

## **Community Board 1, Queens – Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 18, 2018**

Meeting Opens with Chairperson, Marie Torniali at 6:30 p.m. – Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Deputy Inspector Nunez announced that the Community Council is not meeting this month. He provided local stats for crime to date which are down. The only thing up at this period are robberies because of the holidays but still down from last year. Property crime, auto theft, break-in, credit card, id theft, and the Deputy Inspector states mailbox fishing is down. The 114<sup>th</sup> Precinct has five (5) zip codes so it takes a while to get to all of them covered with new mailboxes. New antitheft mailboxes are being installed. Phone scams for seniors is big. Hang-up on calls. Match.com a person got scammed of an exorbitant amount of money by a perpetrator. Check your checking accounts often and credit cards.

Jose Batista asked about the Captains Fund for NYPD.

The Deputy Inspector said they are not a real fund the only real fund is the NY Police Foundation and also there is a Captains Endowment Association and they do not solicit over the phone. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Chair Torniali wished him a Merry Christmas thanked him and the 114<sup>th</sup> for all the work that they do and in helping keep the community safe.

### **Presentation:**

Richard Cassad on behalf of Jai Nanda and with a colleague, Andrew Robinson to make the Urban Dove Presentation- They are looking to open their 3<sup>rd</sup> location for a Transfer High School in Queens either in Community Board 1 or Community Board 2s district. They are a transfer High School for 15 to 16 year olds and a lot of the students are underserved. They have a location in Bedstuy, Brooklyn, they opened a new transfer in September in the South Bronx with very good outcomes. Queens has only 5 transfer schools and none of them take 15 year olds. They have 40% of students that are Special Needs Education students. Urban Dove met with the Education Committee and stated they are looking to open a new location in 2019. They use a sports format to teach and classes are set up as teams. They reached out to the Education Committee and know it is a process for everyone to review. Urban Dove does not have a location for the transfer school yet, however they will return when they have a site with more information. Urban Dove wanted to start the conversation with the Board.

Dan Aliberti asked if they have 2 Teachers in the classroom. Is it a teacher and a Para or are they both licensed teachers?

Urban Dove - Both are licensed teachers.

Dan Aliberti - The student teacher ratio?

Urban Dove - There are about 20-25 students. Yes, 2 staff per class this is a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance school with a sports base when they go to class the coach goes to class with them. They focus on the 15-16 year olds. In NYC there are 40,000 students that are over aged and under credited. They are put on a team with a coach. The classes travel as a team in school. There is also alumni support.

Dan Aliberti - What is training of the coach?

Urban Dove - They come from sports education schools for example they partner with Adelphi University.

Dan Aliberti so they are not licensed?

Urban Dove - They are not licensed by the State of New York but are certified by the State.

Kathleen Warnock – what happens to the 15-16 year old that cannot get into a transfer school and what outcome are you seeing with the kids so far that are in your programs and what are your goals?

Urban Dove - For the last 7 years we have seen tremendous outcomes with the students. Over the last 4 years the graduation rate is 58% and students go on to college or get jobs. The children who do not get in are not doing a heck of a lot. For the first time this year, the basketball teams went to a basketball tournament in Maryland. They went to Morgan State University and did a college tour. This was the first time most of them went out of state and had a great experience.

Chairperson Torniali thanked them for their presentation.

Urban Dove- Mentioned a survey they handed out and would like feedback.

Chairperson Marie Torniali introduced the Consumer Affairs Application for:

**PB LIC LLC d/b/a Pig Beach located at: 35-33 36<sup>th</sup> Street**

Pig Beach (Restaurant) requests a full on premise liquor license for a restaurant located at 35-33 36<sup>th</sup> Street on site location previous location of Studio Square. This is a completely different application and nothing to do with Studio Square. Pig Beach has 2 other locations in NY they are a BBQ family style restaurant and it is a family establishment. It is a place you go with friends or co-workers after work. They said they once had a pop-up shop in Brooklyn and moved to a full space in Gowanus, Brooklyn which is located in CB6 with indoor and outdoor space. In addition, they have one on Bleecker Street in Manhattan located in CB2. Both of the locations have no complaints. They have won awards for their food. They are “competitive Barbaquers” and compete. They have 3 owners which were present: Shane McBride (Owner/Chef), RoseMarie Borestein and Garry Kravitz. They want to be a part of the community and a good neighbor.

Andy Aujla, Chair, Consumer Affairs Committee said he would let the ownership speak about their vision and then do a question/answer with the board.

Shane McBride, Pig Beach, Part Owner/Chef. He said has been in BBQ competitions, classically trained chef has won several trophies. He was Corporate Chef at Balthazar in New York City for 8 years. He said they are a family style restaurant and have a family atmosphere. He shared that they just had a 2-3 year olds birthday parties and they also recently had a Christmas tree lighting, about 50/60 people attended. He shared that he lives in Astoria for a long time, by Astoria Park.

Andy Aujla, Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee asked if there is any overlap with Studio Square and if they wanted to have any ownership with their establishment?

Mr. Mc Bride responded No to the questions.

Mr. Aujla asked what their hours of operation would be.

He answered that they are proposing Monday through Wednesday 11am-1am on the interior; 11am-Midnight on the exterior; Thursday through Sunday 11am-3am on the interior; 11am-1am on the exterior.

Mr. Aujla – Asked if they would be using both the indoor and outdoor space.

He answered yes to both.

Mr. Aujla – Asked if they are fully ADA Accessible.

He answered yes.

Mr. Aujla – Asked what their plan is for security.

Mr. Mc Bride - He said they work with a security at Pig Beach, Gowanus and will be bringing them in for this location as well.

Andy Aujla – Commented that Community Board 6 from Gowanus provided a letter on their behalf which he shared with everyone. He asked what their capacity at their Gowanus location is.

Mr. Mc Bride - He answered 350.

Mr. Aujla – Asked what their plan for music

Mr. Mc Bride - Answered recorded background music, live music and DJ's with recorded music but nothing like previous occupant. Live music would be Blue Grass music, background music.

Mr. Aujla – Asked if they use a sound monitor at their other location and would do the same here

Mr. Mc Bride - Answered yes and they would do here as well.

Andy Aujla opened to the Board for Questions:

Evie Hantzopoulos – asked speakers outside or just inside? At late hours?

Mr. Mc Bride - He answered outside as well but different hours outside from inside. Pig Beach is primarily a restaurant as opposed to Studio Square.

Dominic Stiller said he has walked by there in the late evening even on a Sunday afternoon when football is on and there is something acoustically unusual about the roof open area the sound reverberates Eastbound. It affects the quality of life for the people in the area. Possibly need other components for the sound (buffering). DEP laws are stringent and asked them to please follow them.

Nancy Silverman said she appreciates that they state it is a very different venue than Studio Square but Studio Square started out the same way, then it was not about the quality of food, it was the noise. They'll need to make enough money for the giant space. She asked them to be honest.

Mr. Mc Bride - He answered that they are being honest and to look at what they have done in Brooklyn.

They said the occupancy is 1700 maximum but it is not what they plan on having. They are planning to have about 400 seats inside and out. They have a good reputation in the restaurant industry it is established, something real. They have a following, they would not jeopardize that.

Eric Mouchette commented that they said the outdoor area will be restaurant focused. Is there going to be a bar outside and how much of it will be dedicated to dining with tables versus standing area?

Mr. Mc Bride - answered that the more tables they have to serve food will be better for them. They are a restaurant not a nightclub.

Yawne Robinson asked if they are keeping the same structure already in place.

Mr. Mc Bride - answered yes.

Bob Piazza said he was fine with it till they started talking about live music & dancing. They are replacing a bad place we had here.

Mr. Mc Bride - This is a restaurant with executive chefs, we want to build on this brand & do not have any intention on making it a Studio Square.

Kathleen Warnock – said Studio Square was a bad neighbor and for months the community complained and just got rid of what was tormenting them. The neighbors are apprehensive. The quality of life of the residents is the priority over an outside group taking over a large space that will cause chaos.

Mr. Mc Bride/They answered that they agree. They do not on planning on have large events that will cause people to spill out into the street. They have a big restaurant crowd and plan to keep it that way. They have a good neighbor policy and plan to do that here. This place about food.

Daniel Aliberti why would you lease such a large place if you are only going to use 1/3 of it?

They answered that the way the plans/drawings are planned the space is being used. They are putting picnic tables.

In Brooklyn they have family oriented events like weddings, Sweet 16's, Bat Mitzvah's and Bar Mitzvahs.

Pauline Jannelli- Do you know prior owners of Studio Square?

They answered, no.

Yawne Robinson- She is very familiar with the layout. Asked if they are using all the levels and where the dance floor be?

Pig Beach- They answered there will be no dance floor/nightclub. Dancing is to protect themselves due to the old cabaret law.

Richard Khuzami – Do they have an in-house setup sound system or the patrons will have to bring it in? He stated to consider having a sound engineer.

They responded that they will have a sound system put in and they will have a person that has access to the sound room.

#### **Session Open to the Public for Comment:**

Antonios (Tony) Benetatos, President of the Dutch Kills Civic Association (DKCA) - Mr. Benetatos told them that they are stepping into really bad shoes and that Studio Square left the community with a terrible taste. He is asking the representatives/ownership for their contact information so that they can work with the residents and it does not get to the same point as with Studio Square.

Pig Beach- responded absolutely and willing to give cell phone numbers.

Gloria Moloney DKCA- Asked if they are only taking the ground level and basement what is going to happen to the rest of the building because it is a very big building?

Rosalie Morrisson, Van Barton Group (real estate) they have We Work and Miami Ad School above in the upper floors.

Comment ended.

Chairperson Marie Torniali introduced the Consumer Affairs Application for:

**John Marks (Entity to be formed) d/b/a TBD located at: 32-10 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

John Marks introduced himself and said he was with JonPaul Pezzo his General Manager. I can't tell you about the prior experiences you had with ACES. I want to open a bikini bar not be an ACES. I live on a 1975 pension and would like to make this investment. I have worked in bars. I went out and investigated and found Mr. Pezzo. I found him and he has a tremendous amount of experience as a General Manager. After meeting with the Committee and discussed security, as for the security issue I plan on hiring security and will make sure patrons do not linger and make sure people do not urinate in public.

Mr. Pezzo said he lives in Astoria on 21<sup>st</sup> and Broadway. He has opened numerous clubs in Astoria. He shared they are well aware of what ACES created. The biggest concern is about security and the concerns with the nightclub or any nightclub in any area is- the releasing of 400 to 500 into the streets. Regarding the sound issues, they will have audio experts come in for that as well. Not sure if sound was part of the issue but regardless they will have that checked/redone. As for the Valet situation, there is a parking lot across the street which they are working with. They will not be doing things like ACES, there will be no lap dances and no private rooms. They will be having a full food menu. They know that venue has been a nightclub for at least 15 years.

Andy Aujla stated that Mr. Marks attended the November committee meeting and attended with his attorney. They questioned him for over an hour, including security, parking and intention of the business. They asked him to come into the December Full Board meeting to answer the questions not answered which is why they are present. He stated that in November they did not know who would be managing the establishment. Mr. Marks said that he would stay there until 4 am if necessary. At that time they had no information on the operation(s) of the business.

Andy Aujla asked Mr. Pezzo if he has ever run an adult entertainment establishment in the past.

He responded that he has not, mostly nightclubs and lounges.

Andy Aujla told Mr. Pezzo that he initially he did not know there would be lap dancing and now he is saying there will not.

Mr. Pezzo- He responded there will not. He stressed that there will be absolutely no outside promoters and went to a lengthy explanation.

Andy Aujla asked who the building owner was.

Marks/Pezzo- They were not able to answer who the owner is.

Andy Aujla reiterated that there will be no overlap in ownership. The Lease will be for \$30,000 a month but negotiated to \$21,000 a month.

Marks/Pezzo- They stated that the venue has 5,000 Square feet; capacity is 450 and parking and valet across the street.

Andy Aujla asked Mr. Marks had he been inside the venue prior to the first meeting in November.

Mr. Marks- He answered yes now but, not before the November (committee) meeting.

Andy Aujla asked if they have hired other staff other than Mr. Pezzo.

Mr. Marks said no he has no idea who yet but he will hire the best people for the job.

Mr. Aujla confirmed that he was a Judge in Long Island, Nassau County.

Mr. Marks confirmed that he was a Family Court Judge and a New York City Police Officer.

Andy Aujla asked why he chose that space without seeing it beforehand and wanting to make it an adult establishment.

Mr. Marks responded that he found it was available and profitable.

Andy Aujla opened to the Board for Questions:

Rod Townsend commented that Mr. Pezzo had experience running nightlife but not in adult entertainment and asked Mr. Pezzo if the businesses he helped open/manage are in the community.

Mr. Pezzo said yes a bunch in the community. Some hotels and roof top establishment and a Pool Club for over 10 years. "Back in the day" he helped open up Club Cien, Don Coqui and Flo.

Richard Khuzami - When money flow is not there, that is when you bring in the promoters. What real reassurances you do not go down that route.

Mr. Pezzo responded that they know how important it is to have a good rapport with the Community Board and to have a good relationship with the 114<sup>th</sup> Precinct and Community Affairs officers.

Melanie La Rocca - questioned what they are asking the Community Board for- to approve? You have no experience, no plan, no team, are not able to articulate what the business model is and limited experience running a nightlife establishment.

Amy Hau commented that the neighborhood there is changing quite a bit and they may want to consider having a different kind of business.

Mr. Pezzo responded that they are going to serve food. He said that he has reached out to Chefs and managers. He said he lives in the neighborhood and does not want to see it turn anything less and bring his property value down.

Katerina Duarte asked what the hours of operation are (to be). She stated she is concerned about how the community is changing and shared there are a lot of schools there.

Mr. Pezzo responded he understands the concerns. The hours will be from 12pm-4am that applies for the lunch but if it (lunch) fails they will only open at night.

Andre Stith- In regards to security what is to prevent from what use to be Aces- same exact- same people who will hear Bikini Bar... they are going to think about these women and want to go to see what other services they can provide and remember- Aces and they are not going to know the difference. You'll need to be careful of that.

Mr. Pezzo responded that the people will know the difference. Their marketing will be different.

Evie Hantzopoulos asked Mr. Marks to reconfirm that he is the CEO, if he is only owner, are there other investors, if they have signed the Lease and what the corporate name is.

Mr. Marks responded that the corporate name is now formed and is BOB 354.

Andy Aujla responded that the reason they are present is because they came unprepared and with no intent in November and they will have to amend the application.

Nancy Silverman- Recommended that they should go to Riviera Club get jobs there and learn about how they run their business. They have zero problems with the 114<sup>th</sup> precinct. Suggested to them they need more experience and to reconsider.

Antonella Di Saverio- expressed to them that the area does not need another strip club because it brings a bad element. There are a lot of families and teenagers that go out late in neighborhood. Suggested they go to a different area, a more desolate area the area is not for this type of establishment.

Marie Torniali- asked if anyone from the public would like to comment and if 1 (one) member from the DKCA would like to make a comment.

**Public Comment:**

DKCA Member (inaudible) – Aces has been a blight & it seems like this place will be the same. They have very little experience and no marketing plan. The possible owner lives on a NYC 1975 pension but willing to assume a \$54,000 a month. They do not even have a name because they will be Aces again. This is not a well-run business. It is a farce and urged everyone to vote no.

Gloria Moloney, DKCA commented that Mr. Marks you are a retired family court Judge and you want to go into a Bikini Bar Business? Since Aces there are 5 new apartment buildings that have been built- do not need that type of entertainment in the area. I think the Community Board should vote against it.

Dino Panagoulis, DOE employee, DKCA member and lives in the community- this entity wants to invest \$50,000 a month where is this money coming from? This is not logical, the community is changing & more robust with lots of families coming here. It looks like a sham, it is a sham.

Neil Herdan- No business plan-- concerned please vote against it.

Rose Marie Lungrin- I've raised a family here this is not what we want to see in the area. Dealt with Aces and how the parking was impossible it was horrendous, the urination- horrible situation. The owner (building) lives out in Long Island we know who he is and would be happy to share the information with you.

Roula Arapis – A resident on 37<sup>th</sup> and owns a building there and asked the Board to vote against it so that they can live in peace.

Irene Stathatos, Representative for the Office of NYS Senator Michael Gianaris read a strong letter from the Senator urging to vote against this entity coming to the district.

Andy Aujla gave a committee meeting review before voting on the two establishments attending:

- Made in Astoria (MIA) did not come in despite the negative findings by the 114<sup>th</sup> precinct. Sending a letter.

- Crystal Lounge came in discussed the negative reports from the 114<sup>th</sup> precincts, may come back in January to update on issues asked/directed to remedy.

- A new business called Club 27 which will be a lounge.

Shared that everyone has a spreadsheet in their folders requesting that they approve the stipulations set out to the businesses.

Andy Aujla requested a motion.

Nancy Silverman motioned; Rod Townsend seconded; Unanimous.

Andy Aujla stated that Pig Beach did not have quorum but the Committee attendees voted/recommended to approve Pig Beach based on the presentation made today.

Nancy Silverman shared that she is very concerned about the economics. The business will be open 7 days week 11am – 1am is it going to be able to afford that strictly on focusing on BBQ. Does not make sense to her.

Tom Ryan expressed that they are there to discuss their liquor license nothing else

Katerina Duarte expressed that she would like to see a place like this. It sounds like they are trying to build a brand like a Bubba Gump in NYC- but not like it.

Rod Townsend encouraged by the fact that they heard from the other Community Boards recommendation letter and hopes they would take the same things into consideration as we have. He feels there is a misinterpretation of Bluegrass music, it can be quite loud as we have seen/experienced with the Strand.

Evie Hantzopoulos- said her biggest concern is the loud music at late hours and outdoors until 1am, is late. Changing the time would alleviate the concerns of the neighbors.

Yawne Robinson- stated biggest concerns are the noise levels with music and that the area has a lot of schools and the garbage is left by patrons on the property of nearby schools.

Richard Khuzami suggested there should be a stipulation about the sound equipment. Live music outdoors should be cutoff at 10pm during the week and 11pm on the weekends.

Rod Townsend would they cut off the music earlier?

Pig Beach agreed to midnight.

Dominic Stiller commented that 12 midnight is too late for the outdoors he suggested 10 pm.

Andre Stith-stated keep in mind that it is background music, not a concert. “We are blaming the new boyfriend for what the ex-boyfriend did.” “They do not want to be shut down.”

Marie Torniali asked for a motion with the show of hands for all in approval of the motion on the floor that the application for a liquor license with a stipulation that the music outside ends at 12 midnight. Motion by Melanie La Rocca, Second Andre Stith.

Motion carried: 26: Yes/approval; 9: No

Andy Aujla said that in terms of John Mark the Committee voted unanimously to deny their request this is based on many of the reasons & comments provided today. Significantly based on that they had to come in twice and not being able to answer any of the questions, also had not been inside the property before he wanted the Community Board to approve his application for an adult establishment.

Andy Aujla asked for a motion to deny this application: Rod Townsend motioned; Seconded by Andre Stith.

Marie Torniali stated that the motion on the floor is to deny the liquor license application for John Marks. Show of hands- Unanimous for John Marks denial.

Marie Torniali, Chairperson invited the Elected Officials or representatives present to speak.

Joseph Nocerino, QBPO- wished everyone Happy Holidays on behalf of Melinda Katz the Queens Borough President.

**Public Comment:**

Representative from Congresswoman Maloney's Office announced that there is a Press Conference to Reopen Engine 261, the rally will be at 1 pm tomorrow, Wednesday December 19 at the firehouse.

Joe Page, Constituent – Living in Astoria for 10 years commented that he would like to learn more about how he can become a community board member and also how does the board feels about term limits?

Marie Torniali, Chairperson suggested he call the Board office regarding membership and speak with the District Manager.

Bill, a constituent owns a multi-family dwelling what was the S2 Beer Garden. They were terrorized and the city agencies including the police department failed them completely for years. They hope it will not be repeated and that they will be able to control the situation.

Constituent that lives on 35<sup>th</sup> and Broadway Amazon opposition know it is out of the district but the impact will extend far beyond the jurisdiction already caused the loss of affordable housing units and possibility of an additional school. The prices have been rising in Astoria because of this deal. Urging all to push against the deal. Noted that a deal like this needs to go through the proper land use processes.

Marino Frost, Constituent that lives across the street from Studio Square, for 9 years they suffered and we are allowing the new people to do the same thing.

Margaret Rodgers, Lives in Astoria and has an extreme opposition to Amazon. Tax subsidies for the richest man in world is absolutely obscene. NYCHA is falling apart and rents are going up. It is not a done deal. 2 steps have to happen, has to go before the Empire State Development Corporation and then Public Authority Control Board, they are a 5 member board and must be 100%.

Denis opposition against Amazon. The biggest thing is why is the city giving them all this tax money, they want more builders/developers to come in and receive more subsidies.

Tony Benetatos, DKCA Members of the public the issue regarding John Marks and Pig Beach with their organization you have a voice through the DKCA. He is also on the Community Advisory Board for Amazon.

Marie Torniali, Chairperson Asked for a Motion to adopt the Minutes for November 2018 – Vanessa Jones-Hall motioned; Amy Hau seconded.

**Chairperson's Report:**

Marie Torniali, Chairperson thanked the Board, the District Manager, Florence and the staff who were in attendance tonight, Carmen and Jennifer, for all that they do all year through. She wished all a happy holiday season.



**District Manager's Report:**

Florence Koulouris, District Manager shared that she attended the Borough Cabinet meeting earlier that day. There was discussion on a possible pilot program for electric charge station installations in Queens, when more information will follow she will share it. Some parking lots have charging stations already and people do not know where they are at this time. The District Manager is working on getting a list and will share it with Bob Piazza, as the Transportation Committee will want to address this item. Also discussed at the meeting was the details about the Charter Commission and changes they, the Board members, can all address and the deadline that will be ending soon. This will need to be addressed before the end of the year.

Ms. Koulouris wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and blessings to all and your families.

**Committee Reports:**

RoseMarie Poveromo, Airport – Wished everyone a Very Happy Christmas and 2019 to bring everyone good health.

Tom Ryan and Rod Townsend, Community & Economic Development – There will be a January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, no other reports.

Danielle Tharrington, Education/Library/Youth Services – No report.

Antonella Di Saverio, Environmental Protection – No report and Happy Holidays.

Evie Hantzopoulos, Housing – They met yesterday and they drafted a letter to send to the City Council Members regarding Development of zonings and affordable housing income bands that they would like see them to negotiate with developers. Will have it for the Board to review before the next meeting.

Elizabeth Erion, Land Use & Zoning – They have a rezoning application recertified for January 9<sup>th</sup>. The local area hearing at Woodside Community Center. To rezone: 47-15 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Long Island City. It is going from a C8 and an R6B to an R7X and C24 the proposal is for 191 units; 47 will be affordable; 14 stories. It is a large project it is the first of several coming to the community board certified during the next few months. Most of them are introducing that kind of development. Mostly will have 6 stories. The next is a BSA item which is a variance that is proposed Ali Forney will have very minor changes in envelope for a residential housing facility for 21 permanent supportive housing facility to provide housing to LGBT youth to prepare them to move out and have them become independent. The sponsor is St. Andrews Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. The both items will be presented at the Public Hearing on January 9, 2019 at the Woodside Community Center and will also come to the Full Board meeting- but they do need 20% of the Board Members to have quorum at the Public Hearing 1/9/19 the information will be on the website the address of the Community Center 50-19 Broadway off of Broadway and Northern Boulevard. Ms Erion thanked her Co-chair Gerry and the Committee members for their hard work and the many hours spent. Ms Erion wished everyone a good holiday.

Nancy Silverman, Parks/Recreation/Cultural – Thanked Liz for all the work she does. They met with to NYCEDC to talk about the Kayak Launch. They did a presentation for their 90% design which is almost complete. Design construction will be fully ADA. They will provide Kayak storage and facilitate community programming. 90% designed now and expect construction to finish by spring 2020. The Committee had quorum, voted and approved it. There is a letter to be sent and would like the Full Board's approval.

Amy Hau motioned to approve; Dominic Stiller seconded.

Nancy Silverman said the Kayak Launch will be locked for safety reasons yet will have access to the beach.

Rod Townsend made a comment about the large community of Geese.

Gerry Caliendo asked who prepared the design, was it EDC or Parks?

She responded it was EDC and said the letter is addressed to Dorothy Lewandowski at Parks. They are partnering with them.

Dominic Stiller commented on the design and said everyone should have access and the locking it up is not making it accessible.

Nancy said it is free and open to the public during business hours.

Motion to approve the letter.

Unanimous vote to send letter.

Nancy Silverman said she has a second item. She introduced Board Member Katie Ellman, President of Greenshores – they did a study with Rainey Park community. Katie Ellman thanked the board, the Community, Marie and Florence for the process. They received about 200 responses and engaged about 300 community members. It was sent to the Board office and it can be accessed on their website: [Greenshores.nyc.org](http://Greenshores.nyc.org)

Nancy Silverman wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Ann Bruno, Public Safety – No report and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Bob Piazza, Transportation – They have several meetings planned. They have one with the State Transportation group to discuss problem area at Astoria Boulevard 33 Street.

He mentioned the big fire tragedy on Queens Boulevard (Sunnyside) and there are a lot of people out of work. He said the Sunnyside Community, Sunnyside Shines and Woodside on the Move are putting together donations.

Marie Torniali, Chairperson said they have a high visibility on social media and they have a GoFundMe as well.

**New Business:**

Chairperson Marie Torniali stated that she will be sitting on the Governor's Amazon Advisory Committee on behalf of Community Board 1, Queens. She will communicate if anything transpires as they move along with the process.

Motion to Adjourn: Vanessa Jones-Hall and Andre Stith Seconded.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.**

# COMMUNITY BOARD 1, Queens

DATE 12/18/18

Community Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	Community Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.
Rose Anne Alafogiannis			E	Nancy Konipol	✓		
George Alexiou	✓		E	Jerry Kril	✓		
Daniel Aliberti	✓		E	Melanie La Rocca	✓		E
Loren Amor	✓		E	Frances Luhmann-McDonald	✓		
Avninder Aujla	✓		E	Hannah Lupien	✓		
Edward Babor	✓			Antonio Meloni	✓		
Jose Batista	✓			Prabir Mitra	✓		
Ann Bruno	✓			Eric Mouchette	✓		
Giselle Aida Burgess	✓	✓		Stella Nicolaou	✓		E
Edwin Cadiz	✓			Norma Nieves-Blas	✓		E
Gerald Caliendo	✓			Mary O'Hara	✓		
Jean Marie D'Alleva	✓			Robert Piazza	✓		
Antonella Di Saverio	✓			RoseMarie Poveromo	✓		
Katerina Duarte	✓			Yawne Robinson	✓		
Katie Ellman	✓			Thomas Ryan	✓		
Elizabeth Erion	✓			Manuel Salce	✓	✓	
Mackenzi Farquer			E	Rodolfo Sarchese	✓		
Dean Feratovic	✓		E	Nancy Silverman	✓		
Evie Hantzopoulos	✓			Dominic Stiller	✓		
Amy Hau	✓			Andre Stith	✓		
Helen Ho			E	Danielle Tharrington	✓		
Pauline Jannelli	✓			Marie Torniali	✓		
Vanessa Jones-Hall	✓			Rod Townsend	✓		
George Kalergios	✓			Judy Trilivas	✓		E
Richard Khuzami	✓			Kathleen Warnock	✓		
Number Board Members Present <u>37</u>							
Present <u>37</u>				Absent <u>2</u>			
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