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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

June 1, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

B. Braton, F. Dardani, L. Amorim, J. Caruso, R. Ciulla-Frisone, D. Wesby, A. Gellineau, E. Fraylon, K. Roan, R. Hitlall, K. Ludhiana, G. Singh, J. Fazio, N. Santiago, J. Stahl, F. Mohamed, R. Narine, A. Cosentino, A. Rajnauth, R. Martinez, A. Nocerino, S. Pace, E. Cheng, D. Mitchell, I. Van Putten, N. Latchana, J. Calcagnile, S. Mohammed, J. Quijano, S. Uddin, B. Escobar, R. Ramgopal, P. Nostramo

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: M. Amin, M. Cherenfant, A. Deebrab, G. Russo, M. Vecchio, N. Bissoon, A. Dhanpat, I. Dimoh, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, A. Hill, P. Kishun, B. Lall, A. Maharaj, B. Ramsundar, L. Walker

COMMUNITY BOARD STAFF PRESENT: K. Petersen, D.M.

OTHERS PRESENT:

R. Graziano rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; M. Benjamin rep., Hon. R. Persaud; V. Isufaj rep., Hon. J. Rajkumar; L. Fogal, rep., Hon. J. Ariola; Capt. J. Bacchi, CO 106 Precinct; S. Bajracharya Shakya, Borough Planner, QDCP; Jasmine Tapali, DCP Program Manager; K. Walunas, USPS; D. Tanis, rep., Resorts World Casino

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed the new Board Members to the June meeting, their first live meeting. She also gave an explanation for them of the voluntary good and welfare cup.

S. Pace arrived at 7:04 pm.

The Chair then opened the Public Hearing and introduced Shristi Bajracharya Shakya, Borough Planner, Queens NYC Dept. of City Planning and Jasmine Tapali Senior Program Manager who will present the first of what will be three zoning text amendments as part of the City of Yes initiative: Citywide Text Amendment ULURP # N230113ZRY – City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality (COYCN). The other two text amendments are not yet out for review and will come before the Board at a later date.

E. Cheng arrived at 7:05 pm.

Shristi Bajracharya Shakya introduced herself and Jasmine Tapali, who was here with her to help answer any questions regarding the text amendment. She stated that the city is presenting an opportunity to update the zoning regulation through the City of Yes carbon neutrality text amendment. She continued that we are in a climate emergency caused by greenhouse gas emissions and that carbon dioxide (CO2) is the primary greenhouse gas (GHG) emitted through human activities and that CO2 is largely produced through the burning of fossil fuels. She went on to explain that the City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality, if passed means as a city we will reduce our energy needs and over time will retrofit our buildings to be efficient. The presenters went on to give a summary of the proposal that encompasses 17 points relating to energy, buildings, transportation, and wastewater.

In regard to energy: 1. Rooftop solar: removing zoning impediments; 2. Solar parking canopies: remove zoning impediments to allow; 3. Solar: ensure standalone generation is allowed; 4. On-shore wind: add a new tool for the CPC to consider future applications; 5. Energy storage (ESS): add new rules to allow grid- supporting ESS in a wide range of zoning districts.

In regard to buildings: 6. Electrification retrofits: expand rooftop and yard allowances to accommodate increased need for outdoor electrified equipment like heat pumps; 7. Building exterior retrofits: fix rules to ensure that the widest range of exterior retrofits are allowed; 8. Fix Zone Green: update and improve this floor area exemption to ensure it continues to promote better- than-code performance.

In regard to transportation: 9. Vehicle charging: expand allowance to all commercial districts; 10. Charge-sharing: allow a percentage of residential spaces to be shared with the public; 11. Parking flex: streamline car-sharing, car rental, and commercial parking rules; 12. Automated parking: expand rules to encourage more automated facilities; 13. Bike parking: add rules for storage and charging.

In regard to wastewater: 14. Porous paving: clarify language to ensure permeable paving is allowed; 15. Street Trees: update rules to accommodate new raingarden prototypes; 16. Organics: add new use regulations clarifying when composting and recycling are allowed; 17. Rooftop greenhouses: simplify the process to allow them as-of-right.

I. Van Putten and D. Mitchell arrived at 7:08 pm.

N. Latchana arrived at 7:09 pm.

J. Calcagnile arrived at 7:12 pm.

The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. Hearing none.

The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board Members.

A statement was made by a Board Member that this all sounds good, but he inquired as to where we will get the electricity, how will we make it and where will we store it? The response given was that this is just a plan for the next 5 to 30 years to work on initiatives to make the city greener. The presenter continued that there still needs to be a lot of help with energy production and energy storage.

A question was raised by a Board Member about if they were aware of any health issues with solar panels. The response given was that the FDNY has review of solar panels and that they need to meet the requirements before they go up.

The Board Member asked if the FDNY was in charge of health issues? The response given was that the solar panel needs to meet the factory requirements and certain regulations to go up.

The Board Member asked if there was any oversight health wise regarding radiation since we have all been warned to stay out of the sun. The response given was that they will bring that inquiry back and follow up with the Board.

A question was raised by a Board Member as to who are some of the other partnering agencies and since they have to have 51 Council votes, do they foresee any roadblocks? The response given was that the Mayor's Office of Climate and Environmental Justice have partnered with DCP and DCP has also partnered with DOB, DEP on the raingarden portion, and with HPD, and SCA. They added that they had a lot of conversations with city agencies and that the City Council is supportive of this proposal.

A question was raised by a Board Member if there are going to be initiatives from this program for homeowners and who will pay for all this converting? The response given was there are a lot of Federal Programs and that the state and city will have to set up programs.

A statement was made by a Board Member about how lithium-ion batteries have a certain amount of life but that after they are done, you can't recycle them, and they are going into garbage dumps. He continued that we are decreasing the carbon footprint but also increasing the carbon footprint at the same time. The response given was that FDNY has a protocol on how to dispose of these types of batteries, but they will bring back that concern to the FDNY.

A question was raised by a Board Member about retrofitting and how long it will take to take out fossil systems and put in electric systems? The response given was as part of LL97 that was passed a few years ago, buildings over 25,000 square ft. need to become more energy efficient and have to meet certain requirements by next year then again by 2030.

The Chair suggested that the Board Members think of any further questions they have, since this topic will be on the agenda for the Borough Board Meeting, and that she will be happy to ask any of their questions at that meeting on Monday.

The Chair stated that she will now turn the meeting over to the Land Use Chair, since the Land Use Committee recently met on this topic.

The Land Use Chair stated that his committee met and saw the same presentation and they were able to obtain a lot of information from Shristi from City Planning. He continued that they zeroed in on the impact zoning changes and text amendments would have on 1 to 3 family buildings that need to be retrofitted. He stated that LL97 will be a major impact on larger buildings 25,000 square ft. or more however, the biggest issue that would impact us would be the solar panels and installation and if there are going to be incentives to offer some funding to help get this moving. He continued that it is now mandatory on an architect's plans, to show a certain amount of kilowatts on your roof and they are forcing building owners to put solar panels on roofs. In one sense this may be a good thing, but the homeowner may not have it in his budget since solar panels cost about \$30,000 so it does affect in that respect. He added that we are looking for the City to give property owners tax incentives. He continued that the other issue is with vehicles. We have a lot of C1, C2 and C3 zoning in our district and in the presentation, they spoke about change to public EV charging stations. He stated that we have C1 on retail corridors, and there is no current requirement. We question if gas stations will be mandated to put in charging stations for electric vehicles or will the city say they will be placed at certain locations or will it be up to the property owners to make it available to the public. It will impact bigger development for now. We don't have the infrastructure – that is what needs a lot of development, and we have to get our zoning resolution prepared for everything coming down. He stated that this needs to be looked at for incentives, but we were all in favor of it.

The response given regarding EV charging was that this will probably not require technology to be installed. If the building owner wants to install it and people living in the building are not using it, he can open it up to the public but that this would be only on the inside of the building, not external.

The Committee Chair inquired as to when they will be doing a large-scale installation for the public. The response given was this is opening up an opportunity for external capacity for a gas station.

The Chair states that conceptually, the Committee is in agreement with the text amendment as it is setting the stage to where we are going in the future, and it also sets the stage for future discussion. The Land Use Chairperson continued that the Committee's resolution was to approve with a caveat that further questions get answered. The Board Chairperson reiterated that the Committee's resolution was to approve with the understanding to get further questions answered.

The Committee Chair, J. Calcagnile made the motion.
The motion was seconded by T. Cosentino

The Chair asked if there was any additional discussion.
All in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
The motion carries.

The Chair stated that there was a second item on the agenda this evening, and introduced Kristen Walunas, from the United States Postal Inspection Service and invited her to speak about postal crime.

Kristen Walunas introduced herself and stated that the Postal Inspection Service is a law enforcement agency with Federal agents who safeguard their employees, customers, and letter carriers. Their teams investigate types of crimes such as mail theft from the letter carrier or the postal truck or narcotics sent in the mail. She stated that she has flyers and brochures up front and that more information about the Postal Inspection Service can also be found on their website at USPS.gov. She continued that if you are a victim of a crime related to mail, to report it to them and they will investigate. She added that you should also report this crime to your local precinct and that they work with the Precinct's Grand Larceny Team to investigate these types of crimes. She recommends to always bring your mail inside the Post Office facility to mail it out and to always collect mail from inside your mailbox as quick as you can. She

added that many times in an apartment building residents may see mail sitting on the panel box, she advises that if you see this happening, to let the superintendent or the letter carrier know because there may be checks in that mail that can be stolen. She also advised to always check your bank statements and look at checks that were cancelled or cleared from the account and to make sure that they are the right amount and that if it is reported to them in a timely manner that a check has been stolen, that is the best way for them to investigate. She recommends to always check your credit report and make sure that you don't have credit cards that you didn't apply for since sometimes you don't know if you are a victim of a financial crime and advised to always be diligent, be aware and to check your information and if you see something call the NYPD and the bank right away. She also spoke of how people become victims of fraud and how there are scams where an individual gets a phone call that their grandson was arrested overseas and that he needs to be sent money to pay bail, or they receive a call saying there is a problem with their account and that they need to send them money to fix the problem. She continued that sometimes individuals receive a text message from the Post Office about a package and she advised that you should delete those types of messages right away. She stated that many times people give out information that they shouldn't have and added that you can always politely say that you will call the branch at a later date. She continued that people have also met people online and formed a relationship with them and then the individual starts asking them for money, and they become a victim of a financial crime. She stated to please be aware of who you are giving your information to and if something is wrong, to file a police report. She continued that mail theft is a big concern and that they take it very seriously and they are taking steps to enhance security. They want to make sure they keep the public safe, the mail safe and the letter carriers safe.

Postal Inspector Walunas asked if there were any questions and stated that she may not be able to answer certain questions regarding mail service or delivery, but she can get the information for them.

The Chair asked if there were any questions regarding postal crime. Hearing none.

The Chair then introduced Captain Bacchi from the 106 Precinct and invited him to speak.

Captain Bacchi wished everyone a good evening and a happy June. He stated that as the Postal Inspector said, if you are writing checks, to stop since it is the most unsecure method of payment and the information on the check makes fraud easy. He advised that if you must use a check to always mail your checks inside the Post Office facility. He continued that we are trending an 11% decrease in crime for the year however, we continue to increase in Domestic Violence. There has been a 19% increase in domestic felony assaults. He explained that a domestic felony is when someone picks up an object and strikes someone with it or uses strangulation. He stated that the crime prevention aspect must come from you and that help is available and to call the Domestic Violence Officers at 718-845-2227 or the NYC Helpline at 1-800-621-HELP. He advised to seek help to prevent hurting the ones that you love and if you are a victim, to seek help to break the cycle. He continued that we are also up in Grand Larceny of unattended property and that he has provided information that he is asking to be distributed to your friends, families, and organizations. He stated that Grand Larceny comes mostly from automobiles where people are leaving their wallets, phones, and laptops inside them. He continued that these items don't belong in your automobile, and he stated to always close your car windows and lock your doors. He added that he also puts crime prevention material on Twitter to educate people on what's occurring in the community.

Captain Bacchi asked if there were any questions.

A question was raised by a Board Member about if more of the younger people are leaving their car doors open. Captain Bacchi replied that it is across the board. He stated that there was a car driver in Howard Beach who was handle surfing and trying car door handles. On May 23 the same individuals came back to break into the cars again and they apprehended them. He added that he had previously chased one of the individuals from Howard Beach to JFK when they had stolen a vehicle and that they keep coming back because they have success. He warned not to leave property in the car and to always close the car windows and lock the doors.

A question was raised by a Board Member about if the captain could update us on the kayak that went down in Hamilton Beach. Captain Bacchi stated that on Tuesday afternoon, a man was in a kayak in Hamilton Beach when it overturned, and he required assistance. The NYPD aviation was deployed, and they had divers in the water. There were reports that there was a second individual that was with him however the man said he was kayaking alone and then later said that he had his friend swimming alongside him and that the friend didn't make it out of the water. The

NYPD Harbor Unit divers and detectives went back out on the beach to see if they could locate the man, but he was not found.

A Board Member stated that he was the one who called the police for assistance and that he was looking out his window and observed that there was only 1 individual out there when the kayak overturned. He added that the NYPD responded well and that they came in 15 minutes.

The Chair asked if there were any other questions for Captain Bacchi. Hearing none.

The Chairperson resumed the regular order of business and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May 2023 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes will stand.

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

- Mailing received yesterday from DDC Project # SEBLQX01 Replacement of Sanitary Combined Sewer Waterway in various locations in Queens. It was stated the project in CB 10 is on 115 Street bet. 149 & 150 Avenue, So. Ozone Park and that copies of the plans are available in our office in case anyone wants to review them.
- E-mail from the Nigerian Muslim Association / Masjid Ibaadurahman regarding property that they own at 135-58 Centreville Street, Ozone Park introducing themselves and their plans that are in the process to erect a community center on the property along with an adult and children's day care and masjid.
- Notice from OMB regarding an amended design for upgrading NYPD locker rooms. It was stated that the 106 Precinct is included in this locker room upgrade.
- DCAS amended certificate to proceed with upgrade for LED lighting. It was stated that the 106 Precinct is included on this list to receive the upgraded lighting.
- Notification from Parks and Recreation Citywide regarding reconstruction of Pavements and Pathways at various parks.
- Notification from OMB regarding FDNY Hurricane Sandy Conduit project for cable system and upgrades.
- DDC/ OMB Notice for the amendment of 150 Street spine services of S/E Queens that comes into our sewage treatment plant.
- Notice from DOT regarding the design, building and installation of pedestrian ramps.
- Notice of increase of appropriation regarding DEP large water meter purchases Citywide
- E-mail from Craig Chin / DOT regarding the installation of an all way stop control at 104 St. & 107 Avenue. It was stated that installation will take place in the next few weeks followed by markings.
- Notification that the Franchises, Concessions and Review Hearing will be held on June 12.
- Draft finding no significant impact of the towing program.
- NYCDEC notice of completion for the application for dewatering.
- Notice of Alteration of a 1-family home at 126-19 152 Avenue.
- Various letters regarding what was transpiring in the city 2 weeks ago with the proposal to shelter migrants in public schools from area residents.
- Copy of June 8 Calendar Public Hearing for Contracts
- E-mail regarding DOT project update Spring 23 regarding VWE Bridges. As of 5/1, 8 of the 10 bridges have all travel lanes and turning lanes open.
- Correspondence regarding 2 lane closures on the South bound Van Wyck Expwy Service Road between Rkwy. Blvd. & Alwick Road.
- Notice form Metropolitan Transportation Council
- Directed Mail list.

It was stated that if there is anything that the Board Members would like to see on the directed mail list, to let the Chair know.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Committee Chair read the report of expenditures for the month of May.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT: Shristi Bajracharya Shakya QDCP announced that the next Citywide Text Amendment will be discussed by DCP on June 13 at 7 pm and that she will send a flyer to the Board Office.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: The District Manager reported that we have received notification that in the coming weeks National Grid has planned construction work to install a new gas main at the following locations: 107 Avenue & Sutter Avenue, 88 Street bet. 133 Avenue & Sutter Avenue, 88 Street bet. 133 Avenue & Pitkin Avenue, 133 Avenue bet. 88 Street & Desarc Road, 133 Avenue bet. Desarc Road & Gold Road, 133 Avenue bet. Gold Road & Sitka Street, 88 Street & Sutter Avenue, 88 Street & 133 Avenue, 133 Avenue & Desarc Road, 87 Street bet. 133 Avenue & 135 Avenue, 86 Street bet. 133 Avenue & 135 Avenue, 85 Street bet. 133 Avenue & 135 Avenue, 85 Street bet. 133 Avenue & Pitkin Avenue, 85 Street bet. Pitkin Avenue & Sutter Avenue, 135 Avenue bet. 85 Street & 86 Street, 135 Avenue bet. 86 Street & 87 Street, 135 Avenue bet. 84 Street & 85 Street, 133 Avenue bet. 85 Street & 86 Street, 133 Avenue bet. 86 Street & 87 Street, 133 Avenue bet. 87 Street & 88 Street, 85 Street & Pitkin Avenue, 85 Street & 133 Avenue, 87 Street & Pitkin Avenue, 85 Street & 135 Avenue, 86 Street & 135 Avenue, 87 Street & 135 Avenue. 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. In order 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.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: The Chairperson reported/commented that information on the following was in members' folder material:

- Explanation Summary of Enforcement revisions regarding the Cannabis law in the 2023 budget bill
 - Notification regarding the rehabilitation of the 130 St. bridge over the Belt Pkwy.
 - Notice regarding the aviation job fair and activities for youth over the summer months
 - Information regarding a resource Fair at Queens Family Court
 - Information about taking action regarding Hurricane season from June 1st to the end of November
 - Notification from Emergency Management regarding window falls
 - Notice of Housing Expo
 - Comments for FAA review of the Noise Policy
- It was stated that comments on the noise policy changes are due by July 31, and this is an ongoing issue that affects everyone in CB 10.

A statement was made by a Board Member that if you look at the statistics, anything over 65 decibels is not allowed. The Chair stated that there is a permanent noise monitor in South Ozone Park on 150th Avenue and another in Howard Beach on 160th Avenue.

- Presentation from Con-Ed about what they are doing.
 - Announcement from Port Authority that they have selected a contractor to build a construction support facility that will perform multiple functions.
- It was stated that it will consolidate concrete production, debris recycling and marine transport of materials. This will decrease trucking activity and decrease emissions dispersal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Chair announced to the new Board Members for them to look at the list of Committees and to think of 2-3 Committees that they would like to serve on and to call our office to let us know which committees they would like to be assigned to serve on.

BUDGET: The Chair stated that the Budget Committee would have met prior to this meeting to work on the internal budget for this year however, our meeting is on June 1st and the City budget doesn't come out until the end of the month. We don't know what the budget will be. She asked for a motion to authorize the District Manager to prepare

the paperwork needed to file with the appropriate people when it is due. She stated that the Budget Committee will meet during the summer to discuss and that nothing in the internal budget is etched in stone. Budget amounts can be moved from one category to another. She asked for a motion to be made. A. Cosentino made the motion; A. Nocerino seconded the motion. All in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. The motion carries.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS: The Chair stated that the Committee Chair's report was in the folders.

GATEWAY: The Committee Chair announced that there will be a Jamaica Bay Task Force meeting on zoom and to check the internet for more details.

LAND USE: The Committee Chair wished everyone a nice summer and that we will see everyone again in September.

LIBRARIES: The Committee Chair announced that cultural passes are available to those with a library card which will allow you to reserve free passes to free venues throughout NYC. She also announced that there are programs for kids up to teens from Monday to Friday from 1pm to 2pm at the libraries starting on June 29 to August 1, 2023. They offer reading, arts and crafts and fun for toddlers, programs which are provided all summer. She asked that everyone continue to support the libraries and to enjoy the summer and to stay safe.

PARKS: The Committee Chair reported good news for South Ozone Park that P.O. Byrnes Park is finished with the work at the tennis and basketball courts and may open this weekend or next weekend; however, Al Stabile playground is still being done and a lot of the equipment hasn't been installed yet.

The Board Chair added that there have been some social media commentaries on Al Stabile playground and reminded everyone that social media is not always accurate. She stated that the sidewalk was part of the discussion when the scoping took place, and the issue was also part of the discussion at the presentation of the design and as the design moved forward. The sidewalk issue is not under the jurisdiction of the Parks department, it is under the jurisdiction of DOT and that Parks can only renovate what belongs to them.

The Committee Chair added that if the entrance location is moved, the sidewalk will become a trip hazard.

The Chair stated that we will continue to reach out to DOT.

PERSONNEL: The Committee Chair stated that everything is status quo with our personnel.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Committee Chair stated that the crime stats are in the folders. He continued that he has been monitoring the Office of Cannabis Management and they had a round of meetings to discuss recent licensing. He stated that our Board has not received any notices however, one location opened in CB 9 for delivery, not for retail. There are now 5 in Manhattan and 5 Upstate (2 of which are for delivery only not retail stores). They have not approved any more in Queens since the last meeting where they had a total of 36 approved. He also announced that there will be a Build A Block Meeting held at 11 am on June 10 for Sector D at: 119-15 135 Avenue at St. James/ St. Matthews church and that National Night Out Against Crime will be held on August 1 in South Ozone Park at P.O. Edward Byrne Park from 6 to 9 pm.

The Chair announced that if anyone knows of any smoke shops selling other things that they are not allowed to sell, to notify the authorities.

A Board Member commented that at the beginning of the meeting, we always stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and that we did not do that this evening. The Chair apologized and stated that we will stand for the Pledge of Allegiance live at the next meeting in September.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT: The Committee Chair announced that on July 5 the Summer Youth Employment Program begins and there is also a Lifeguard Training Program which includes 40 hours for training, CPR courses and a written test. For more information go to: www.nyc.gov/parks.org. She also announced there is a Youth Community Development internship program on the website and for more information go to: www.nyc.gov/internship

SANITATION: The Committee Chair reminded everyone not to put their garbage out before 8 pm for pick up or you will receive a warning summons.

TRANSPORTATION: The Committee Chair thanked everyone for attending the Transportation Committee meeting and that their attendance is very important. She stated that we will see each other again in September and to stay safe.

The Board Chair acknowledged various representatives from elected officials present.

Raimondo Graziano rep. Sen. Addabbo's office wished everyone a good evening and stated that the Senator sends his regards and that he will be soon coming back from Albany. He continued that there are two pieces of legislation that passed, LL51963 which mandates that Day Cares have evacuation plans and the LL51965 where insurance companies will cover pre-natal vitamins. He announced that there will be two events where the Senator will be partnering with CM Ariola and AM Rajkumar. There will be Con Ed event with CM Ariola on June 9 from 1 pm to 3 pm at her council office at 93-06 101 Avenue where Con-Ed will be present for this event. To register call 718-738-1083. The other event will be a recycling event with AM Rajkumar on July 8 from 10 am to 1 pm. They will be locking in a location. He wished everyone a good summer.

Michael Benjamin rep. Sen. Persaud wished everyone greetings and stated that the Senator is up in Albany. He stated to contact them at their District Office at 718-649-7653 to ask to be put on their weekly e-mail blast. He announced that the Senator will be holding a safe e-waste disposal, an electronics disposal, and a back-to-school event that the community can benefit from. He reminded everyone that under Federal law, you are entitled to get a free credit report from 1 of 3 companies and that is a way of keeping your credit secure. He continued that many people fraudulently transfer deeds and that a true way to protect your credit is to freeze your accounts however, you can be locked out without giving written permission to access your account. He reminded everyone not to give out any personal information since con artists are known to prey on seniors. He wished everyone a safe and wonderful summer.

Viola Isufaj rep. AM Rajkumar introduced herself and wished everyone a happy Memorial Day and thanked all veterans for their service and dedication to our country. She stated that the Assembly member participated in Veterans parades throughout the district, and she sits on the Veterans Committee as well. She continued that she hosted a vigil in Smoky Oval Park on Sunday for the 19 children who lost their lives in a fire in Guyana, and she met with the mayor's senior staff in May to discuss issues in the neighborhood regarding public safety and flagged certain locations of smoke shops that need to be shut down because they were selling illegal substances to minors. She continued that in Albany, there is still one prior bill on stillbirth being discussed and that unfortunately, these women are not qualified for paid time leave and are forced to back to work and that we need to expand on those benefits which would be helpful. She added that this bill has 93 co-sponsors out of 153 legislators. She also stated that their office will be a site for the Summer Youth Employment Program where they will be welcoming youth to get hands on experience on working in an elected official's office and they will have the youth write their own piece of legislature over the summer. She also wished everyone a happy June 1st.

Linda Fogal rep. CM Ariola announced that CM Ariola will be holding the following events: a Con-Ed event on June 9 from 1 to 3 pm at her office; a Flag Day Celebration in Howard Beach on June 10 in the PS 207 schoolyard from 11 am to 6 pm where there will be a children's American Flag scavenger hunt and an adult fitness course from 12 to 1:30 pm; a Glendale/Woodhaven Flag Day celebration at Victory Field on June 10; a Disney singalong on June 13 at PS 146 at 7pm; and a Sounds of Freedom Concert at Tribute Park at 7 pm. She announced that flyers for all these events are available up front. She wished everyone a safe summer and stated that she hopes to see everyone again in September.

David Tanis rep. Resorts World introduced himself and stated there are no upcoming events but that he would like to recognize those who served in the room for Memorial Day. He stated that Resorts World participated in the Big Apple Honor Flight where Veterans go to Washington DC to be honored and that Resorts World was the site for the Veterans to meet to be bused over to the airport for flight to Washington. He stated that they continue to work closely with their community partners, and that he looks forward to seeing everyone in September.

The Chair explained that the Honor Flights allow the Veterans to go to the WWII Memorial and that she wants to thank Resorts World for their local contributions to Veterans as well.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC FORUM:

The Chair asked if there is anyone else from the public who would like to speak.

Odette Wilkins introduced herself and stated that she is the President and General Counsel for Wired Broadband, which is a nonprofit in Forest Hills, Queens and is a technology attorney. She spoke about 5G.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else from the public who wished to speak. Hearing none.

The Chair stated that we will see everyone again in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karyn Petersen".

Karyn Petersen
Draft – Subject to Approval