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## COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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### REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2022

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

B. Braton, F. Dardani, L. Amorim, J. Caruso, E. Fraylon, B. Ramsundar, N. Bissoon, R. Gendron, P. Kishun, P. Granickas, J. Fazio, J. Calcagnile, A. Maharaj, S. Mohammed, R. Graziano, R. Martinez, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Cosentino, A. Nocerino, N. Santiago, E. Cheng, D. Mitchell, E. Holland, I. Van Putten, L. Walker, J. Quijano, A. Hill, S. Uddin, I. Dimoh, A. Deebrab

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

M. Adams, M. Amin, P. Baumann, M. Cherenfant, J. Coulverson, Dhanpat, B. Escobar, A. Garcia, A. Gellineau, R. Hitlall, M. Logan, F. Mohamed, R. Narine, S. Pace, A. Rajnauth, G. Russo, V. Singh, J. Stahl, M. Vecchio

#### **COMMUNITY BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

K. Petersen D.M.; M. May

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Hon. J. Addabbo; Hon. J. Rajkumar; Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; J. Greenberg, rep., Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; G. Slade, rep., Hon. S. Pheffer Amato; William Bao, rep., Hon. K. Anderson; V. Isfual, Rep., Hon. J. Rajkumar; L. Fogal, rep., Hon. J. Ariola; T. Hankerson, rep., Hon. A. Adams; D. Brown, QDA's Office; S. Bajaracharya Shakya, QDCP; S. Olosunde, QBPO Office of Planning; AC K. Williams, CO PBQS NYPD; Capt. J. Bacchi, CO 106 Precinct; P.O. T. Ferguson-Smith, 106 Pct.; Supt. S. Caruso, DSNY Bureau of Community Affairs; A. Espinosa, Urban Cartographics; B. Rose, rep., Law Office of Jay Goldstein; E. Foladare, rep., Eric Palatnik PC; D. Tanis, Resorts World

Prior to formally beginning the Board meeting the Chairperson introduced Board members present who were appointed in April who most Board members had not met "in person" until this meeting.

The Chairperson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM

The Chair asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of Board Member Angie Antonino who passed away last week and in memory of Board Member John Fazio's wife, Adrienne who passed away since our last meeting.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing regarding the FY 2024 Capital and Expense Budget and explained the purpose for the hearing. The Chairperson asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Hearing none, the hearing regarding the Capital and Expense Budget was closed.

E. Cheng, I. Van Putten, E. Holland, D. Mitchell, J. Quijano and A. Hill arrived at this point of the meeting.

The Chairperson then opened the Public Hearing regarding BSA Application #2019-58-BZII, an application for an Extension of Term of a previously approved Special Permit (§73-244) permitting the operation of an Eating and Drinking Establishment with entertainment and a capacity of more than 200 persons, in an R4/C2-2 zoning district for premises located at 133-35 79 Street, Howard Beach, 11414. Bonnie Rose presented for the applicant and informed



all that the establishment, known as Chuck E. Cheese, has filed for an extension of the previously granted term. The business was delayed in opening due to COVID but finally opened in January 2022, which was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the previously granted 3-year term. Chuck E. Cheese is in a R4/C2-2 zoning district in a shopping center located in Lindenwood and provides entertainment for children aged 12 and under. They are not proposing changes to the previously approved variance. They are requesting an extension of term for another 3 years. There were no comments or questions from the public.

S. Uddin arrived at this point of the meeting.

The Land Use Committee Chairperson informed all that the Land Use Committee met on 9/22/22 and reviewed the application. The Land Use Committee voted to recommend the full Board approve. J. Calcagnile made a motion to approve the extension of term. J. Fazio seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. All were in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining. The motion carried.

The Chairperson then introduced Assembly Member Stacey Pheffer Amato. The Assembly Member wished everyone a good evening and stated that she came to see everyone live in person and that it was good to see everyone again. She thanked the Board Members for their service and added her view that we will get much more work accomplished face to face. She stated that she had written a letter to the Police Commissioner requesting that additional police officers be added to the precincts in her district. She continued that we are down in cops in addition to crossing guards. She announced that she had also written a formal request that Con-Ed rate increases not be approved. She encouraged everyone to call her office to see if they qualify for some assistance through different state programs and added that she hopes that we all get through this season and for everyone to stay safe.

The Chairperson then opened the Public Hearing regarding BSA Application #2021-71-BZ, a variance application under Zoning Resolution Section 72-21, for premises located at 105-31 76 Street, Ozone Park 11417 to permit the development of a three-story house of worship in an R4A zoning district, contrary to ZR Sections 24-11, 24-51, 24-35, 25-31, 25-33, & 24-34. Elyse Foladare presented for the applicant and informed all that the applicant is requesting a variance for the property located at 105-31 76 Street which is a mosque in the making. She explained that currently worshippers are praying in a 1,068 sq. foot mosque that is not large enough to accommodate the existing number of worshippers. She went on to explain that the applicant is requesting the minimum variance necessary to accomplish a new building sufficient in size to accommodate the congregation. She explained the sections in the Zoning Resolution relating to FAR, lot coverage, and height that they are seeking the variance for. Ms. Foladare informed all that the FAR they are seeking is 2.32 where 2.0 is permissible as of right, 67% is the allowable as of right lot coverage and they are seeking 77%, and they are seeking 2.5 feet higher than what is permissible as of right. They are also seeking smaller setbacks than required and no parking requirement.

Dr. H. Rahman spoke about the proposed site and explained the congregation's history and the current need for a new building to better serve it. He stated that the location that they are currently using to worship is a private residence that opened for people to pray inside but it can only accommodate 100 worshippers safely. It is not handicapped accessible and there are no spaces for women. Both accessibility and space for women are needed. He continued that there is a vibrant, growing Muslim community that has been growing rapidly over the last few years. The variance request is to allow the worshippers to pray indoors.

The Chairperson informed the Board members that it is very rare on zoning applications that we get any written comments for or against. She explained that the Board received 44 signed written communications with names and addresses listed, prior to the Land Use Committee meeting, from people in support of this mosque project. There were 6 that were duplicates and 38 from property owners in immediate or proximity to the site. The Chairperson read the list of the 38 addresses from the written communications received and stated the property owners' names associated with each address read aloud was the same as the name signed and would be entered into the Public Hearing record as being in support.

1237	Glenmore Ave	Mohammed Morshed	10711	76	St	Balal Fakhrol
10501	75 St	Rowshan Begum	10508	77	St	Samir Uddin
10719	75 St	Hanif Uddin	10512	77	St	Giash Uddin
10721	75 St	Mohammed Islam	10526	77	St	Shofiqul Alam
10612	76 St	Shomos Uddin	10528	77	St	Atiqul Alam
10616	76 St	Nural Khan	10540	77	St	Nasima Siddiqua



10730	77	St	Samad Uddin	9737	76	St	Ahmed Husain
10524	78	St	Mohammed Hussain	9744	76	St	Azir Uddin
10728	78	St	Mohammed Zamar	10117	77	St	Mohammed Rahman
10618	79	St	Nizamir Rahman	10114	78	St	Raisul Hasan
10632	79	St	Abdul Gioffar	9716	80	St	Ahasan Ulluh
7608	Glenmore Ave		Humayun Kabir	9730	80	St	Abul Hassan Bhuiyan
7611	Glenmore Ave		Abul Hassan Nasher	9716	84	St	Sojib Talukder
7614	Glenmore Ave		Eug Persaud	9730	84	St	Idris Alam
7707	Glenmore Ave		Taufiqur Ashrafy	13220	86	St	Mohammed Afgani
7709	Glenmore Ave		Rabia Ahad	15626	95	St	Abul Hassan Bhuiyan
7611	Old South Rd		Mohammed Hoque	7514	97	Ave	Soyful Alam
9515	76	St	Foysol Ahmed	7518	97	Ave	Mohammed Islam
9529	76	St	Mohammed Hossain	8621	103	Ave	Mahmud Lasker

The Chairperson asked if there were any other members of the public that wished to speak. Hearing none. The Public Hearing was closed.

The Land Use Chairperson informed all that the mosque building committee, present at this meeting, and the attorney for the mosque project had been in discussion with him for over 1 year and that the original submissions were bigger but that they were able to work it out with the issues at hand in this application to come up with a building design that will work for both the mosque and the community. The Land Use Committee met on 9/22/22 to review and discuss the final application. The Land Use Committee's recommendation to the full Board is to approve. J. Calcagnile made the motion to approve as described in the presentation. All Board members had a copy of the presentation sent to them prior to tonight's meeting. P. Granickas seconded the motion.

The Chairperson asked if there was any discussion on the motion. A. Nocerino spoke on an issue related to a religious practice brought up to the Board Chairperson by Sam Esposito in a telephone call earlier today in which he requested that the Board impose a restriction regarding "calls to prayer." The Board Chairperson explained that the action before the Board relates to a building, not religious practices. T. Cosentino asked a question relating to a term for the variance. The Land Use Chairperson responded that the action before us relates to a variance request concerning the building. He explained that the difference between this action and the one earlier this evening which involved a term was that it was the use that was at issue in it and in this action the issues relate to building matters. The use as a religious institution is as of right. The zoning matters at hand relate to the size, height, and lot coverage issues as presented. A. Maharaj asked a question relating to DOB and building permits. The Land Use Chairperson explained that no building permits will be involved until after the Board of Standards and Appeals acts on this application. If approved by it, then at that time the mosque will be able to apply to DOB, get approved plans, and ultimately construct. A. Hill asked a question related to the neighbor letters and the population in the area. The Board Chairperson responded that the existing congregation is local and there are no neighbor concerns that have been expressed to the Board office.

The Chairperson asked if there were any further questions or comments from the Board Members. Hearing none, the Chairperson asked again if there were any questions or comments from the public. Hearing none, the Chairperson restated the motion on the floor is a motion to approve. All were in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining. The motion carried.

The Chairperson then introduced Senator Addabbo who welcomed everyone back to in person meetings. He thanked the Chairperson for allowing him to speak. He thanked CB 10 for all they do, and he thanked the Police and the Sanitation Department as well. He spoke about ATV's that were terrorizing the community and how the Police and Sanitation Department along with other agencies got together to seize vehicles and make arrests. He also spoke of the upcoming legislative session in Albany and how he and Assembly Member Pheffer Amato are working on the Cross Bay toll. He added that he and AM Pheffer Amato put \$15 million dollars in the state budget to make sure that the toll is free for Queens residents so that everyone can enjoy the beaches and restaurants in Rockaway, and they hope the issue will be addressed soon. He also spoke about the law that states nitrous oxide cartridges may not be sold to minors and how a store upstate misinterpreted this law and would not sell a can of whipped cream to anyone under age 21 since nitrous oxide cartridges are used in those canisters. He reiterated that anyone may buy whipped cream. It is the cartridge that may not be sold to a minor. He continued that if a nitrous oxide cartridge is accessed by a minor and inhaled, it gives them a quick high and can cause brain damage. The law is that you can't sell the nitrous oxide



canister to a minor. Sen. Addabbo announced his upcoming events. He thanked everyone again and wished everyone a great night.

The meeting continued with the regular order of business. The Chairperson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the September 2022 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes are approved.

The Chairperson invited a representative from DSNY to speak. Steven Caruso introduced himself as the Citywide DSNY Community Affairs Officer and reminded everyone that curbside composting started on Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup> and that all residents will receive curbside composting. He stated that residents can order composting bins online or they can call 311 and that DSNY is still sending them out. He continued that residents can also use paper bags or receptacles with decals on them indicating that it is compost. He stated that they are happy to be rolling out in Queens. He announced that he also brought with him information about the program as well as leaf bags.

The Chairperson next introduced Captain Bacchi, Commanding Officer of the 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct. Captain Bacchi spoke about current crime in the 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct. At this point crime is up 26% over last year but for the past 1 ½ months there has been a decrease in crime. He stated that what is driving crime currently is grand larcenies. He informed all that unattended property is the biggest contributor to grand larceny crime in the precinct. He reminded everyone not to leave valuables in their car such as wallets, credit cards and cash. He continued that recently there was an individual who left \$24,000 in cash in his unlocked vehicle with the windows open. He stated that people need to protect themselves by not leaving any valuables in vehicles. Theft from vehicles is a crime of opportunity. He spoke of the issue with individuals "handle surfing" where car door handles are pulled and if the car is not locked any valuables inside may be stolen. He also reported that the theft of a credit card is considered to be grand larceny and that the police and the community need to work together to prevent crime. He also spoke about identity theft and fraud and reminded everyone to always safeguard personal information and not to give out any personal information out over the phone such as bank log-in information or credit card information and to never give out a username or password. He also spoke about text messages from banking institutions and how individuals have received these messages stating that the bank wants to verify an account through the text message. Once this information is entered, the funds in the account will be gone. Capt. Bacchi continued that we are now approaching the holiday season and that many more people will be shopping. He suggested coordinating with the delivery service and to have packages sent to a workplace or to request a signature to show receipt of delivery since thieves have been known to follow the delivery truck down the block and once the package is delivered to the home, the thief steals the item. He announced that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and that domestic violence affects people of all ages and creeds. If anyone is having any conflicts in a relationship, they should call the Domestic Violence Hotline at 718-845-2227 or 1-800-621-HOPE where help is available to mitigate the conflict before it escalates and leads to violence.

The Chairperson explained to the new Board Members present the purpose of the Good & Welfare cup being passed around.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chair reviewed incoming correspondence for the month of September, which included:

- Letter from DOT in response to request for a speed camera on 117 Street & Linden Blvd. DOT stated that this location should be considered for mobile speed enforcement since it is within ¼ of a mile from a school.
- Letter from DOT regarding the Car Share Program. Transportation Committee will meet to discuss with DOT.

The Chairperson paused reviewing correspondence to introduce Chief Kevin Williams, Commanding Officer of PBQS and invite him to speak. Chief Williams spoke about his experience in the NYPD and what PBQS has been doing since he assumed command 4 months ago. Chief Williams stated that Captain Bacchi and his team are doing a phenomenal job and he thanked him for his hard work. He went on to comment that they are looking to deal with some of the quality of life issues better and have changed the way overnight commercial truck parking is being addressed since it is a problem often complained about all over Queens. He continued that they have been issuing summonses, but truck drivers seem to consider it to be the cost of doing business. He stated that they began an aggressive program in the 105<sup>th</sup>, 103<sup>rd</sup> and 113<sup>th</sup> Precincts, where they ticketed, booted and towed some commercial trucks. They issued 1,200 summonses, 140 trucks were booted, and 100 trucks were towed. He stated that they are looking to bring this aggressive program here to the 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct and that they are looking for a community partner to provide space to do this as the towed trucks must be stored until claimed. He continued that people in Queens want



a better quality of life and that house parties and barbeques can bring violence over the summer. He announced that there was not 1 incident of violence at all 8 commands in PBQS over the summer at such events. He stated that the police try to get a jump on all the problematic locations. He also stated that we had 2 bad weekends with individuals riding ATV's and dirt bikes along Cross Bay Blvd. They worked with Brooklyn South and found that these individuals were coming through the Marine Parkway bridge. They did an aggressive approach on the ATV vehicles and served over 350 ATV's and dirt bikes summonses over the summer. He continued that he believes that the policies put in place will take effect during this year to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in Queens. He added that he is happy to be here and for the work being done in the community. He reminded everyone to say thank you to the men in blue since these men and women are out here every day working hard. He also mentioned that we have had an increase in gun arrests in PBQS and saw a decrease in shooting incidents.

The Chairperson addressed Chief Williams to state that it appears our precinct has not received its fair share of officers available in Queens South and went on to explain why we have that view. She urged the Chief to look at the available manpower and see how to get more equity in assignments of personnel so that our diverse population is better served. The Chairperson thanked Chief Williams for attending and extended him an open invitation to attend future meetings.

The Chairperson continued with reading the correspondence which included:

- An email from DOT regarding approval of a left turn signal at Rockaway Blvd. & 110 Street
- Copy of the transmittal letter for the DSNY Snow Draft Plan and the draft plan.
- A notice from Lucille Songhai from MTA Transit regarding the Queens Bus Network Redesign which provided an update on the process.
- A letter from the Department of Public Service regarding a public hearing for Brooklyn Union Gas and National Grid gas rates
- Hearing Notice from BSA for Chuck E. Cheese application.
- Public Hearing Calendar Notice from Mayor's Office of Contract Services.
- Notice of complete application filed with NYSDEC regarding temporary dewatering as part of VWE Project.
- Four NY Metropolitan Transportation Council Hearing notices.
- Three OMB notices that are not specific to our board area.
- HPD Order to Repair/Vacate notice for 107-57 105 Street
- HPD Order to Repair/Vacate notice for 130-27 118 Street
- 10-day notice work at 104-64 125 Street
- Demolition notice at 129-16 133 Street
- Demolition notice at 126-01 116 Avenue
- All members received directed mail list

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer read the report of expenditures for the month of September 2022.

**DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT:** Shristi Bajaracharya Shakya introduced herself and stated that she is the newly assigned Borough Planner for CB 10. She announced there will be a public information session on forthcoming Citywide Text Amendments on October 17 at 7 pm and that individuals can join on the website, and she will also share the link with CB 10.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:** The District Manager reported notification was received from DOT that they had received a request to study for a left turn signal on Rockaway Blvd. and 110 Street and their engineers have determined that a left turn signal is warranted; the signal timing and signage will be installed shortly.

Notification was also received that National Grid has planned construction work to install a new gas main at the following locations: 109 Ave & the intersection of 127 St., 117 St. bet. 109 & 111 Ave., 111 Ave at the intersection of 117 St, 117 St. bet. 111 Ave & Linden Blvd., 117 St. at the intersection of Linden Blvd., 124 St. bet. 109 Ave & 111 Ave, 124 St at the intersection of 109 Ave, 124 St at the intersection of 111 Ave, Desarc Road bet. Sitka St. & Cross Bay Blvd., Sitka St. bet. Gold Road & Desarc Road, 133 Avenue bet. 88 St & Desarc Road, Desarc Road bet. 133 Ave & Sitka St., Sitka St. bet Desarc Road & Pitkin Ave, 133 Ave bet. Desarc Road & Gold Road. The new gas main will be installed in the street or sidewalk and the excavation required will be backfilled each day. The entire work area will be kept clean and orderly, and attempts will be made to keep noise, dust, and debris to a minimum. All



or part of the gas service may have to be replaced. To complete this work, National Grid may need to gain access to the homes at the point 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. All street and sidewalk surfaces affected by the construction will be repaved to ensure a smooth surface. Temporary asphalt pavement will be used until all National Grid work is complete and permanent restoration can be performed.

The Chair stated that all those locations have been posted on our CB 10 Facebook page.

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

The presentations from this evening were included in the Board folders

Information on the DSNY garage renovation presented in Sept. was also in the Board folders

The Chairperson also reported the Executive Summary for the draft integrated feasibility report and Tier 1 EIS from the draft NY-NJ Harbor & Tributaries Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study released recently by the US Army Corps of Engineers was included in the folders. The Chairperson commented that this is a huge project and is referred to as HATS for short. We will be hearing a lot about it in the coming months. She reminded all that we are in a coastal area within a coastal city. The recent Hurricane Ian that hit Florida shows us all the type of damage that we could face in the future. She continued that R. Gendron has taken the lead on the coastal resiliency study, and she thanked him for the work he is doing and has been doing on this. The Chairperson deferred to him to continue the report on the HATS draft.

R. Gendron stated that a few weeks ago, the Army Corps released a report with a \$52 Billion dollar plan to protect multiple areas in the region from coastal storm flooding. They propose 12 storm surge gates, and it includes Shellbank Basin and Hawtree Basin located in CB10 in the plan. He continued that Old Howard Beach east had 1 gated passage in Shellbank Basin proposed that was 60 ft. wide that can be tied into the Spring Creek project. The second gate would be on Hawtree Basin. This is something that our community fought for. If constructed, they would offer protection for most of the CB10 flood prone area. The Army Corps is soliciting feedback until January 22. A final decision on a plan will be made by 2025 and construction will start in 2030 so people down the line will see the protection. He stated that in 2019 three community wide meetings were held with the Hamilton Beach Civic to inform the residents of Howard Beach and Hamilton Beach on the flooding issues and that he will be setting up an additional meeting in mid-November. He will release a letter to the Army Corps that he will ask everyone to sign on. This letter will not just be for those living in Howard Beach. This affects everyone because it is apparent future storms will impact more and more areas and we need a strong voice. He continued that Congressman Jeffries understood this and was able to get money allocated in the budget this year to advance making the area along the Jamaica Bay coast more resilient. R. Gendron gave some background reporting that a project like this project was proposed in the 1960's for flood protection for Jamaica Bay but the money was never appropriated.

J. Fazio stated that he was born here and has seen many storms, but Sandy was the worst and more damaging storms could happen in the future. He continued that people must realize that if this project is done, future property values will go up and flood insurance premiums should go down as they are risk based. He voiced the opinion that everyone should be strongly for this; it would be foolish not to be.

The Chairperson provided some further background with comments regarding a trip to CT to see an existing storm gate that protected Stamford from Sandy's impacts to visualize how similar gates could work here. Sen. Addabbo, AM Pheffer Amato, CB10, and the BP's office participated in that effort. R. Gendron continued with more information on the issue of storm protection.

The Chairperson continued the Chairperson's report. She informed members of the changes to the work plan for replacing the 133 Ave. bridge across the VWE described in the presentation included in the folders. She stated that NYSDOT came to us with a proposal that if they closed the bridge entirely, they could finish the work by Thanksgiving. We discussed the proposal with them, and it was also discussed at the SOPCAW Civic Meeting, and it made sense to get the work done earlier and more safely.



The Chairperson also shared comments sent to us by NYC Emergency Management regarding donations after disasters.

The Chairperson reported that the Capital and Expense Budget priorities will be discussed and voted on next month and that we are in the process of preparing the District Needs Statement and asked that any Board Committee Chairs or members had any issues they would like addressed in any of the Needs Statement narratives to let her know.

The meeting continued with Committee Reports.

**AIR POLLUTION:** The Committee Chair stated that considering that we live near the two largest airports in the country that we are not doing bad. A member commented about noise meter reports.

**BUDGET:** The Committee Chair read from the 2022-2023 NY State Budget Highlights report sent out by an elected official.

The Chairperson paused Committee reports and invited Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar who had just arrived to speak. Assembly Member Rajkumar said that she was happy to attend tonight's meeting and that we are all mourning the loss of the EMS worker Allison Russo. She stated that we have a public safety problem and that the number one concern for all her constituents seems to be public safety. She is advocating for more police officers and resources for the 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct and she is talking to the Mayor about the crime situation. She continued that Chief Philip Banks came to south Queens and heard the issues we are facing. Hate crimes have been on the rise against the Asian community and she has been working to address these issues in the community. She continued that we need to coordinate mental health services in the community and that she brought the Community Workplace and Economic Development here and walked the streets with them to get the attention and resources we deserve. She announced that the Crime Victims Bill was signed into law by the Governor so victims will have extra resources to get up on their feet quickly. She also announced she has set up a one stop shop for Veterans to get the benefits they deserve and that she also held a book bag drive that provided book bags and school supplies to over 300 students. She added that her office is continuing to offer free legal services.

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS:** The Committee Chairperson informed that the report is in the folders.

**EDUCATION:** The Committee Chair announced that the Special High School Admission Exam registration opened today and will close on November 4<sup>th</sup>. She provided the online link and announced that the Mayor and the School Chancellor have initiated project PIVOT where \$9 million dollars will go to schools in the city and 13 schools in Queens will benefit from it.

**JFK INTERNATIONAL:** The Committee Chairperson stated that they still need manpower at JFK, and you can go to [jfkjob.com](http://jfkjob.com) to apply.

**LIBRARIES:** The Committee Chairperson announced that the libraries will be closed on Monday October 10<sup>th</sup>. The library will be open 24/7 online for digital media.

**PARKS:** The Committee Chairperson reported that DPR is continuing work with the tennis and basketball courts at P.O. Byrne Playground and that the project at Al Stabile playground is in the works as well. The Board Chairperson stated that a Parks Committee Meeting has been scheduled.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The Committee Chairperson stated that the report is in the board folders. He also thanked DA Katz for helping to get 62 guns off the street in our community at the Cavalry Church on Rockaway Boulevard where handguns and rifles were surrendered.

The Board Chairperson announced that a Public Safety Committee meeting has been scheduled.

**PERSONNEL:** The Committee Chairperson reported that we are still searching for a replacement for the Community Assistant position at CB 10.



**SANITATION:** The Committee Chairperson announced that there are openings for snow laborers for snow removal and anyone interested can report to the District at 130 Street to register. He also announced that the snow plan is the same as last year's and that they have been recently training DSNY workers on working the snowplows.

**SUMMER YOUTH:** The Board Chair indicated that the report is in the Board folders.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The Board Chair stated that she will be holding a Transportation Committee Meeting in person on October 27 to discuss the DOT pilot Car Share Program. She continued that there are 4 locations proposed. She urged the Transportation Committee members to attend this meeting since there are issues and concerns that DOT needs to hear.

The Board Chair acknowledged various representatives from elected officials.

Jason Greenberg rep. AM Pheffer-Amato stated that it was good to see everyone in person.

The Chairperson stated that William Bao rep. AM Anderson was in attendance earlier but has left the meeting.

Linda Fogal rep. CM Ariola announced that on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> they will be celebrating Italian Heritage Month in Howard Beach on Cross Bay Blvd. bet. 158 & 159 Ave. The Howard Beach Columbus Day Foundation will be co-sponsoring this event with CM Ariola. She also announced they will be holding a food drive at 93-06 101 Avenue for Thanksgiving on Tuesday, October 15 and they ask for non-perishable items to be donated. She also announced that the Councilmember will participate with the HBLW Civic to sponsor an event honoring the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Howard Beach. For any additional information you can call the Councilmember's office at 718-738-1083

Ty Hankerson rep. CM Adams announced that the Councilmember will be hosting 3 events: On October 8 she will hold a fresh produce distribution at Sutter Avenue & 115 Street at the AIMI Center; Participatory Budget will be holding its first session this Saturday at the same event; and her office is monitoring the Van Wyck Expwy project in collaboration with CB 9, 10 and 12 will host a Van Wyck update virtually. For anyone interested in attending this event, they can e-mail the Councilmember's office and we will send them the link.

Dan Brown rep. DA Katz announced that they held a gun buyback with the NYPD at the 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct and he wanted to thank them. It was one of the best events they ever had. He announced that on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> DA Katz is holding a Hispanic Heritage Month event in Jackson Heights and anyone interesting in attending can go to queensda.org to register for that event

David Tanis introduced himself as the new representative at Resorts World.

The Chairperson reminded Board Members and representatives for elected officials to sign in the attendance book that is at the table up front if they did not do so when they arrived.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**PUBLIC FORUM:** The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public who has a comment or a question. Hearing none the meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



Karyn Petersen  
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