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### REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2023

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

B. Braton, L. Amorim, N. Bissoon, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, E. Cheng, M. Cherenfant, R. Ciulla-Frisone, F. Dardani, A. Dhanpat, I. Dimoh, J. Fazio, E. Fraylon, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, R. Hitlall, B. Lall, N. Latchana, K. Ludhiana, R. Martinez, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, S. Mohammed, R. Narine, A. Nocerino, P. Nostromo, S. Pace, A. Rajnauth, B. Ramsundar, K. Roan, G. Russo, G. Singh, J. Stahl, S. Uddin, M. Vecchio, L. Walker, D. Wesby

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** M. Amin, A. Cosentino, A. Deebrab, B. Escobar, A. Hill, P. Kishun, A. Maharaj, J. Quijano, R. Ramgopal, N. Santiago, I. Van Putten,

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

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Hon. G. Meeks; Hon. J. Addabbo; Hon. R. Persaud; Hon. K. Anderson; N. Hezekiah, Rep., Hon. G. Meeks; C. Moore, rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; T. Strong rep., Hon. R. Persaud; W. Bao, rep., Hon. K. Anderson; G. Slade rep., Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato, J. Gross rep., Hon. J. Rajkumar; L. Fogal, rep. Hon. J. Ariola; T. Hankerson rep., Hon. A. Adams; D. Brown, Rep., Hon. M. Katz; K. Ellis, DEP; T. Lin, DEP; Capt. J. Bacchi, CO 106 Precinct; M. Stoddart, VP, Resorts World Casino; T. Dale, rep. for applicant BSA Cal. No. 106-76-BZ

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7pm.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing regarding BSA Cal. No. 106-76-BZ 129-01 North Conduit Avenue (Block 11863 Lot 12) amendment and term of a previously approved variance permitting the operation of an automotive service station and introduced Todd Dale to discuss the application.

Todd Dale introduced himself and stated that he appeared before the Land Use Zoning Committee on March 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the application to extend the term for the variance for the service station at this site. He stated they filed a waiver for a late filing. He continued that the location is at North Conduit Avenue between 129<sup>th</sup> and 130<sup>th</sup> Street and it takes up the full block in the front. It has a 200-foot frontage, and the lot is 22,000 square feet with an automotive station and a convenience store with 4 pump islands. It was granted a variance in 1976 and they have been back to BSA to extend the term and include a minor amendment. It has been consistently used as a gas station since 1976 and it was most recently granted a pump upgrade. They are seeking no changes to the current operation. It will have the same operator it currently has, Speedway, where previously it used to be a Hess station. In addition to extending the term, they are seeking the extension of time for the C of O since it was not updated. The former tenant, Hess, was responsible to update the C of O but there was a lapse of the waiver sought. No changes are proposed. There are no violations against the site. The hearing date has not been yet assigned at BSA. He continued that there were three concerns raised by the Land Use Committee. The first concern was about the landscaping and one tree at the site that is not doing well. It was stated that they scheduled the landscaper to review the site at the end of April. The one dead evergreen will be replaced, and he will check the small gap between the building and the fence and will make sure that ground cover is set. The second concern raised was about deliveries. It was stated that they receive deliveries 4 to 5 times per week and the deliveries are made at 10 am or 7 pm outside of rush hour. The site is large and fuel trucks are able to pull into the fuel station without causing a disturbance.



A Board Member began to raise a question about the site and the Chair stated that he would have the opportunity to ask his question in a few minutes after the speaker finishes his presentation and the public has their opportunity to comment.

Todd Dale continued that 10 am and 7 pm are the target times for delivery and that they don't want to disturb the rush hour. He stated that the third concern that was raised was about the lack of a dedicated security staff. There is a shelter in close proximity and the community has expressed concerns about potential loitering and panhandling. They have regular staff members patrol the site by circulating every hour to address any issue with shelter residents potentially panhandling on the property.

The Chair asked if there were any members of the public on zoom or on the phone line with any questions or comments. Hearing none.

The Chair asked if there was anyone on the livestream link with any with any questions or comments for Mr. Dale to reach out to the Community Board 10 office by phone at 718-843-4488 or by e-mail at [qn10@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:qn10@cb.nyc.gov) before the end of business tomorrow and we will be sure to get the answer from him and will enter it into the record.

The Chair then allowed the Board member who had tried to speak earlier the opportunity to ask his question.

The Board member stated that he lives 4-5 blocks away from this service station and that he has observed an issue at this service station and at the BP service station where 2-3 individuals, that he believes may be from the shelter, hold open the door of the service station to allow people to enter and leave however, they are not asking for money. Mr. Dale thanked him for letting him know and that he will make the operator aware of it. He stated that the shelter doesn't have dedicated staff and that their regular staff manages these issues.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else from the Board who had any questions. Hearing none.

The Chair stated that the Committee Chair will now take over the Land Use portion of this discussion.

The Committee Chair thanked Mr. Dale for his response to our questions. He stated that he would like to circle back on the planting on the previous application where the BSA drawings were showing a continuous planting area by the opaque fence that was to serve as a buffer so there would not just be a fence, there would be a fence and shrubbery. Mr. Dale stated that the Committee Chair was right, that they will require it when they go before the BSA to do a two-fold buffer supplemented with greenery. He continued that they would handle the issue with the tree however, the space for a green area is only about 1-2 feet and they need to put something in that will live so they will defer to the landscaper team in April. The Committee Chair asked if there were any questions from the Board or Committee members. Hearing none.

The Chair announced that the Public Hearing was now closed. She stated that we will hold off the Committee recommendation vote for now since we have been joined by Congressman Gregory Meeks.

Congressman Meeks thanked all for the opportunity to speak before this prestigious Community Board which has been dealing with many quality-of-life issues. He stated that there will be an \$18 billion dollar renovation at JFK airport to create three new terminals, terminal 1, 4 and 8. He added that terminal 8 is now completed. He continued that he is looking for the opportunity to benefit the community by helping local people get jobs to work. He stated that he also wants to set up community groups and that he wants to hear what residents want to see around the airport where they live. He continued that there is a lot going on in Washington and that he is the Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee where he goes to places like the Ukraine, Israel, and South America to see what is taking place. He stated that he will be going to Israel and Ghana next week and that he has been to the Ukraine several times and he has also dealt with issues involving China and Taiwan. He stated that he is also on the Financial Services Committee and has been looking into the two major bank failures in New York. He added that the regulators, and the President jumped on this and assures us that our banking system is strong. He continued that they had a hearing with the Chair of FDIC and the Chair of Federal Reserve and asked questions so that we wouldn't get ourselves in this position again. He stated there is also a battle taking place in Washington regarding assault weapons. He continued



that in the recent school shooting in Tennessee, 6 people were shot and 3 of them were 9-year-old children. He stated that he is in favor of banning assault weapons and that he feels that these weapons were made to be used in the military. He continued about the debt ceiling issue that is coming up quickly and how there will be a conversation with the President and Congress about the budget and how to move forward with the future budget. He stated that we have to pay our debts and that we can't allow ourselves to default with our debt. He also spoke about how we are coming out of the greatest pandemic on the planet and how the American Rescue Plan allocated \$1.9 trillion dollars that brought relief. He continued that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allocated \$200 billion dollars that made an impact across the states and cities and that \$200 million was allocated to the New York drinking water system. He stated that IRA is reducing the cost of health care and creating better paying jobs and that he hopes to see the inflation numbers and the interest rates go down. He continued that he is also involved with taking care of our Veterans and that the PACT Act expanded the eligibility of Veterans who were exposed to toxins in the Vietnam war, the Gulf War and 9/11. He added that if anyone has any issues involving social security, the Postal Service, IRS, passport, or immigration to utilize his office since he is here to serve you and to deliver services to you. He thanked everyone for allowing him to give a brief update of what is going on.

The Chair thanked the Congressman for his updates.

The Chair announced that the Committee Chair will resume with the land use issue involving the gas station.

The Committee Chair asked if there were any final questions or comments from the Land Use Committee or the Board. Hearing none.

The Chair announced there was a Committee recommendation to approve the extension of the term of the gas station and convenience store and to respond to BSA with the three conditions involving: 1) the landscaping and looking at the area to be planted that was agreed upon with the previous Boards application north of the property line abutting the fence and residential area. 2) All site lighting is to be oriented towards the site at North Conduit Avenue. 3) The Chair stated that we can't add a condition about the people from the shelter opening doors, but we can word it that the operator and staff will maintain adequate security to prevent panhandling or other quality of life issues on the property by anyone.

The Chair conducted the vote on the Committee recommendation to approve. All were in favor.

The Chair asked if there was anyone opposed. Hearing none

The Chair asked if there were any abstentions. Hearing none.

The motion carried.

The Committee Chair asked Mr. Dale to keep us posted for the hearing date at BSA.

The Chair stated that she wanted to take the opportunity to congratulate the Board members who were reappointed and read their names. The Chair also welcomed the new Board members and read their names. She announced to the new and reappointed Board members that they will be receiving an e-mail from Borough Hall regarding a mandatory training session that will take place at Borough Hall on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

The Chair stated that it is now April, and our by-laws require us to hold our annual election at tonight's Board meeting. She continued that if she holds the election tonight, she has no problem to revisit it at next month's meeting as religious observances caused a change from our usual meeting date which may have impacted attendance. If any Board member wants to revisit the election, we can do so in May.

The Chair asked if there were any nominations for the Executive Board.



J. Fazio nominated the existing slate, Betty Braton for Chairperson, John Calcagnile for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair, Isabel Van Putten for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair, Nellie Santiago for Treasurer and Rosemary Ciulla-Frisone for Executive Secretary.

The Chair asked twice if there were any other nominations for the office of Chairperson. Hearing none.  
The Chair asked twice if there were any other nominations for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair. Hearing none.  
The Chair asked twice if there were any other nominations for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair. Hearing none.  
The Chair asked twice if there were any other nominations for the office of Treasurer. Hearing none.  
The Chair asked twice if there were any other nominations for the office of Executive Secretary. Hearing none.

The Chair stated that hearing no further nomination, the nominations are now closed.

The Chair stated that the Open Meetings Law requires that all votes be recorded therefore she asked if there were any no votes for Betty Braton for the office of Chair. Hearing none.  
The Chair asked if there were any no votes for John Calcagnile for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair. Hearing none.  
The Chair asked if there were any no votes for Isabel Van Putten for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair. Hearing none.  
The Chair asked if there were any no votes for Nellie Santiago for the office of Treasurer. Hearing none.  
The Chair asked if there were any no votes for Rosemary Ciulla-Frisone for the office of Executive Secretary. Hearing none.

The Chair asked if there were any abstentions for Betty Braton for the office of Chair. Hearing none.  
The Chair asked if there were any abstentions for John Calcagnile for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair. Hearing none.  
The Chair asked if there were any abstentions for Isabel Van Putten for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair. Hearing none.  
The Chair asked if there were any abstentions for Nellie Santiago for the office of Treasurer. Hearing none.  
The Chair asked if there were any abstentions for Rosemary Ciulla-Frisone for the office of Executive Secretary. Hearing none.

All will be recorded as in favor and those elected will serve until 3/31/24 in the respective Executive Board positions.

The Chair introduced Senator Addabbo and invited him to speak.

The Senator greeted everyone and thanked CB 10 and the Board Members for all they do. He stated that they are supposed to finalize the budget by April 1<sup>st</sup> but that it is not about a clock, it is about doing it right and that it will be worth the wait. He continued that housing is another issue that they are concerned with and that he feels that the Governor shouldn't dictate zoning since that is the Community Boards' role. He continued that the Governor wants to mandate zoning to increase housing and he stated that he is against it. He stated that locally in the budget, they are planning to close Aqueduct and move the racing to Belmont which would be a three-year project and that there have been many questions about what happens to the Aqueduct property when it closes. He stated that there are 3 Senators who want the entire property to be housing and that he doesn't agree. He will continue to advocate for mixed use, some for housing and some for jobs and economic growth. He added that he is fearful and concerned with the density of housing and that if he can be of any help to anyone to let him know. He continued that his staff member Carl Moore will announce the upcoming events that he will be holding, and he thanked the Chair for the opportunity to speak.

The Chair asked if there were any questions for Sen. Addabbo.

The Land Use Committee Chair stated that he had a question about Aqueduct and that 10-15 years ago, developers of the casino had a master plan for that acreage if they got the license for casino gambling. He asked if they do get the license, are they still contemplating the major planned renovation?

Sen. Addabbo responded yes, they were planning to have a hotel and a convention center, and they even had a plan to provide housing in a section. He continued that as far as becoming a full licensed casino, we should expect to hear something by June or July.

The Chair thanked Sen. Addabbo and wished him a Happy Easter.

The Chair then invited Michelle Stoddart, Vice-President Community Development for Resorts World to speak.



Michelle Stoddart introduced herself and stated that she remembered what was presented 12 years ago and that they are looking to expand on the property and that they hope for success when they put the bid in for the full gaming license. They plan to have more amenities including restaurants and a convention center. She added that the Hyatt hotel that was built has 400 rooms that it is also being used by the JFK flight crews.

The Chair asked if there were any questions for Sen. Addabbo or Ms. Stoddart. Hearing none.

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

- Two letters from DOT received on 3/8 and 3/12 with notification that DOT completed the study for speed reducers on 156<sup>th</sup> Avenue bet. 77<sup>th</sup> Street & Shore Pkwy. It was stated that 156<sup>th</sup> Avenue bet. 80<sup>th</sup> & 81<sup>st</sup> Street meets the criteria for 1 speed reducer and that 81<sup>st</sup> Street & Shore Pkwy. meets the criteria for 2 speed reducers and that the rest of the locations don't meet the criteria. It was stated that 77<sup>th</sup> & 79<sup>th</sup> Street the blocks are too short and at 79<sup>th</sup> & 80<sup>th</sup> Street there is more than 1 moving lane of traffic.
- E-mail correspondence regarding efforts the Police Department are engaging in with driving and traffic in South Queens.
- Request from Rockaway Car Service for a letter of no objection.
- E-mail from MTA regarding test boring work at the Rockaway Blvd. station for a new elevator to be installed. Construction will take place this year. They will deploy on 4/5 & 4/6 across from PC Richards and they will have zero impact and disruption on the businesses.
- OMB notices – 1 regarding Health & Hospitals and another regarding a home at 114-03 128 Street that is being fixed by the Home Fix Program.
- Notice of electrical work being done by DEP in Westchester.
- Notice from the Dept. of Public Service regarding Con Ed electric and natural gas delivery.
- Notice regarding broadband activity. It was stated that this full notice can be provided to any Board members upon request.
- Four waiver notifications from the Parks Dept. regarding pesticides that they use.
- Notification from DDC regarding the completion of one sidewalks and pedestrian ramps project within CB10. The Chair reported other such projects in other parts of the district continue.
- Notice from Crown Castle regarding a utility job they are beginning on 4/7 at 164 Avenue & 85<sup>th</sup> Street. Working hours will be determined by the DOT permit office and the work should be completed in 4 weeks. The work entails installing a fiber optic conduit in the street. It was stated that this notice was the same as the 3/16 notice that had a start date of 3/23
- Demolition notice: 127-15 Sutter Avenue
- Public Notice from NYMTC
- Calendar for Contracts Public Hearing on 4/11 relating to a purchase order contract between DOT and their supplier for two 20-ton portable air conditioning units for the DOT utility facility that we assume is on Pitkin Avenue
- Copy of resignation letter from Raimondo Graziano to the Borough President.
- Copies of letters that we sent out to Sen. Gillibrand and Sen. Schumer in support of equipment Jamaica Hospital is seeking funding for.
- Our Response to the City Statement of Needs.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Chair read the report of expenditures for the month of March.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:** The District Manager reported that notification was received that in the coming weeks National Grid has planned construction work to install a new gas main at the following locations: 96 Street bet. 103 Ave & Liberty Ave., Liberty Ave. bet. 96 Street & Rkwy Blvd., 122 Place bet. 150 Ave & North Conduit Ave., 150 Ave. bet. 122 Place & 123 Street, Rico Place bet. Silver Rd. & Chicot Rd. 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 District Manager wished everyone a happy holiday.

The Chair announced that all of the locations of the National Grid work that were given are posted on Community Board 10's Facebook page.

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

- Information from the Office of Cannabis Management.  
The Chair suggested that the Board members take the time to read it and stated that among the new members are a couple of lawyers and she asked that they, and the other lawyers that sit on the Board, start researching the Cannabis Law so that when we get an application, we can draw on their expertise. It was stated that at this point we still have not received any applications.
- Text amendments that are coming out for review and may come before us by summer or fall.
- Pedestrian ramp project highlights
- Information from NYS Health regarding issues with changes with health insurance.
- Notification from DSNY on the new times for putting garbage out for collection.
- Notice from the Conflicts of Interest Board.  
The Chair explained to the new members that part of their training at Borough Hall deals with conflict of interest and informed them that they are each subject to conflict-of-interest laws.
- Summer Youth jobs from the Police Dept.
- Copy of this year's block party rules.  
It was stated that everyone who applies for a block party gets a copy so they will be aware of these rules.
- Notification from City Planning that the most recent District Community needs Statement is on their website.

The Chair introduced Captain Bacchi and invited him to speak. She added that the 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct's CompStat numbers year to date shows the precinct has the largest drop in crime of all the precincts in the city, PBQS and in all of Queens. She thanked the Captain for all the hard work he and his officers are doing despite being short-handed with personnel.

Captain Bacchi thanked the Chair for the acknowledgement. He stated that the one area that they are not seeing crime reduction in is domestic violence. He stated these are preventable crimes and that help is available by calling 718-845-2227 or the New York City Help line at 1-800-621-HOPE to mitigate services so the situation won't escalate. He added that in March there were 20 felony assaults and that 14 of them involved domestic violence. He stated that if you seek help, you may be able to mitigate the conflict in your relationship. He continued that we are still having issues with Grand Larceny mostly due to identity theft and compromised accounts. There has been a huge insurgence of check washing of stolen mail from mailboxes where the perpetrator uses an adhesive while fishing out mail from the mailbox. When a criminal finds a check, he or she washes it with a chemical and changes the dollar amount and the payee. The funds are then removed from the account and the victim has to then go through an investigative process with the bank. Capt. Bacchi encourages everyone to pay bills electronically and to stop using mailboxes or to bring mail to the Post Office so the mail will not be stolen. He added that there was an individual who mailed out a check for \$35,000 and the name on the check was changed and the victim lost all of the money. He also suggested using FedEx to get documents to their location. He stated that as we approach summer, we usually see more dirt bikes and ATVs and that the precinct started early with enforcement. They made seizures, issued summonses, and made arrests and that they plan to continue this enforcement through the summer and into the fall.

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

The Chair thanked the Captain for his updates.

The Chair introduced Tommy Lin and Karen Ellis from DEP and invited them to speak.

Tommy Lin introduced himself and stated that the DEP amnesty program was announced on 1/30 /23 and will continue until 12/30/23. This program helps people who are delinquent on their bills over \$1,000. In this program if 100% of the principal is paid, 100% interest is forgiven. If 50% of the principal is paid, 75% of the interest is forgiven. If 25



% of the principal is paid, 50% interest is forgiven. For more information you can contact DEP at 718-595-7000 or at: [amnesty@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:amnesty@dep.nyc.gov). They are open Monday to Friday from 8 am to 7 pm and on Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm. He stated that you can pay on the DEP website by accessing your account to see if you owe anything on your bill. Tommy Lin thanked the Board for allowing him to speak.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS** – The Committee Chair stated that the report is in the folder.

**EDUCATION** – The Committee Chair wished everyone a Happy Passover, Easter, and Ramadan.

**LAND USE** – The Committee Chair wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

**LIBRARIES** – The Chair announced that if there is anyone who would like to Chair the Library Committee to let her know. She stated that the former Chair didn't reapply to be a Board member and that we need a Chair for this Committee.

**PARKS** – The Chair stated that the work at Byrne Park is in progress at the tennis and basketball courts and that Al Stabile playground is being worked on as well.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – The Committee Chair stated that the crime stats are in the folder. He also stated that OCM has its monthly meeting yesterday and they approved 99 more cannabis licenses in the state of NY. 3 locations are in Manhattan, 3 are upstate and 1 is operating in Queens. They have approved 17 more licenses for Queens so we may start to see more movement in our district.

**SANITATION** – The Committee Chair wished everyone a happy holiday and stated that the DSNY information is in the folder about the new times for garbage to be put out for collection.

**SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT** – The Committee Chair announced that SYEP has been extended until 4/14 and to apply, go to the website and the rest of her report is in the folders.

**TRANSPORTATION** – The Committee Chair stated that she will be having a committee meeting coming up on 4/19 about the Rockaway Rehabilitation Project and that we will learn more about it at that time. She wished everyone a happy holiday.

The Chair stated that the Committee meeting is scheduled on 4/19 on Zoom.

The Chair stated that new members will be asked what committees they would like to serve on and that if there is anyone who wants to be on the Transportation Committee, to let her know and she can try to get you on before the next Committee meeting. She added that older members can also make any changes on the committees they serve on as well. She also thanked the Land Use Committee for their good attendance at the last committee meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

The Chair stated that we will be back to holding the Board Meeting on the first Thursday of the month in May and that we assume that we may be able to continue via Zoom if the extension is continued with the Open Meetings Law.

A question was raised by a Board Member as to when we might expect to meet in person.

The Chair responded that she assumes that it may be in September and that she believes that an extension may be made for May. She stated that it might make sense to continue using Zoom until we break for the summer. She explained that it is difficult for us regarding the Open Meeting extension because our agenda has to go out before the



date of when they do the extensions. The Chair stated that we make those decisions as they come, but that she assumes that we will be on Zoom for May and June.

The Board Chair acknowledged various representatives from elected officials.

Carl Moore rep. Sen Addabbo stated that their office sent a flyer out today about their upcoming events and that they have added a few new items. They will be holding a shredding event on 3/15 and 4/30 at Atlas and Forest Park and they will send out an additional flyer out to advertise this event. He also stated that if anyone has any questions to call their office.

Tanequa Strong rep. Sen. Persaud announced that their Easter Egg Hunt had been rescheduled to be held on 4/5 at Canarsie Park from 11am to 2 pm. She stated that Sen. Persaud believes in giving back to the community and would like to recognize those doing volunteer work in the community. If anyone would like to nominate a youth or adult call or e-mail their office by 4/12. It can be reached at 718-645-7653 or at: [www.Persaud.nysenate.gov](http://www.Persaud.nysenate.gov). She also announced that they will be providing legal services to constituents on 5/5.

Greg Slade rep. AM Pheffer-Amato announced that April is earth month, and that the Assembly member is partnering with elementary and middle schools to have students draw their version of favorite trees and birds and she will give out certificates to all who participate. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

AM Anderson wished the Chair a belated happy birthday and wished everyone a happy, healthy holy week and stated he hopes everyone has a safe and healthy holiday season. He announced that he will be holding monthly legal clinics at the South Ozone Park office on the first Tuesday of each month. These legal services are free and if anyone is interested in attending to reach out to William Bao at their office. He continued that they are holding a Town Hall at the end of the month on Transportation and added that he has travelled the entire Assembly District by Public Transportation and that he wants to have a discussion on how to improve transportation. He continued that State Budget is late this year and that he is confident that we will pay our bills, have services continue and let people have their voices heard. He announced that he will return to Albany on Monday to work on the budget, and he thanked the Board members for all of the work they do. He wished everyone to stay safe and to be well.

William Bao rep. CM Anderson announced they will be holding a tax prep every week on Wednesday in their office and to call their office if you would like to attend.

Jacob Gross rep. AM Rajkumar stated that the Assembly member is in Albany fighting to put together a budget bill to coordinate asylum seekers and help resettle migrants to other parts of the state. She also held women's awards this past month and Mayor Adams stopped by to toast the honorees. She is holding an online webinar on preventing scams on 4/20 through the Queens District Attorney site. She will be holding a paper shredding event on 4/30 at the Forest Park Bandshell and they will also be collecting gently used household goods for Veterans. He continued that the Assembly member recently came back from a diplomatic trip to Israel where she saw the holy sites and she wishes everyone a happy holiday.

Linda Fogal rep. CM Ariola wished everyone a happy and safe holiday. She announced that the Councilmember is in City Hall attending hearings about the budget for FDNY and NYPD and that she feels that we need more of these workers and better pay for them. She is also hosting a Hero Storytime on 4/29 at 11 am at the Howard Beach library where children will read books with heroes from the Fire department and the Police Department, and they will also do arts and crafts. She continued that April and May are rainy seasons and that they have rain barriers in their office if anyone needs any. The Councilmember is also holding a contest with students in schools to write a 50-word essay on a Veteran or an active military member that touched their lives. The winner will be announced on 5/15 and will spend the day with the Councilmember and learn what she does for the community.

Dan Brown rep. Queens District Attorney's Office congratulated the members who were renewed to the board and the newly appointed members of Community Board 10. He stated that this board is among the best in the Borough and is under great leadership. He announced that the D.A. held a joint news conference with NYPD Commissioner Sewell regarding the 33 gang members that were indicted on gun charges involving 22 shootings and 151 counts of indictment for conspiracy, criminal possession of a weapon and murder charges of 2 people including a 14-year-old boy. He added that the D.A. is trying to get the firearms off the street. He announced that they will be holding



National Crime Victims' Rights Week on 4/27 which will be an in-person event. For more information go to: [www.queensda.org](http://www.queensda.org). They will also be holding a fraud and scams webinar on 4/20 with AM Rajkumar and Con-Edison where they will bring awareness about fraud on the internet and on phones. To register for this event, go to: [www.queensda.org](http://www.queensda.org) or click on the flyer and it will take you to the link.

AM Anderson stated that he had two more announcements that he would like to make. He wished everyone a happy, healthy Ramadan season and invited the community to an Iftar party on 4/15 and that he will put the flyer in the chat. He also announced that the Summer Youth Employment Program Application deadline has been extended until 4/14 and that youth ages 14 to 24 can apply. He wished everyone to stay safe and to be well.

Ty Hankerson rep. CM Adams announced that they will be holding a Resource Expo on Saturday 4/29 at Rochdale Village and that they will be traveling around the district to another part of South Ozone Park, but the location has not yet been determined. He continued that Community Based Organizations will be out there to provide resources. He also announced that they will be holding OATH Day on 5/4 at their office located at 165-90 Baisley Blvd., to help address summonses that constituents received.

The Chair stated that all the new Board Members may wonder why we have so many representatives attend the Board Meeting to speak. She explained that we have 2 Congressmembers, 3 State Senators, 5 Assembly members and 3 Council members that represent parts of our district.

The Chair thanked everyone for helping others get on tonight's Zoom meeting due to the technical issues experienced earlier.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

The Chair asked if there is anyone from the public on the Zoom link that has a comment or a question to use the raise their hand feature. Hearing none.

The Chair asked if there is anyone from the public on the phone line that has a comment or a question to state their name. Hearing none.

The Chair stated for those viewing the YouTube video, that the record of the meeting will stay open until the close of business tomorrow and if there are any questions or comments to call the office at 718-843-4488 or send an e-mail to: [qn10@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:qn10@cb.nyc.gov).

The Chair wished everyone a happy, healthy holiday during this season when our varied religions have major observances and stated that we will let everyone know if we will be holding our next Board meeting live or on Zoom next month as soon as we know.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



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