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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

September 5, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: L. Amorim, N. Bissoon, B. Braton, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, B. Ciaramella, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Cosentino, F. Dardani, K. Edwards, E. Fraylon, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, G. Hewitt, R. Martinez, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, S. Mohammed, R. Narine, A. Nocerino, P. Nostramo, S. Pace, G. Russo; N. Santiago, A. Siewnarine, G. Singh, J. Stahl, I. Van Putten, A. Vital, D. Wesby

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: S. Acuqui, M. Cherenfant, A. Dhanpat, I. Dimoh, F. Gulluscio, A. Hill, R. Hitlall, P. Kishun, B. Lall, N. Latchana, K. Ludhiana, J. Quijano, A. Rajnauth, R. Ramgopal, B. Ramsundar, K. Roan, A. Sancler, L. Walker

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hon. J. Addabbo; Hon. A. Lopez; J. Reina, rep., Hon. G. Meeks; C. Moore, rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; T. Strong rep. Hon. R. Persaud; F. Sharif, rep., Hon. J. Sanders; J. Garramone, rep., Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; A. Sargeant, rep. Hon. J. Rajkumar; W. Bao rep. Hon. K. Anderson; T. Eason, rep. Hon. A. Adams; A. Leguisamo, rep., Hon. J. Ariola; D. Brown rep., Hon. M. Katz, QDA; G. Katsalis, QBPO; Capt. B. VanTull, 106 Pct.; Det. Jaffe, 106 Pct. Community Affairs; P.O. Reed 106 Pct.; D. Tanis rep. Resorts World; L. Songhai, MTA; D. Harvey, MTA; A. Foster, MTA Operations Planning; H. Zimora, MTA

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairperson introduced Senator Addabbo and invited him to speak.

Sen. Addabbo welcomed everyone back from the summer and thanked the Captain of the 106th Precinct for everything he has done. He reminded everyone that now that school has started to be mindful that kids are out and to drive safely. He also spoke about a number of sinkholes that have been coming up predominantly in Ozone Park and stated that we have a number of underground streams in our roadbeds and if there is a sinkhole, that means that there is a bigger problem, and DEP or DOT will need to inspect by using cameras underneath the roadbed. He asked those aware of a sinkhole to please let his office know so they can have it investigated fully, not just to have it patched where it can cave in again. He thanked Carl Moore from his staff for being here this evening and stated that Carl will speak about upcoming events late on. He continued that he wanted to speak about one event in particular, and that to him, every day is Veterans Day. The Senator continued to say a Veterans Barbeque to say thank you to our Veterans will be held and that if anyone is or knows a veteran who would like to attend please call his office to let them know. He also announced that 1,000 illegal pot shops have been closed in four months and how this was a thorn in our side in our communities. There were 1,500 of these shops in the 5 Boroughs and in 4 months, 1,000 pot shops have been closed and 4 tons of marijuana were taken off our streets. He explained that the illegal marijuana is dangerous because it often has opioids or fentanyl mixed in it that has caused overdoses and deaths. He thanked the NYPD and the Sheriff's office for their help with that. He continued that in Albany, they changed the law to allow them to padlock the doors and not to close for 18 hours, but to be closed and stay closed. He added that we have a lot to thank law enforcement

for and we need to keep an eye on the illegal pot shops. He thanked everyone and added that if anyone had any questions to call his office and he wished everyone a great night.

The Chairperson introduced the new DEP Queens Commissioner, Alphonso Lopez. The Chairperson thanked him for his prompt response to 2 very recent serious water main breaks in CB10 and invited him to speak.

Commissioner Lopez introduced himself and stated that he just started at DEP and that he feels that the biggest thing is the partnership and that Queens folks are good at working together as community partners and the Community Board has also been a great partner. He continued that his focus is to come out and listen to folks and relay back what the issues are and to see how they can be helpful with what has worked and what hasn't worked and he will take it back to the agency. He added this is actually his first Community Board meeting in this new role and that he was born and raised in Queens. Commissioner Lopez said he is happy to be here and is looking forward to working with everyone.

Chairperson Braton thanked Commissioner Lopez and again welcomed him.

The Chairperson next opened the evening's Public Hearing and introduced Lucille Songhai and her team from MTA/NYCT who will present an update on the Rockaway Resiliency Project.

Lucille Songhai wished everyone a good evening and introduced herself as the Director of Intergov and Community Relations for MTA/NYCTA and she introduced her project team members who will discuss the Rockaway Resiliency Project. She stated this is a very comprehensive project. The project began in 2022, and they have been working to make the system more resilient to all of the different weather events and other changes as part of our infrastructure. She introduced a member of her project team, Diedre Harvey, and stated that she is from Queens and a long-standing member of the MTA who has worked on many MTA projects such as the Sandy wipeout in 2012 as well as working on projects in Coney Island and has also worked on many projects with climate infrastructure. She also introduced Matt Honeywell who is Ms. Harvey's Deputy and Allan Foster who is with MTA Operations/Planning who puts together all of the service plans and changes. She also introduced Hugo Zimora who is the MTA's subway Czar and stated that he will be helping folks to get acclimated to all of the services yet to come. L. Songhai then turned the presentation over to Diedre Harvey.

Ms. Harvey stated that they are here tonight to present on the Rockaway Line Resiliency and Rehabilitation and that this is a massive project that is bundled of several smaller projects. She explained that when we say resiliency, we are preparing ourselves for climate change or surges that might come in the future and when we say rehabilitation, that's with various areas of our infrastructure to bring them up to a state of good repair. They stated that the Rockaway Line A and S is a critical connection for this peninsula to the mainland and they are quite aware that this is the only subway line to this location, and they have made alternate arrangements for when there is an outage. This line connects to a diverse population of 120,000 and they generally have about 10,000 riders per day. She continued to speak about the Rockaway line resiliency upgrades and how after Superstorm Sandy service was suspended for 7 months due to an unplanned outage and although 7 months seems to be a long time they had to react to get everything back as quickly as possible. Rehabilitation of the infrastructure is needed because this is a 65-year-old structure that is in need of repair. They have spent a fair amount of time over the past dozen years on various projects. For the initial emergency restoration work, they spent \$84 million dollars, and it was completed in 2013 and they got service back by Memorial Day 2013. They also had the Hammels Wye Campus Flood Mitigation where the A and S split and they built some flood barriers around their signal tower, their flood station, their meter room, relay room and compressor facility. The station flood-hardening which involve the communications room and signal equipment where they are hardened so that when the surge comes, they can be protected. They also had a Rockaway Wrap Up project where the North Channel Bridge has all new piers and communication work that they have completed most recently. This Rockaway Line Resiliency and Rehabilitation Project continues to build upon that work and expand giving more resiliency and reliability upgrades. This project is a \$393 Million dollar investment. It is a various bundle of sub projects which Matt Honeywell will explain.

Matt Honeywell introduced himself as the Manager of the Project Management Consultants and stated that this project was awarded in 2022 and has planned completion in 2026. As a part of this project's resiliency efforts will be to protect critical infrastructure both across Jamaica Bay as well as substations throughout Rockaway Park this also includes a new cross over and signal tower at Beach 105th Street which will serve as a terminal station in the event the

park gets flooded out. Their rehab efforts includes replacement of Hammels Wye Viaduct structure, repair of the existing viaducts along the existing peninsula which is 5 miles long and rehab of South Channel Bridge. Hammels Wye and South Channel Bridge will be the main focus of our outage, but we will have other scopes acting as well. We have ongoing resiliency work at Howard Beach as well as the Broad Channel Stations for concrete knee walls to prevent the current concrete structure from flooding. The work at Broadway Park is upcoming. Beach 105th Street signal tower construction is ongoing. Overhead power lines were relocated underground to make way for the foundations and structural steel which you can see in the photo on the handout. The Rockaway freeway on the westbound is currently closed between Beach 104 & Beach 108 and that's for the duration of our construction. We are closely coordinating with DOT and schools that are nearby. Our MPT is moving as we progress, and we currently have crews mobilized at Beach 54 as well as Beach 105 Street sites. For our repairs we are setting up our work areas to minimize as much impact as possible and circulating 2 week look aheads and sending them out to the community and posting flyers on cars and handing them out to the local businesses. We will continue to work with DOT to make our operations as efficient as possible. When our work is completed which at Hammels Wye to get as much work done before the outage as possible, this includes temporary ducts for cable location and river busting and lead paint abatement on the steel so that whenever the outage starts we can get right to work. Early work on the South Channel Bridge is underway including early demo and abatement within the control house of the bridge. We have work at Hammels Wye and the South Channel Bridge. During the 17-week outage at Hammels Wye the entire section of the track is getting demolished and replaced. The steel, concrete tracks, signals power, everything has to be replaced. The rehab at the South Channel Bridge involves rehab of all of the electrical and mechanical systems within the bridge and a rehab of the bridge to bring it to a state of good repair. Upcoming work includes resiliency efforts in Howard Beach through Broad Channel, Beach 105 Street & Beach 116 Street Rockaway Park. Upcoming rehab work includes viaduct repair along the 5 miles of the peninsula as well as the upcoming outage work that was mentioned. The picture at the bottom of the page of the handout is the track level view from Hammels Wye and the portion of that triangular area will be replaced; we had independent reviews that were conducted and concurred with the necessity of the outage to do the work and perform the work safely and efficiently. He then passed the presentation over to Operations Planning for information regarding the planned outage and what it means to the customers.

Allan Foster introduced himself from the Operations Planning Division at NYC Transit. He stated there will be a 17-week 24/7 outage of subway service across Jamaica Bay between Howard Beach and Hammels Wye and that is scheduled to start on Friday, January 17th of next year and running until Monday, May 19th and during that time there will be a 10-week closure of the South Channel Bridge and there will be additional fall and fall weeknight and weekend diversions. He spoke about the service during that 17-week outage- and stated that if you take the subway to Rockaway Park, you may be familiar with the Rockaway Park shuttle train labeled S that goes from Broad Channel to Rockaway Park/Beach 116th Street. It won't be running because the tracks will be out of service going over the Bay, instead they will be running a shuttle train running across the peninsula that goes across Beach 116th Street to Rockaway Mott Ave. so all the stations along the peninsula will be open and connected by a shuttle train that goes back and forth across the peninsula. The only station that will actually be closed is Broad Channel. MTA will be operating between Howard Beach and the peninsula on 2 different shuttle bus routes. The Q109 route will go from Howard Beach to Broad Channel then to Beach 90th Street and ending at Beach 67th Street. Riders can transfer to the cross-peninsula shuttle train to the shuttle bus at Beach 90th Street or Beach 67th Street depending on which is closer to their final destination. There will also be a Q97 express shuttle bus that goes directly from Howard Beach to Far Rkwy. Mott Avenue nonstop. The Rockaway Park / Far Rockaway Shuttle train will operate every 15 minutes the Q97 shuttle bus will be every 6 to 8 minutes during peak hours and every 10 minutes every midday and weekend and the Q109 shuttle bus that goes to Beach 67th Street will be every 4 to 5 minutes on the peak and every 8-9 minutes middays and on weekends. MTA is working with DOT to install new bus stop signs at locations that need them that currently don't have bus stops where the shuttle bus will be stopping and existing bus stops signs will be modified to include the Q97 and Q109 bus stop routes during the outage. There are other options besides the shuttle bus there is the Q35 bus that goes down across the Marine Parkway Bridge to Bklyn College, there's the Q52 and Q53 SBS services that connect with the A train at Rkwy. Blvd. and also to Northern Queens and the QM16 & QM17 express buses that go to midtown Manhattan. Also, there's the LIRR/Far Rkwy. station that's also available as an option as well as the NYC Ferry. This 17 week outage is bookended by 2 weekend outages where there will be no subway service on the peninsula at all and the starting weekend of this outage will be from January 17th to January 20th and at the very tail end of the outage, the weekend of May 16th to May 19th so during those weekends, the A train to Far Rkwy. will terminate at Howard Beach and there will be 3 shuttle bus routes from Howard Beach; the nonstop bus from Howard Beach to Far Rkwy. and then a shuttle bus from Howard Beach to Far Rockaway making all the local stops along the Rkwy. branch of the Far Rockaway line and then a third shuttle bus route from Howard Beach to Rkwy. Park/Beach 116th Street

making all the local stops along that side of the line. Just for those 2 weekends at the very beginning and the very end and for the 17 weeks in between we will have the shuttle train service along the peninsula. There will be service to Howard Beach at all times going north and west towards Brooklyn and Manhattan and the service to Lefferts Blvd./Ozone Park will be normal as well. The only thing you won't be able to do is take the subway directly to the Rkwy. Peninsula; you will have to take a shuttle bus or one of the other routes mentioned. There will be some other additional weeknight and weekend service diversions that you may encounter. There will be some weeknight outages from Thursday nights to Friday mornings on October 17th & 18th and November 21st & 22nd and during those weeknight outages, the A will terminate at Howard Beach and the Rkwy. Park shuttle is suspended and the cross peninsula shuttle train will operate between Far Rkwy. and Rkwy. Park 24/7 and there will be 1 shuttle bus route between Howard Beach and Beach 67th Street stopping at Broad Channel and folks can connect to the cross-peninsula shuttle at Beach 67th Street. There will be some weekend outages the weekends of October 18th to October 21st, October 25th to October 28th and November 1st to November 4th where the A will be operating through to the peninsula but will be terminating at Rkwy. Park ending at Beach 116th Street instead of Far Rkwy. There will be no A subway service to Far Rkwy. and the Rkwy. Park shuttle will not operate since it is being replaced by the A train service and there will be a shuttle bus between Beach 90th Street & Far Rkwy, Mott Avenue for those stations that are closed on the Far Rkwy. Branch. On the weekends on November 8th to November 11th, November 15th to November 18th and November 22nd to November 25th, A train service will terminate at Far Rkwy. which is normal, the Rkwy. Park shuttle will be suspended and there will be a shuttle bus between Beach 67th Street & Rkwy. Park to get people to the Beach 116th section of the peninsula. He then turned the presentation over to Hugo Zamara.

Mr. Zamara introduced himself and stated that he completed the G train project in Brooklyn and Queens and that he was affectionally labeled the G train Czar. He learned on that project, with all the great work that was done and all the great work that we are going to do on this project, that the bottom line is to get everyone to their destinations as quickly and efficiently as possible. He will be out there every day for 17 weeks to handle things immediately and on the spot. If anyone has any complaints or concerns, they don't have to send an e-mail, they can come up to him directly so he can help resolve the matter. The 17-week work will be inconvenient and the commute with buses will be longer, but MTA will make every attempt to make it move the best they can. If something happens to the train, or if a bus needs to make a detour or a new route, he will make the decision immediately. This is 17 weeks of work it will be inconvenient, and the buses will take a little longer, but he will be making this trip as smooth and convenient as possible. He stated he looks forward to working with this team and he thanked everyone and turned the presentation back over to Lucille Songhai.

Ms. Songhai stated that in terms of community engagement they started their outreach two years ago wanting to get folks prepared for what is to come so you will be seeing Hugo and her out more. They are going to CB14 next week to give a presentation. They also have a project website which have everything from their 2-week look aheads, to their FAQ sheet for folks to get more information about the project. They also have a 24-hour hotline and an e-mail where you can send questions to them. They have also developed a wider notification list, and they are always happy to add groups such as civics to that, so they know what is happening and feel prepared. They also have a project FAQ sheet that is already up on their website and they are relying on folks to help spread the word before the outage starts on January 17th. She continued to speak about the local hiring and how they are investing \$393 million dollars in this project which is not just for the infrastructure but is also includes jobs and making sure that folks have an opportunity to work on these jobs. The MTA currently has a local hiring pilot program. They have set an internal goal of 20% for our contractor to meet that goal of NYS workforce coming from the region. Schiavone, the contractor, continues to meet this monthly goal. They perform outreach with local community organizations and they also go out to job fairs and try to work with the unions to bring folks in so if they want to work, there is an opportunity for them to do so. Also, with their disadvantage business enterprise program the MTA has a DBE Goal of 22.5% to ensure participation by minority and women owned firms and Schiavone, their contractor for this large scale project, is actively soliciting bid proposals for DBE companies to perform work on this project so if you are a DBE or you know of a DBE or you know of an MWBE that is interested in possibly doing work on this project please get in touch with her or your elected officials who can reach out to her. We really want to make sure we are connecting folks to economic opportunity to make sure that our system is resilient but also to give folks the opportunity for jobs and building wealth. Ms. Songhai thanked everyone and stated that they will take any questions.

The Chair asked if there are any questions from any member of the public. Hearing none.

The Chair called on Alex Leguisamo rep. for CM Ariola who had a question for Ms. Songhai.

Mr., Leguisamo stated that this project will be happening during the winter, and he asked how committed they are to maintain the level of service at 1 am in the middle of winter. He asked that they please give us assurances. He added that the elected officials will be getting these calls from constituents and that we need a direct line of communication with someone who we can call and will answer the phone when we have a concern.

Ms. Songhai stated that as always, she is available, and they also have a hotline and MTA customer service. She added that they already have methods and ways that people can reach out to them and their team is always committed not just in winter, but even in the summer. They are always committed to making sure that 24/7 people can get where they need to go. This system is resilient, it is beautiful, and it is also old and it needs a lot of work and she is always amazed to see the work that the staff does to keep it up and running no matter what the season. No matter what work is happening they are always committed to making sure that folks get to where they need to go so for projects like this, they are happy to make that commitment but even for when it is regular every day service, they are committed to make sure that people get to where they need to go. There will be people on the ground during the first few weeks of this project so that folks know where to go and they will know where to get on the shuttle buses and to make the transition as painless as possible. She continued that they are not going to say that it is not going to be challenging or hard for folks but New Yorkers always show themselves to be resilient and to go with the flow and roll with the punches so MTA will make sure that they have everything together on their end, so folks won't worry about how to go to where they need to go. They want to make sure that in the upcoming months that everyone has a plan and they are also talking with DOE and DSNY and other city agencies to make sure they are coordinating efforts.

The Chair asked if there were any members of the Board with questions.

A Board member asked a two-part question about the shuttle bus. He understands that the shuttle bus is going to run from Howard Beach down to Broad Channel to Rockaway. Where is the stop in Howard Beach where the people are going to get on – is it at the current Q11 stop that is there, and then where are the subsequent stops because currently we don't have a bus that goes from Howard Beach across any of our Avenues to Cross Bay Blvd. that then makes a left, our buses run up thru Ozone Park and Pitkin Avenue then turn so I'm assuming your bus isn't going to do that.

The response given was the shuttle bus at Howard Beach will be on the long term parking side of the Howard Beach station so they will open the gate for us and buses will come in and loop around and pick people up and drop people off. Then the route the bus will take, it will go down Cross Bay Blvd. then the stop for Broad Channel will be at Mill Road where there is an existing stop then continuing down Cross Bay Blvd to Beach 90th Street then make a left to 67th Street.

The Board Member stated that you will not have any additional buses on the streets around JFK airport on the current bus route.

The Chair stated that is all on the airport side. Allan Foster added that it is not on the Coleman Square side.

The Chair asked if there were any questions from any other Board Members.

A Board Member stated that they mentioned the ferry and that she knows that if you have a New York City School website its embedded in there; you have to log in, put in the child's name, put in transportation and there is a discount code. For our students in this vicinity that are being affected by this resiliency project, can you make that discount code a little more feasible by letting the school principals know, let the community know, let the PTAs know so that students and families who need to use that don't have to search for it.

The response given was that the MTA does not run the ferry the EDC and Hornblower runs it through the City of New York, when it comes to the ferry and their service that's not MTA. It was added that they are having conversations with those at EDC who run the NYC ferry program, and they assure us they have enough extra capacity on the ferries to absorb the extra riders that we might be sending their way, and we are coordinating with them and sharing information to make it as convenient as possible for people.

The Board member asked if they could ask them about who we can contact about the discount code to get that code for our neighborhood.

The response was yes, they will do that.

The Chair thanked Lucille and her team and called on a Board Member who had an additional question.

The Board Member thanked them for their presentation. He stated it was mentioned that the MTA will work with DOT to install new bus stop signs and existing signs. He asked if they could speak a little more to that in regard to when you update those signs, what they will say and where those updated signs will be.

The response given was some of those shuttle bus stops are not currently bus stops and DOT will install bus stop signs there and at the stops that are existing bus stops they will be adding those plates to indicate the Q97 & the Q109 shuttlebus routes.

It was stated that the shuttle bus service in Board 10 will be on airport side so there won't be local stops for the shuttlebus because subway service will continue to Howard Beach. The shuttlebuses will run from the parking lot to the airport side.

Ms. Songhai stated that having signs is helpful but they will have MTA staff in bright reflective vests to help people transition so folks won't just have to rely on the signs especially in the first two weeks to help people acclimate to the change. She continued that they are not going to leave folks stranded to rely on a sign. They will have staff deployed out there every day.

The Chair stated that if any other Board Members have any additional questions to write them down and get them to the District Manager so she can get them to Lucille to get you the answers.

Mr. Zamora added that with the G train shuttle bus service, folks have asked them to keep the shuttlebuses in place. He stated that they promise to bring the A train service back but don't get too comfortable with liking the shuttlebus service.

The Chairperson then introduced Captain VanTull, Commanding officer of the 106th Precinct, and invited him to speak.

Captain VanTull introduced himself and stated that he hoped that everyone had a great summer. He said that we had a great summer in the 106th Precinct and that crime is trending down compared to the same time last year. He also stated that he is hoping to get more resources and personnel back to continue to serve the community. He continued that we are still seeing vehicles stolen especially along the Cross Bay Blvd. area where cars are left running and individuals are driving off in them. He stated that he is also seeing scams taking place near banks where they are distracting customers at the ATM by saying that something is wrong with the machine, and they grab the hand that you are holding your debit card with and they swap your card out with a fake card. People later see transactions on their card that they never made. He continued that there is also a trend where people come up to you to tell you that you have a flat tire and when you check your vehicle, they put nails down so you will get a flat then they follow you to the repair shop and they go into your vehicle looking for the money that you took out from the bank that you may have in the car or in your purse. He also warned that if someone comes to your home offering services or repairs to verify that information with that company. He hopes that everyone has a great rest of the evening and a great rest of the summer and wished everyone a good night.

The Chairperson asked if there were any corrections on the June 6, 2024 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes stand.

The Chairperson asked if there were any corrections on the June 26, 2024 minutes.

A Board Member corrected the attendance listing. The Chairperson stated that the June 26, 2024, minutes stand as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chair reviewed incoming correspondence for the months of June, July, August which included:

- Copy of our letter to the Chair of DCP.

- Copy of our statement to the City Planning Commission's COY/HO public hearing.
- Copy of our statement to the Borough President's Public Hearing on COY/HO
- 5-year Capital Plan for NYC SCA.
- Notice from DDC re: project HWQ100SBB, the Woodhaven Blvd. SBS Phase B
- DOT CB Feedback package for the new Dining Out Program at 118-19 Liberty Ave.
- Office of Cannabis Management's opinion submission acknowledgement letter
- Notification for adult use retail dispensary, Gourmet Budz LLC, at 164-44 Cross Bay Blvd.
- Notification from DOT that they will be installing a speed reducer at 160 Ave bet. 82 St & 83 St.
- Notification from DOT that they will be installing a speed reducer at 149 Ave bet. 95 St & 96 St.
- Notification from DOT that they will be installing a speed reducer at 149 Ave bet, Cross Bay Blvd. & Centreville St.
- Notification from DOT that they will be installing a speed reducer at 127 St bet. 116 Ave & Foch Blvd.
- Notification from DOT regarding the request for a speed and red-light camera at the intersection of Cross Bay Blvd. & Albert Road stating that it is not feasible because JHS 202 is covered by a speed enforcement program north bound on Cross Bay Blvd. & 149 Ave.
- Study completion for additional traffic controls at Liberty Ave. & 80 St. A traffic signal has been approved and the work is tentatively scheduled for completion by July 31.
- Various Office of Management and Budget Notices
- Letter from NYC DSS relating to cash assistance
- Department of Public Service Rulings
- Demolition Notice at 135-16 130 Street
- Demolition Notice at 130-45 123 Street
- Demolition Notice at 123-05 133 Avenue
- Notice to Vacate at 105-44 130 Street
- Notice to Vacate at 115-30 128 Street
- Notice to Repair or Vacate at 107-11 120 Street
- Contract Award Hearing notices
- copy of letter from Franchise Oversight Board re: SEQR requirement as part of scoping for an EIS related to Resorts World
- We also received a Positive Declaration on that SEQR notification
- Information on the Draft Scope of the work for that Environmental Impact Statement
- BSA application for 105-39 Cross Bay Blvd.
- City Planning Application at 163-01 Cross Bay Blvd.
- Environmental Assessment Statement at 78-08 Linden Blvd. Rezoning

The Chairperson announced that if there were any Board Member who would like a copy of anything in the directed mail to call or e-mail our office.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Committee Chair read the Treasury Report for July and August.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT: Georgia Katsalis introduced herself and stated that the 2024 CB Demographic Report is on their website which gives a summary of this year's demographics for their appointees and the demographic breakdown throughout the Borough. She also announced the following events: on Saturday, September 7th at 7 pm they will be holding a family film Night featuring Kung Fu Panda 4, on September 17th at 6 pm they will be holding Mexican Independence Day at Borough Hall, on September 28th, they will be holding the Queens Climate Expo at the Hall of Science at 4pm and they will also provide a mixer at Kikos studios at 6 pm, and on September 30th they will hold the Queens High School Fair at 5 pm. For more information about these events go to queensbp.nyc.gov and for any questions she can be reached at gakatsalis@queensbp.org or call her at 718-286-2853.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: The District Manager stated that we have received notification that DOT will be milling and paving during the day at the following locations: 96 St. from 156 Ave to 155 Ave, 97 St. from 165 Ave to 156 Ave, 156 Ave. from 99 St. to Cross Bay Blvd, 160 Ave. from 95 St Dead end to 100 St, 161 Ave from 96 St to 99 St Dead end, 127 St from Liberty Ave to 109 Ave, 128 St from Liberty Ave to Linden Blvd, 129 St from Liberty Ave to 109 Ave, 130 St from Linden Blvd to Liberty Ave, 131 St. from Liberty Ave to Linden Blvd, 132 St from

Liberty Ave to 131 St, 107 Ave from Lefferts Blvd to Van Wyck Expwy Service Road, 109 Ave from 133 St to Van Wyck Expwy Service Road, 111 Ave from Van Wyck Expwy to 128 St, 103 Rd from 105 Place to 105 St, 103 Drive from 105 St to 105 Place, 105 Place from 103 Drive to 103 Rd, 109 St from Atlantic Ave to Liberty Ave. Also, During the week of September 10, 2024 NYCDOT will resume rehabilitation of the 130th Street Bridge over the Belt Shore Parkway of Queens. Two lanes on the Belt Shore Parkway, near 130th Street will continue to be closed in the early morning hours. Additionally, one lane on the ramp to access westbound Belt Shore Parkway at 135th Street will also be closed. The District Manager stated that she would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their kind expressions of sympathy to my family and I regarding the loss of my father.

The Chair stated that all those milling and paving locations are posted on our Facebook page.

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

- Information regarding OCM

It was stated that after receiving notice about the Cross Bay Blvd & 164 Ave. location, we sent the applicant the form that we send to all applicants similar to the ones we send out in regard to SLA licenses, and we give them a short time frame to get back to us. We received a response back from the applicant. One of the questions asked "was do you have control over the property" which is an OCM requirement. Their answer was yes, they have control with a lease. In the interim, the property owner spoke with CM Ariola indicating that they didn't have a lease. Due to the conflicting information, we invited the applicant to come into the office and meet with us regarding their current status. At that meeting the two cannabis business partners acknowledged they didn't have a lease and the lease that they thought they had was not in force. We then sent our opinion to OCM within the timeframe allowed and it was a negative opinion. Our two Committees that deal with OCM notifications held a briefing in the beginning of August. The committees were updated on the status of each of the locations for which we have received notifications. The location at 96-05 Liberty Avenue has received a license number and they are proceeding to open soon. They are awaiting final inspections by OCM. The location at 124-20 Liberty Ave. is listed at OCM as in active status and has a license number but has not yet been approved to open.

The Chair stated that we saw on the Cannabis website's proximity map a location showing pending status at 157-48 Cross Bay Blvd. There is an application number so an application apparently was filed however, we did not receive any notification as required on it.

Also included in folder material:

- Information on an overdose awareness event
- Newsletter for the 3rd quarter trench restoration for SOP/RH area
- NYC Hurricane Evacuation Zone information
- Info regarding changes made in August for DACA recipients to be eligible for medical
- Notification for the Community Engagement Forum
- Info session for JFK Airport Employment Opportunities on September 24
- Info on social media youth mental health
- Info from Conflicts of Interest
- Pictures of flood sensors

The Chair also reported on:

- a research project related to flooding.
- Notice of LI Groundwater Sustainability Project
- Periodic gas piping system inspection for all buildings except for 1 & 2 family homes. The next cycle is for businesses and buildings in CB10 and will take place from January to December of 2024
- Update from DOT re: Liquor Licenses in relationship to NYC Outdoor Dining
- 311 complaints related to NYPD for FY24

The meeting continued with the Committee reports.

LAND USE: The Committee Chair wished everyone a good evening and welcomed everyone back. He stated that the Chair briefly spoke about the upcoming actions that we are going to be looking at so we will be busy the remainder

of the year and into 2025. He continued that we received packets for the BSA case for 105-39 Cross Bay Blvd. which is for the diner south on the east side going up towards Liberty Avenue. It is a chicken restaurant that is acquiring it and they want to include a drive thru / pick up window for this eating establishment. He stated that we will have a pre-application meeting with his team before it gets to a Land Use Meeting to meet with them to find out more. He stated that we also have something on Linden Blvd where the 79th Street approach is to Linden Blvd, where Lindenwood Commons is. This property is on the corner and has a small shopping center with a liquor store, pizzeria and drug store. They are planning a rezoning to up zone to build an 8-10 story building with affordable housing MRH. On the south side we are also entertaining a builder with another piece looking to develop a 5-6 story building with market rate housing or condos. He continued at 163-01 Cross Bay Blvd., Russo's Catering Hall is looking to do a small boutique hotel extension on the vacant piece next to it and rezoning across the street on the existing building there and possibly the building behind it and they are early in the process. He stated that Resorts World is moving ahead with their CEQR and issues with phase 1 & 2 and they received a positive declaration.

The Chair added that they are ready to file the minute they are told by the state that they are ready to consider their application.

The Land Use Chair continued that regarding the City of Yes, we went through it during April, May and June and all Community Boards input went in then it went to the Borough President's Office. Throughout the 5 Boroughs and Borough President Richards had a public hearing and he voted favorable with conditions CPC had a hearing and we are currently awaiting a CPC vote before the end of this month and will move to the next process to the City Council in late October or November.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS: The Committee Chair stated that the report is in the folders.

AQUEDUCT: The Chair stated that she wanted to acknowledge and thank Luis Amorim for Chairing this committee for the last number of years. As we move with what the future may hold if Resorts World moves forward as a full casino, we will need a lot more expertise with the Land Use issues and Frank Gulluscio has agreed to take over as Chair of this Committee. He thanks Luis and Luis will remain on this committee and be the backup for it.

BUDGET: The Chair stated that the Committee will be meeting between now and our October meeting regarding budget priorities.

EDUCATION: The Committee Chair stated that today is the first day of school and she wishes all students a successful school year. She also thanked CM Ariola for securing funding for the upgrade of the Rocket Park Playground next to MS 202.

GATEWAY: The Committee Chair stated that tools available to us are very important when it comes to flooding whether they are tide gauges or tide charts. He stated that a few years ago he worked with CUNY and the Science Resilience Institute at Jamaica Bay and they came up with an idea of installing flood sensors, so they came into Hamilton Beach as a pilot program. The picture the Board Chairperson passed around shows what the sensors look like. The city's Floodnet.nyc is installing in areas subject to tidal flooding and rainwater flooding. In our Community Board, there are 7 sensors as of now with the majority of them in Hamilton Beach, there are 4 in Hamilton Beach and 3 in Howard Beach and a new one went in at 79 St. & 151 Ave. in Lindenwood. He stated that you can log into the dashboard online and you can pull up real time data on any of those floodnet data sensors anywhere in the city. The city will install 500 total across the city. The sensor data tells you the depth of the water in the street and shows a graph with the amount of the time the area was flooded. He continued that we deal with flooding each month and this is valuable information. You can get text alerts from the sensors when the water is coming up which can be helpful as an early warning system. The data can be printed out and used to show elected officials and other policy decision makers. He reiterated that it is not just about tidal flooding. The sensor data also is useful or documenting impacts of rainfall events. If you visit floodnet.nyc there is a survey on the bottom where you can request a sensor. If you live in a flood prone area, either from rain or tide. However, you may not be guaranteed to get one. You can also click a link to file a report of flooding or upload photos. It is very comprehensive and very important that people throughout the city have access to this information.

LIBRARIES: The Committee Chair stated that the report is in the folder.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Committee Chair stated that the crime stats are in the folder. He also announced that since it is the first day of school, there have already been complaints that many parents when dropping off their kids are blocking roads. They need to find a legal spot to park and walk their child into the building.

PERSONNEL: The Committee Chair stated that everything is status quo and that he hopes that we can get more personnel on board soon.

DSNY: The Committee Chair announced that as of November 12th, 1 family, 2 family and buildings with up to 9 apartments must use bins for trash. You can use your own bin with a lid that is up to 55 gallons but by 2026 you must purchase a city bin.

The Chair added that many people have questioned if you have to buy a bin now and the answer is no – you can use your own pail if it has a lid but, in the future, you will have to buy a city bin.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT: The Committee Chair wished everyone a good evening and stated the MTA is hiring for Electronic Equipment Maintainers at \$42.35 per hour for a 40-hour work week. For more info go to the website at <https://careersmta.org/jobs>. She also stated that her report was in the folders.

TRANSPORTATION: The Committee chair announced that DOT Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez will be holding a Community Engagement Forum on September 18th from 6:30 to 8 pm at Queens Borough Hall at 120-55 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens. To RSVP go to ebuena@dot.nyc.gov. She encouraged the new Board Members whether they are on the Transportation Committee or not, that it would be good for them to attend for the first time to learn more about DOT and transportation issues.

The Chair then introduced Jose Reina rep. for Congressman Meeks and invited him to speak. Jose Reina introduced himself and announced that on October 15th the open enrollment for Medicare will begin and the deadline is on December 7th, 2024. During this time, individuals can make changes to their Medicare coverage and those changes will take effect on January 1st of the following year. He continued that Congressman Meeks has been receiving calls about stolen IRS tax refund checks. If you fall into this situation, he advises to contact the IRS to report the theft and to request a new check or call Congressman Meeks office to assist you at 718-725-6000. He also announced that Social Security Administration is significantly reducing their efforts in time spent on processing Social Security applications by processing e-signatures on applications and forms to allow them to be submitted electronically and they are working hard to increase efficiency and customer service while faced with a challenge of a backlog issue.

The Chairperson introduced Carl Moore rep. for Sen. Addabbo and invited him to speak. Carl Moore introduced himself and announced that they are holding a Veterans Day BBQ on Saturday at the Howard Beach Boat Club from 12pm to 2 pm and any Veterans who would like to attend can call their office or come down on Saturday to the Motor Club for food and entertainment. He also announced they will be holding a fall shredding event and household goods collection on September 29th at Forest Park from 10 am to 2 pm and an e-waste event at Forest Park on October 6 from 10 am to 2 pm.

The Chairperson introduced Faran Sharif rep. for Sen. Sanders and invited him to speak. He stated that he had a big announcement that he is celebrating his 1 year Anniversary for himself as staff at Sen. Sanders Office and that he is honored to be serving this Community Board, and he thanks everyone for everything, and he looks forward to continuing to work with everyone. He continued that the Senator wishes everyone a happy first day of school and successful year as well and that he has letters up front for parents, grandparents and guardians welcoming them and including contact information for who they should be consulting with. He announced there is an upcoming event with the Senator's Office that will be a book fair and career networking day. There will be a free book giveaway for ages K to 12 on September 21st from 11 am to 3 pm at the Hammel's Houses Playground at 83-00 Rkwy Beach Blvd.

The Chair asked that he extend to the Senator a thank you for his preparedness event in our district last week.

The Chair stated that Taniqua Strong from Sen. Persaud's office was in attendance earlier but had to leave.

The Chair introduced Jeanette Garramone rep. for AM Pheffer-Amato and invited her to speak. Jeanette Garramone introduced herself and stated that they held a great webinar about squatters with DA Katz and they can send out a

copy of the link to view it upon request. She stated that new laws have passed that differentiates tenants from squatters where tenants have rights and squatters do not. They advised about deed theft and to register with ACRIS to check if there are any unauthorized changes on your deed and she stated that the DA is prosecuting deed fraud cases. She continued that there is now a law that on September 11th that a moment of silence will be held in all the schools for grades K to 12. It is now mandatory to reflect and for children to understand the impact. She announced that they will be holding mobile office hours on September 17th from 4 pm to 5:30 pm at the Ozone Park library, on October 1st from 4 pm to 5:30 pm at Stop and Shop in Howard Beach and on October 29th from 10 am to 2 pm they will be at the Lindenwood Shopping Plaza along with the MTA van. She congratulated all teachers and students going back to school.

The Chair introduced Anna Sargeant from Am Rajkumar's office and invited her to speak. Anna Sargeant introduced herself as the new Chief of Staff and stated that she looks forward to getting to know everyone here. She continued that AM Rajkumar is the author of the Smoke Out Act and that it is important to keep reporting the illegal smoke shops and to stay vigilant. She announced that they partnered with different offices and distributed about 1,000 backpacks to children in their district. Their office at 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and that she can be reached at 718-805-0950 or at sergeanta@nyassembly.gov

The Chairperson introduced William Bao from AM Anderson's office and invited him to speak. William Bao introduced himself and wished everyone a pleasant summer. He announced that they are having a mobile van with free legal assistance on September 23rd at their South Ozone Park office at 131-15 Rkwy. Blvd. and that they are also teaming up with the Church of God Prophecy in South Ozone Park to distribute back to school supplies on September 21st from 8 am to 5 pm.

The Chairperson introduced Tiffany Eason from Speaker Adams office and invited her to speak. Tiffany Eason introduced herself as the Director of Community Engagement from Council Speaker Adrienne Adams and she welcomes everyone back and she wished all students and teachers a successful school year. She announced that they have two events coming up. On Saturday they will have a resource and job fair at MS 226 in So. Ozone Park from 1 pm to 3 pm. She also thanked CB 10 and the South Ozone Park Civic Association for their collaboration and for being so responsive and willing to work with their office to provide resources and information to the community. She continued that in collaboration with DA Katz's office, they will hold a homeowner's rights presentation on deed theft from 7pm to 7:45 pm at St. Anthony's Church and they will have a flyer sent out to CB 10 to share once it is ready. For any questions she can be reached at 718-206-2068. She also thanked the District Manager for her help as well.

The Chairperson introduced Alex Leguisamo rep. CM Ariola and invited him to speak. Alex Leguisamo introduced himself and wished everyone a good evening. He announced that Councilmember Ariola has introduced a bill that all schools have vape detectors in the bathrooms. He also announced that if anyone notices any graffiti in the area, to call their office with the location and photos if possible so they can have it cleaned. He continued that they will be holding an e-waste event on September 21st from 12 pm to 3 pm at the West Hamilton Beach Fire Dept. and they will be holding a Columbus Day event on October 13th from 12 pm to 7 pm at St. Helens Catholic Academy in Howard Beach. It is a free event and there will be free music, and food and items available to purchase. They are also hosting a Veterans Concert on November 16th at the Forest Park bandshell. He continued that the Councilmember has been in touch with the Congressman's office about the animal sacrifices and abandonment and there is an ongoing investigation. For any inquiries he can be reached at 718-738-1083.

The Chairperson introduced Dan Brown rep. DA Melinda Katz and invited him to speak. Dan Brown thanked those that attended their recent presentation on squatters and stated that they have a link available on YouTube. He announced that they are holding a Veteran's Initiative and Service Seminar on September 18th at the Veteran's Center in Ridgewood and that they are partnering with CM Holden and Sen. Addabbo. He also announced that he has a newsletter up front. He continued that on August 16th, the DA announced that a defendant was indicted by a grand jury and arraigned on 2 counts of murder and assault and other crimes for the stabbing of a driver when pumping gas in Ozone Park and a man standing on the platform of a nearby subway station. The defendant was also charged with assaulting a police officer. He was arraigned and if convicted, can face up to 65 years in prison. He also announced that back in June, the person who attacked the woman at the Howard Beach /JFK subway station plead guilty to attempted murder in the second degree and was sentenced to 22 years in prison for that act. For any questions he can be reached at 718-286-6592.

OLD BUSINESS: The Chairperson asked if there was any old business to discuss. Hearing none.

NEW BUSINESS: The Chairperson asked if there was any new business to discuss. Hearing none.

PUBLIC FORUM: The Chair asked if there were anyone from the public who would like to speak.

Phyllis Inserillo, Co-President of the Howard Beach Lindenwood Civic Assn. spoke about activities of the organization. She also expressed that regarding any housing and rezoning on Cross Bay Blvd., that the Howard Beach Lindenwood is opposed to any building or rezoning on Cross Bay Blvd. whether it is housing, commercial or anything else.

The Chair asked if there were any other members of the public who wished to speak.

Robert Fernando introduced himself and spoke about the need for daylighting at corners.

The Chair asked if there were anyone else from the public who would like to speak. Hearing none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karyn Petersen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karyn Petersen
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