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### REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

February 3, 2022

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

B. Braton, M. Adams, L. Amorim, A. Antonino, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, E. Cheng, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Cosentino, F. Dardani, A. Deebrah, I. Dimoh, J. Fazio, E. Fraylon, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, P. Kishun, M. Logan, A. Maharaj, R. Martinez, D. Mitchell, C. Mocombe, F. Mohamed, S. Mohammed, A. Nocerino, S. Pace, G. Russo, N. Santiago, J. Stahl, I. VanPutten, M. Vecchio, L. Walker

#### **BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

M. Q. Amin, P. Baumann, N. Bissoon, M. Cherenfant, J. Coulverson, A. Dhanpat, A. Garcia, R. Hitlall, E. Holland, P. Lynch, J. Quijano, B. Ramsundar, R. Rathour, A. Siewnarine, V. Singh

#### **COMMUNITY BOARD 10 STAFF PRESENT:** K. Petersen, D.M.; M. May; J. Donohue

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Hon. J. Rajkumar; Hon. J. Ariola; F. Karim, Rep. Hon. G. Meeks; C. Moore, Rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; A. M. Costella, Rep., Hon. J. Sanders; J. Greenberg, Rep. Hon. Pheffer-Amato; V. Isufaj, Rep., Hon. J. Rajkumar; L. Fogal, Rep., Hon. A. Ariola; K. Morris, Queens Borough Director, Community Affairs Unit, Office of the Mayor of the City of New York; M. Cano, Director of Community Boards, QBPO; D. Brown, QDA's Office; J. Resor, QDCP Borough Planner; Capt. J. Bacchi, CO 106 Precinct; P.O. S. Jaffe, Community Affairs 106 Precinct; R. Hossain, LiveOnNY

The Chairperson began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. which was conducted remotely via Zoom and also live streamed on YouTube.

The Chair asked everyone to join her in a moment of silence as we remember in tribute the two officers who were killed last week, Detective Rivera and Detective Mora; and in gratitude to the police officer who was shot in Rockaway earlier this week who has been released from the hospital.

At this point, board member attendance was taken by roll call to formulize a quorum was present. It was indicated attendance would be reviewed again later during the meeting to add any members missed in the roll call.

The Chair acknowledged Assemblymember Rajkumar and invited her to speak.

AM Rajkumar greeted everyone indicating she had just returned from Albany this morning. She commented on the redistricting, noting her District 38 remains intact and unified and her community will retain its diversity. The AM thanked the Chair for leading us in a moment of silence. She said, it's tragic what's been happening with the violence against New York's finest, and just generally the crime in our city. She indicated she supports the Mayor in his efforts to reduce crime and his aggressive plan. She is a senior advisor of the Mayor's Transition Team and is very impressed with the City Hall Team and has high hopes for wherever we're going as a city. It's budget season in Albany and the governor has presented a \$212 billion budget and it's up to the Legislature to sort through it. The vote will occur the end of March or early April. The AM indicated she has been advocating for the interest of Veterans in the budget. She



has co-sponsored legislature to elevate the State Veterans' Division to a full Executive Department, this way veterans will have an easier time accessing benefits because they can just go to one place instead of having to go to many agencies. She extended thanks to everybody who was involved in her Covid 19 test giveaway, noting 1,000 kits were given away at her office, and thanked all who volunteered to make that happen. She thanked everyone for their good work and said, "let's make it a great year".

The Chairperson thanked Assemblymember Rajkumar.

The Chair acknowledged Councilmember Ariola and invited her to speak.

CM Ariola greeted everyone. The CM noted Ms. Linda Fogal, the representative from her office, was also in attendance. The CM commented on the recent 11.6-inch snowstorm indicating CB10, elected offices, DSNY, OEM, utility companies did a great job of coordinating and considering the amount of snow that we've gotten the cleanup went pretty well. She asked everyone to be patient with pickups as DSNY is still collecting piles of snow off corners. She reported/commented on a series of things that were happening in Howard Beach. Two days before the snow, they had three watermain breaks in Lindenwood simultaneously at 81, 85, 89 Streets. DEP had to do major construction and open the roadways at all three of those sites to fix the leaks, to make sure those issues were taken care of before the snow came. She acknowledged DEP's hard work and coordination with the DEP Chief Operating Officer, Commissioner Sapienza. It was indicated cleanups are going to be continued along Shore Pkwy. from 78 Street all the way to Cross Bay Blvd., underneath the overpass by the mural and different hotspots, along the center mall, along 89 Street and Cross Bay. The CM indicated she's continuing with the 100 Day Plan and reported she's meeting with different principals and different agencies. The Covid bus is still on Cross Bay Blvd. and also at 135 Avenue & Lefferts Blvd. She thanked her partners in government, Senator Addabbo, AM Rajkumar, AM Pheffer-Amato, for partnering with her on those buses as well as handing out Covid test kits. She announced her office, in partnership with local organizations and community groups, is sponsoring "District 32 Backs the Blue" fundraising events in support of the families of P.O. Mora and P.O. Rivera. The ribbon cutting for the official opening of the Ozone Park office will be held Saturday, 02/05/22, at 2p.m. with light refreshments. A candlelight vigil for the slain officers as well as the officer who was just shot in the Rockaways will be held on Saturday, 02/05/22 at 6p.m. at Nicholas Demutiis Park, and to also honor the memory of P.O. Demutiis who lost his life in the line of duty. The CM noted that the police officer from the Rockaways was discharged from Jamaica Hospital today and they had a clap out for him.

The Chair asked if there were any questions for the Councilmember, there were none.

The Chair thanked Councilmember Ariola.

The Chair noted some may not be aware that P.O. Demutiis worked in the 106 Precinct and was killed in the line of duty right on that block where the tribute is going to be held. Everybody was urged to come out and join the tribute, not only for those who died last week but also for P.O. Demutiis and, of course, in gratitude for the police officer from Rockaway who did not die.

At this point the Chair acknowledged some additional board members who had joined the meeting.

The Chairperson then opened the public hearing for the evening, the Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years 2023 & 2024 (SON). It was noted members had received the pertinent pages in their folder material. For the benefit of attendees and those watching on YouTube, the Chair explained the purpose, process, and contents of the SON.

As it's required, communication from the Mayor's Office was received the end of December stating: In accordance with Section 204 of the City Charter, I am pleased to submit for your review and comment the Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024. For access to the Statement of Needs and accompanying information on the use and location of existing city-owned and leased properties, please visit the Publications page of the Department of City Planning's website at: [Citywide Statement of Needs](#). (The Chair noted, to anyone who would like to see it in full, it's a 247-page document and is publicly available to the public.) The Statement of Needs provides information on new and existing facilities that the City expects to site, expand, relocate, or consolidate during the next two fiscal years. Please bear in mind, however, that budget or program shifts may dictate elimination or deferral of individual proposals included in the Statement of Needs.



The Chair stated that the City Council, Borough Presidents, Borough Boards, and Community Boards have 90 days to submit comment on this, so we are not taking any action on this tonight. Because it's difficult for people who are just learning about it now, the record of this public hearing will be kept open so that anybody who wants to look at it, can look at it. For your information there are no new proposals for Queens, that apply to CB10. If you look at the full document, and in the materials sent to members that related to the new proposals, there are maps and there's nothing in CB10. From items that are still carryovers from prior years and new proposals, there are only three proposals for Queens that are not yet specified. They're borough specific but no site located for them. None of those three items are items that realistically would be sited in CB10. The only other thing that is in the SON, at the end of it there's also a listing for the DOE and what their needs are, and it is relatively non-specific. It sites a need in CD32 which is CM Ariola's district, and it does not specify whether it's in the mainland portion of District 27 or the peninsular portion of District 27 for an 824 primary/intermediate school. In District 28, it also doesn't specify whether it's district 28 on this side of the VWE or on the other side of the VWE, there's a need for 476 seat small primary school. Anything related to a school site will come before us in a separate action by School Construction Authority.

At this point the Chair opened the floor to comment and asked if there was anyone on the phone line who wishes to make a comment, hearing none.

The Chair then asked if there was anyone on the Zoom video from the public who wishes to make a comment, hearing/seeing none.

The Chair announced the comment period and the record of this public hearing will be held open until Monday close of business for anyone from the public who wishes to make any comment in regard to the SON. The public hearing on the SON will be held open until Monday, thereby providing time for anyone who wishes to download the document and read it.

The Chair asked if there were any board members with comments or questions.

A Board member who has been ill extended thanks to board members who called him to ask how he was doing, and the Chair said she was glad he was able to join us.

The Chair continued with the regular order of business and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 2022 minutes. Hearing none, the Chair stated the minutes will stand as read.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairperson reviewed incoming correspondence for the month of January 2022 which included:

- Memorandum filed with bill passed with State Legislature on 01/14/22 to permit public bodies to continue to hold remote meetings. (Our ability to hold meetings via Zoom was set to expire on 01/15/22.)
- Update email from the Office of Congressman Hakeem Jeffries regarding the Spring Creek South Project. Their office was notified on the morning of 01/19/22 that the US Office of Budget & Management included the Spring Creek South Project in the President's infrastructure bill spending plan. The Army Corps of Engineers will receive the money to complete their feasibility study.
- NYC DOT – follow up on pilot study of rectangular rapid flashing traffic beacons (RRFBs) in CB10
- NYC DOT – speed camera installation request: Rockaway Blvd. & 109 Street, OP
- NYC DOT – speed hump feasibility study: 131 Street between 115 Avenue & 116 Avenue, SOP (the Chair asked the DM if this is the one which DOT corrected today and the DM replied she did not believe so)
- NYC DOT – speed hump feasibility study: 134 Street between 107 Avenue & 109 Avenue, SOP
- NYS DOT – notice regarding Queens Borough Bridge deck replacement work
- NYS DOT VWE Project Contract 1: bridge work on Van Wyck has ended but Phase 2 has begun
- NYMTC Notice of comment period: 02/02/22 - 02/11/22
- Van Wyck Expwy. Contract 1 Weekly Traffic Report 01/25 - 02/01: Jamaica Avenue bridge closure
- Army Corps of Engineers factsheet - Jamaica Bay, NY Federal Navigation Channel dredging
- Notice regarding affordable housing lottery for three units at: 130-24 Liberty Avenue, RH
- Demolition notice: 135-37 122 Place, SOP



- Notification that on 02/05 & 02/06 from 8am to 6pm on Saturday & from 9am to 6pm on Sunday, 126 Street between Rockaway Blvd. & Sutter Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic due to crane operation at: 125-18 Rockaway Blvd., SOP
- Reference was made to material in board member folders: Citywide SON; Con Edison info; DOH winter Covid-19 surge guidance for New Yorkers; info regarding eviction; info in regard to Van Wyck Project; Directed Mail List

The Chair asked members to let her know if there is anything anyone would like a copy of and she would be happy to provide it.

The Chair then asked if there were any other elected officials in attendance.

Kevin Morris, Mayor's CAU, indicated he was in attendance and had a couple of announcements. He apologized for missing the January meeting and wished everyone a happy new year. He extended greetings on behalf of the new Mayor of NYC, Mayor Eric Adams. He stated they hope to continue to do everything in the Adams administration to provide for an equitable NYC for all New Yorkers. In anticipation of the freezing rain expected within the next 24 to 36 hours he asked everyone to please be very careful on the roads; and to report any issues to the City, and they'll do their best to make sure all issues are addressed. He commented on an uptick seen across the city of people/vans offering testing and vaccinations. He warned, if it does not have the NYC logo it is not affiliated with the city and is probably a scam, so everyone is encouraged to practice safety and vigilance. He asked to let them know if you're seeing these and to report them.

The Chair thanked Mr. Morris.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – the Treasurer read the report of expenditures for the month of January 2022.

**BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT** – M. Cano – was not available at this time and the Chair indicated she would come back to her.

**DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT** – J. Resor – reported the DCP is rolling out the Equitable Data Development Tool, as required by recent City Council Legislation local law. Essentially this will be an interactive web-based interface that will allow the public to explore data about housing conditions, demographics, public health, and more in all the five boroughs. This is the next step in the City's work to break down barriers to information and to contribute to a discussion about equitable and inclusive neighborhoods. Ms. Resor stated she'll be scheduling a meeting within the next month or so just to walk the board through that and describe exactly what that means. It was announced City Planning, in partnership with the Borough President's Office, is excited to restart their community board trainings which should be taking place virtually at the end of March. New board members, and anyone interested, is encouraged to join. They'll be talking about the land use review process, environmental review, the community district needs process as well as urban design. It's really good training and it's highly recommended that people come out. Ms. Resor said she'll send more information about those trainings shortly.

The Chair asked if Ms. Cano was on and the streaming support rep noted she still has not unmuted. The Chair said she may have had to jump into something else or a phone call and would come back to her.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT** – The District Manager reported notification has been received from National Grid of planned construction work to install new mains and the locations were provided. The excavation required will be backfilled each day. Steel plates will be used to cover any excavations left open to allow vehicular traffic and provide access to driveways, steps and walkways. All or part of the gas service may have to be replaced. In order to complete this work, National Grid may need to gain access to the homes at the place where the service enters the building. If this is the case, the homeowner will be contacted by a National Grid representative to make an appointment.

The Chair asked again if Ms. Cano was back, but she was not.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** – The Chair reported / commented on the following:



NYS DOT Notice received this afternoon that the 133 Avenue bridge over the VWE will have detours and overnight closures from 10pm to 5am starting on or about 02/07/22. The full notice is posted on the CB10 Facebook page; copy of notice will be sent to members.

The Annual Investment Projects Report pursuant to the NYC Administrative Code in regard to NYCEDC's projects. The Chair offered to provide the information to anyone who wants it, to just let her know.

The Interim Report of the Feasibility Study & Alternatives Analysis in regard to the Interborough Express mentioned by Governor Hochul late last month and also mentioned in some of her remarks this week. It does not impact CB10 but it does impact areas just to the west of us. The report is available to anybody who would like to see it.

Data from the FloodNet Project. Katie Graziano from NY Sea Grant provided some information on the 12/30 to 01/05 high tide flooding. It was a series of days, and she sent some data on what actually happened and what the data is showing. The Chair urged anybody in the flood plain area for the Jamaica Bay tidal flooding to continue to send information on what's occurring on their block because they are learning a great deal from that data.

The Neighborhood Coastal Flood Protection Project Planning Guidance came out in December. It was noted members received the small print version in their folders, and it's available if anybody would like it.

The Chair then reviewed the attendance once again to add any members missed in the earlier roll call.

At this point the Chair acknowledged 106 Precinct Community Affairs Officer Jaffe, as she thought the Captain was not in attendance. P.O. Jaffe indicated the Captain was in attendance and would be speaking.

P. O. Jaffe extended a big thank you to all the electeds and the public for their show of support for the police. The outreach from the public expressed through flag raising, fundraising to go to the fallen officers, candlelight vigils, food sent to the command, and kind words means so much. He stated, on behalf of the 106 Precinct and the entire NYPD we thank you.

The Chair commented absolutely, and it needs to be said. There are many opinions in regard to policing, but our message should be there is no one who is taking any pleasure in the fact that police officers died.

At this time, it was noted that **Maricela Cano**, from the **QBPO** was on.

The Chair said it is her honor to stand with the leadership of Queens as the Borough President and Chief of Patrol and Commanding Officers of Patrol Borough Queens South & Queens North spoke to the issue.

Ms. Cano apologized and explained she had been on a call with the BP, and it took a while. Ms. Cano greeted everyone and wished all a Happy Valentine's Day and happy tax season. They are still working remotely until 02/27 and asked to please email her in regard to any inquiries or questions for Borough Hall or reach out to the Chair. Community board membership applications are due 02/16 and they're trying to be very strict with the deadline. She has been sending the DM and the Chair the status updates in regard to applications. If you haven't already applied, please apply on-line. She said, she knows for some people it can be a bit more challenging, so you definitely want to give yourself a bit more time. If you have a question, or if the system is bugging out, you can reach out to her or the Chair and they can help. They had a memorial yesterday for both officers who were killed. She extended thanks.

The Chair thanked Ms. Cano.

The Chair asked P.O. Jaffe to let her know when the Captain is on, and he replied he will do.

The meeting continued with **COMMITTEE REPORTS** as follows:

**AQUEDUCT** – it was indicated there is no report on Aqueduct this month. The Board Chair stated, she found out yesterday that Resorts World is participating in the BP's Black History Month Project and are contributing towards the scholarships that will be announced that night, which is another indication of their continued financial support of good and worthy projects in the borough of Queens and in our neighborhood. It was noted, for football fans, the NFL



visiting teams have been staying at Resorts World when they come into play football games here. Visiting hockey teams have also been staying at the Hyatt Regency at Resorts World.

**BUDGET** – the Committee Chair indicated she had no report.

The Board Chair asked Ms. Cano and if there was a date yet for the Borough Budget Hearings and Ms. Cano indicated she will follow-up with Amanda in regard to those dates and will keep the Chair posted.

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS** – the Committee Chair indicated report was in board folders.

**LAND USE** – the Committee Chair commented there is nothing new on the current land use issue and he is still waiting to hear back from the zoning attorney for some dates on their first meeting. He indicated he briefly went through the Neighborhood Coastal Flood Protection Project Planning Guidance; it was very interesting, and he will read it a little more. It seems that there are eight or ten projects that are being looked at or in design and only two in Rockaway and we're not mentioned.

The Board Chair commented that will be part of the ongoing discussion as the infrastructure money is coming on down to the city on the various different streams there probably will start to be some movement on some of the projects. It was indicated she's been working on our Board Statement to the Borough Budget Hearing with the DM and one of the things that will be mentioned are the resiliency projects that we have in the pipeline somewhere, that have not yet begun. At this point in time there needs to start being action on some of these while there is going to be a pot of available money because some of them are more expensive than others. Nine years post Sandy and we have not seen what we really need to see in this area and on top of that we have the resiliency projects that are aimed at dealing with the types of flooding that occurred with hurricane Ida last year. We have work to do as a city in addressing those issues. That why I sent out the document because it does give us some guidance on what are some things we need to really work on and how do we get some of the things that are not in there in there.

The Committee Chair commented that it was mentioned there's a timeline of 10 years to complete some of the projects.

The Board Chair stated that's the bureaucracy of the city of NY in moving a project, and the question is how do we not lose the money.

The Board Chair thanked the Committee Chair for taking the time to get into it and asked him to keep us aware as he gets deeper into it. He replied, will do.

**PERSONNEL** – the Committee Chair noted he was glad to report that everyone is in good health and wished everyone a very happy Valentine's Day.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – the Committee Chair indicated crime stats report was in board folders.

**SANITATION** – the Board Chair noted that overall given the amount of snow we had the cleanup has been fairly good. There's still work to be done, a lot of catch up to be done on garbage collection, but we can't expect them to do two things at the same time with the same equipment. We have our choice; we can store our garbage for a couple of days or we can get the streets plowed. Now getting the streets cleared takes a little bit of precedence.

**SUMMER YOUTH & OTHER EMPLOYMENT** – the Committee Chair indicated report was in board folders and added the Dept. of Parks is looking for lifeguards. Anyone interested in applying can go to the website: [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks) The Dept. of Parks is also looking for landscape architects and Project Development Coordinator for Capital Program - all this information is on their website.

The Board Chair added that the JFK Redevelopment work is starting to take off again and anyone who is looking for contracting work or employment should refer to their website: [www.anewjfk.com](http://www.anewjfk.com). One of the things that was recently announced was that the Port Authority has a request for qualifications out on some work that will have an RFP out very soon. It was suggested that anyone interested in those contracts start delving into that or visit the center in Jamaica. It was noted that every zip code within CB10 is part of the zone where there is preference given to minority



and women owned businesses and we're within the area that gets the precedence. She said, she urges all to look into those contracts, there's a lot of information out there.

The Chair stated she spoke again with the Port Authority to get an update in regard to the solar energy project in the long-term parking lot area that should have already been underway, but the pandemic slowed that down. She has asked them to come give us an update on that and some of the other projects at our March or April meetings.

**TRANSPORTATION** – the Committee Chair mentioned that there will be a Zoom Transportation Committee meeting 02/15 regarding the MTA Transit bus reroute changes due to the JFK Redevelopment Project. All committee members were asked to please attend as their input is important.

The Board Chair indicated it's a joint meeting of the Transportation and Highway, Roads & Traffic committees as both committees deal with transportation and traffic issues so both committees will be at that meeting.

Before getting into old and new business, the Board Chair, acknowledged the representatives from elected officials in attendance and invited them to speak:

Fatima Karim, from Congressman Meeks' office, thanked the Chair and greeted everyone. She shared that, Congressman Meeks who is currently Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee led a delegation of congress members to Ukraine and Belgium last week to meet with the European leaders there regarding Russia. This week the Congressman is back in D.C. as the House is currently in session for votes. Here the district offices are still open via telework, so if any constituent needs any assistance with a federal agency, please call: 718-725-6000. She indicated they have a limited supply of the Covid at home testing kits; if any constituent needs a testing kit, please give their office a call.

The Chair thanked her.

Carl Moore, from Senator Addabbo's office, indicated he sent the upcoming free events listing to the office yesterday. The Chair noted it was received and forwarded to all the members. He will be sending an update tomorrow with the link for the free tax prep and financial counseling webinar. This Sunday Covid-19 antibody testing is being offered in Forest Hills. He asked that anybody who wants to go for the testing call their office tomorrow so they can get an idea of how many people are coming. The spring shredding event will be the last weekend in April. The e-waste recycling event will be the first week of May. But if anyone has any small electronics that they want to get rid of before then, and it's something small that you can carry, they'll take it in their office every day of the week. If anybody has any questions, just give him a call: 718-738-1111.

The Chair thanked him.

AnneMarie Costella, extended greetings from the office of Senator James Sanders, Jr. She commented on info she put in the Chat. Senator Sanders is partnering with the Red Cross for the distribution and installation of free smoke alarms & carbon monoxide detectors. Click on the link and fill out the form. On 02/25 the Senator and AM Rajkumar are partnering with the FDNY for an important virtual info session on how you can protect yourself and your family from fires. If you want to nominate a youth leader in your community for the NY Senate Youth Leadership Award, please click the link and sign them up. They are asking students to create a poster for The NYS Senate Earth Day 2022 Poster Celebration. The Senator is a Marine Corps Veteran and is hosting his annual "Send-a-Vet-a-Valentine" Program. Greeting cards, crafts, paintings, any little gift that will make a Valentine's Day special for a disabled or elderly veteran can be dropped off at their district office in South Ozone Park.

The Chair then stated, we have been joined by Captain Bacchi, and we'll come back to the rest of the representatives in a few minutes, as we would like to give Captain Bacchi the courtesy as surely, he's tired and it's been a busy week unfortunately.

Captain Bacchi, Commanding Officer 106 Precinct, greeted everyone and apologized for being late indicating he was having trouble connecting with Zoom. First, I would like to say thank you to the community and residents for their support during this difficult time, and throughout the years you've always shown us great support, we really appreciate it. Thank you so much.



The Captain indicated he would provide a quick update on some of the things that have been happening: on 01/19/22 at about 4:30am a man was shot on 111 Avenue by 113 Street. The motive was robbery. He was approached by a male that exited a vehicle and demanded his money. When the victim said he didn't have any the male pistol whipped him and then shot him. The Captain said, our detectives did phenomenal work on this. In less than 24 hours they had the suspect identified, apprehended, and arrested. They did a great job on this. This individual was responsible for four other robberies of the same nature; one was a shooting on 12/21/21 in the 103 Precinct. Our squad not only apprehended an individual that committed a crime here but was responsible for many other crimes throughout Queens.

We're seeing a huge increase in grand larcenies and grand larcenies auto. For example, last week 11 vehicles were reported stolen; out of the 11, nine of them were left running unattended. And the tenth was left parked, unlocked, with the keys inside. For the past couple of months, we've been saying one of our biggest drivers of crime is unattended vehicles; it's just a crime of opportunity especially during the winter months.

In regard to grand larceny there has been a huge increase in compromised accounts. This has to do with banking accounts and also with NYS Unemployment Benefits Cards. Most recently, two times in December we recovered skimming devices from the Capital One Bank at 155-14 Cross Bay Blvd. But we know there were more skimmers because when victims come into the precinct, they show us their bank statements and they had done transactions at that bank so we know there were probably more skimmers that were recovered by the perpetrators and then subsequently the cards were cloned and accounts were drained of money. Personal identifying information, your name, address, social security number have to be safe guarded.

We're also seeing a rise in scams. The newest scam now is an Amazon scam – somebody will call you and say they're from Amazon, there was a problem with your account, and we can rectify it over the phone. People have been giving their usernames and passwords to the individual on the other end of the phone, then the scammer goes into their account and accesses the banking information that is saved in the Amazon account. The Captain stated please safeguard your information, don't give it out to third parties, verify who is actually calling you and then follow-up appropriately.

The Captain indicated he'd be more than happy to answer any questions.

The Chair asked if there were any board members with questions, hearing none.

The Chair thanked the Captain.

It was brought to the Chair's attention that a board member had his hand raised.

It was the Public Safety Committee chairperson who greeted the Captain and asked him if he's hearing of a possible new pattern with delivery vehicles being stolen that are kept running while doing deliveries.

The Captain replied it's not delivery vehicles. There was one incident last week on Pitkin Avenue & 83 Street; the vehicle was recovered on 78 Street & Belmont Avenue.

The Committee Chair commented he heard it was more than one that's why he asked whether it's a new pattern.

The Captain said it's not delivery vehicles; it's just any opportunity to steal a running, unattended vehicle. The Captain said, actually what we are seeing an increase in is targeting Lyft drivers, so I posted it on our Twitter page. There's been multiple instances of two individuals, described as young, male, blacks, ordering a Lyft. The driver gets there, they get into the vehicle and then they ask the driver to change the drop off location, and in some instances the driver hands these people the phone and they run out of the car. In other instances when the driver refuses, they snatch the phone out of the driver's hand and then run, or they use force to remove the phone and then run away. We've had nine incidences in the 106, but it's a citywide pattern. They've been hitting all across Queens and Brooklyn. They have some suspects identified and I would suspect that the Grand Larceny Unit that has the case will be effecting arrests shortly.

The Committee Chair thanked the Captain.

Another board member greeted the Captain informing him that he lives near 113 & 111 where the shooting happened and is very concerned. He asked whether this was a random shooting or if it involved individuals that knew each other.



The Captain replied, no that was a robbery. As I said, this individual was responsible for four incidences across Queens and the last one he did was ours in the 106, and he was apprehended for that. So that pattern should exist no more because he's been apprehended and arrested and he's currently remanded because oddly enough he's on parole for robbery. He was violated by his parole officer, and we shouldn't see him for a while.

The Board member stated, great job, thank you so much, you put me at ease now.

The Chair asked if there were any other questions, there were none.

The Chair thanked the Captain.

The Chair then continued with representatives from the elected officials.

Jason Greenberg, from AM Pheffer-Amato's office, reported the AM has been up in Albany. He commented on the redistricting indicating those will take effect next year. The budget season is coming up, so if anyone has ideas for the budget send them to their office. In partnership with Jamaica Bay Rockaway Park Conservancy, they're happy to sponsor a wetlands cleanup this Sunday from 9 – 11 a.m. To get involved and sign-up email: [info@JBRPC.org](mailto:info@JBRPC.org). March is Women's History Month, and they are seeking nominations for women of distinction in AD23. They'll be rolling out the process on Facebook & Twitter shortly. He indicated he's happy to answer any questions.

The Chair thanked him.

Vjola Isufaj, from AM Rajkumar's office, was no longer in attendance.

Linda Fogal, from CM Ariola's office, greeted everyone. She asked that anybody who wants to be added to their email list call the office: 718-738-1083. You'll be added to the list, so you'll get updates about what's going on in the district and you'll know what's going on in the community.

The Chair thanked her.

Dan Brown, from the office of District Attorney, Melinda Katz, greeted everyone and thanked the Chair. He reported the DA held her Lunar New Year online celebration this evening. On 02/16 she is going to be hosting her Black History Month event. That's an in-person event that's going to be taking place at the Black Spectrum Theater in Queens. Anybody interested in registering for that event go to: [QueensDA.org](http://QueensDA.org). It's a free event, there's going to be a speaker and entertainment and there will be some honorees as well. He indicated his contact information is in the Chat if anybody wants to email or call him for anything. Also, if you want to sign up for the Queens DA's email blast, newsletters, bulletins, etc. contact him and he'll make sure that you get on the list.

The Chair thanked him.

The Chair asked if there were any other representatives from elected officials or agency representatives present. There were none.

#### **OLD BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS** – The Chair stated a supply of KN95 masks has been received at the Board. We have been distributing them to community groups to distribute. We'd be happy to supply them to any of our community groups that request them. We have a limited supply. We're told we will be getting another supply in a few weeks, so we'll keep giving them out as long as we have them. If anybody is interested, give the office a call.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else with new business.

A board member commented on the postal mail service noting it has been terrible the past couple of days. The Chair agreed and indicated a lot of it has to do with temporary workers.



**PUBLIC FORUM** – the Chair indicated there was one request to speak at public forum from Raida Hossain.

Ms. Hossain thanked the Chair and introduced herself as the Queens Community & Government Affairs Liaison for LiveOnNY. She said she would speak about and explain what LiveOnNY does.

The organization cares for New Yorkers through organ, eye, and tissue donation. We work with multiple groups including local transplant centers and hospitals, the families of the donors who gave the gift of life, and go into the community to educate others about the necessity of donation and to advocate on behalf of those that are on the organ transplant waiting list. You may have heard of us recently on the news through the passing of Officer Wilbert Mora. His family authorized donation and our organization was involved with that process. Officer Mora through his death he was able to donate five organs and save the lives of five people. So, we honor his sacrifice and his generous gift of life and we mourn with his family and the family of Officer Rivera as well. In NY only 43% of New Yorkers are registered organ & tissues donors, and as a result there is a shortage of organs and there is a long waitlist and tragically on average a New Yorker dies every day waiting for an organ. There are more than 9,000 people in NYS who need an organ and of those 8,000 are in our service area of metropolitan NY. One organ donor can save up to eight lives through the donation of a lifesaving organ and enhance 75 lives through tissue donation. Once a person is placed on national transplant waiting list after having been referred by a doctor and then evaluated by the transplant center, they are placed on the list where the only factors affecting their rank are geographic proximity as well as compatibility with body mass and blood type. Factors like race, gender, income, religion, social status, celebrity are never used to decide someone's rank upon the list. A person can become an organ donor through either registry or having an authorized family member make that decision for them. There are multiple myths concerning organ donation, they're not true. The doctor won't let you die if you sign off as an organ donor. You're still able to have a funeral. You're never too old to sign up for organ donation and many major religions do celebrate organ donation as a final act of generosity. Thank for hearing me out today and to explain what we do. Please let me know if you have any questions about anything relating to the process.

The Chair asked if anybody had any questions. The Chair indicated we'd be happy to disseminate any flyers or information, just e-mail it to the office and we'll get it out either on our Facebook page or to the members in the organizations.

Ms. Hossain indicated she would put her e-mail in the Chat.

The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public on the telephone line who would like to speak, hearing no one.

The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public on the video who would like to speak, hearing/seeing no one.

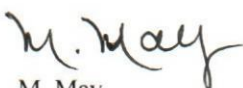
The Chair stated, for anyone watching the live stream on YouTube the record of this meeting will be kept open until the close of business on Monday for any comment anyone would like to make in regard to the Statement of Needs, which was the topic of the public hearing earlier in the meeting.

The record of this meeting will remain open until the close of business tomorrow for anyone who has a comment or question in regard to anything else, besides the SON. You can email us and we will be happy to include it in the record.

The Chair indicated we will be on Zoom again for our March meeting, and the Transportation Committee and Highway, Roads & Traffic Committee meeting will also be on Zoom.

The Chairperson extended thanks and wished all a Happy Valentine's Day and adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



M. May

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