

Community Board 1, Queens – Board Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2019

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

The Chair introduced the first item and the representative.

Board of Standards and Appeals

PCE Application for Planet Fitness at 29-22 Northern Boulevard, Queens. This application is filed pursuant to Sections 73-03 and 73-36 of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, as amended (“Zoning Resolution” or “ZR”), to permit the operation of a physical culture establishment (“PCE”), an 18,195 square foot fitness center, on portions of the first and cellar floors of the building at the Subject Site. The Subject Site is located within an M1-6/R10 zoning district within the Special Long Island City Mixed Use District in Queens Plaza Subdistrict A-1, where PCE use is only permitted by special permit from the Board of Standards and Appeals (the “Board” or “BSA”) pursuant to ZR 73-36.

Frank St. Jacques, Akerman LLP introduced himself and said they represent Planet Fitness BSA for a PCE Special Permit to allow gym use at this location. He said the location is approximately an 18,200 square foot fitness center that would be operating as Planet Fitness on the 1st and cellar floors of 29-22 Northern Boulevard. They operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Mr. St. Jacques said they are a typical low-cost memberships gym, it is not open yet but expect to open sometime in early 2020. He said he is open for questions. He added that they submitted additional information to the Land Use Committee after the meeting with respect to fire egress.

The Chair asked if any Board Members have questions.

Pauline Jannelli asked if he said they are open 24 hours a day.

Mr. St. Jacques responded, yes. He said that is part of Planet Fitness’ business model, is to be open and available for all members of the Community.

Kathleen Warnock asked where it is located because she is not familiar with the area, is it in a shopping center or is it in a primarily business district.

Mr. St. Jacques responded that it is in a mixed-use district, an M1-6/R10 within the special Long Island City mixed use district. It is within in a mixed residential and commercial building, generally mixed area. A lot of ground floor, lower floors, both national and local retail. There are a lot of residential buildings, this particular building is a tower, about 44 stories with great access to transit.

Kathleen Warnock asked if most people will come by bus or train. Is there available parking if people go by car?

Mr. St. Jacques responded that they are directly below the train station they anticipate that most members will be local residents who will be walking or train.

The Chair asked if anyone from the Public would like to ask any questions or make a comment.

Chairperson Torniali closed the hearing on this item and said the Board will vote during the Land Use Committee report.

Mr. Frank St. Jacques thanked everyone and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Chairperson Torniali introduced Margaret Rodgers who will introduce the speaker from the West Queens Land Trust Group (WQLTG) to discuss Community Land Trusts.

Presentation:

West Queens Land Trust Group (WQLTG)

Margaret Rodgers introduced herself. She stated that she is a resident of Astoria and has attended a lot of the CB1 meetings for many years. She thanked the Board for this opportunity to tell you about the West Queens Land Trust Group (WQLTG) and also general information about Community Land Trusts. She said they are multi-generational and said Mr. Manuel Salazar will be making the PowerPoint presentation. She learned of the Land Trusts about 2 years ago. The idea grabbed her from the beginning not just for economic reasons, but it just seems it is a way communities could take control of the land and their communities. It is a truly co-operative endeavor as much as the economics of it are appealing. The group is just about a year old not incorporated yet. They are still reaching out to individuals/groups in the neighborhood. In the presentation they will be talking about the DOE building in LIC as an example. They want to have CLT's from Western Queens along the #7 train corridor to Flushing, that is their big hope. They are aware there is very little public space in Astoria but there is some such as the Department of Sanitation building and there is a plot at 31st Broadway. Asked everyone to pick up the flyer with information on what Land Trusts are. She mentioned that they have a sign-up sheet for anyone that would like to speak to them and get further information and then she introduced Mr. Salazar and thanked everyone.

(PowerPoint Presentation)

Manuel (Memo) Salazar introduced himself said he has been living in Queens for about 20 years, resides in Sunnyside. He said he is a writer filmmaker works at Sesame Street is also a local business owner and is invested in the community runs the Sunnyside Community Shared Agriculture (CSA) running it for about 10 years. It is getting harder and harder for a middle-class family to own a home or just rent an apartment. He said he also heard about CLT like Margaret and it seemed promising. They looked into other groups who had done this like one in the Bronx, like South Bronx United and had them come in to speak with them. They are now working with several professors and urban designers who have more experience and have been advising them. Over the last year they started to learn more and are more well versed on this. Now they are now reaching out to the communities letting them know they exist. Basically, they are a coalition of community organizers and activists from neighborhoods and are reaching out to everyone. Community is in the name, so they want all communities to be involved. People of all walks of life, all socio-economic backgrounds and ethnic backgrounds to take ownership in this. They want to create truly deeply affordable housing. They are a nonprofit entity have not fully incorporated yet, they work with city and work with elected officials to get capital grants to get donated buildings. You all have to work together to take possession of a building. Then they work with the different community groups to find a building that works. They are working with Woodside on the Move now and they have been looking for a while now. They are trying now to pinpoint potential places that they can build. They would be the conduit for them, the umbrella. They provide the legal framework underneath them so they can take over the building. The CLT is the owner, made up of the community, there is a 99-year lease. The lease ignores the market speculation, whether it is a manufacture building, retail or residential. The CLT itself does not run the project. Why a CLT? There have been headlines in Sunset Park there has been friction over Industry City. The residents there are not happy, they came out and spoke against it. Sunnyside Yards have been in a contentious thing, debates over that and Amazon also controversial. Whatever side you fall on, the argument is the underlying issue is that everything is so expensive. People are very skeptical if they will be able to live in the neighborhood when things like this happen. There is a lot of opposition and there are a lot of protestors. You ask them what is their solution and what do they propose? That is what drew him to the CLT, it is actually a solution actually a positive thing everyone can understand, support, really providing an opportunity for people to afford things. The CLT acquires a land, leases it to the community residents at a permanent affordable rate. In the contract you build those rates. How is this not a co-op? You can start off as it being affordable but over the years people can choose to change the bylaws. It is owned by the same people that run the building and live there. A CLT the Board divided in 3 parts, 1/3 part have a personal stake, people that live or work there; another 1/3 would be people from the community that do not live there and the other 1/3 would be advisors, prominent people from the community. Over time when the original people leave or move a faction can't take over and change them. The rules stay and their baked into the contract and would require a lot of people to revote to change the CLT's original bylaws. They have founding statements on principals which they have on their website; like treating people equally and Queens should be economically sustainable for everyone. Those are the bylaws they use that govern their decisions on how they come up for specific laws for that specific building and how much things would cost. There are many ways to fund a building it depends on a lot of factors. For example, Cooper Union CLT in Manhattan they are in an expensive area, they have retail stores on the ground floor

which they charge full market rate. The money they make off the rent, subsidizes the residents above. They get a very reasonable cost of living. There are many possibilities. With a CLT you eliminate land speculation because people are not buying into this to make a lot of money in the short term, they are buying into it because they believe in the project. CLT's do not pay property taxes, which is a huge help, it is because they are a non-profit. There is also no profit, it is purely for the Community. They protect residents, keep out predatory landlords. In the wake of Amazon leaving the DOE building is just sitting there. It is a public building, it would be a great opportunity to bring back some of the manufacturing that has gone away in the last 10 years in LIC because it has become too expensive. Some of the community space is great for artists to work in. They want to start reaching out to community groups, maybe putting together a proposal to demolish it or giving it away to a private developer. They had a basic visioning which include: Hellgate Farm would love a rooftop garden, A school teacher who is a part of the "Imagine Schools Project" and was awarded a grant, he would love the school there. This is talk right now because they don't own the building, but they want to give you a sense/potential what they can do with a building like this. Other potentials: A woodshop space, a food vending project, street cart vendors which they would like to see a shared commissary/commercial kitchen. These are just ideas and anyone with ideas is welcome, they are very open. The question is, what do we want as a community? The geographic boundaries are the water all the way to Flushing as Margaret mentioned. They are just starting this endeavor. He said they need the support and the community's involvement, not just groups but individuals as well. They are asking the elected representatives to support the idea of stopping giving away our public land, have given away all of it to developers over the last years. 200 lots of public land have been sold for \$1 since Mayor DeBlasio came into office. They would like to change that and would like to bring back true affordable housing back to Queens. Mr. Salazar thanked everyone.

Chair Torniali asked if any board members had questions.

Kathleen Warnock asked what elected officials were on board.

Mr. Salazar added that they met with Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's staff said they were very supportive of the idea but would need more details. Scheduled to meet with Senator Michael Gianaris tomorrow and they have a meeting scheduled early next month with Jimmy Van Bramer. They are happy to speak to any elected representatives at any time.

Kathleen Warnock – Are they yet incorporated as a 501C3 or as any other nonprofit

Mr. Salazar responded that they will be, they are in the process and will be a 501C3.

The Chair thanked him and asked if any Elected Officials or Representatives would like to speak.

Elected Officials/Representatives:

Joe Nocerino, Community Coordinator, Office of the Queens Borough President – Announced that they have a Newsletter which they are sharing, and the Borough President is waving goodbye. It has been 6 years and on December 31st she will be moving on, right now she is District Attorney elect. On Friday, there will be a Ribbon Cutting for the Queens Vietnam Memorial Wall at 10 a.m. in Elmhurst. On the 23rd they will have the Menorah Lighting at Borough Hall starting at 4:30 p.m. and on the 26th at 6 p.m. there will be festivities to celebrate Kwanzaa. Wished everyone and their families Happy Holidays from the Borough President and him.

Sabine French, Queens Borough Advocate for NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams – Expressed warm greetings from the Public Advocate. Ms. French said the Public Advocate for NYC is a citywide elected official who serves as a direct link between the electors and the city government. What it means their offices are the eyes and ears of the public to act as a liaison between the city agencies and the elected representatives the most recent thing they have been working on is cracking down on the abuse of the Parking Placards many people given the privilege are abusing of it. The abusers are getting fined with the help of the City Council. They released the Worst Landlords List, the Public Advocate along with the staff had a rally held at City Hall, Foley Square attended by the Attorney General as well as Latisha James the former Public Advocate and a few elected officials that are in support. They had a few pop-up visits at 4 locations throughout the boroughs and unfortunately it was horrific. Their office is taking it very seriously and are empowering the tenants, to understand their rights and to send the message to the landlords that tenant abuse will not be tolerated. She announced that the Public Advocate, Jumaane Williams will have his State of the People Address

and Swearing-in Ceremony on January 22nd to inform the public his 2020 plan. She said she will reach out to the office with details and the official invitation. She stated that they want the community to know they are available to them.

The Chair thanked her.

Michelle Hernandez and Amy Fallaw, Office of Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez (speaking on behalf of Daniel Bonthius) – Community Updates: their office hosted their 12th Town Hall this year this past weekend at I.S. 125 in Woodside the Congresswoman discussed her newest piece of legislation the Green New Deal for Public Housing and answered questions from the audience. If you were unable to attend, you can watch it on their Facebook page. This past weekend the Congresswoman participated in the Queens Council Committee of Veterans of Foreign Wars 55th Annual breakfast. They released their December Newsletter, they have copies available in the back to see what their office has been working on. They wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

The Chair thanked them and introduced Assemblyman Brian Barnwell.

Assembly Member Brian Barnwell shared that they are not in session until January but wanted to thank CB1 for many things particularly for the traffic light on Hobart Street and 30th Avenue. He said members of the board have been advocating for it even before he was born. He announced that they have a toy drive that is about to end, and they also have a Coat Drive, NY Cares and coats can be dropped off at the police precincts. The toys will be sent to Woodside on the Move and Hour Children. Please notify them of any organizations that are in need of toys. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Taiquan Coleman, Director of Constituent Services, Office of Senator Jessica Ramos' Office - Announced they have a Newsletter and have some available on table to share. He said they have their holiday light up event helps them come together as a community they make ornaments. They will have a multicultural experience and will have a Kwanzaa set-up, a Hanukah set-up and a Christmas set-up; it will take place tomorrow at 6 p.m. They are also having a Coat Give Away sponsored by Delta. They are available at 32-37 Junction Boulevard, telephone number is: 718-205-3881 and said his email is on the inside cover of the newsletter, feel free to reach out to him anytime. Wished everyone Happy and Healthy Holidays.

The Chair wished him Happy Holidays as well and asked if anyone else wanted to speak.

The Chair, Marie Torniali, Motioned to approve the November 2019 Minutes. Motioned by Dino Panagoulas; Seconded by Jean Marie D'Alleva. She stated it is Unanimous.

Chair Report:

The Chair, Marie Torniali stated that she attended the Borough Board meeting last night and shared that they will be presenting the new reimagined bus routes draft plan for Queens in December. January and February, they will be doing public workshops. They offered to come to the Community Board. She will ask Bob Piazza to set-up a meeting with them. We will have to do a lot of outreach for all the individual communities. Pointed out that on today's Sign-in Sheet there is a box for you to Opt Out of Postal Mail, if you did not do it and you want to Opt Out please do so. She thanked the office staff for the work they do all year. She said Elizabeth Erion will explain later in the meeting about the Rikers Island Mapping Public Hearing scheduled for January 8th, it will take place at I.S. 141. She wished everyone a Very Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

District Manager Report:

District Manager, Florence Koulouris started by wishing everyone Happy Holidays. She asked the Board Members to please initial the Sign-in Sheet if they would like to opt out of the mailings and to do so today, it is very important. She shared that the Astoria Boulevard Train station is scheduled to reopen. Over the course of the last 9 months they have completed significant work which includes: new mezzanine, strengthened column foundations, 4 new mezzanine to platform staircases, 2 new street to mezzanine staircases, rehabilitated platforms, new LED lighting, new canopy roofs, new art glass at the mezzanine and the platform stair enclosures and increased vertical clearance of the station to reduce trucks striking the structure. This does not mean the work is finished. While they are reopening as quickly

as possible for the customers, in the coming months, by late 2020 they will finish the work which will include: 4 new elevators, install ADA Accessibility features, rebuild elevated walkways, install new benches, finish platform stair enclosures, install digital signage and upgrade streets and sidewalks. MTA New York City Transit thanks everyone for their patience during this closure. She pointed out on the table there is a handout regarding Influenza, please read it at your leisure she shared the Health Department gave a presentation on this. She read a statement from the NYC Department of City Planning: Important Transparency Tool: ZAP to Allow Community Boards, Borough Presidents and City Council to Instantly Post Public Hearings Dates & Recommendations related to ULURP – The newest feature of DCP's Zoning Application Portal (ZAP) means hearing dates and recommendations will be posted in a central location for all to see. The Department of City Planning (DCP) Director Marisa Lago today announced an important public transparency update to ZAP, DCP's Zoning Application Portal. Now, Community Boards, Borough Presidents and Borough Boards will be able to quickly and effortlessly calendar public hearings for land use items digitally, making the process much faster and more accessible than ever before. Community Boards and Borough Presidents will also be able to instantly upload their recommendations for land use applications. The scheduling feature will be available for City Council hearings as well in the near future, making ZAP a true one-stop-shop for the City's Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP). She said we have had the ZAP portal on our website for well over a year in the "Useful Links" tools. When you have time please familiarize yourself with the website, we are advanced with regard to the links for the City of New York.

The Chair thanked her.

Committee Reports:

RoseMarie Poveromo, Airport Committee – No report. Wished everyone a blessed holiday.

Rod Townsend, Community & Economic Development Committee – He reported that they will have a meeting in January with Thomas Grech, President & CEO, Queens Chamber of Commerce. Happy Holidays.

Andy Aujla, Consumer Affairs Committee - He reported that the spreadsheets for the liquor license applications as well as sidewalk cafes for the month of December are in the folders for their review. Mr. Aujla thanked the office for their assistance. He said they had a Committee Meeting on December 2nd they had 2 businesses come in 1 of them was Habits which is the old Bungalo space on Broadway and 32nd Street. The old Bungalo space had some issues. They spoke with the new owner that those issues do not reoccur the new owners also own Slice and another business in Astoria so they are familiar with our community, they assured them that things will be better. They also met with Astoria Secret/the Lingerie Shop. They heard some concerns that they are going to be an adult establishment after discussions with them the Committee felt comfortable that they are going to be a high-end cocktail bar with drinks that range from \$15-\$18. Mr. Aujla said the Committee recommended that both applications be approved. All the establishments on the spreadsheet were reviewed with the 114th precinct. Mr. Aujla thanked the Community Affairs Office at the 114th for all their hard work throughout the year. He asked for a Motion to Approve.

- Motioned by Nancy Silverman; Seconded by Amy Hau

He thanked everyone and wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year/Feliz Año.

The Chair asked if there were any objections. She stated it is Unanimous.

Antonella Di Saverio, Environmental Protection Committee – She reported that the Committee met in October with Solar One and they gave them a presentation on the new local laws that are going to be implemented. Local law 92 and 94, they require that any new building and any major improvements have solar component or a green roof component. She said thanks to Vanessa Jones-Hall, she secured a location for Solar One to come and speak to the Community about funding and any questions homeowners may have and how to implement it. The date may be on March 6th but will confirm it next month as well as the location. Ms. Di Saverio wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Judy Trilivas, Health and Human Services Committee – She reported that the Committee will have a meeting in January with the Queens Coalition of Emergency Managers they want to talk to the Community Board about 2 training events, the first one is "Stop the Bleed" which is an initiative teach how to apply a Tourniquet in case of a catastrophic event and the second one is to do a demonstration on how to administer Narcan to address the Opioid Addiction and will distribute Narcan at that time. She said she will speak with Florence to schedule the presentation and do something for the Community.

Evie Hantzopoulos, Housing Committee – She reported that the Housing Committee met on November 26th they had a guest speaker from the New Economy Project, Julia Duranti-Martinez, Campaign Coordinator they talked about Community Land Trusts (CLTs) which they heard a little bit about tonight. They went into a lot of detail and the Housing Committee members asked a lot of good questions. The next meeting will be towards the end of January they will be talking about this further as well discussing the 21st Street Sanitation Garage site to see what they might want to propose as a Housing Committee when the garage is moved what will happen with that space. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Elizabeth Erion, Land Use and Zoning Committee – She reported that the Committee met on December 4th at that time no major issues were raised other than the usual sound attenuation that is off set by the fact gym itself is segregated from any residential use. The Committee was able to easily give a recommendation to approve this application for a period of 10 years. She asked for a Motion and said there will be a roll call vote because it is a ULURP item.

- Motioned by Dino Panagoulas; Seconded by Amy Hau

Roll call by Jean Marie D'Alleva

- The Chair announced that 33 voted In Favor and 1 Opposed and announced the Board voted to recommend BSA 2019-204 BZ

Nancy Silverman, Parks/Recreation/Cultural Committee – No report.

Ann Bruno, Public Safety Committee – No report.

Bob Piazza, Transportation Committee – Reported that there is a letter in the folders directed to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) from CB1 for approval. He stated that a group requested EDC to approve another landing spot in addition to the one we have now for the Ferry. Mr. Piazza said it made sense to the Committee, so they agreed to send the letter. He said he needs approval from the Board.

The Board Members had a full discussion on the letter and did not come to an agreement to approve it. Bob Piazza Chair of the Transportation Committee Motioned to table it until next month and have a meeting on it.

Mr. Piazza stated he wanted to expand about Hobart Street which was mentioned by Assembly Member Barnwell. It is a very large street, a lot of people speeding and would not slow down, with signs. The Principal of 151 was involved as well as DOT came out and did a survey. They came back with a lot of suggestions and the neighborhood was very pleased for example: making the street smaller, slowing the traffic down, putting a traffic light and they have 25 additional parking spots. This street has a bus route therefore they are not able to have speed bumps. It was a danger and with the help of the Principal and all the elected officials they made it happen.

Vanessa Jones-Hall made a request to Mr. Piazza about the corner of 8th Street and Astoria Boulevard. She said that DOT needs to enforce alternate side parking. She said they are not enforcing it as well as it is not being cleaned properly. She said the Parks Department today had a problem cleaning because there is no alternate parking, so the trash is trapped under the cars. Also, the angle parking has helped but they still have concerns.

Bob Piazza responded that they will work on it in January.

The Chair said they have given out 31 tickets.

Andre Stith, Education/Library/Youth Services - No report. Wished everyone Wonderful Holidays.

Old/New Business:

Dino Panagoulas said he would like to make a Motion that, within next 3 months, Community Board 1 emulate the Forum that Community Board 9 held on December 9th on the Bail Reform Measures taking effect on January 1, 2020. The Chair said the No Cash Bail Forum is something that should go through and be discussed in detail with the Public Safety Committee. She suggested involving the civics from the district: The Astoria Homeowners, Tenants and Business Civic Association, United Community Civic Association (UCCA) and Old Astoria Neighborhood Association (OANA). After some discussion, Mr. Panagoulas made a motion to have Community Board 1 hold a forum similar to CB9 regarding cash bail reform within the next three months, seconded by Vanessa Jones-Hall. The

Chair announces with only 8 in favor, the motion fails. Nancy Silverman then made a motion to recommend that the Public Safety Committee take up the idea of a public forum on the Cash Bail law, seconded by RoseMarie Poveromo. Motion carries.

Public Session:

Phillip Cappadora shared that he has lived in Astoria for 6 years. He said he has seen exponential growth from Ditmars to Queensboro Plaza. He is founder of the AFC, the Astoria Filmmakers Club. He said they are a collective of actors, writers, directors, crew members and artists alike striving to bring quality content to the arts. Their club is free, volunteer-based program founded on three principals: Community, Creativity and Joy. Their numbers are continuing to grow. They have had over 60 people since August 2019 go to their weekly meetings @ Katch Bar and Grill. They have 261 applications join their private group page on Facebook and over 400 likes on their community page. As for potential partnerships, they are open to anyone interested and welcome them. He thanked the Board for receiving him and wished everyone a very Happy Holiday and New Year. He said he can be reached via Email: pcappadora@gmail.com

Neil Herdan, Co-Chair, Friends of Whitey Ford Field – He started by greeting the Board Members and wishing them Holiday Greetings. He said he wanted to talk about his vision for Whitey Ford Field. He said they are the oldest recreation space in Astoria, going back to 1906. They are 7 years older than Astoria Park. As such he thinks that Whitey Ford Field should also be considered one of Astoria's crown jewels, they are the birthplace of Astoria. He proceeded to provide a history of the area and requested support for the area. He said there is strong evidence that the first European settlers landed between 26th and 27th Avenues in the 1600s. The new residents, businesses and visitors who come to our shore line should and will expect nothing less than a pristine recreational space. It is in everyone's interest to make this happen, and sooner or later it will happen. To those of you who worry deeply about gentrification, that Whitey Ford Field should not be a part of any real estate battles. Fully investing in Whitey Ford Field is something we all need to commit to, once and for all. Our field had a fully function stadium until it was torn down before the Second World War. The stadium had bathroom and washing facilities. Why not build a new and better stadium so the entire community can enjoy sporting events, movie nights, poetry under the stars, concerts and other cultural programs that will greatly enrich our neighborhood? Let's not just honor Whitey, let's make Whitey Ford Field the best small ballfield in NYC. Mr. Herdan thanked everyone.

Rudy Sarchese – Mr. Sarchese read a statement in which he said he is a member of this Community Board 1 for over 21 years and is Acting President of the Astoria Homeowners Tenants & Business Civic Association for over 23 years. He said it is our job and responsibility on the Community Board to protect the Community and all these years we have tried to do things that have been good for and benefited the Community. Today, we face a situation with this Mega Project of 2 buildings, 8 stories high on 45th and 46th Streets, upper Ditmars which is not good for the community. We all say when we had the hearing how many people showed up to oppose the project and I believe we could have done much better in the decision that was made and I believe that we should have rejected this project. At this point, we don't know the outcome, but the community needs the help of all the members of this Board to let our Council Member, Costa Constantinides know that this project is not good for our community. The only one that will benefit is the developer who will become wealthier than they already are. I urge you all, please call Councilman Constantinides' office and let him know that the project is not good for the Community. I have placed a flyer on the table for everyone to pick up and wish to pass out a letter and application from my Association asking anyone who wishes to join. I thank everyone for your help, and I wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to you all. Thank you again and God Bless America.

David Ellis, Astoria Community Church, informing everyone from the Community about a financial literacy program that is starting on January 26th, there are 12 sessions. It is for a household or any individual that needs help with establishing a budget, starting a savings plan and/or getting out of debt. It is open to everyone, there is more information on the table. Thank you.

Nick Velkov, Member of Justice for All Coalition along with Margaret Rodgers who spoke about the Community Land Trusts and like her this sounds like a brilliant idea. There is no good reason not to support it.

Vanessa Jones-Hall of Astoria Houses shared information on the 2020 Census. She shared that they are hiring, looking mainly for Numerators. At IS 204 the Beacon program is doing Mental Health First Aid training. The next one is the 2nd Saturday of January and scheduled through April. Wished everyone a great holiday and a beautiful New Year.

Marie Torniali, Chairperson asked for a Motion to Adjourn

Motioned by Jean Marie D'Allewa; Seconded by Ann Bruno

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Full Board Meeting

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Community Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.	Community Board Member	Yes	No	Abs.
Rose Anne Alafogiannis			E	Jerry Kril	✓		
George Alexiou			E	Joel Lock	Moved		
Daniel Aliberti		✓	E	Hannah Lupien	✓		
Loren Amor	✓	✓		Jeffrey Martin	✓		
Avninder Aujla	✓			Antonio Meloni	✓		
Edward Babar	✓	✓		Prabir Mitra	Passed Away		
Jose Batista	✓	✓		Eric Mouchette	✓		
Ann Bruno	✓	✓		Stella Nicolaou	✓	✓	
Edwin Cadiz		✓		Norma Nieves-Blas		✓	
Gerald Caliendo			E	Mary O'Hara	✓		
Jean Marie D'Alleva	✓			Dino Panagoulas	✓		
Antonella Di Saverio	✓	✓		Robert Piazza	✓		
Katerina Duarte		✓		RoseMarie Poveromo	✓		
Katie Ellman	✓			Yawne Robinson	✓		
Elizabeth Erion	✓			Thomas Ryan			E
Mackenzi Farquer	✓			Rodolfo Sarchese	✓		
Dean Feratovic	✓			Nancy Silverman	✓		
Evie Hantzopoulos	✓			Dominic Stiller	✓		
Amy Hau	✓			Andre Stith	✓		
Helen Ho	✓			Marie Torniali	✓		
Pauline Jannelli	✓			Rod Townsend	✓		
Vanessa Jones-Hall	✓	✓		Judy Trilivas	✓		
George Kalergios	✓	✓		Kathleen Warnock	✓		
Richard Khuzami	✓	✓		Mitchell Waxman	✓		
Nancy Konipol		✓					
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