can drop off used household electronic items, except for TVs, she said. In addition, free rain barrels will be distributed at this event on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lauren Capozzi announced that she is leaving her position on State Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi's staff at the end of the week, in order to begin working for the City's Dept. of Investigation. The Board Chairman offered congratulations and good luck in her new position.

The Board Chairman recognized the press corps in attendance at the meeting, and thanked them for reporting on Community Board matters and events.

The Board Chairman recognized Mike Michel in the audience and invited him to address the Board. Mr. Michel announced that the Middle Village Preparatory Charter School, a middle school located on the Christ the King High School Campus, is conducting registration tonight for 150 entering students. He said that this program helps to relieve school overcrowding in local public schools in the School District.

The Board Chairman announced that this coming Sunday, the Myrtle Avenue Business Improvement District will hold their annual Street Festival on Myrtle Avenue between Wyckoff Avenue and Fresh Pond Road. He said that next Sunday, the Glendale Kiwanis Club will hold their annual Metropolitan Avenue Street Festival on April 24<sup>th</sup>, in Middle Village.

### **LIQUOR, WINE and BEER LICENSE APPLICATIONS and RENEWALS**

The Board Chairman read aloud the list of establishments in the Community Board 5 area that are in the process of applying for liquor, wine and beer licenses since last month's Board Meeting. Each Board member received a copy of the list.

#### **New Liquor License**

- 1) **Abuelita's Cocina Inc.** 811 Seneca Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385  
(formerly La Playita)
- 2) **64-63 Dry Harbor Tavern Inc.** 64-63 Dry Harbor Road, Middle Village, NY 11379  
(Transfer of License from **John's Bar**)

#### **Liquor License Renewals**

- 1) \*6961 Juniper Blvd South Corp. d/b/a **Villa Erasmo** 69-61 Juniper Blvd South, Middle Village, NY 11379

#### **New Wine and/or Beer Licenses**

- 1) **Wakamatsu Queens Japanese Restaurant** 70-18 Grand Avenue, Maspeth, NY 11378  
(Transfer of License from **Wakamatsu Japanese Restaurant Inc.**)
- 2) **My Coffee Cup LLC** 65-53 Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, NY 11385

#### **Wine and/or Beer License Renewals**

- 1) Bun-Ker Fish and Ships Inc. d/b/a **Bun-Ker** 46-63 Metropolitan Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385
- 2) \*Grove Productions LLC d/b/a **Nowadays** 56-06 Cooper Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385

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\*Indicates Outdoor Area

Copies of the Board's liquor license application questionnaires were emailed to Board members today.

### Demolition Notices

The Board Chairman reported that the Board received several building demolition notices over the past month, including: **80-34 57 Street**, residential garage, in Glendale; **74-02 Grand Avenue**, an auto repair shop, and **59-04 55 Street**, a 1-story house in Maspeth; **62-76 and 62-96/98 Woodhaven Blvd**, aka 84-47 63 Drive, formerly Abracciamento's Restaurant and a row of stores, in Rego Park; **18-21 Grove Street**, a 2-story one-family house, and **54-27 Myrtle Avenue**, 1-story row of commercial stores, in Ridgewood.

The Chairman asked Board members to remain vigilant and to advise the Board 5 staff about any questionable construction work in the Board area, so they can investigate further.

The Board Chairman introduced the newly-appointed Board member Kelvin Rodriguez and invited him to address the Board. Mr. Rodriguez said that he lives in Rego Park, and that he graduated from Christ the King High School some years ago. He said that he is currently employed by WR Management, and that his company plans to open a new Supermarket at 870 Cypress Avenue in Ridgewood. He said that their contractor plans to begin working to complete renovations at the site, which was formerly occupied by Fleur de Lis Catering Hall.

## District Manager's Report

### Gary Giordano

Regarding the Board's new liquor license review process, the District Manager reported that staff compiled a breakdown by neighborhood of all the local establishments that are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages on-premises in the Board 5 area. He said that there are 81 establishments in Ridgewood; 23 in Glendale; 33 in Maspeth; 14 in Middle Village; and 7 in Rego Park. He said that the 104<sup>th</sup> Precinct closed down the Blue Bar, located at 681 Seneca Avenue in Ridgewood, after issuing dozens of citations there on several occasions during the past year.

The Board Chairman requested a motion to deny the application for a new liquor license at 681 Seneca Avenue, submitted under the name of Aby's Bar. The motion on the floor was seconded by Peter Comber. As there was no further discussion, the Board Chairman requested a Roll Call vote on the motion, which carried unanimously by a vote of - 35 – in favor; -0- opposed; -0- abstentions; -0- not voting.

The District Manager said that he and Chairman Arcuri are trying to get all applicants to sign a stipulation agreement to close their establishment by 2am on Monday through Thursday, and that the sound system of amplified music be limited to 42 decibels as measured outside their establishment.

Carmen Santana said that her neighbors have complained about parties that are held in the building which had been occupied by the American Legion Post 123 on Catalpa Avenue. She said that their complaints are about double-parked cars, accumulated litter and garbage, loud music and consumption of alcoholic beverages. She said that she asked her neighbors to call the Board office with their complaints.

Regarding the Penelope Avenue Sewer and Water Main Project, the District Manager reported that work is slated to begin next month. He said that the project extends on Penelope Avenue from 71 Street to 74 Street, on 74 Street from Juniper Boulevard South to Juniper Valley Road, on 75 Street and Gray Street from Juniper Valley Road to 66 Drive, and a portion of 77 Street between Juniper Valley Road and Gray Street, in Middle Village. He said that this project is estimated to cost a total of \$22 Million, and is expected to be completed in

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700 days. He said that the Field Office for this project is located at 64-64 Dry Harbor Road in Middle Village. He said that the contractor will provide access to block residents only, when the trench cut is open on their block. And, the contractor will install steel plates to cover the open trenches overnight.

Regarding the Metropolitan Avenue Bridge over the LIRR at Fresh Pond Road, the District Manager reported that the contractor plans to begin work on removing and replacing the bridge deck underneath the roadway very soon. He said that the project is expected to be complete in 18 months. And, he said, the contractor will maintain one lane of traffic in each direction for the duration of the project. He said that representatives from the NYC Department of Transportation will give a presentation to the Board about this project in the next two months.

Regarding the MTA's plans to replace the M train railroad bridge that is located between the Metropolitan Avenue station and Fresh Pond Road, he said that this project is slated to begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

The District Manager announced that the local Firehouse, located at 66-46 Myrtle Avenue, will be closed temporarily on April 19<sup>th</sup>, while a contractor removes asbestos inside the Firehouse. He said the Engine Co. 286 will be stationed at the Firehouse on Knickerbocker Avenue at Gates Avenue in Brooklyn, and Ladder Co. 135 will be stationed at the Firehouse in South Middle Village. He said that the work is expected to be completed within the next 2-3 months.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee Report**

#### **Vincent Arcuri**

The Board Chairman reported that the Executive Committee met last night in the Board 5 office, to discuss recent developments regarding the proposed site for a transitional housing facility for homeless families, at 78-16 Cooper Avenue in Glendale. He said that the Department of Buildings recently approved a revised application and amended plans for a hotel at this site, which is considered Use Group 5. He pointed out that at a recent Queens Borough Board Meeting earlier this year, representatives from the NYS Economic Development Corporation said that they are actively looking for industrial sites for development. He said that he is looking forward to a reply from Mayor Bill de Blasio, that in response to his letter that was sent on behalf of the Community Board, regarding the economic development potential of the 66,000 square foot building on this industrial site. Copies of the letter were also sent to local elected officials, he said.

In addition, the Board Chairman reported that the committee reviewed the revised liquor license application questionnaire that staff has been distributing to all applicants for new on-premises liquor licenses, or for liquor license renewals. He explained that he and the District Manager have met with several new applicants and proprietors, and in almost every instance, they have agreed to sign stipulation agreements that include closing their establishment by 2am on 4 nights of the week, Monday to Thursday. He said that the committee will continue to review the Board's practices with regard to liquor license applications.

The Board Chairman invited everyone to participate in the street co-naming ceremony at 2pm this Saturday, April 16th, at the corner of 71 Street and Eliot Avenue, in honor of Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan, who served the Diocese of Brooklyn for many decades.

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## **Zoning and Land Use Review Committee**

**Walter Sanchez**

Walter Sanchez reported that the committee met on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> in the Board office to review BSA Cal Nos. 2016-2019 BZ and 2016-1220A, regarding 73-45 Myrtle Avenue, which was presented to the Board during last month's public hearing, conducted on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. He read aloud the description of the application for a zoning variance, as follows: **IN THE MATTER OF TWO APPLICATIONS** to the NY City Board of Standards and Appeals by Sheldon Lobel, P.C. Attorneys At Law, on behalf of 74<sup>th</sup> and Myrtle LLC. The first application is for a variance, pursuant to Sections 72-21, 23-141, 23-45/24-31, 24-35, 25-22 and 22-12 of the Zoning Resolution, to permit the development of a two-story plus cellar mixed-use building, with ground floor commercial use and residential use on the second floor, contrary to residential floor area (FAR), front yard, side yard, parking and use regulations within an R4-1 Zoning District, at **73-45 Myrtle Avenue** (aka 78-70 74 Street), in Glendale, Queens, NY. This site is a vacant lot located on Myrtle Avenue, at the northwest corner of 74 Street. He explained that the second Application in connection with 73-45 Myrtle Avenue seeks a waiver of General City Law, Section 35, to permit the development of this two-story plus cellar building partially within the bed of a mapped street.

Mr. Sanchez reported that committee members had no objection to these two applications, provided that the property owner plant 3 street trees along the Myrtle Avenue portion of 73-45 Myrtle Avenue (aka 78-70 74 Street), and 1 street tree on the 74<sup>th</sup> Street side of this corner property.

As there was no further discussion on the matter, the Board Chairman requested a Roll Call vote on the matter which carried by a vote of – 34 – in favor; - 1 – opposed; - 0 – abstention; - 0 – not voting.

Mr. Sanchez gave the floor to Tom Smith from the NYC Dept. of City Planning to explain the amended versions of the Zoning Quality and Affordability and the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Zoning Text Amendments that were passed by the City Council this year. Mr. Smith said that both of the original proposals were significantly modified by the NYC Council this year. He said that the vast majority of the Board 5 area will not be negatively affected by what would be allowed in these zoning text changes. He said that development risks would primarily be related to affordable housing and affordable senior housing developments, which require large tracts of land in order to be considered feasible. He explained that a developer would have to appear before the Community Board to propose a Zoning Text Change to allow for development of a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing development.

## **Housing Services Committee**

**Dmytro Fedkowskyj and Henry Cross – Co-Chairs**

Dmytro Fedkowskyj announced that representatives from the NYC Dept. of Finance have been invited to meet with Committee members to speak about past and future property tax increases, particularly regarding one and two family homes, at their next Committee Meeting that is planned for 7:30pm on Thursday, April 21st, in the Board 5 office. He said that everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

## **Transportation Services and Public Transit Services**

### **Combined Committee**

**John Maier, Co-Chair**

John Maier, Co-Chair of the Public Transit Services Committee, reported that the Committee met with representatives from the Department of Transportation in the Board 5 office on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

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to discuss their proposed upgrades to the Maspeth Bypass Truck Route. He said that there has been a continuing problem with illegal truck traffic on the commercial corridors along Grand Avenue and Flushing Avenue in Maspeth. He said that they are considering establishing a permanent enforcement location in that area.

Mr. Maier announced that work is expected to begin this Spring on the Plaza Project at the intersection of Myrtle and Cooper Avenues at 70 Street in Glendale, where the Glendale Memorial Triangle is located.

Regarding the elimination of service on the M train line between Metropolitan Avenue and Fresh Pond Road, in connection with the replacement of the railroad bridge along that section of track, he said that work is expected to begin in July, 2017 and last 10 months. He said that another bridge on the M train line that is slated to be replaced next year is located at the juncture of the J and M train lines, just east of the Myrtle and Broadway station in Brooklyn. He said that committee members are looking into ways to alleviate the impact of these service disruptions on local commuters.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Board Chairman Arcuri adjourned the public meeting of Community Board 5, Queens on a motion from the floor at 9:37pm.