

Community Board 1, Queens - Meeting Minutes

September 12th, 2017

Board Member Attendees- List attached

Opening: 6:30pm

Interim Chair Norma Nieves-Blas welcomes attendees, asks for the Pledge of Allegiance to be recited, and requests a moment of silence for two Board members who passed away, John Carusone and Joan Asselin. Chair Blas then asks, in addition, a moment of silence for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, all the citizens affected in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and all the Islands in their vicinity.

Chair Nieves-Blas Welcomes all the Public Officials and their representatives. She then opens the floor to Assembly member Brian Barnwell to extend greetings. Assembly member Barnwell provided an over view of his district and offers his contact information to the room 718 651- 3185 and/or 917 363-7081. Chair Nieves-Blas thanks Assembly member Barnwell.

Chair Nieves-Blas greets Mr. Joseph Nocerino representative for the Queens Borough President.

Mr. Nocerino greets the Chair, Board members and public on behalf of the Queens Borough President, Melinda Katz. Joseph states there was a ceremony at Borough Hall presenting awards for community service and he was attending the Board meeting to provide awards to several of our members on behalf of the Honorable Melinda Katz.

Awards were distributed as follows:

- 15 Years, Rose Marie Poveromo
- 20 Years, Ann Bruno
- 20 Years, George Alexiou
- 40 Years, Elizabeth Erion

A round of applause ensued.

Mr. Nocerino continued with an announcement regarding a meeting for Fort Tilden army reserve base's future 9/19/17 application which would occur at State Street in Breezy Point.

A multitude of 114 Pct. Police Officers were in attendance and Ms Blas greeted the officers. The Chair offered the microphone. A brief review of the NCO - Neighborhood Community Officers was given.

Ms Blas acknowledged the Honorable Joseph Risi who was in attendance. Chair Blas then turned over the floor to Mr. John Katsanos, Chair of the Legal, Legislative and Parliamentary Committee.

Mr. Katsanos explained the revision process of the Bylaws of CB1, Queens and the necessity of 2/3 approval vote. John Katsanos made the motion and Ms Nancy Silverman second the motion. Roll call proceeded Jean Marie D'Alleva announced 42 in favor and 1 against. Mr. John Katsanos proceeds to give his verbal resignation from the committee as prescribed by the new bylaws. John proceeds to introduce the vote of Chairperson for Community Board 1, Queens. Mr. Katsanos explains there are 43 present so 22 must vote in favor of 1 candidate for the vote to be official as per the new Bylaws. He also

states another vote will take place in January as customary. Procedure for vote has been fully explained. Five (5) counters of ballots will be used. Three candidates Daniel Aliberti, Norma Nieves-Blas and Marie Torniali are provided a brief moment to speak about their positions and views. Vote is announced followed by collection of ballots.

A five (5) minute break has been provided to process the count.

The meeting resumes after ballot count. The vote results are announced: Marie Torniali is announced as the new Chairperson of Community Board 1, Queens. The votes were as follows: Ms. Torniali 23,

Ms Blas 17 and Mr. Aliberti 3.

Ms Blas congratulates Ms Tornial. Ms Blas provided a report on the summer activities including the launch of the Astoria Line of the NYC Ferry Service and the Topping - off Ceremony of the Hallets Cove Project.

Ms. Blas turns the microphone over to Florence Koulouris for the District Manager's report. She thanks Ms Blas. District Manager, Florence Koulouris begins by congratulating Ms Torniali and proceeds with a detailed report of the meetings and events from June through September including but not limited to street naming's, hospital events, civic events, press conferences, police events, city and state events as well as the Ferry launch and Topping-off ceremony. Ms Koulouris states if anyone would like to expand upon items discussed to please contact the Community Board Office. She stated the office would gladly provide further information.

Ms Blas called for committee reports.

Consumer Affairs Committee reported: July - August Liquor License Applications and Unenclosed Café Applications have received standard generic stipulations. Stipulations require approval vote by the Board, John motions for approval and Rose Anne Alafogiannis second. Vote called - all in favor.

Explanation of a defective notice was provided by Chair John Katsanos. 32-10 37 Avenue formerly known as Aces has provided the Board a 30 day notice for a new liquor license which held defects.

John Katsanos spoke regarding Chill Properties and deliberations which occurred noting the stipulations are fair across the aisle. John motioned against approving 32-10 37 Ave. formerly known as Aces, second by Melanie La Rocca. Vote called - all in favor.

Land Use and Zoning Committee reported - summer application/s - Omonia Café Board used discretion not to comment, no review over hiatus.

Ms Blas calls New Business, Old Business and Speakers

Topic - John Katsanos requests to become a member of the Consumer Affairs committee and have Andy Aujla placed as chairman. John places this request as to have the ability to mentor Andy prior to January when John is considering stepping down from Community Board 1, Queens.

Topic - Tom Ryan opens dialogue on 14 committees and committee attendance. Mr. Ryan requests the smaller committees meet for Capital and Expense on one date to aid the acquisition of quorum.

Topic - Richard Khuzami announces several upcoming parks events within our district.

Topic - Ann Bruno announces NCO Sector Safety Summit 9/20/17 at Bohemian Hall.

Ed Babor motions to close meeting, Vanessa Jones-Hall seconds.

Meeting adjourned 7:35pm

COMMUNITY BOARD 1, Queens

DATE 9/12/17

Community Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	Community Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.
Rose Anne Alafogiannis	✓			Richard Khuzami	✓		
George Alexiou	✓			Nancy Konipol	✓		
Daniel Aliberti	✓			Jerry Kril	✓		
Loren Amor	✓			Melanie La Rocca	✓		
Avninder Aujla	✓			Frances Luhmann-McDonald	✓		
Edward Babor	✓			Antonio Meloni			E
Jose Batista	✓			Prabir Mitra	✓		
Ann Bruno	✓			Stella Nicolaou	✓		
Giselle Aida Burgess	✓			Norma Nieves-Blas	✓		
Edwin Cadiz	✓			Mary O'Hara	✓		
Gerald Caliendo			E	Robert Piazza	✓		
Jean Marie D'Alleva	✓			RoseMarie Poveromo	✓	✓	
Antonella Di Saverio	✓			Yawne Robinson		✓	
Katie Ellman	✓			Thomas Ryan	✓	✓	
Elizabeth Erion	✓			Manuel Salce		✓	
Mackenzi Farquer	✓			Rodolfo Sarchese	✓		
Dean Feratovic	✓			Nancy Silverman	✓		
Evie Hantzopoulos	✓			Dominic Stiller	✓		
Amy Hau	✓			Andre Stith	✓		
Helen Ho	✓			Danielle Tharrington	✓		
Pauline Jannelli	✓			Marie Torniali	✓		
Vanessa Jones-Hall	✓			Rod Townsend	✓		
George Kalergios	✓			Judy Trilivas	✓		
John Katsanos	✓						
Number Board Members Present <u>43</u>							
Present <u>43</u>				Absent <u>2</u>			
				Excused <u>2</u>			
Sept 17							