

Community Board 1, Queens - Board Meeting Minutes

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Marie Torniali, Chairperson - Welcome to the Tuesday, January 16th meeting of Community Board 1, Queens.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE –

Long Island City (LIC) Partnership will present a plan to expand the LIC Business Improvement District (BID) and its services. The proposed expansion is currently in the legislative phase. The expansion area in CBIQ includes Northern Boulevard from Queens Plaza to 39th Street. Representatives will be on hand for a very brief question and answer. Presenters **Laura Rothrock** and Charles Yu.
(presentation attached)

Q&A with the Board

Thank you, Laura, does any board member have a question? I'll start with the Land Use Chairs. Were there any questions that were unanswered? Elizabeth or Gerry, at the meeting last week?

Liz Erion – No, just to know when to expect the referral from City Planning.

Laura Rothrock - I was hoping that they would send it already, but we're hoping that if they get it by the end of the week and we've been nudging them, we wanted to make it so that if we hit the 30 days because from what they've told me, unlike a normal land use process, the community board has 30 days versus the 60 days, so we're hoping that it's this week. They told me it's with legal right now, so I don't know how long that will take.

Daniel Aliberti - Your budget is 2.2 million 60,000. My understanding is that's if all the people that you are assessing paying their annual monies.

Laura Rothrock – No sorry, just to clarify, the city fronts BIDs money twice a year so once in January and once in July and the city collects the money on the proper tax bill and you can't opt out of a BID,

Chris Hanway - Does this plan involve the creation of a third subdistrict or were there already three subdistricts?

Laura Rothrock - On this map, the royal blue (color on map) is that is the E Subject District that would be the E Subd District I didn't focus on it too much because it's not in community board one, but that area is in the IBZ. It is mostly industrial. It's all commercial businesses but that would be a separate Subject District.

Frank Fredericks - A correction then also to ask a question on the population growth chart. On the left you had the percent increase and, on the right, you had the percent equal, so it either should be on the left, 48% growth on the right, 98% growth or on the left 148% of last year on the right 198% last year. Just you probably want to have that math right, so, okay, a little small correction. My question, though, is about the on the funding. If I understood the initial budget, the existing budget is quite heavy on Administration and great. We want everyone to be paid well on the flip side, obviously, we want to leverage the resources to be best used in our community. It sounds like the additional funding being brought in is for those direct services, and the administrative budget is not increasing, so we could say that this expansion creates a more efficient system around all three districts all together. Am I interpreting the financials well?

Laura Rothrock – We have the partnership, which is separate, 501c3 they are both 501c3 organizations, but the partnership, does events and we have corporate sponsorship things. All our salaries are paid by the partnership, so we don't. It creates an economy of scale and then also with our sanitation provider. It said it on one of the slides, but you might not have been able to see it. Our sanitation provider right now is Street Plus, will go out for an RFP every few years, but they're represented by a union. We work with them, we have the three subject districts, we're able to get more competitive prices from our service providers.

Frank Fredericks - That's great, it looks like my understanding then is your overhead went 45% to 22-23, something like that? That's a good thing, so just wanted to call that out.

Huge Ma - The expansion areas are some of the least accessible in terms of open Green Space and I know the Sunnyside BID operates in Open Street to help alleviate that problem. Would the LC BID consider similar programming throughout the neighborhood?

Laura Rothrock - I mentioned LSC Springs, which is Vernon Boulevard and that's a great place to have these types of events, because there's a lot of local retail businesses. That, of course, could also use the support from the community and if you're familiar with area, it's more of a lower scale area, not like Queens Plaza, where there's nine Lanes of traffic. In the past, we looked into doing an open street. This was during Covid. We looked at doing an Open Streets and we asked some of the businesses there, but we got feedback that they didn't want the Open Streets, but it's something that we can revisit, but so right now we just do the one-day event in the spring. Henry just signaled to me, LaGuardia Community College, which is in the east expansion area, is looking to do an Open Streets and we've been partnering with them on some programming, and they did it as a pilot last summer.

Ethan Lowens - I wonder about your thoughts on the interaction between this and the proposed budget cuts to citywide sanitation. It strikes me that, while the sanitation budget is proposed to be cut across the city, the BID is going to be expanded and, as you've said, and understandably a lot of the BID's budget is devoted to sanitation. Is this just a way of transforming sanitation slowly into a localized service that certain neighborhoods can pay for with their BIDs and others cannot?

Laura Rothrock - This is why a BID is really focused on the commercial property owner paying because and it's not a residential expense, because property owners are required to sweep in front of their sidewalk and currently in the area there are some property owners that take really good care of their of the area in front of their buildings, and then there are some that don't and so a lot of the larger property owners can afford having an to pay for an in-house sanitation person, but some of the smaller ones don't. Our services are required to be supplemental to the city, so the city does not sweep the sidewalks, that's the core of our Sanitation Services.

Evie Hantzopoulos - You mentioned that for some of the side streets there was a reduced fee because they didn't really need the sweeping or the tree pits. What do they get if they don't really need that and they're paying into it?

Laura Rothrock - They still have the same services, but it's less sanitation. It would be less sanitation shifts and also, they would have less trees because our plantings all go in the existing tree pits. We have the capital expenses around the tree guards etc. They get the same services, it's just when we were calculating what would be required on some of those sides streets it was really 66% reduced. We should assess them at a 66% reduced rate because they don't require the same level of service.

Evie Hantzopoulos - What percentage of the landlords pass on the fees to their tenants?

Laura Rothrock - I don't know the exact number, because it's the leases between the tenants and the landlord. It's not something that they share with us. I think most of them do just by talking to the property owners. If it's a building that has multiple tenants and they are paying less than \$ 1,000 a year and then they have tenants that are paying monthly rent it is generally a pretty low number. That's why it's important for us to also do outreach to all of the tenants, and while we can't tell them what the exact pass on will be, because we don't know the terms of their lease, we do tell them what the full assessment is. They talk to their property owner or their landlord about what that means for them.

Thomas Wright - I certainly don't mean to be contrary, but my bus just broke down, so I had to run here, but I was looking forward to your presentation. I was part of the presentation in Sunnyside, I was in Jackson Heights for a democratic meeting where there was a presentation by your counterpart. There I had an interesting conversation, because the idea of a BID is very interesting to me. However, I was at a party and brought it up and was told by a state senator that "a BID is horrible economic policy". I asked why and the senator said, because a BID is taking over what the city should provide and when a BID moves into a neighborhood the city does not provide the services at the level it should be, providing it's also a stop gap measure in order to Band-Aid poor administration of city funds. I was looking through the presentation I am on the Land Use Committee and during that presentation that we had, and I wanted to ask what your response to those comments would be.

Laura Rothrock - I would argue, it's actually the opposite. I've worked with BIDs my whole career. I started working for the city and I've worked with all the different BIDs in the city. I have seen this throughout different administrations. It is really a form of organizing businesses, we act as a liaison. For example, at some of the build-a-block meetings or some of the evening meetings with the precincts we're able to go when a restaurant owner can't go to some of these evening meetings. We are able to go and pass along information or give feedback. We communicate with the Parks Department, DOT and other agencies and with the community boards. It is a way of organizing businesses. By law the city cannot reduce services because BID exists. If they try it's something that I will definitely quote the local law, but I like I said I would argue the opposite. I will say in the east expansion, especially because it is an industrial area, there's not a lot of services. There is no lighting, there are no trash cans. In some ways, yes, we are providing those services, but the city is already not providing those services now because it is an industrial area.

Thomas Wright - I live on Crescent in 41st. I just wanted to point out that is part of the BID, an existing BID, and there's no trash can, I have a large dog, imagine what I have to do.

Laura Rothrock - We can look into getting a trash bin.

Marie Torniali Chairperson - I will agree with Laura as the Executive Director of another BID right on Steinway that we do the work that the agencies don't do and it's not part of their work scope. We just advocate in that regard. Anybody else have a question: okay, so Elizabeth and Gerry I understand this requires a letter of support, is that correct?

Liz Erion - Yes, that's correct! What we can do is write the letter I'm, assuming that the community board does support the expansion and we can send it. We can go over that during the business section if you prefer.

Marie Torniali Chairperson - I'm going to switch up the business section because we have an important vote tonight. We're going to do committee reports first and I think Colin is still here, I'm going to go right to the Land Use Committee and the City of Yes and Elizabeth and Gerry prepared this excellent description of what we will be voting on. It's all in your folders. You received it by email as well.

Gerry Caliendo - I prepared something, Liz prepared something and then Liz put the two together. We had a committee meeting last week, it lasted until 11 o'clock at night. very difficult, but we put together this document which kind of summarizes what we discussed and the comments. We are talking about over 600 pages of zoning text, changes which were summarized in numerous documents from City Planning and there's some craziness in my opinion and in general I think it was that and you'll see in the FAR right-side of the sheet. The committee didn't in general support any of these. For the most part, the way they tried to satisfy the goals that they were trying to achieve and the way they were trying to achieve them. In the resolution, the law and I said it many times in the past, the devil is in the details. So just one thing right off the bat, out of all of these there's 18 home occupations. Right now, as a doctor, a lawyer, an architect or an engineer can occupy a house next door to your house, a private house, next door to you. They wiped all that out and anybody could have in their house next door to you three employees, a barber shop, three barber chairs think about that nail salon. They just wiped out completely anything that was not permitted before. So, it's just eating away at the quality of life. My opinion, my personal opinion I'm saying now, but in general, the committee and it's stated on the right hand, side did not support the way it was written. I am not saying everything. Liz agrees that not everything is bad, but not to the liking of the committee that we would fully support it. We are recommending disapproval of this with conditions and the conditions are stated on the right-hand side of this document. They had two years to come up with a 600-page change to the resolution, and we had how many days, we had about two and a half months. Two and a half months to analyze it and try and get feedback, and this is our feedback. This document is our feedback, so we're not satisfied with what they proposed. Some of it was discussed at the last board meeting such as NYCHA not being consulted with their special permit for commercial uses in the middle of the projects, and it keeps going on and on. We did not agree with the text that as it was proposed and it's not like you could break it apart and say we agree with this, and

we agree with that but we don't agree with the other. It's either you agree, or you don't agree. We do not agree, and this is why we do not agree. This is our feedback to City Planning. It's our recommendation that it's disapproved with the conditions as stated in this document. That could be a motion yes. It is our recommendation that it's disapproved with the conditions stated in this document.

Motioned by Gerry Caliendo; Seconded by Huge Ma

Huge Ma - What does this mean in terms of the process? If we were to disapprove, what does that mean with respect to the overall City of Yes?

Liz Erion - I just wanted to say a few words about the process and about what's being proposed. As Gerry said, most of the this was aimed at modifying and modernizing, and upgrading the zoning resolution which hasn't been done since 1961. There's a lot of technology and other things that should be involved in this. There are changes that are warranted, but this is going to be done as one big change. The Commission is going to look at it. They may make some modifications based on feedback from residents and communities sent to them. On the whole, they usually wait until it goes to the City Council for those modifications to be changed. The City Council will review what was passed, what the community talked about, what was approved and wasn't approved. They'll make their revisions and send it back to City Planning to see whether or not it's within the scope of the environmental work that went into another document that was like this. If it's within the scope, maybe they will make the revisions that are suggested to them. Right now, it's going to City Planning and City Planning is sending it to the Council as a package. So, you know, the Council are your elected representatives, not the Commissioners on the City Planning. City Planning Commissioners are appointed by the elected officials, so they are like pushing it off to the electeds (elected officials). At this point we are expecting to have the City Planning Commission review the response from the community boards on January 22nd that's next week, so they're going to be discussing what went on in all of the community board discussions then they're having their hearing on the 24th Wednesday, City Planning Bill, but they are opening or leaving open the time period for us to respond until February. The dates for their consideration of what was testified at their hearing and for their review and for the actual vote on this is not set at this point. It will be sometime in February. So, with that, what we can do now is review. I'm hoping that you have read this. It's as simple as we could have gotten it, given the 1700 pages and then some of stuff that we had to read so I don't know if you want to go through it item by item or if there's anything you want to talk about how we dealt with it.

Dino Panagoulis - I just want to thank you and the committee for doing this, because this does exactly what I talked about at the previous meeting, trying to ascertain what could possibly be right. My primary concern is exactly what you, Gerry, were saying about these home businesses. I live in an apartment building and now, there could be some people that are in the building that should not be in a building. That poses a safety concern for me personally. Those are the types of things that I think about and again it's that quality of life. What are the operating hours? Is there going to be loud music being played all hours of the night and then are there other things that are happening? That is one of the many things I have concerns about. I want to say thank you for doing this work, so we didn't have to do all of this reading and I do agree with you as well there is way too much that we personally or at least I do not agree with these text amendments and to go forth with disapproval.

Marie Torniali Chairperson - I just want to really thank you and Gerry, because I know the hours that they put in aside for the committee meeting. We wouldn't be here today with all this information, because I can't personally read a thousand pages or even understand, and this is so clear now. Thank you.

Liz Erion - I want to acknowledge the amount of work that Gerry did on this and of course the whole committee. This was the first time we had 100% attendance. Let me tell you at this meeting it didn't last. By the time 10 o'clock came around it was an issue, I could barely stay awake at that point. I want to acknowledge the amount of time that they also put in this at home and Florence for keeping the line of communication open until 11:00 p.m., when the texts were gone so we were able to finish them.

Adam Fisher-Cox - I had a general question about voting to disapprove because that is always a confusing thing to vote. Yes, on voting No and I read this document originally, for example, looking at number one do not support as proposed and then there's two bullet points here, I essentially, rather to say that we, the recommendation, is that we would support it if these two bullet points were incorporated into it. But if that were true, I think we would be voting to support with these conditions. I'm wondering what the distinction is there are. Is this just the two biggest things we're concerned about with number one, but there are others what will happen? What will we send along if we vote to disapprove on this?

Liz Erion - Some of the issues, in my opinion, are not conditions they're outright we do not support them, and since this is a complete package there, unless we separate them out, yes, it is confusing, but it's easy to understand that if you say yes to the motion on the floor, it means that you do not agree with it as written.

Adam Fisher-Cox - Just to follow up on that, though, will these, for example, requiring a BSA special permit for number one here and number two those will be passed along, even if we blanket vote not to support this. The message essentially to City Planning will be that we want these changes at a minimum and generally don't support. You can say they could also be explanations of why we're not supporting correct.

Richard Khuzami - This situation has happened a lot in the past. You can either vote in favor of something as long as certain stipulations are met, or you can vote against something unless these stipulations are met. I think that, at the end of the day, what you're doing is sending a message in general, because it's basically the same stipulations. Nothing really changes the message you're sending to the media and to the City Planning. Is that you don't like this process that they're proposing in general.

Marie Torniali Chairperson - So it's more of a message thing than it is actually a real difference between the two.

Thomas Wright - A follow up on that in the meeting Gerry had a very useful comment that helped me get my head around this process and I just wanted to share it, because it's responsive to your question. I understand that this is coming from the Mayor's Office. This was drafted under a group of basic developers or business holders, and my position I think I've made it known that it's a gift to them. However, Gerry helped me understand and, if I miss quote you Gerry, please fix. Many times these are all approved despite what we vote on, however, it's very valuable that, if we're going to have change we're not going to defeat it likely, the likelihood of us defeating it is very low, I would think impossible. However, if we include these recommendations, they may see the light of day and be incorporated into the document. Is that correct, Gerry?

Gerry Caliendo - I would like to answer the question. On number one that he's mentioned, just as an example, we did put in comments so right now today, if there's a factory next to your house and that factory becomes vacant for two years, but this right now today it's got to become a house or a church, because church is a conforming use. What the city is saying after two years they could stay. You could get another Factory in there today. If you want to put a new Factory in there, you have to go to border of standards and appeals, and the border of standards and appeals looks at it in a way of hardship and so forth still has to come to us, but it's somewhat of an onerous process. What Liz said and we discuss the law? A special permit is a different type of process. Other than a variance, especially permit has conditions, still have to come to us, but they're, not as onerous as a variance to continue. What we said in number one was we wanted it to still come back to us for discretion, but because we understand the problem that the city has with vacant buildings over two years could have been a store in a residential zone. The building was there for 100 years and it was a cannoli store. Now it's vacant for 2 years, the cannoli guy wants to go back. He was vacant for 2 years. Good thing, cannoli can't go he's got to go to the Board of Standards and Appeals, prove all kinds of hardship would cost so much money. The special permit still cost money, but it's not as onerous as a process as a variance. That's the difference. So it's kind of a compromise. That's the answer to number one. So Liz did incorporate a proposal to what they're as an option, to what they're proposing they're saying two years, no problem come back, we're saying no come back to us, don't go to the board of standard appeals, but still come back to us so that that's the kind of recommendations and you go through it. Maybe it's not as clear, because you have to know the LA sure, City Planning knows and obviously the Commissioners are supposed to know, but we're trying to find some we're not agreeing with, as at all like the home occupation, but we These are recommendations and I know they'll, understand it. It's not perfectly clear to every delay people but they're there. Okay I also want to add that behind a lot of our thinking with requiring with not approving some of these was the fact that, yes, these were devised. These suggest these modifications were devised entirely by the business community, the Chambers of Commerce.

Liz Erion - I also want to add that behind a lot of our thinking with requiring with not approving some of these was the fact that, yes, these modifications were devised entirely by the business community, the Chambers of Commerce. This was a focus group. There was no consultation in terms of all this zoning. It was with NYCHA and in Brooklyn Etc., but not in Queens. From our perspective, we've never been asked about how we feel. Looking at this proposal the basic concept of local convenience retail being completely dismissed in local neighborhood hoods and becoming just whatever is expedient to pay the rents that are being asked for now on commercial streets just to keep the storefronts occupied. Yes, it's wonderful to have a streetscape, that's active and lively, but it also depends on what the uses are that are serving that immediate neighborhood and that's not happening with this proposal. As you go down the list of proposals you're going to see, a lot of them do not belong. The uses don't belong, that they're proposing in C1 and C2, which is right. They may be okay for C4, which is the larger streets, the larger commercial streets in our community Broadway, Astoria Boulevard Steinway Street, 30th Avenue, Ditmar (boulevard) is really small, that's another thing. The concept of what zoning was made for was written for is just being blown apart at this point by this, as a resident in this city and I think a lot of other community boards are feeling the same thing: no consultation. It has no respect for the concept of the residential partnership. It's all focused on the commercial.

Frank Fredericks - Firstly, just I want to echo the appreciation for all the time spent on this I am somewhat known to be stubborn and I think my mind may have been changed through some of these recommendations here, while I've had my reservations about some aspects. Overall I do think there are for small business owners. The way that zoning works is can be quite difficult, especially for new entrance and removing some of those barriers. I see is a maybe a net positive but as you've walked through and as I've been able to follow. I think the negatives outweigh the positives and my mind has been changed. I want to note this also I know this is recorded, I have documentation and tell my wife I can change my mind. I care a lot about entrepreneurial spaces, and one thing I've come to learn is that entrepreneurship in a place like New York, is definitely more accessible to those with privilege who have space who can get an office. Who can do these sorts of things, and if my neighbor is able to use 50% of their space to start a business, God bless I hope to support them and I don't mind if there's little extra foot traffic, but I respect that I may be in the minority in that point, so that might be included. My one question for you all, we understand the origin of this is probably special interest. We have very little tractability in terms of changing it, but it seems like the space where that change is possible is through our elected officials. Is there a mechanism where somebody from your committee who's intending on bringing this to (Tiffany) Caban's office to (Julie) Won's office in order to make sure that the interest and the hours of thoughtfulness you put together is well represented to them because I imagine they would appreciate that.

Gerry Caliendo - Maybe our elected officials will get a copy of this and obviously I mean we could reach out to them, but I think if they want any clarity they'll reach out to us as a board, but I don't see them reaching out. They've never reached out before I think it's kind of self-explanatory and they have their own in-house people who the council in general has a Land Use Department which will scrutinize documents not only from us but from the whole, all the community boards right.

Sam Massol - Can we issue a letter on behalf of the members to say we're in opposition to this that we have concerns. Can we have something on behalf of the Community Board or community board members, saying that we have severe questions about this and that we in good conscience cannot support this. Can we move in that direction, beyond the vote, something more.

Liz Erion - Since Gerry and I have been chairing this committee, one of the things and coincided with my retiring from City Planning, I know what works and since we've been doing this, we have been sending very complete letters that to City Planning, with whom we communicate basically very complete letters that describe the process that we had gone through for every ULURP we looked at, has come before the board and we outline what the board says. What the land use committee has been saying in addition to the vote and any conditions or whatever. They always do this for every ULURP item, they get a significant letter from us. Our electeds (elected officials) get copies of everything.

Sam Massol (inaudible) Question about the press. (**Liz Erion** stated she does not deal with the press).

Marie Torniali Chairperson - This is protocol Sam, the electeds (elected officials) get a copy and I sure you, I believe they read it because they will follow up and ask a question if they have one.

Chris Hanway - I'm absolutely in favor of your recommendation, but I just I want to be clear. I want to Echo what this gentleman said. When I read the document as is and I know, this is not what you're going to submit I read it as if you were to change these two things we would be in favor of this item, and that is not what I'm hearing from you. I would just give a word of a caution to word it in such a way that it doesn't come across that way, because that's how I read it and at least that's how one other person read it so others would definitely read it that way.

Marie Torniali Chairperson - This is not the letter that will go out. This was for the purposes of you, the board members understanding and the reason for a no vote.

Dino Panagoulis - The way that I would think about if we were to give these recommendations and vote to approve it, the only conversation that would happen, at their office is that Community Board 1 approved it , if I was going back and saying Community Board 1 disapproved it then I have to read this document and I think that's the way that we're thinking about that when folks are asking those types of questions and saying you know unless it is a blanket yes, where then I just like, maybe I won't even pay attention to this document that we spent so much time reviewing and even talking about.

Dominic Stiller - Comment on Sam's suggestion: I don't think our website, a CB1 website has resolutions and letters, and history. I think it would be great if we could have a structured list where other CBs (Community Boards) could see what we're doing, and it could be a lot more public, that's where it should be Sam with all the good recommendations.

Richard Khuzami - For clarity's sake, If we vote no, is it going to be a blanket, or will we be listing a lot of these stipulations? If, in fact, these stipulations are met, we would in fact approve of it, is this what we're saying?

Liz Erion - What city planning has as options for us are approve or disapprove conditionally approve or conditionally disapprove? We have to work within those guidance parameters. At this point we disapprove it with these conditions.

Adam Fisher-Cox - I don't see the distinction between disapproving with conditions and supporting with conditions. Are we saying that by disapproving with these conditions, we don't support the spirit of this, but also, we would like these specific things versus if we were to vote support with conditions. We're saying we like the spirit of these changes, however we have these things.

Marie Torniali Chairperson - If you support with conditions, they only read the word support, they don't read anything else.

Adam Fisher-Cox - I understand that but I'm just like is there a distinction there from our perspective? Is there any other message we're sending publicly-or is this straight to City Planning and that's kind of all that matters here.

Marie Torniali Chairperson - It goes to City Planning, yes.

Corrine Wood-Haynes - Do we not get to definitively vote “do not support” is that what we're saying here? Is that what I'm understanding and interpreting, that we do not have the option to definitively not support?

Marie Torniali Chairperson - We have that option, but that is not the motion. Okay, we have a motion on the floor. Elizabeth. Could you repeat the motion?

Liz Erion - Please want everybody to be clear. The motion on the floor was to approve conditionally disapprove the application before us on the commercial. We have to do this for the manufacturing one also, yes, because they separated them out. The motion on the floor is to disapprove conditionally this application. You vote “yes”, if you disapprove of this application and this application is just the commercial districts. The City of Yes Economic Opportunity Text Amendment regarding commercial district text modifications.
The motion on the floor is conditional disapproval.

Motioned by Liz Erion; Seconded by Dino Panagoulis

Roll call by Amy Hau. 32 Yes, 4 NO, Motion carries.

Liz Erion - We really didn't have an in-depth discussion about manufacturing text, because it really doesn't have an impact on the residential community. What they are basically trying to do is change the way buildings are constructed in terms of the bulk and the height and etc. They’re introducing using three new districts. There is M1, M2 and M3, and the reason why we really didn't take a look at it was because the proposals were warranted because of the different kinds of manufacturing industries that we have nowadays and what we also thought it wasn't so much of an issue as the commercial and residential will be. Each of these new districts has to come before the community board in order to be mapped.

Gerry Caliendo - So it is not an automatic application of the text. Change that will happen that will occur. It has to come it. They have to do a whole ULURP and have that District mapped in the area.

Liz Erion -The motion on the floor would be to approve that application, N240011 ZRY text, City of Yes Economic, Opportunity text, amendments for manufacturing districts.

Diana Limongi -For the first one, you said that it was all or nothing, but this is separate, so it's City of Yes manufacturing and the one we just looked at is that right?

Gerry Caliendo - No, so it's all or nothing still, the first one was commercial, and it was a vast text change from what exists in the law today. This second vote, the city created new zones, which are new options for either the city or a private developer to utilize in an area. Let's say in the Astoria industrial park, if a bunch of the landowners got together and said we want to not only have on one big block, we want to have residential as well as the manufacturing. Now the city has created a MX Manufacturing Zone that would allow that, it's an option. Right now it doesn't exist, except in the Special MX Districts that they created. This is another option that can't happen unless the city maps it themselves or a private developer comes before us and we have the opportunity to say this is ridiculous, or this is something good. That's why we have no opposition, because it really may never come to us. It's just an option that some either the city or a developer or an industrial entity may propose in the future.

Antonella Di Saverio - Normally in manufacturing zones, you have hazard considerations. If you open it up to allow residential in that area without mitigating or evaluating for hazardous conditions that might affect lead in the air or whatever might affect residents. How is that going to impact what you just said?

Gerry Caliendo - That option already exists today. There were a number of zoning changes that we have approved, they're called MX Zones where there's light manufacturing on the ground floor with residential above so that exists today, they're called MX zones, but there's not a pure manufacturing Zone that is being proposed that exists today in the city. The city has regulations that you have to comply with to do that whenever there's a new District there's an Office of Environmental Remediation, for example, that requires all different conditions like the windows have to be bigger thicker and sound attenuation. the exhaust of the building has to be situated in a certain way, a million things. It's definitely regulated. There's no question about that.

Rod Townson - I think it might be useful to understand that the sheet that was given to us, the first vote that we did dealt with items 1 through 17 and the new vote that we're doing deals with number 18 only. Is that correct?

Gerry Caliendo -That's correct, yes.

Liz Erion – (Number)18 relates to the manufacturing text amendments, the new zones.

Brian Martinez – You really know your stuff, thank you. I think Diane's question was still not answered as to is these two separate applications? If we're voting yes or no to move forward, is it one thing or is it two completely separate ones? We're doing a motion to not approve for the first one for the commercial and then we're voting on the second one, which is totally separate from the first one, so it has nothing to do with.

Marie Torniali Chairperson – Yes, that is correct.

Vanessa Hall-Jones - This is in reference to the rezoning, correct? We are talking about number 18. When you talk about the upgrading and of Districts and all of that, didn't we have a session like that when we went through the rezoning laws? I remember we went through a whole big process like that some time ago. Would that be the same kind of thing now? When you talk about the manufacturing as I'm trying to make sure I'm understanding, because this is seem like it's being chopped up in pieces from as far as I'm, but I'm just want to make sure that I'm understanding what's going on and not confusing the two. What is it that you want us to really concentrate on concerning this?

Liz Erion - The point is that these are not going anywhere now they're going to put it on the books, they will be available in the future for a development to be built. It must come before us when they're going to change the zone if they want to, but it's not an automatic change, it's another tool in the zoning resolution book that allows a certain kind of development in a manufacturing district. It is not related just to us, it's Citywide.

Marie Torniali Chairperson - It would still require a ULURP review?

Liz Erion - Correct, for any application of this proposal, number 18 it would require a full ULURP. This is a motion to approve application, N 240011 ZRY zoning text for the manufacturing district for the City of Yes Economic Opportunity.

Motioned by Liz Erion; Seconded by Gerry Caliendo

Roll call by Amy Hau. 35Yes, 1 NO, Motion carries.

Liz Erion – We had another item on the agenda. City Planning is altering current rules for CEQR reviews. I have been very focused on this, so I am going to ask a representative planner from form City Planning to explain what the changes are going to be, in terms of the CEQR review, Colin Ryan.

Colin Ryan - Everybody for your patience. I want to iterate that this rule change is part of the city rule changes, so it doesn't go through the typical procedure where the board has a formal vote on it. It is a general comment period which is open for 60 days. And will be open through sometime in late February or March. I want to give a quick overview of what this is. I can circulate some materials for Florence to share with everybody. I think the Land Use Committee has already been aware of this plan to change the rules so that we can accelerate some of our application processes. We've noticed that there is a large number of projects that go through environmental review and have an outcome of no environmental impact which is considered a type two eligibility. We are trying to expand that eligibility to include small and medium sized projects to pass through that project and be able to accelerate their ability to produce housing. There are a list of requirements, and I would just direct you all to go through that document and also visit our website. There's also a five-minute video explaining what this is very concisely. It is a much better resource than I can give in front of you all today, but I'm happy to field a few questions if you have them.

Gerry Caliendo - I just make a comment. When you do a zoning change your ULURP process is basically a two-year process. The first year is for the applicant and his team, architect, zoning attorney environment consultant and possibly a lobbyist to put together a package to City Planning, and they accept that package. It takes a whole year. Think about that and it could be a very small job. It's still a year and one of the problems is the environmental. In general, the city planning staff is decimated compared to the years ago, when Liz was on the staff, The office was robust they had a lot of people, they were thinking about planning for the city,a master plan way back, talking about 30 40 years ago. Today it is not a large focus, so they don't have the people. The Environmental Group is I don't know how many people they have it's not a lot and there's a lot of actions that are trying to be done. The city in general is trying to shorten that and looking at those projects that may have significantly less impact and reduce the process by which have to be reviewed through City Planning. The thresholds are still there, but they don't go to City Planning for six months for someone to review I think that's in general that the process.

Liz Erion – I wanted to add to what Gerry was talking about thresholds. What we do know about this change of the rules is that they're not going to require City Planning Environmental reviews on developments that have an less of a significant impact. After reviewing all of the applications that have gone through for the last approximately ten year period, they have come to the conclusion that any development that produces less than 250 dwelling units in a high-density area or less than 175 units in a lower density district is not sufficient to create a significant impact and therefore doesn't require the manpower and the environmental review that City Planning would do now. I'm, not sure that this rule change applies to other agencies that would have a hand in it, but the reason why we're discussing this and bringing it to your attention is that there is a public hearing on February 7th for this rule change and we

should be able to let them know whether or not these cut offs are warranted, or what the position of the community board is. It is like testifying and we can send a letter explaining what our recommendations are.

Marie Torniali Chairperson – Colin will you be sending something to Florence, so she can send it out to all the board members please.

Liz Erion - What we can do is create this letter, depending on what your comments are and what your positions are, and either send it to them or we can have it, send it out to the board and ratify it. We have never done this before. It's not a ULURP, but it's something that I believe warrants review and from us.

Marie Torniali Chairperson - Will you be reviewing this at the next Land Use meeting.

Liz Erion – We are meeting the same day as the public hearing, February 7th. We can still submit something.

Marie Torniali Chairperson - If anybody wants more information, the alternative for everyone is to zoom into the Land Use meeting.

Richard Khuzami - I was hearing through the scuttlebutt for a while that they were thinking of eliminating the environmental study requirement just for the borough president and the community board. Now it seems that this proposal is eliminating it entirely or is there going to be something that's going to be required for the City Council.

Colin Ryan – For eligible projects they will be eliminated entirely. They would not be required to do an EAS and environmental assessment statement.

Evie Hantzopoulos – So that we're all aware of the kind of things that would no longer be looked at before a rezoning or an application, what are some of the things if you could, just maybe the top six.

Colin Ryan - I don't think it necessarily breaks down that way, I would really urge you to watch this video.

Evie Hantzopoulos - I mean the environmental assessment would look at what kinds of things, that's what I'm trying to find out.

Colin Ryan – Equity reports are still required under certain stipulations. There's several things that are looked at and those aspects are not what's really being defined here in this rule, change like there there'll be no modifications.

Evie Hantzopoulos - I know they're not being defined here, but if the process is eliminated, they're not going to be looked at correct, including racial displacement. Isn't there racial equity reports still required?

Colin Ryan - Equity reports are still required under certain stipulations. With certain stipulations depending on the number of developments or units that are created.

Evie Hantzopoulos - Eighty percent of housing construction is as of right, so we are only talking about 20% where a zoning change is requested.

Gerry Caliando - Can I just clarify, if any ULURP action comes to this board or any other board in the city and the environmental assessment is not required this board can ask for it. Let's take shadows, for example, we're worried about the shadows. We can ask that applicant prepare the shadow study and if they want that zoning change believe me, they're going to provide that. If you say we need a traffic study and they didn't provide that and they're waved by that. Believe me, they're going to give you that traffic study because you're concerned about it that's what this board can do. Even if the city says, oh, you fall under the threshold because you're 250 apartments and you don't require it. This board can say, provide it or we're going to vote no.

Evie Hantzopoulos - But when a ULURP starts, though, there's a defined time period, so you're saying they can get all that done within the 30 to 60 days that we may have to review it?

Gerry Caliando - No, they must provide an application to City Planning. City Planning has to say that the application is complete. The problem is City Planning must review the documents that you give, and they are short of staff. If you must give them an EAS for 150 units-and it takes them (because they only have three people) six months to review it, then that applicant is waiting an additional six months to get certified to bring it to this community board. So now you get it here and it's 150 units-and you say you know I think you're casting a shadow you're next to a park. We want a shadow study, guess what those 150 units are right next to two family houses, we think you need a traffic study, give us a traffic study. It is not letting them go away from our reviews and what we demand from them. What the city is saying that if you're in a high-density zone and you're doing 150 units, you already have 250 units across the street, maybe you don't need a traffic study. Maybe you're next to a train, maybe you don't need a traffic study. That's what this is all about, trying to shorten the process of review that the city would be obligated to do it.

Richard Khuzami - Can you give the difference between EIS and EAS?

Gerry Caliando- Environmental impact statement that requires the applicant to do something physical, such as, if there's a traffic problem, add a light, add a stop sign, add a left-hand turn or right-hand turn signal. You have to physically make a change in an EAS. In EAS there's a book, and it says if you fall under a threshold, that the analysis in the State Environmental Review says that you're going to generate 15 cars and what would trigger a problem is 25 cars, you passed the test, that's an environmental assessment statement, so it's a short form type of analysis. That's the difference between an EIS and EAS.

Thomas Wright - I would just challenge that idea and it's not a challenge to what you had said, but the actions of our board since the time I've been on the board. It's been a frustration for me when a very valid question is asked at a presentation such as water, runoff, sewer things that really make a difference to the quality of life, and the presenter says it didn't require an environmental impact study. It didn't meet the threshold and that isn't an answer to me. That's always just been something that has not been as satisfactory. So I believe it's our responsibility when that answer is it didn't, require an Environmental impact study to do exactly what you

said is to challenge back and say well answer the questions as they do with shadows. I know, Elizabeth had very good questions once on Shadows for the development, near story houses but I remember when we were asking very specific questions about environmental impact, they say. Oh, we didn't meet the threshold, so I just wanted to mark that, for you thank you.

Liz Erion - That has always been a problem, the thresholds, if you don't meet the thresholds, they don't have to go any further than that. Listening to what Colin said and reading what I could and what Gerry said now, we never really talked about how much we can influence the ability to get studies done. If we see something wrong, we get them to do something we never really went in that direction. It seems to me now that City Planning by removing this rule is making it our responsibility to point out the things that we believe may be an issue from that type of development. I can understand not having environmental assessments for smaller projects, but when you talk about 170 units, 175 units in Astoria or in sections of Long Island City, it's a lot. When you talk about Western Astoria where there is flooding and where the proximity to the river and all of the other issues that are going on. I wonder what if we start having developments that don't want to do EAS and just bringing it right underneath that 250 for something in Astoria West, in that area, it's a critical area. City Planning has been asking developers or applicants to come to the community board before they decide and before they submit their applications, and that time is a perfect opportunity to say we see that this is happening and could have an impact. You should look at that, but they don't have any backing. They have backing up the fact that they don't have to do it so and what we vote No, but that has a little bit of say that it's it.

Gerry Caliendo - Like I said before, I think in a pre-application meeting that the land use committee has, if we point out a problem to an applicant and we're concerned about runoff or we're concerned about shadows, I'm telling you that they'll do it, because the cost of not doing it and getting a no-vote doesn't make sense.

Huge Ma - I'm wondering if there's data that, if we were to look back five - 10 years, could tell us how much time you would have gained in terms of time spent in housing. So, for example, if there was a 220-unit development and we saved six months, we were able to move in six months. That's equivalent to maybe is that 100 years of housing for one household, something along the lines.

Colin Ryan - Not sure if this is in the video that I mentioned earlier. I do want to couch those expectations with a lot of assumptions about developers moving at like breakneck pace following approval. It's not a given and you'll have to double check on the video, but analysis might have been done.

Diana Limongi - I just want to say that I find it extremely problematic that City Planning is attempting to wash their hands of the responsibility of taking these things into account and taking them seriously and bringing it to us. They are supposed to be the experts they're the ones getting paid to do all this work and instead they're saying under 250 it's okay and the example that I think someone gave about if there's an apartment building that's 250 and across the streets 150, it's not a big deal. It's a really big deal for the people that live in that community, and I think it's incredibly frustrating. It seems they are saying we're just going to not worry about the environment in a time when we should really be worrying about the environment. I find it incredibly problematic.

Rod Townsend - I don't want to watch a video I want a document that I can read. Can you provide that? Is that available as well?

Colin Ryan - There's a list of resources I will circulate with Florence.

Marie Torniali Chairperson - That would be great I think that's what everybody needs to see is a document.

Liz Erion - Perhaps you want to do the letter of support for the Long Island City Partnership tonight.

Marie Torniali Chairperson - We'll make a motion to approve the Long Island City Partnership Expansion.

Motioned by Gerry Caliendo; Seconded by Tony Maloney

Marie Torniali Chairperson Show of hands, 3 opposed, motion carries.

Committee Reports

Consumer Affairs Committee -Dino Panagoulis - If you look at the packet that you have, there are 17 businesses that are up for vote. None of them are of great concern. They have their stated stipulations. No issues brought forth by the 114th Precinct that we were made aware of. I'd like to make a motion to move forward with approving all 17 of them.

Motioned by Dino Panagoulis; Seconded by Stella Nicolaou

Marie Torniali Chairperson - Anyone opposed? Seeing none, the motion carries.

Executive Committee -Marie Torniali I'm going to ask you to look at the cannabis applications which is very short this month and which is encouraging. There were four applicants that came before us and we saw no reason to disapprove.

Rod Townsend What is a micro business?

Marie Torniali Chairperson - That's a very interesting question: I was going to go and say, but there is one micro business which they'll be denied if the zoning does not permit it, they would cultivate the marijuana on premise.

Liz Erion -The rezoning text amendments, it is concerning, the ability, under agriculture to grow cannabis in whether or not it's legal, We do not know that at this point if the state does not allow it in residential situations, whether district or homes the state license does not allow that.

Marie Torniali Chairperson - That's why the OCM told us to move it along and they will determine whether it's permitted at that particular location. If it's not going to be permitted Elizabeth, it's not going to be permitted in any location such as this one.

Liz Erion - I think this was in the basement of an apartment, building it's in an R6 Zone in the middle of a block of a residential block.

Gerry Caliendo - The question is: how much can they grow? I believe you're allowed by law to grow six plants. Anybody could grow six plants, but it could get crazy. We can do six plants in anybody's house.

Marie Torniali Chairperson I think it was 21 plants if I'm, but we brought this question up at the committee meeting asking about cannabis at all being allowed to be grown and they were told and we were told to put the application in, they will determine. They're just trying to get these applications out right now. However, even though we approve a location does not mean that the Office of Cannabis Management will.

Gerry Caliendo - My point is: if we approve a location-and it doesn't smell right-it just doesn't, you're in a basement of an apartment house, and then it gets approved, then those people in those apartment houses say, you're a community board, why didn't you question that?

Marie Torniali Chairperson First of all, I want to be clear, I'm going to say this again. I've said it before. This is really not in our hands. We are given all the applications. We are told to look at them. Even the address we're told to look at whether they're 200 ft from somebody else and when you tell them-oh yes, they are, they say they're going to determine that. But in this case, if we can send the other three forward-and you can make a motion to disapprove that one. We have a motion on the floor to approve Tata Zolia Corp, Urban Hippie Care, LLC and CannaBest, LLC.

Motioned by Liz Erion; Seconded by Shahrenaz Hamde 2 voted No, Motion carries.

Marie Torniali Chairperson - We have Serpent of Dreams, Inc. Does anybody want to make a motion to approve that one or disapprove?

Liz Erion – I would like to make a motion to remove Serpent of Dreams, Inc. from the list.

Motioned by Liz Erion; Seconded by Gerry Caliendo

Roll call by Amy Hau. 28 Yes, 8 No, Motion carries to remove.

Business Session

Election of Executive Board

Rod Townsend - My name is Rod Townson. I’m the chair of your Parliamentary Legal and Legislative Committee and I am running your election. My pronouns are he/him, nice to meet you if I don't know you. We have nominations for several positions that the office has already received, and they are on a ballot. However, we are able to accept nominations up until this moment for any of the positions on the executive committee. Does anyone want to do any nomination for chairperson, first vice chair, second vice chair, third vice chair, executive secretary or sergeant-at-arms? Seeing as there are no additional nominations, we will now pass out the voting ballots. There are two positions that have more than one person running for those positions. We will allow those folks to speak for 2 minutes for those who do not have opposition, we will allow those folks to speak for one minute. First, up I would like to have Tyrone Gardner speak. He is running for Sergeant at Arms. He is unopposed. You have one-minute good evening.

Tyrone Gardner – Hello everyone, my name is Mr. Tyrone Gardner. I'm from the Astoria Houses residence. I have been living in Astoria since 1974, so I believe I'm an Astorian, and my idea of being a part of this executive board is to help it keep order and structure. I'm going to do it to the best of my ability. Thank you.

Rod Townsend Second, we have Daniel Alberti running for executive secretary. He is unopposed. You have one minute.

Daniel Aliberti -Hello, I’ve been a board member since I think 2000, so about 23 years and I was elected to be the secretary last year and I'm, enjoying the position and I hope I've been doing it to everyone's satisfaction and I'd like to continue that. That's basically all I have to say thank you.

Rod Townsend - We have two candidates for third vice chair, so I'm, going to come back to that running for Second Vice chair is Thomas Ryan. He was stuck in the weather condition. He brought his daughter to Binghamton and he's not here tonight, but he is running for that position. Running for first vice chair is Amy Hau. You have one minute, she is unopposed.

Amy Hau - I am going to echo Dan and want to continue serving on the executive committee and look forward to working with the new chair, whomever that may be. Thank you.

Rod Townsend - The following positions have more than one candidate. These candidates will have two minutes to speak. Third vice chairperson. First, we have Corinne-Wood Haynes, then Andreas Migias.

Corinne Wood-Haynes – Hi, good evening everybody. My name is Corinne-Wood Haynes. I have lived in Queens Bridge Houses for my entire life. I've been a community servant for over 40 years, and I believe that I bring a diverse perspective to this community board and I would really like the opportunity to continue to serve in a stronger capacity to the best of my ability. Thank you.

Andreas Migias - Hi everybody. My name is Andreas Migias. Similar to many of my colleagues here, I've lived in Astoria my entire life. Since I was born, I have lived in the same place. I love Atoria. It's my home I recently joined the community board almost two years ago to this point and I've really enjoyed getting to know, everybody learning a lot more about my community and it's really helped open up my eyes to a lot of the behind the scenes stuff that most people, if they don't get into these meetings, if they don't speak with their neighbors, they don't understand. They don't fully pick up on. I've really enjoyed learning a lot more about my community in the last few years. Learning a lot more about land use, for example, being on the land use committee. I'm just excited to get more involved, continue to support the board and the community any way possible, and that is why I'm running and thank you for listening again.

Rod Townsend -Those were the candidates for third vice chair. Next, we have three candidates running for chair Sam Massol, Dino Panagoulas and Evie Hantzopoulos

Dino Panagoulas - Good to see everyone. I want to first thank Marie for leading the community board for so many years, and I've definitely appreciated her leadership here. I want to say thank you Marie. Now, a little bit about myself. I grew up here, was born here in Astoria General Hospital, which no longer exists. Many of you know me as a person that has had a 25-year career in education. I started my career off as a school aid. I then became a very passionate teacher. Then worked my way up to what we call the central offices, trying to change the policies from within. There is a lot of bureaucracy in our education system, and I have tried to change that through the policies and the implementations that we've put forth. My commitment to education was brought forth by my parents, who are immigrants of Greece, came to this country and worked their behinds off to make something of their lives from a really poor portion of Greece and provide for both my sister and myself. That sense of education, that sense of community service and giving back to the community was fostered by their love for education and being able to in fact give back. I started here again in the civic association space and then I think in 2019 I was brought here into the community board and so I would love to serve in the capacity of chair. If you would have me to bring forth a lot of the kind of betterment of the neighborhood that we love and want to all represent. Thank you for the opportunity to serve next.

Evie Hantzopoulos - I'm Evie Hantzopoulos I have been on the community board since 2010, was the chair of the housing committee and brought that committee to life after never having met when I became chair and I feel like that committee did a lot of work to really push back and demand more affordable housing here in Astoria. I was not able to continue as chair once I joined the executive board two years ago as the second Vice chair, but really deeply care about Astoria. A little bit about my background. I am the daughter of immigrants. I moved to New York City in 1990 I have lived in Astoria since 1998, in addition to serving on the community board, I my day job is I run the Queens Botanical Garden. Prior to that I was the executive director for a youth agency called Global kids that worked all across New York City with youth from underserved communities, empowering them to take action on issues that they care about. I'm also, locally here in Astoria, I'm the co-founder of the 31st Avenue Open Street, was also a co-founder of Frontline Foods Queens, which, at the height of the pandemic, were serving Hospital workers and Frontline workers meals every day at six hospitals across Queens. Later we shifted to Astoria Houses, Queensbridge, Ravenswood and food pantries to continue providing nourishing meals for people who were food insecure, and we did that by raising money and paying local restaurants. We helped keep those local restaurants afloat. Also founding member of Astoria Mutual Aid Network. I was, a PTA president, I'm done, my kids are all graduated from New York City public school, so I'm done with that. Once again, I have enjoyed working with Marie so much under her leadership and just hope to do right by this community and with all of you.

Sam Massol - Thank you, my name is Sam Massol, I have been a public advocate for 30 years. As a community builder I've worked on everything from affordable housing to civil rights issues. I've been a legislative director for a City Council member, I've worked as a housing advocate for housing Habitat for Humanity. I've worked for the ACLU on several voting right issues, but I chose Astoria to raise my family. The reason I'm running for chair is because it's about service, it's about the fact that we have some serious things coming down the pipe and we need to work together. We need a consensus maker. We need someone who's not going to use us as a platform for themselves, but as a platform for our community, because right now we need to be coming together. We need to ask ourselves a gut question: are we better off now than we were before? Is this community board making the best use of my time I like to believe that all of us came here, because we said we got something to share with the rest of our community. That's going to make our community better and that's what I want to be part of. That's what I want to work with you on. Thank you.

Rod Townsend - That is the conclusion of candidate speeches. You're not going to receive a ballot. You will read the directions carefully. They're quite self-explanatory, just circle, name that you are supporting we're going to get those ballots out and then I'm calling on Brian, Martinez and Shahenaz Hamde to help me collect those ballots and we will step outside to do a quick count. If anyone wants to supervise us, they are certainly within their rights to do so, and we will do this as quickly as possible. Thank you. (time lapse)

Now it is my great honor as chair of the election, to announce the following: Sergeant-at-Arms Tyrone Gardner, congratulations: Executive Secretary, Daniel, Alberti, congratulations. Third Vice Chairperson, Corinne Wood-Haynes, congratulations. Second Vice Chairperson, Thomas Ryan congratulations! First Vice Chairperson Amy Hau, congratulations. In the matter of the chair, we did not receive 50% plus one, for any either for any of the candidates. Therefore, we will be having a runoff election at the next meeting and that meeting will be run by the First Vice Chair, Amy Hau. The two candidates that will be in that election are Evie and Dino. Thank you. I return the floor to Madam chair Marie.

Marie Torniali - We have no more committee reports. No chair's report. I just want to thank each and every one of you for the past six years for the happy moments and the not so happy moments, but hey, it was great and that's all I have because I see, there's people waiting in the back to speak, we'll be having another election next month.

District Manager's Report Florence Koulouris It's been a very good experience, working with Marie for the last six years. Thank you for your service and everything you've done for the community board, the community and all of Queens. Happy New Year to everyone. Our office has been working closely with all NYC Agencies to address the RV crisis escalating in our district. The Business owners are frustrated at the escalation of residential vehicles parked in the Industrial Business Zone. The Business owners have sent documentation of the witnessed human waste disposal from an RV trailer that is currently flowing down and/or puddling on the street along the curb. They are very disturbed by the conditions that are occurring. Our office has done a thorough outreach including the Health Department and the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs. The Agencies are coming together to do an outreach with the Department of Homeless services to offer shelter to the Recreational Vehicle Owners. Currently generators are being used for heating the Vehicles. Our office has recently received reports of individuals using tents in our boundaries. On Astoria Boulevard nearest 73rd Street under the walkway, services were sent out to facilitate housing. A recent report was received in five (5) Community Parks at separate times tent living has been addressed with services. Please call 311 to assist in engagement for services for these individuals. The City of NY will begin curfews at 35 Avenue for residents of Migrant Center with special exception passes. For this reminder NYC Parks Department will hold a Zoom Meeting for Halletts Point Playground January 24th. We previously sent emails, please, register to attend. The NYS Office of Cannabis is asking residents to report on their website Unlicensed Cannabis Shops. In Astoria Queens there is only one Licensed entity located on Ditmars Boulevard between 36th & 37th Streets. All other entities are unlicensed and therefore may not sell Cannabis. If you have general questions regarding the Office of Cannabis Management, please call at 1-888-OCM-5151 (1-888-626-5151) or email: info@ocm.ny.gov. Cannabis retail sale complaint can be filed on their website or 311s. Website. Thank you.

Richard Khuzami - I just briefly wanted to say it's been my pleasure to work with Marie, and it's also nine years on the executive board now be joining everybody else, and it's great to have all the new blood when I look around. This board has changed so much since I joined 23 years ago. It's more diverse, more opinions and much more like our community. So, thank you guys for being here

thanks, you guys for being involved in the community and we'll continue to work together. So, thanks: okay, I'm sorry elected officials or their representatives, hi everybody.

Elected Officials

Clare Collins Office of the Borough President Richard Donovan - My name is Claire Collins, the community liaison. On behalf of Borough President Richards, I want to wish everybody a happy new year. Our office has launched our community board application on our website. The application will be available until Friday February 16th at 5:00 p.m. so we kindly ask you to spread the word to any passionate civic-minded community members who may be interested in serving on any of the 14 boards. If you are unsure about, if you are need, if need to reapply, please come up to me and I can let you know if you're up for reappointment. It's the same application for new and old applicants. It's just that if you're reapplying, you click a box that says I'm reapplying and the application is on our website, which is the application or the process. Please feel free to reach out to our director of community boards, Kahleel Bragg Kbragg@queensbp.org and we have a few events coming up. The first is on Wednesday January 24th at 6:30 p.m. we're hosting the Haitian in independent celebration at Queensboro Hall on Saturday January 27th. We have our Queen Tech and job fair, which will be held at the Jamaica Performing Art Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2: p.m. and on that same day, January 27th we're also hosting a basketball game at St Francis Prep High School in honor of mental Wellness month. You can always RSVP to any of our events on <https://queensbp.org/> RSVP. That's all I have. Thank you for your time.

Office of Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez Greetings everyone my name is Tiffany Echevarria the community liaison. As you may know, Congresswoman Velázquez is the Ranking Member of the Small Business Committee and serves on the Housing Subcommittee (Financial Services). Here are a few things the congresswoman has been working on in the district. Disaster Loans for the September 29th Storm, The Congresswoman held a virtual workshop in December to discuss the disaster declaration September storm and what resources residents can receive from the SBA if your home or business or organization was impacted. The three different types of loans include Business Physical Disaster Loans, Economic Injury Disaster loans and Home Disaster Loans. Non-profits are eligible for both Business Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans. Feb 2nd deadline for Physical Damage & September 4th deadline for Economic Injury. (direct to flyer for more information). Congresswoman Velazquez had secured \$800,000 in Community Project Funding for a year-round farming program made available to 20 schools throughout the Congressional district. The hydroponic farms allow the expansion of STEM education in NYC public schools while exposing the students to green technology. As for the immediate Queens CB1 area, schools include P.S 76, I.S. 204 and William Cullen Bryant High School. Neighboring Queens CB2 schools include P.S. 60, I.S. 125, and International Highschool at LaGuardia Community College. At the higher-education level, Congresswoman Velázquez also secured funding for a hydroponic lab for an urban agriculture two-year certificate program at CUNY LaGuardia Community College. This will help develop more instructors to assist in setting up more of these projects in schools. The Congresswoman participates in a ribbon cutting next Tuesday, January 23 at 1pm in CUNY LaGuardia College. Contact information : Tiffany Echevarria Tiffany.echevarria@mail.house.gov | 718-340-6244. Thank you.

Office of Council Member Julie Won Everyone had a wonderful start to the new year. In the last year in December and January, our office distributed over 2500 brand new toys to our neighbors in public housing, local shelters, and houses of worship. We want to thank our partners at Queensbridge Houses, Ravenswood Houses, Woodside Houses, resettlement, New York Irish Center, Woodside on the Move Little Essentials, and all our corporate and Union Partners, as well as our volunteers, who have assisted us in picking up and dropping off those donations. We received over 3,400 constituent cases and resolved 97 and a half of those cases. We are continuing our land use comprehensive community planning. In this month we are going to have three more focus area meetings for Long Island City, specifically, we have on Monday 22nd, public realm transportation and waterfront resiliency on Monday 29th we'll have a focus area meeting regarding housing. February 8th we are meeting regarding Economic Development, Arts Culture and Community Resources. If you're interested in attending any of those Focus area meetings, please reach out to <https://council.nyc.gov/district-26/> The discretionary budget application has opened up last week and will go on until February. If you have any questions, you can reach out to our office, our budget manager will be more than happy to help. Thank you all so much and we look forward to working with you all throughout the next year.

Office of Congress Member Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez My name is Angela Sherpa. We are approaching a government funding deadline tomorrow and Congress is considering a stop Gap funding bill that would extend spending Authority until March 1st and March 8th. We'll continue to monitor for updates. If you experience any issues with your Medicare or Medicaid, you can always contact our office for assistance. January 25th our office will be hosting a student services fair at the Renaissance School in the Bronx. Please feel free to connect with me if you would like a copy of the event flyer and I'll be sure to share it with CB1 as well and as a reminder, our office is always here to help with any issues pending with federal agencies. You can give us a call at 718-662, 5970 or email me directly. Our Queen's office in Astoria, we're sharing a space with Council Member Caban team and so we'll be there every Thursday from 10 to 6:00 p.m. and then our Hunts Point Flagship office is always open Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thank you.

Office of Council Member Tiffany Caban My name is Tessa Blum. Legislative updates of the council's meeting of the new legislative session. At the beginning of each legislative session, committee positions are reassigned. Last session, the council member was the chair of the committee on women and gender equity, and we look forward to sharing at next meeting our leadership assignments for the new session. We'll also provide an overview of the legislation that we're introducing/reintroducing this session. Some quick updates about our district, so CI citizenship, now we partner with them so reach out to or let people know to reach out to us to schedule an appointment for our next service date. They can connect New Yorkers with an immigration attorney offering in-person services by appointment. They help with green cards, DACA TPS General consults. The next date that we'll be partnering with them is February 12th. Please call or email our office. We're going to be having our Astoria Houses satellite office hours again on January 22nd from 2 to 5:00 p.m. We're going to be hosting an event with the Department of Buildings on January 31st in our district office, which is at 30-83, 31st, Street and they are, going to be offering help with permits, build, building violations, inspection procedures, maintenance regulations. Call or email our office. <https://council.nyc.gov/district-22/> Thank you.

Office of State Senator Kristen Gonzalez - My name is Shawna Morlock I'm, the director of Community Affairs. It is my pleasure to be here and Happy New Year. We wanted to go over a couple of the things that the senator was doing in the district outside of the district. First, we hosted a town hall about the proposed Casino that is potentially going to be going up by the United Nations building, I know that it's not specific to this area, but it would actually affect you. We are very close in the community, and so we hosted a town hall with all our overlapping electeds (elected officials) and we're working very hard to make sure that the health and the SA safety of our community is first and yeah and working to make sure that we're all healthy and safe. We're also trying to stop the closure of the

Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital, which serves a lot of our communities around here as well. The Senator's team were able to go to the ribbon cutting recently for the 11th Street bike lane. We are happy to have worked hand in hand with DOT and all of our local electeds (elected officials) on trying to make the street safer for, our bike riders, pedestrians and drivers. Senator Gonzalez also worked with Assembly Member Gallagher to call for major investment in our city sewer infrastructure by restructuring the water fees, which would raise revenue for infrastructure upgrades and reduce the burden on average payers and keep streets from flooding. Additionally, the legislative session has just started recently, that means that a budget season is open as well. We're taking applications from community organizations, nonprofits, and schools. Anyone who would like to have funding from the state please feel free to reach out to our office, I'm helping with the budget process as well. I've got some cards here. If you'd like to reach out to me directly. Thank you so much for your time.

Office of Assembly Member Steven Raga Hello, everybody good evening. My name is Kazi Maryam. The legislative session convened on January 3rd. Earlier today, Governor Hochul unveiled her executive budget, focusing on crime consumer protection, boosting mental and generic health and fortifying against extreme weather. We are hosting a legal clinic on January 23rd in our district office from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. if you are someone you know is dealing with housing issues, especially as a tenant please call our office. There's a reminder to file or renew property tax exemptions now eligible homeowners contact our office for an appointment. We would like to thank you all for those who participated in our Drives. Together we were able to collect dozens of toys to share with the children within our community. We are also collecting non-perishable food and toiletry items for the Community drives in our partnership. With solution to hunger, you can drop off donations to our office from now through January 18th, Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. we would like to wish everybody a start to a happy New Year. Contact information: 718 651-3185! I'll leave some of my business cards up on the table. Thank you so much.

Public Session

New York Department of Sanitation Adam Dobrzynski - I'm here to give you a brief update of what you're going to see in a month and a half visually. Starting in April of 2023, we're 3 months away from that full year of where we started implementing these new rules for containerization for residents and containerization for commercial businesses. Beginning in April of 2023, we implemented those new rules for residential units from 1 to 9, if you choose to put out your garbage in bins, it'll be after 6 p.m. and if it was just solely in bags, it'll be after 8:00 p.m. Most importantly is that we're implementing newer rules to commercial businesses. In August of last year, we required all food related businesses to start putting out their trash in bins. In September of last year, we required all chain locations to five or more locations in New York City, they were all required to containerize their trash. Now the newest implementation beginning March 1st of this year, all businesses will now be required to bin up on their track. We are not asking for businesses to separate food scraps from trash, (as we are requiring residents), but now we're requiring all businesses to bin-up on their trash again. They can place their bins an hour prior to closing, and that would be it. We will be implementing those new rules, this is all to mitigate the rat populations. If you do have concerns, I'll take it with me, but right now we are working hand in hand with the DOT regarding sheds, some have been abandoned, not in use that's what is getting torn down. As far as implementing where they're putting their bins, businesses have a choice. They can either store it inside or in their yard if it's available and if it's not, then you can place it about 3 ft from your building lot. Within 3 ft of your building line, you can place those bins out. We do have pilot programs throughout the city. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call. My office, my phone number, is 646,885 4503 again the number is, 646 885-4503 and my name is Adam.

Rudy Sarchese – My name is Rudy Z, Business City Association going to have a meeting tomorrow night, at 7:30 at the Pistilli building in the basement.

Richard Khuzami – Old Astoria Neighborhood Association meeting January 25th at the River Crest on Ditmars and 33rd Street.

Adjournment

Marie Torniali Chairperson Thank you for being here. We'll see you next month. Have a great night. Would anybody like to do a Motion to adjourn?

Motioned by Richard Khuzami; Seconded by Jean Marie D'Alleva

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45 p.m.



Long Island City Business Improvement District

BID Expansion

CB1 Full Board Meeting
January 16th, 2024

Agenda

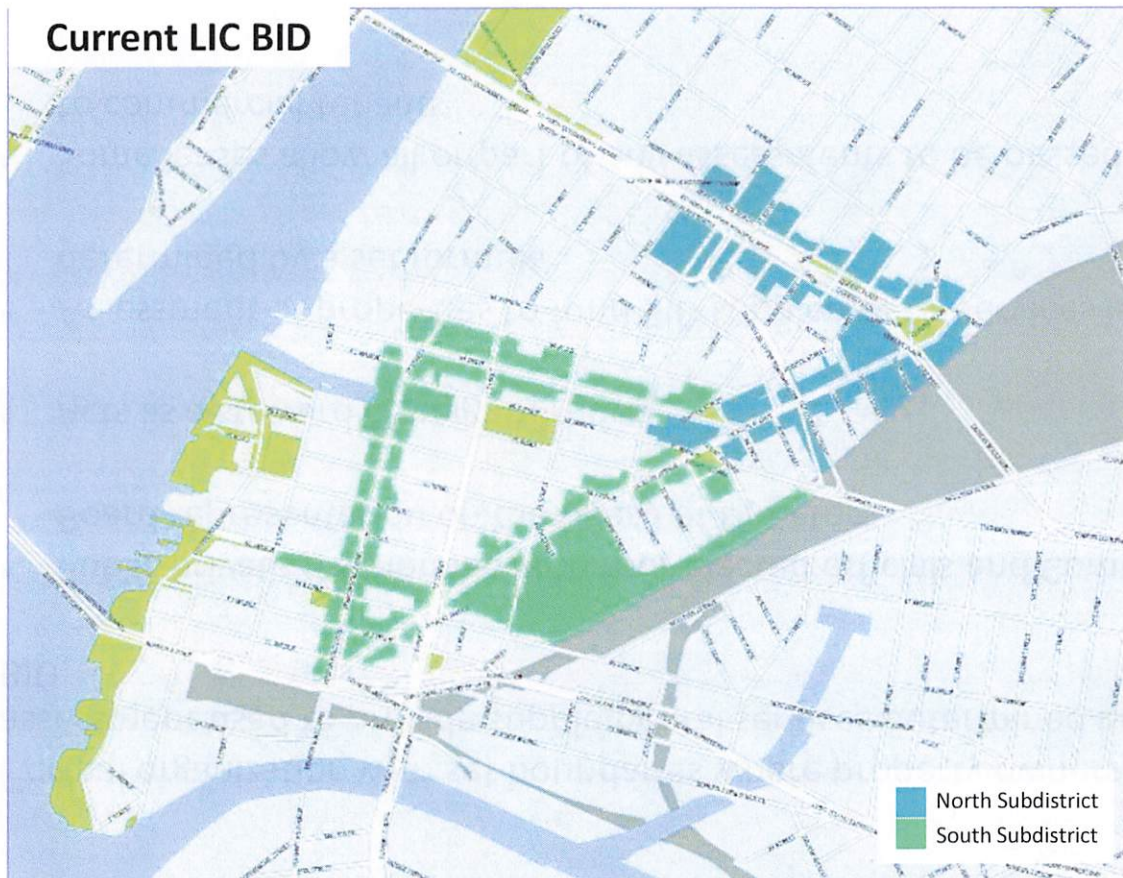
1. **Existing LIC BID**
 - a. What is a BID
 - b. Existing LIC BID
 - c. BID Services
2. **Why are we are expanding the BID?**
 - a. Boundaries
 - b. Timeline
3. **Current Services in LIC BID**
 - a. Expansion conditions vs. BID conditions
 - b. Streetscape
 - c. Retail Support
 - d. Events
 - e. Public Safety
 - f. Beautification
4. **BID Expansion Plan**
 - a. Steering Committee
 - b. Budget
 - c. Assessment formulas
5. **Support progress**
6. **Outreach Strategy + Press**
7. **Summary of Expanded Full BID**

What is a Business Improvement District?

Formal organization with set boundaries where property owners pay an assessment used to provide supplemental services determined by the BID:

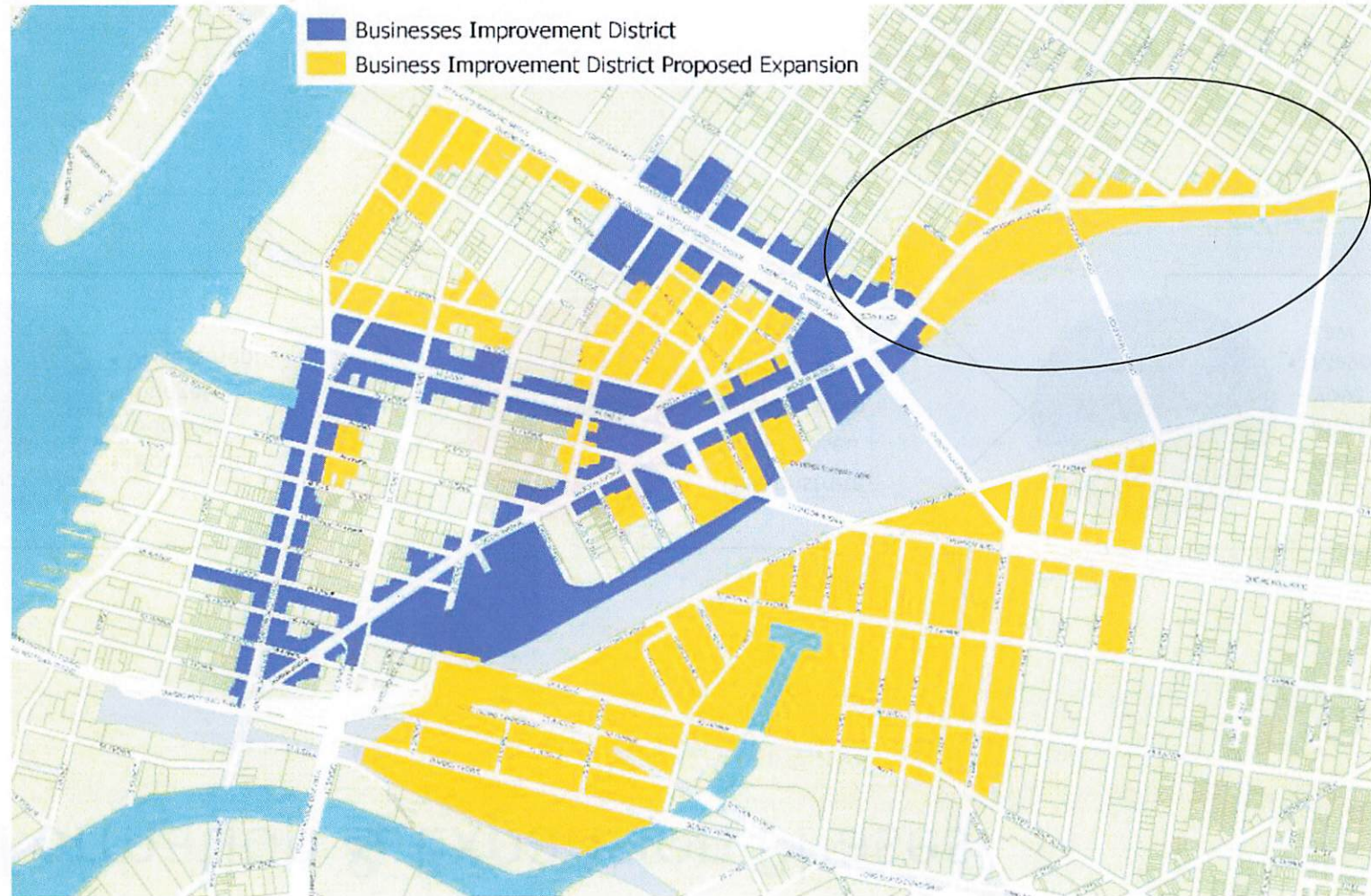
- Public private partnership with four elected officials and Community Board representation on the Board of Directors
- Acts as a steward of neighborhood
- Assessment of properties to fund BID supplemental services is determined by a set formula
- Some leases allow all or part of any assessments to be passed through to commercial tenants

What is the LIC BID?

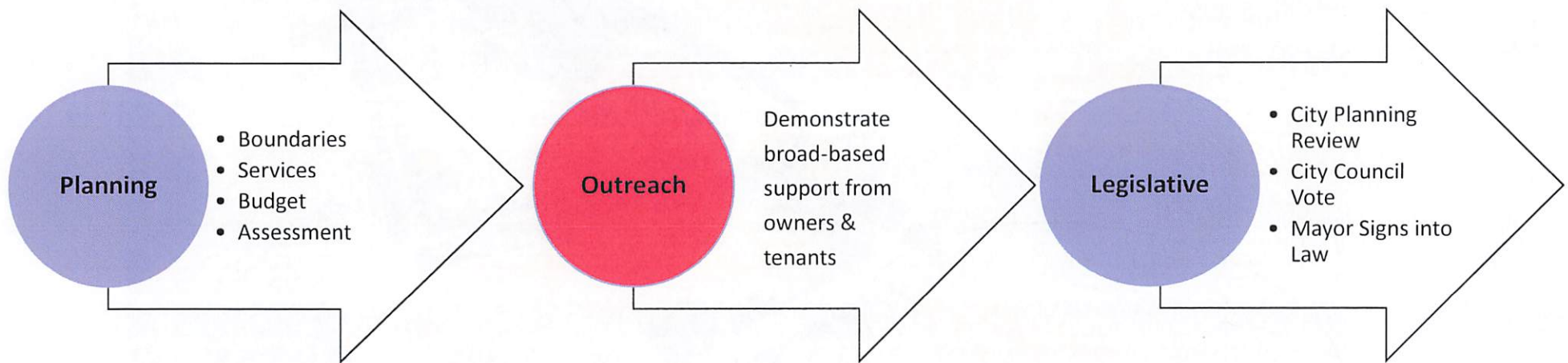


- Created in 2005; expanded in 2017
- Managed by the Long Island City Partnership
- Provides supplementary sanitation, beautification and visitor services and carries out community development and marketing initiatives that benefit the greater neighborhood
- North Subdistrict and South Subdistrict each have their own service budget but shared management and administrative costs
- Total assessment budget of \$1 million, capped by law

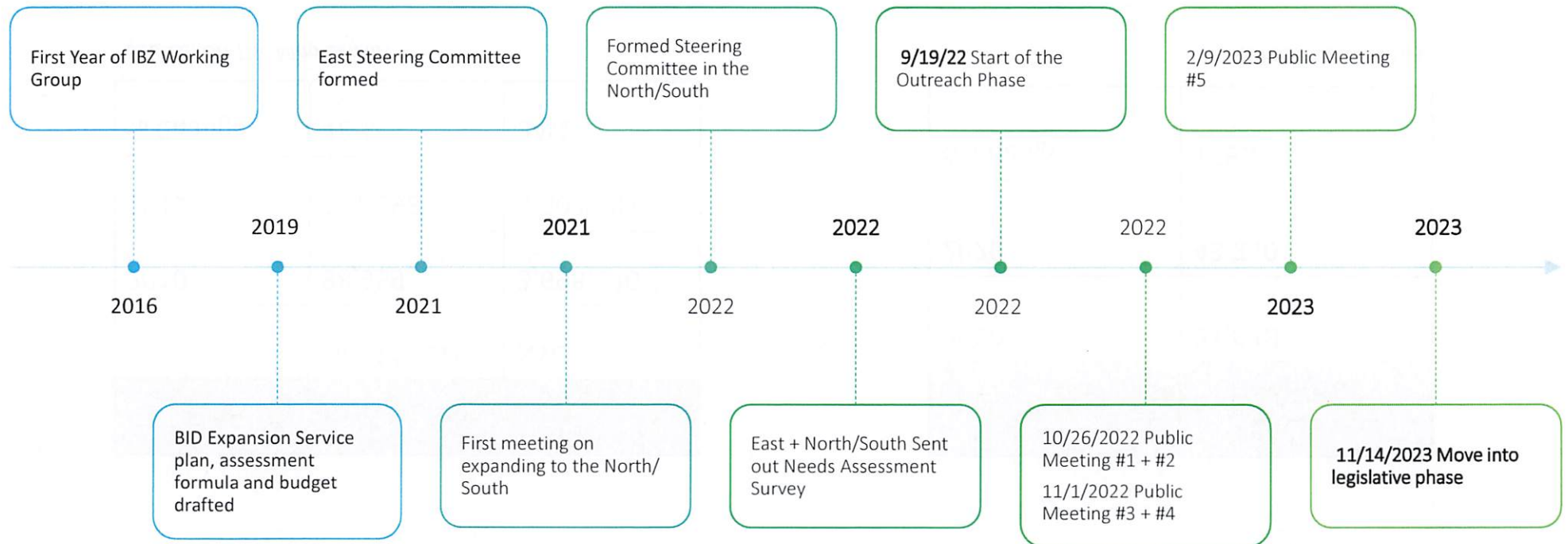
Combined Boundaries



BID Formation & Expansion Phases



Expansion Timeline



Why are we expanding the BID?

Year	Job Growth	
	LIC (11101)	NYC
2010	88,959	3,698,646
2019	131,693	4,603,187
% Change	48%	24%

Source: On The Map Census

Year	Population (approx.)
2010	21,840
2020	43,240
% Change	198%

Source: 2020 Census

Conditions in Expansion Area



Crescent St (North and South Expansion)

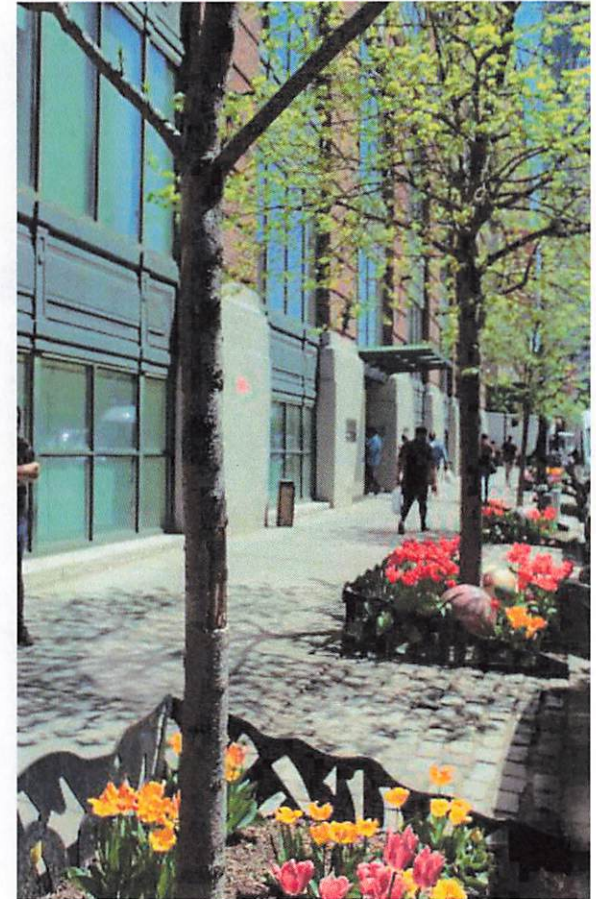


Northern Blvd (North and South Expansion)



Littering on Queens Boulevard Bridge
(East Expansion)

Conditions in Current BID



Queens Plaza North (BID)

Conditions in Expansion Area

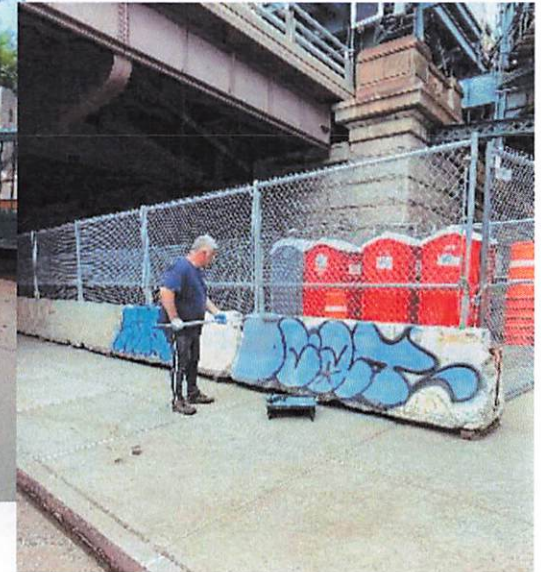
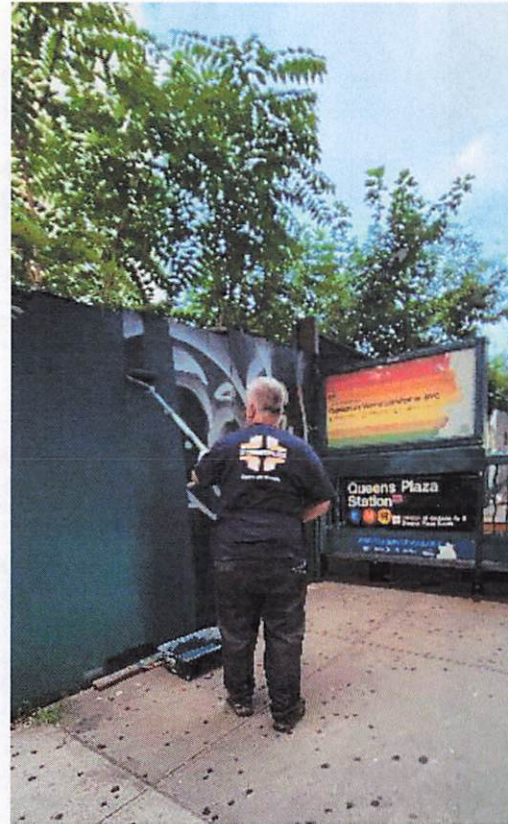


Graffiti on Skillman Ave (East Expansion)



Graffiti on 50th Avenue (East Expansion)

Conditions in Current BID



Streetplus removing graffiti on Queens Plaza (BID)

Streetscape Services

Extended Tree Pits, New Trees, and Tree Guards



Before



After

Streetplus Graffiti Removal on 44th Drive



New Planters



Service hours
provided

1120



Number of trash
bags used

4056



Number of Graffiti
removed

123



Number of street furniture
items cleaned and maintained

1875

— Streetplus team represented by **Union** —
Local 22 of AFL/CIO

Retail Support

Dedicated Retail Support Manager

One on one support with retail businesses daily

- Passing information on new rules from city + state (commercial set out rules, outdoor dining etc.)
- Individual marketing support (Instagram highlights, Textedly blasts, marketing to residents)



Retail Support Manager connect BID tenants with LIC Partnership services:

Business Assistance Team

- Provided 24 assistance to BID businesses this year, including helping Ghaya, located in the JACX, received \$100K from the NYC Small Business Opportunity Fund

Additional Marketing Initiatives

- Tourism Ready: LIC with NYC Tourism + Conventions
- Culture x Real Estate with PS1

Neighborhood Connectivity and Promotions + Events

- **LIC BID + Info Text platform:** for business owners to receive emergency weather notifications and updates on city regulations + for residents/employees on new businesses, promotions and local events
- **Shop Small Holiday:** contests and promotions
- **LIC Community Gift Card:** 99 Businesses signed up, \$24,000+ Purchased and spent in the community
- **LIC Lights Up :** LIC BID x Chocolate Factory Theatre holiday lights celebration
- **LIC Springs! :** Street festival on Vernon bringing 5,000+ people down the boulevard to celebrate local LIC organizations and businesses



Long Island City Partnership Long Island City Business Improvement District

LIC Shop Small Holiday Bingo

Saturday, Nov. 19 - Tuesday, Dec. 13
For Participating Businesses Only; See Reverse for Details & Rules

take your friend to dinner	get a message	go to a happy hour	try a new activity	sign up for a rewards program
buy ingredients for a homemade meal	buy an LIC gift card for a neighbor	stay warm with a hot drink	post a photo of your meal on Instagram	get your favorite photo framed
order takeout for a friend	chat with a business owner		buy a sulley	buy something
buy something made in LIC	share your Instagram			
post a photo of a store display on Instagram	buy a and be wrapped			

Questions? Email bid@licpartner

Exclusive to those who live and work in LIC:

Text LICINFO to (929) 269-8848 to receive early access to the latest information on new business grand openings in LIC, special offers, and neighborhood events.

Long Island City Business Improvement District



Public Safety + Community Board Engagement



- Attend monthly Build the Block, Community Council and CB2+CB1 District Services Meetings
- Coordinate walking tours between NYPD Community Affairs and business owners so they can communicate directly
- Whatsapp group with business owners/ property managers + textedly blasts
- Advocate for increased patrols in targeted areas that experience the most incidents

Community Board Collaboration



Attend CB1 + CB2
District Services
Meeting



Share ~50 *311 Cases* to the
Community Board in the past
3 months



Collaborate on large capital
improvements, and annual
submissions to the CB2
budget capital expense
requests

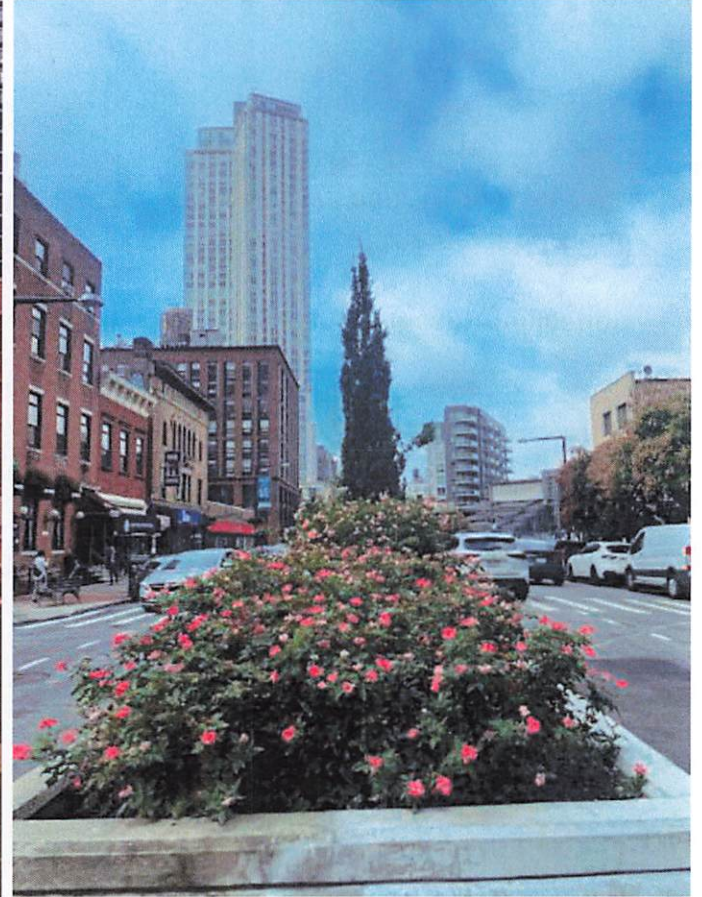


Keep constant communication
with CBs to keep them
informed of the neighborhood
issues we hear from
businesses



Long Island City
Business Improvement District

Beautification



Current BID FY 2023 Actual

		North Subdistrict	South Subdistrict	Total
Support and Revenues				
	Assessment Revenue	\$564,447	\$435,553	\$1,000,000
	Corporate Contributions	\$10,630	\$7,644	\$18,274
	Interest Income	\$3,223	\$2,488	\$5,711
Total Support and Revenues		\$578,300	\$445,685	\$1,023,985
Expenses				
	Ambassador Program	\$40,847	\$40,908	\$81,755
	Sanitation	\$229,279	\$228,680	\$457,959
	Maintenance Program	\$140,708	\$108,231	\$248,939
	Marketing	\$26,138	\$21,230	\$47,368
	Community Projects	\$182	\$141	\$323
	Capital Improvements	\$19,315	\$21,641	\$40,956
	Winter Lighting	\$21,306	\$23,719	\$45,025
Total Program Expenses		\$477,775	\$444,550	\$922,325
Management and General		\$36,586	\$28,233	\$64,819
Total Expenses		\$514,361	\$472,783	\$987,144
Subtotal Income over Expense		63,939	-27,098	36,841

East Expansion Steering Committee Members

TEI Group (Co-Chair)	Related Companies
Innovo Property Group (Co-Chair)	Savanna Fund
	Truffleist
Atlas Capital Group (Co-Chair)	Vanbarton Group
Werwaiss Properties (Co-Chair)	
Alexandria Real Estate Equities	
Coffee Project	
Dv Depot	
Eva Nosidam	
LaGuardia Community College	
Mana Products	

North and South Expansion Steering Committee Members

Barone Management (Co-chair)	Montana Data
Rockrose (Co-chair)	Power Cooling
Foodcellar (Co-chair)	Ravel Hotel
Brause Realty	RXR Realty
Sculpture Center	SB Developmentpture Center
Court 16	Sholom & Zuckerbrot
Fisher Brothers	Stawski Partners
Fortune Society	Stonehenge
GFP	The Foundry
Heatherwood Communities	Werwaiss Properties
Jenna Gang	
King Street Properties	
Materials For The Arts	

Expansion Budget

EXPENSE	Category	East Subdistrict Expansion	North Subdistrict Expansion	South Subdistrict Expansion	North and South Subdistrict Expansion
Programs					
	Dedicated District Ambassador	\$69,592	\$28,177	\$27,423	\$55,600
	Supplemental Sanitation	\$435,247	\$193,860	\$6,140	\$200,000
	Horticulture		\$40,870	\$13,130	\$54,000
	Marketing	\$26,097	\$8,600	\$5,000	\$13,600
	Winter Lighting	\$47,200	\$18,375	\$2,625	\$21,000
	General Admin	\$36,464	\$13,840	\$4,160	\$18,000
Total Expense		\$624,000	\$303,722	\$58,478	\$362,200
One-time Capital Expense/ Equipment		\$26,000	\$35,000	\$12,800	\$47,800
Total Budget		\$650,000	\$338,722	\$71,278	\$410,000

North and South Expansion Assessment Formula

- **Commercial tax lots** (Class A)
 - Assessment rate = **total budget**/total SF and AV of tax lots
 - SF and AV are weighted differently in the NSD and SSD assessment:

NSD Class A Rate = 50% AV / 50% SF

SSD Class A Rate = 10% AV / 90% SF
- **Mixed-use properties*** (Class B) assessed at 80% of the commercial rate
- **Expansion side streets** proposed 66% reduced rate for lots that require reduced service

* Properties with both commercial and residential uses built after the 2001 rezoning

Median Assessment \$590

25th Percentile : \$170

More than half of the **properties** 58% pay less than \$1,000 annually

Top ten properties pay for 73% of the budget

Effective rate per SF: \$0.05/SF

Fully residential tax lots are assessed \$1 annually

Statement of Support Progress (North/South)

Goals:

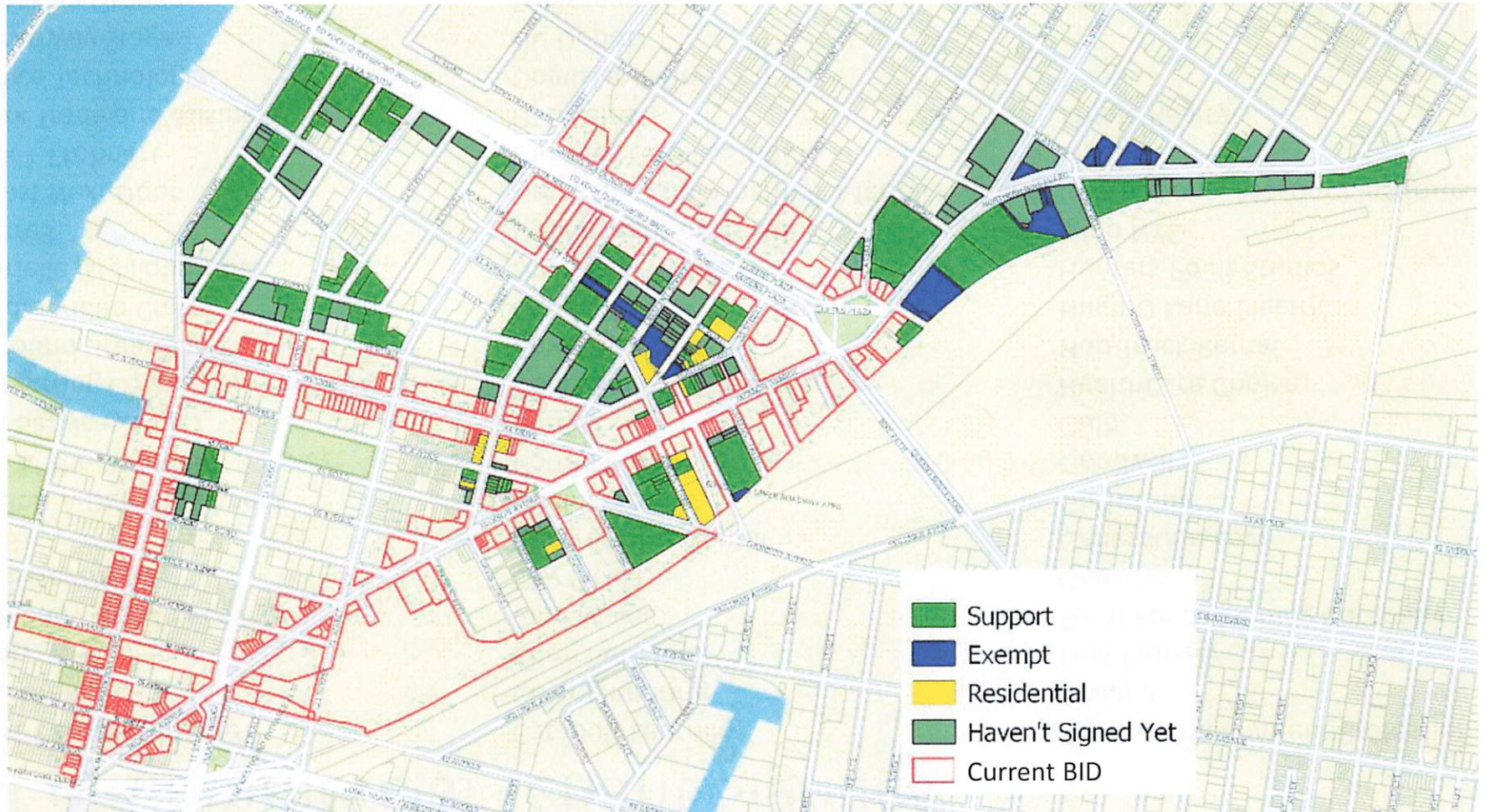
- 51% "Yes" of all tax lots OR
- 51% of all assessed value (AV)
- Broad-based support from commercial tenants

	North/South Expansion
Total Properties	170
Percentage of Properties	56/170 (33%)
Percentage of AV	64%
Total Tenants	291
Commercial	99/291(34%)
Residential	80 ballots

Past BID Expansions Outreach Numbers

	East Expansion	West Expansion	Hudson Square (2018)	Flatiron/Nomad (2021)	LICP Expansion (2017)
Effective Rate (per SF)	\$0.07	\$0.05	\$.028	\$0.16	--
Percentage of Properties	38%	33%	20%	21%	19%
Percentage of AV	73%	64%	90%	56%	51%
Percentage of Commercial Tenants	27%	34%	20%	6%	31%

North/South Expansion



List of Commercial Tenant Signees

21st Century Storage
7-Eleven
929
A Bloody Good Recovery
ACE New York
APS
Arbor: A Dental Concept
Art of the Barber
Art Services Inc
Art Strong NYC
Astound Broadband
Audio Video Crafts
Aurielle Graillot Studio
Barre3
Beast Next Door
Bek + Frohnert
Berk Trade and Business
Boyce Technologies
Broadway Stages
Brooklyn Grange
Brooklyn Stucco

Catapult Learning
CB Engineering
Chercher Floral
Cine Magic
City Pickle
Clear Choice Dental
Cloud Catering
Coffee Project
Con Ed
Court Square Theatre
Court 16
CuppaTea
Da long Yi Hot Pot
Department of Health
Department of Health & Mental Hygiene
Derrière Letoile Studios
DFB Sales
Dog Island City
DV Depot
Envisagenics
Eva Nosidam

Express Employment Professionals
Faviana
First Pioneer
Focal Point Brewing Company
Gencove
Generation Love
Go Tufting
Goodwill
Gulp
HealthCare Choice
Hub Truck Rental
Hugh O'Kane Electric
Hunters Point Studios
Igloo NYC
International Masonry Institute
Janovic
Jennie Realty

List of Commercial Tenant Signees Continued

JK.com
Joffrey Ballet School
Lady M
Lentini Communications
LIC Vets
M Wells
Macy's Inc.
Maman
Mana Products
Master Upholstery
McVicker & Higginbotham
Metro Group
Modega
Moriet Dogo Pet
Murray's Cheese
Piece of Cake Moving
Ninth Street Espresso
NY Army National Guard
Opentrons
P4 Skillman School
Piece of Cake Moving
Powerhouse Gym

Pursuit
Quantum Visual Imaging
Rang
Ravel Catering
RenBio
RS Ceramic Studio
Seabird Ten
Shine Electronics
Sit Still Kids
Slam Media Inc.
Slate Studios
So Fun Noodles
Sobremesa
Soft Bite
Sotheby's
Specialized Turbo LIC
Sweet Leaf Coffee
TEI Group
The Barone
The Local
The Penthouse
The Summer Club

Top Quality
Tutu School NYC
UNFCU
Up Studio Architecture Design
USCIS
Vert Frais
Vorea Group
Weickert Industries
Werwaiss Properties
Wesper
YMCA
Zirinsky Architects
Zoltan Restoration

Total 140 Tenants

List of Property Owners Signees

21st Century Storage
44-15 Vernon Blvd LLC
60 Guilders (5)
AAA Properties, Audio Video Crafts
Alexandria Real Estate Equities (2)
Atlas Capital Group
Barone Management
Boyce Technologies
Brause Realty
Broadway Stages (6)
BSH LLC
Celtic Holdings (2)
Charney
Court 16
Drake Street Partners
Durst (5)
Faviana
Fein Brothers
First Pioneer (2)
Fisher Brothers
GFP (2)

GFP Real Estate
Heatherwood (2)
Hugh O'Kane Electric
Innovo Properties (3)
Jennie Realty
JMS Hunter Street LLC (2)
John Pantanelli
KRM Equities
KJDS Realty
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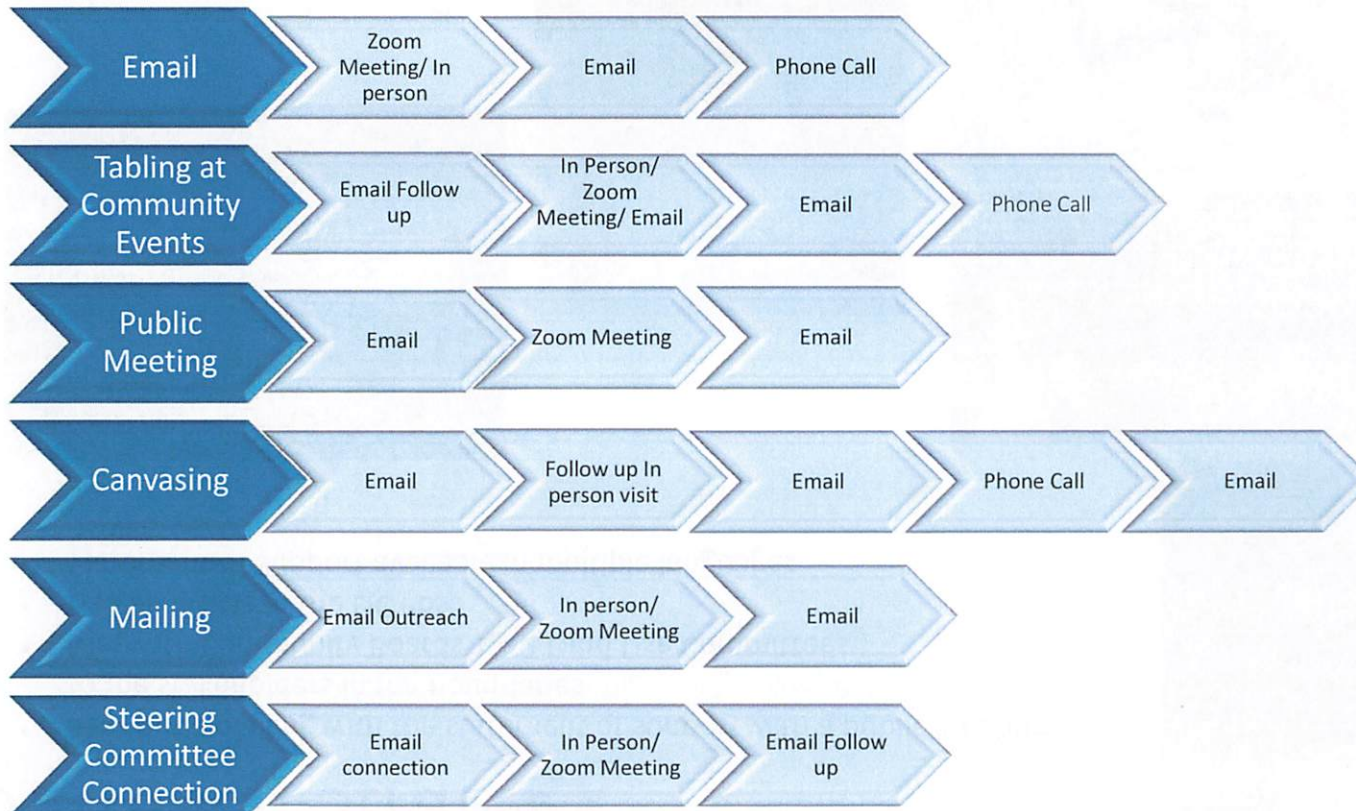
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Sculpture Center
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Stawsky
Stonehenge
Terreno 9th Street LLC
The Foundry
The Hyatt
Twenty-Third Realty Associates LLC
VanBarton Group
Vorea (4)
Wash Club
Weickert Industries
Werwaiss Properties (8)

Total = 108 lots

Outreach Timeline

Example Stakeholder Outreach Timelines

First Outreach 2nd Outreach 3rd Outreach 4th Outreach



Signed Statement of Support

Outreach Statistics:

1,900 Emails

1,430 Mailing

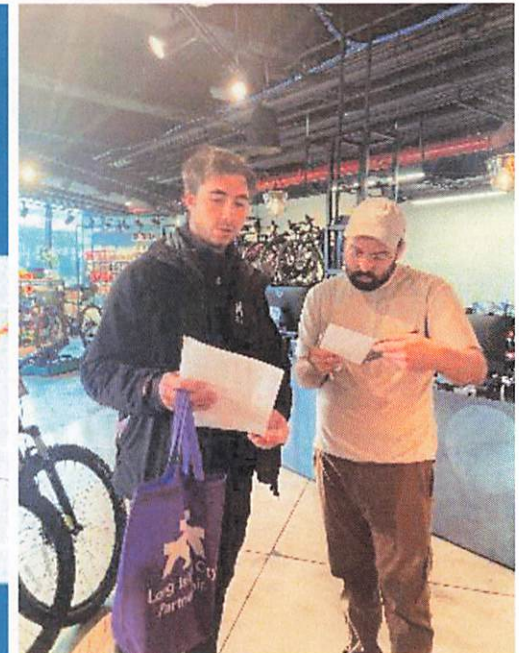
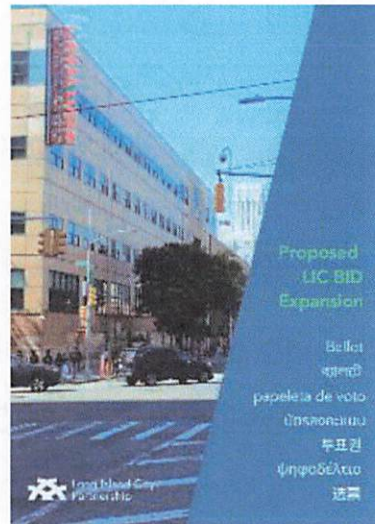
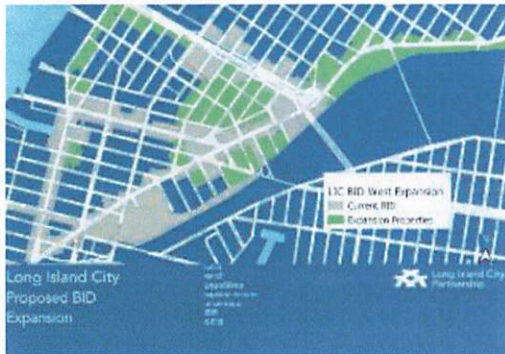
275 Phone Calls/ Zoom

250 In Person Meetings

15 Tabling events

Outreach Strategy

- Sent out a mailing with the statement of support with a public meeting to the stakeholders in the boundaries
- Met with Community Boards 1 + 2 Land Use Committees
- Had an article in the LIC Post
- Statement of Support available in multiple languages



Press



CB1's Land Use & Zoning Committee Meeting

January 04, 2023

BY RICHARD GENTILVISO



The proposed western expansion of the Long Island City Business District (LIC BID) within Community Board 1 is on the agenda at Community Board 1's Land Use & Zoning Committee meeting, scheduled to be held tonight, January 4, via Zoom at 6:30 pm.

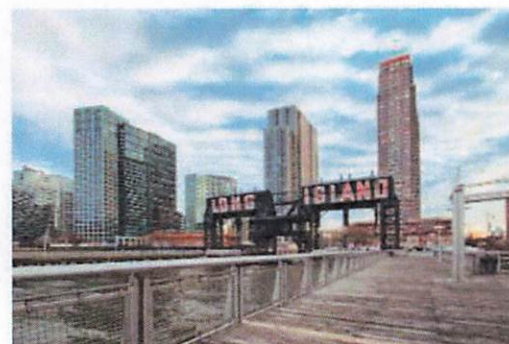
The proposed expansion includes properties with frontage on Northern Blvd., Jackson Ave./23rd Street, Queens Plaza South, Vernon Boulevard, 41st Avenue, as well as properties on Queens Street, Purves Street, 24th St., Crescent Street, 27th Street, Hunter Street, 46th Avenue, Pearson Street and Court Square West.

General services of BIDs are sanitation, public safety, marketing, and beautification. City services, by law, cannot be reduced because of a BID. BIDs are managed by an elected volunteer board of directors who are property owners.

"The Proposed Expansion includes the surrounding areas of current (BID) boundaries that have experienced increased business activity and pedestrian traffic. We are proposing to expand our current services to cover these additional locations in the neighborhood. The expansion will allow us to bring our current services to more of the neighborhood, with the goal to make sure that are businesses are supported, our streets are clean, and our community is safe and advocated for," said LIC Partnership, managers of the LIC BID.

In the second item, 26-50 Brooklyn Queens Expressway West Rezoning, will be considered for a public hearing recommendation. The application to rezone property bounded by Borough Place, 27th Avenue and BQE West (Block 1019, Lots 1 and 2) from M1-1 zoning district to M1-2 in the Woodside neighborhood of CB 1.

Op-Ed: Why Long Island City needs to expand its Business Improvement District



Sept. 22, 2022 By Andrew Yuan and Pei Yin Cheung

LIC Partnership Plans Major Expansion of its Business Improvement District



The Long Island City Partnership is planning to expand the boundaries of its Business Improvement District (BID) to include properties along the waterfront from the Queensboro Bridge to the Queensboro Expressway. The BID expansion will include properties along the waterfront from the Queensboro Bridge to the Queensboro Expressway. The BID expansion will include properties along the waterfront from the Queensboro Bridge to the Queensboro Expressway.

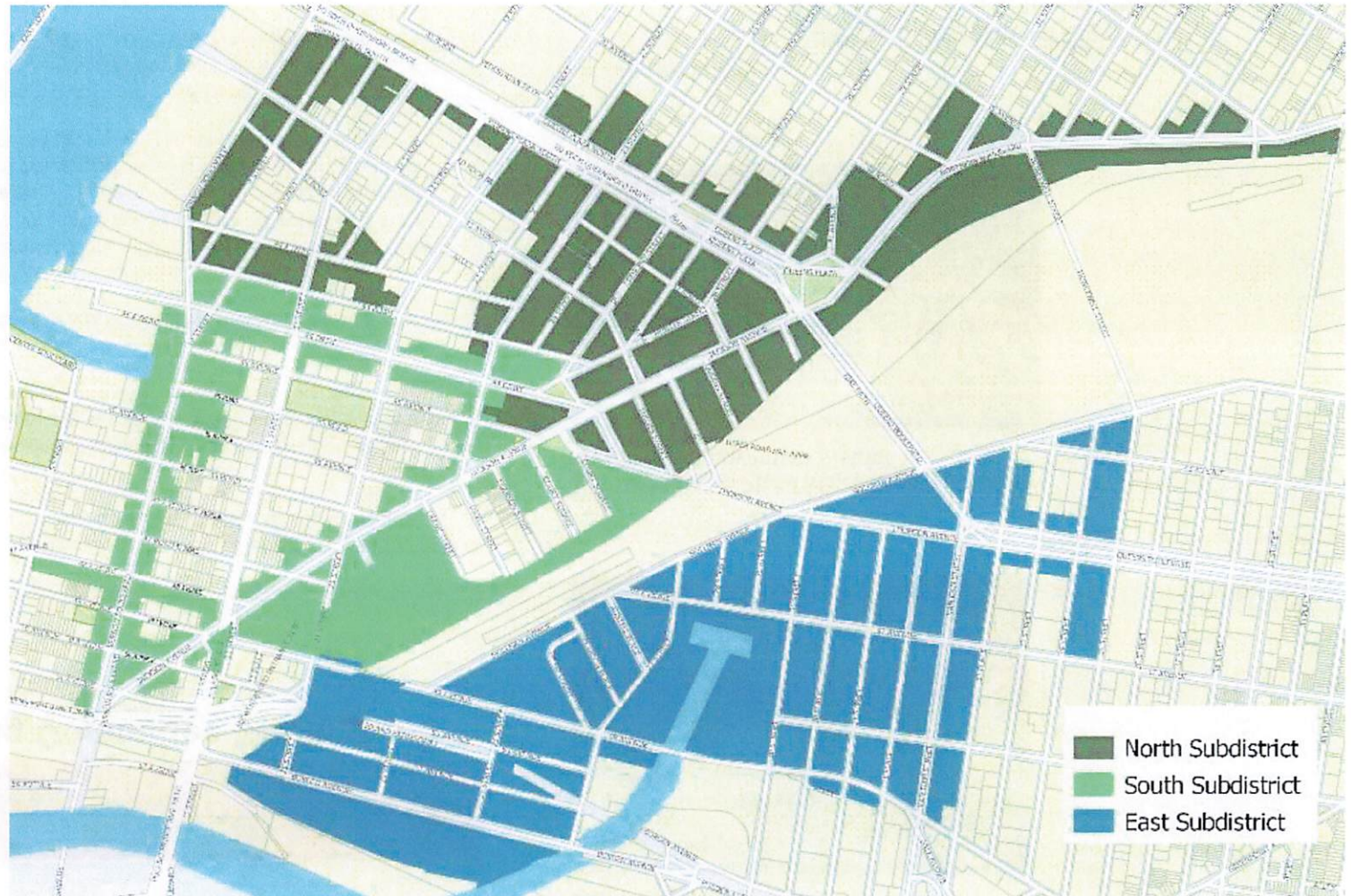
Oct. 24, 2022 By Michael Dorgan



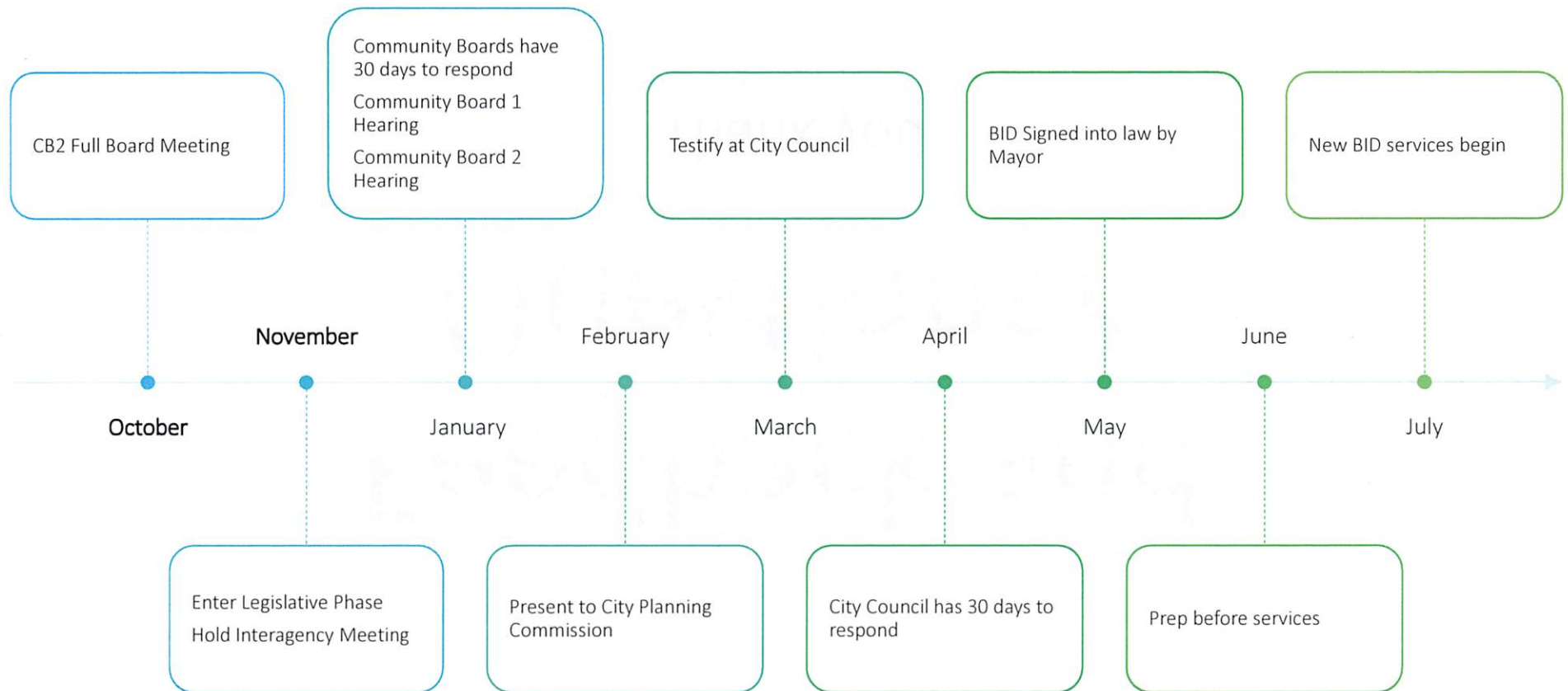
New Boundaries + Subdistricts

Programs	Budget
Ambassador	\$209,000
Sanitation	\$1,105,000
Maintenance	\$348,000
Marketing	\$90,000
Winter Lighting	\$122,000
Admin	\$112,000
Capital Improvements	\$74,000

Total budget: \$2,060,000



Next Steps



Feedback and Questions?

Thank you

COMMUNITY BOARD 1, Queens
ATTENDANCE FULL BOARD MEETING

DATE 1/16/2024

Community Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	Community Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.
George Alexiou	✓			Huge Ma	✓		
Daniel Aliberti	✓			Athanasios Magoutas	✓		
Louise Bordley		✓		Jeffrey Martin			E
Ann Bruno			E	Brian Martinez	✓		
Gerald Caliendo	✓			Sam Massol	✓		
Jean Marie D'Alleva	✓			Amin Mehedi		✓	
Tenzin Dechen			E	Antonio Meloni	✓		
Antonella Di Saverio	✓			Andreas Migias	✓		
Katie Ellman	✓			Doreen Mohammed		✓	
Elizabeth Erion	✓			Stella Nicolaou	✓		
Mackenzi Farquer		✓		Dino Panagoulis	✓		
Dean Feratovic	✓			Juliet Payabyab	✓		
Adam Fisher-Cox	✓			RoseMarie Poveromo	✓		
Frank Fredericks	✓			Margot Riphagen		✓	
Tyrone Gardner	✓			Thomas Ryan			E
Shahenaz Hamde	✓			Marisela Santos		✓	
Evie Hantzopoulos	✓			Dominic Stiller	✓		
Christopher Hanway	✓			Marie Torniali	✓		
Amy Hau	✓			Rod Townsend	✓		
Brian Hunt	✓			Judy Trilivas	✓		
Vanessa Jones-Hall	✓			Kathleen Warnock		✓	
Richard Khuzami	✓			Corinne Wood-Haynes	✓		
Cristina Lastres			E	Thomas Wright	✓		
Diana Limongi	✓			Rosemary Yelton		✓	
Ethan Lowens	✓						
Number Board Members Present <u>36</u>							
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