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### REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

February 4, 2021

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

B. Braton, M. Q. Amin, L. Amorim, A. Antonino, J. Ariola, P. Baumann, N. Bissoon, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, M. Cherenfant, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Cosentino, F. Dardani, I. Dimoh, J. Fazio, E. Fraylon, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, R. Hitlall, E. Holland, A. Maharaj, C. Malizia, R. Martinez, D. Mitchell, C. Mocombe, F. Mohamed, N. Nigro, S. Pace, J. Quijano, R. Rathour, G. Russo, M. Salim, N. Santiago, A. Siewnarine, J. Stahl, I. VanPutten, M. Vecchio, L. Walker

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

A. Dhanpat, P. Kishun, P. Lynch, B. Ramsundar, J. Singh, D. Sookram-Singh

#### **COMMUNITY BOARD 10 STAFF PRESENT:** K. Petersen, DM; M. May

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Hon. J. Addabbo; Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; C. Moore, Rep. Hon. J. Addabbo; D. Randell, Rep. Hon. AM Pheffer-Amato; K. Mooney, Rep. Hon. A. Adams; D. White, NYS Attorney General's Office; J. Velasquez, NYC Public Advocate's Office; M. Cano, Director of Queens Community Boards QBPO; D. Brown, QDA's Office; J. Resor, QDCP; J. Mongeluzo, NYC Comptroller's Office; J. Ottomanelli, DSNY Queens Liaison; Capt. J. Costello, Commanding Officer 106 Precinct; Det. B. Reddick, Community Affairs 106 Precinct; P.O. J. Iaboni, Community Affairs 106 Precinct; P.O. G. Maher, Crime Prevention 106 Precinct; A. Iuliano, Deputy Director, Office of Community Engagement-DOB; M. Walker, CAO-PANYNJ; R. Day, RWNYC / JFK Redevelopment

The Chairperson began the meeting conducted remotely via Zoom at 6:48 pm. Board member attendance was taken and it was established a quorum was present. It was indicated attendance would be reviewed again later on to add any latecomers.

The Chairperson greeted and welcomed everyone and asked that everyone mute themselves and then asked for a moment of silence for CB10 Board Member Katherine Randall who had passed away.

The Chairperson then opened the informational public hearing for the evening and introduced Mr. Darryl White, representing the NYS Assistant Attorney General Michael Barbosa of the Brooklyn/Queens Regional Office to speak and make a presentation on "Protecting our Community."

The Chairperson then extended her apologies to Mr. White indicating that State Senator Joseph Addabbo had joined the meeting and would be permitted to speak first.

Senator Addabbo thanked the Chair and expressed his thanks to everyone for the opportunity to provide a quick update. The Senator thanked DOS Q10 for the fine job done during the storm and also extended thanks to the 106 Precinct for all their efforts. He indicated his office is trying to locate vaccines and vaccination sites for those wishing to get vaccinated and are also helping people with unemployment claims. He acknowledged and thanked Carl Moore



from his office, who was also in attendance and asked that anyone who has any issues with the vaccine, testing, or unemployment to please let them know. The Senator spoke about the budgetary negotiations process currently underway in Albany with the goal of a balanced budget by April 1<sup>st</sup>. He noted the \$180 billion budget is starting off with roughly a \$20 billion shortfall, so they will be looking to minimize cuts to some services and trying to find revenue. He encouraged anyone who would like to weigh in to do so.

The Senator spoke about some of the legislative issues in his district (there were some technical difficulties due to feedback). He has introduced a bill which directs the Division of Veterans' Services to route all telephone calls made to the number 988 to be automatically and immediately redirected and connected to the national suicide prevention lifeline telephone number. He has introduced a bill, which would allow an individual with a disability, such as autism, who is admitted to a hospital who has difficulties conveying what their medical condition is to be allowed to have a caretaker with them in the hospital to explain the medical condition for this person who cannot explain it for themselves. The Senator said he looks forward to working with his two colleagues in the State Assembly, AM Pheffer-Amato and AM Rajkumar.

The Senator announced some upcoming events he is sponsoring: Valentine's Day Food Drive - drop off food donations at the Senator's Office (all donated food will be delivered to local food pantries); DSNY ecycleNYC tentative: March 1 – March 31 (the Howard Beach & Middle Village offices to be a drop off locations); free virtual Dept. of Finance Notice of Property Value Seminar: Tuesday, February 16 at 10am; BlueCross BlueShield free health education workshop: Monday, February 22 at 7pm; LiveOn NY senior benefits webinar: Thursday, February 25 at 2pm. Call the Senator's office for more details or if there are any questions on any of these events and to register for an event. The Senator thanked the Chair and wished everyone a great night and to stay safe.

At this point the Chair again invited Mr. Darryl White to speak.

Mr. White expressed his thanks to the Chair and all in attendance. He is the NYS Attorney General's Outreach Coordinator for the Brooklyn/Queens Regional Office. There are 13 regional offices. The Brooklyn office serves Kings and Queens Counties. He provided some background as to the work they do. The AG's office deals with issues such as: consumer issues, fraud, identity theft, senior issues, elder abuse, senior scams, deed theft, worker's rights, civil rights, housing rights, etc. He spoke about their "Protecting our Community" outreach initiative which seeks to provide an opportunity for people to schedule an appointment for a virtual meeting to speak directly with Assistant Attorney General in Charge, Michael Barbosa regarding their concerns or complaints and obtain assistance.

It was emphasized that, unfortunately, deed theft issues in Brooklyn have really been going strong. Unscrupulous people preying on property owners in need of money are duping people out of their deeds.

Mr. White provided the website address: [www.ag.nyc.gov](http://www.ag.nyc.gov) and indicated it is very user friendly and contains information on the various initiatives, and resources. He referenced their "Smart Seniors" booklet, which has information relating to internet safety and suggested changing passwords from time to time and not to continually use the same passwords. Seniors are encouraged to use their credit cards as opposed to their debit cards, as debit cards are directly linked to bank accounts.

He indicated he would stop to take questions now.

The Chairperson asked if there were any members of the public on the phone line with any questions or comments, hearing none. The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments from members of the public on the video and instructed them to use the raise your hand function, there were none. At this point the Chairperson closed the public portion of the hearing and asked if there were any board members with any questions or comments, there were none.

Mr. White provided his phone number 718-560-2040 and e-mail: [darryl.white@ag.ny.gov](mailto:darryl.white@ag.ny.gov) (also in Chat box) and said on behalf of AG Letitia James and AAG Brooklyn/Queens Regional Office, Michael Barbosa thank you for the opportunity to talk about our outreach initiative and hopefully you'll be able to contact us.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. White and expressed appreciation for his presentation, noting the contact information would be shared.



The Chairperson continued with the regular order of business and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 2021 minutes. There were none.

The Chairperson then said she would go a bit out of agenda order and introduced Maricela Cano, who is our representative/liaison from the Queens Borough President's Office and added Ms. Cano is also the Director of Community Boards & Constituent Services for BP Donovan Richards. The Chair welcomed Ms. Cano and invited her to speak. Ms. Cano thanked the Chair for the introduction and indicated she used to cover community boards in her previous work with City Council. She is now with BP Richards as Director of Community Boards & Constituent Services, which covers all 14 boards. Anyone with any questions or issues should feel free to reach out by e-mail or phone, noting her contact information is in the Chat box.

She indicated she has three announcements: Reference was made to e-mails some board members may have received from her office regarding reappointments. The application is on-line and does not require a notary or the endorsement of a council member. If you are interested in getting the endorsement of a council member just reach out to your council member and let them know that you are reapplying and that you would like to be endorsed by that councilperson. Applications are due February 19 and are submitted electronically. Should anyone have questions as to if it was received, you can e-mail or call her and she will let you know. If you have friends who are interested in applying to be on the board the information and link is on the website: [www.queensbp.org](http://www.queensbp.org)

Covid-19 testing will take place this weekend at Russo's on the Bay, at 162 Avenue & 92 Street, Saturday & Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 7pm, no appointment is necessary.

The QBP has partnered with the City and community based organizations to give Queens small businesses impacted by Covid-19 grants up to \$20,000. Information about the Queens Small Business Grants Program is available on their website. Ms. Cano wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day and said to let her know if anyone has any questions and said thank you.

The Chair thanked Ms. Cano.

At this point the Chairperson continued with the regular order of business.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – the Treasurer read the report of expenditures for the month January 2021.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairperson made reference to board member folder material which had been sent to members per e-mail and extended apologies to those members who generally receive their folder material by regular mail, which, due to the snowstorm, may have not yet been received. The Chair then reviewed correspondence for the month of January 2021, which included:

- JEK Communications, Inc. notification of Spectrum excavation work (114 St. btw. 150 Ave & N. Conduit Ave)
- DCP Citywide Statement of Needs: FY2022 - FY2023
- RPO Car & Limousine Service notification of relocation of base station to 128-02 Liberty Ave., RH 11419
- Notification: NYC DEP & Open House New York hosting virtual tour on Valentine's Day of the Newtown Creek Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility
- NYC EDC Annual Investments Projects Report FY2020
- Various OMB Notices regarding: DEP construction management services for NYC wastewater resiliency program citywide; DEP replacement of water meters at JFK Airport; DEP citywide job order contracts for the Bureau of Water & Sewer Operations; FDNY purchase of tower ladders
- MTA NYC Transit notification of Capital Projects virtual Public Hearing 02/23/21
- NYS DEC notice of Complete Application relating to NYC DPR citywide Ash Borer
- NYC DEP Negative Declaration - JA179 Standby Generators Jamaica Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility
- Letter from CB10 to SLA in regard to Frenasia
- NYMTC notice of comment period - Proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments
- NYMTC notice of comment period - Draft Transportation Conformity Determination
- NYC HPD repair / vacate order: 105-35 135 St., RH 11419
- Notice of demolition work: 99-41 164 Road, HB 11414
- Notice of demolition work: 150-22 & 150-24 Tahoe Street, OP 11417



It was noted copies of the following were in member folders:

- NYC DDC Newsletter: Installation of Rain Gardens in Jamaica Bay Project Area
- NYC DDC Newsletter: Construction of Green Infrastructure in parts of Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park
- NYC DSNY Snow FAQs
- NYS DOT Construction Notice: Rockaway Blvd. Bridge over the Van Wyck Expwy. overnight closures - 1am to 5am weeknights - starting on or about 1/13/21
- ShapeUp NYC Virtual Senior Chair Yoga 03/02/21 via Zoom
- NYC Community Flood Watch Project Virtual Workshop Feb. 23 (2 pm) or Feb. 25 (6:30 pm)

The Chairperson informed board members they can be provided with a copy of anything of interest on the directed mail.

**CITY PLANNING REPORT** – Joy Resor – reported the ZCFR along with OHB rezoning public hearings were held on Wednesday, and those proposals are now with the City Planning Commission and will move to City Council the end of March. Appreciation was expressed for the testimony given by Mr. Roger Gendron and for the work done by the board on both of these.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT** – The District Manager reported notification was received from National Grid regarding planned construction work within the coming weeks on: 150 Ave. between 129 St. & 130 St. and: 150 Ave. between 130 St. & intersection.

The Chairperson acknowledged Capt. John Costello, Commanding Officer 106 Precinct, and invited him to speak. There were some technical difficulties on the precinct's side, and the Chair noted she would come back to the Captain.

The Chairperson then acknowledged DSNY Community Liaison, Mr. Joe Ottomanelli, and expressed thanks for the work done by the Dept. of Sanitation in CB10 this week stating an excellent job was done and the Dept. was very responsive to our issues and concerns. We had particular issues that were addressed very well. Not only was there snow but also tidal flooding, and an excellent job was done trying to address what was a very serious problem. Mr. Ottomanelli said he was very happy to hear this. A couple of updates were provided: regular trash collection has resumed, recycling will continue next week. DOS is looking for additional snow laborers to clear areas still affected by an accumulation. Alternate side parking is suspended until Saturday. He asked to let him know if there are any additional locations that may need to be serviced. The Chair thanked him.

The Chairperson then acknowledged Mr. Anthony Iuliano, Deputy Director, Queens Community Engagement, NYC Department of Buildings. He reported DOB has been back in full swing since July 2020, once the Governor's orders for the construction industry was lightened up. Most of the filings now are done on-line. The technology, which was going to be rolled out over time, over phases, was sped up by the Covid situation, which pushed that time line up for the industry. Borough Offices are open but on limited hours, for anyone needing to come in to do any drop offs or meet with plan examiners or entry clerks to do filings as well as their Records Room. However, most of the agency is still working remotely. Many of the plan examiners have been equipped with laptops so they can review plans on a remote basis. He stated if there is difficulty connecting with certain plan examiners here in the Borough, if there are any issues that arise, if there are any businesses that are trying to get back up on-line to get inspections please reach out to the Government Affairs Office and they'll try to accommodate and expedite those requests.

They are rolling out a façade safety initiative the week of February 16 and are going out to locations that require façade work. There have been a number of issues with fatalities that have taken place over the last few months and are keeping an eye on that and are going to be performing sweeps for those locations.

They are working on enforcement and inspection requests can be sent to Sam Schechter who is the lead for CB10. There is now a quicker turn-round time for these inspections as they have an inspector that is semi-dedicated to their unit. If there are conditions where work is being done without permits a request can be generated with 311 and they will send an inspector out. Work must be in compliance with zoning and building code.

He referred to outdoor dining and indicated that anything along the sidewalk, the street, or the curb line is DOT's jurisdiction. However, there are some restaurants, which are abutting and extending right out from the actual building itself on to the sidewalk. It was noted that's something that would not be in compliance with zoning and or building



code. He said to let them know if those conditions exist within CB10 and an inspector will be sent. DOB normally works in conjunction with DOT to try to determine what may be needed from DOB to legalize it, but it was noted in most cases they can't. He indicated what is done on the sidewalk at the curb line or street line is up to DOT's discretion.

The Chair thanked Mr. Iuliano.

Captain Costello was invited to speak but there were still technical difficulties, so the Chairperson indicated she would get back to the Captain.

The Chair instructed a board member with an inquiry to direct her question to the District Manager tomorrow who would reach out to DOB for an answer as Mr. Iuliano would not have the information tonight to answer a question regarding a specific property.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** – The Chair indicated she was going to share her screen with data found yesterday on the DOH webpage, which gives a snapshot of every zip code for the entire duration of the pandemic to date. For those in CB10: 11417 Ozone Park, 11420 South Ozone Park, 11414 Howard Beach and 11419 Richmond Hill the information was displayed.

At this point, Capt. John Costello, Commanding Officer, 106 Precinct, joined the meeting. He greeted everyone and said so far this year the 106 is doing phenomenally. He provided the stats indicating crime was down 40.7% for the 28-day period, and 36.3% for the year to date. He asked people to be vigilant, particularly with grand larcenies and GLAs. The Captain asked that packages not be left on the front stoop of your home and suggested having a neighbor bring it in. He warned there are individuals driving around actually following Amazon Prime truck routes and watching to see where the package is left, and as the delivery truck drives off, the individual pulls up jumps out of the car and grabs that box. In regard to GLAs, he said they're still seeing a troubling trend of people believing that they can just leave their car running with key in the ignition, key fob in the vehicle, doors unlocked, and individuals are pulling up and stealing those vehicles.

He said we're having a very successful year so far and hopefully we'll continue that way. He spoke about an issue in Lindenwood with vehicles drag racing, or vehicles congregating there and revving their engines. He had a specialized unit up there all week last week and didn't receive any complaints on it. They were out there Friday night for several hours, it was freezing, and nobody was congregating there. NCO Sgt. Singh spoke to the manager there and they're going to do what they can to try to fence that area off so that individuals can't congregate there. The Captain indicated he was open to questions. There were none.

The Chairperson thanked the Captain for the work he has been doing.

The Chair then continued with the Chairperson's Report. It was noted, the Covid testing that the QBP has made possible at Russo's on the Bay, is at the lot across the street on 162 Avenue. NY Mets Fans blood drive at Resorts World Casino is February 11 from 10am – 7pm; every donor will get a free t-shirt and free antibody testing.

The Queens Borough Board annual budget hearing was held earlier this week. DM Petersen delivered the statement for our board, which dealt with our top priority expense and capital budget projects.

Reference was made to information contained in member folders regarding the updated January 27<sup>th</sup> zones from the Governor, and it was indicated Ozone Park remains in the yellow zone and there really weren't any changes to the yellow zone so it's the same areas in Ozone Park, South Ozone Park, and Richmond Hill that are in yellow zones.

At this point the Chair said Assembly Member Pheffer-Amato had joined the meeting and invited her to speak.

The AM experienced some technical difficulties and the Chair indicated she would get back to her later on.

At this point the Chair reviewed board member attendance again to catch anyone who may have been missed in the earlier roll call.



The Chair then asked if AM Pfeffer-Amato was able to speak as she had been admitted to the meeting, but could not be heard.

The Chair indicated she would continue with committee reports:

**AQUEDUCT** – the Board Chair indicated report was in board folders.

**BUDGET** – the Committee Chair indicated legislators are busy in Albany and in City Hall working on the budgets.

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

**LAND USE** – the Committee Chair reported notification had just been received of a matter that will be coming before the board regarding 103-16 Van Wyck Expwy. He stated, the zoning attorneys representing the client have contacted us and they are at the pre-ULURP process. It's a proposed zoning map amendment of the site. They're looking to rezone this assembled parcel of 100 x 100 from an R3A to an R6B-C2-3 Zone. The zone actually abuts this property. The property is located at Liberty Avenue & Van Wyck Expwy. Service Road, about 100 feet south of that corner. Once it's rezoned they will develop a new four-story cellar, mixed use building with commercial space on the ground floor. It will have 18 dwelling units, which will also include the mandatory inclusionary housing program for that site. He stated, a zoning committee meeting would be set up in the next two to four weeks. He thanked the Board Chair.

The board chair indicated she saw in the Chat that board member M. Q. Amin has joined the meeting and he will be marked present.

The Board Chair noted AM Pfeffer-Amato is trying to connect to the audio.

**PARKS** – the Committee Chair reported he has spoken with the Parks Dept.; they are having a tough time with this storm and giving access to a lot of their properties. They're working with only one plow truck and most of the sites are either being shoveled out or with a snow blower. That makes it pretty tough with these conditions. But that being said, Walter Ward, Schneiderman, Rocket, John Adams, Centreville & Demutiis have perimeter pathways, crosswalks have been taken care of, and areas around fire hydrants, stairs, ramps, and bus stops. That's their top priorities in parks so they've already accomplished those areas. Locascio is in progress, Judge is in progress, Byrne has not yet started.

**PERSONNEL** – the Committee Chair commented thank God all is well with the personnel, noting the snowstorm did not deter them from doing their job.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – the Committee Chair indicated crime stats report was in board folders, and as Captain Costello reported the numbers are all down in our area and are more like the numbers we're used to.

**SANITATION** – the Committee Chair noted Mr. Ottomanelli had covered it in his update earlier and said he thinks Sanitation did an excellent job. The Board Chair agreed.

**SUMMER YOUTH / OTHER EMPLOY. OPPORT.** – the Committee Chair indicated report was in board folders.

**TRANSPORTATION** – the Committee Chair reported she had the opportunity to participate in a virtual meeting regarding e-scooters by Link engineered by Superpedestrian. The presentation discussed e-scooter rider safety and community engagement. The Committee Chair expressed concerns related to e-scooters with regard to parking, docking stations, maintenance and the impact on the community. She expressed the need for the operator to have a dialogue with the community and to present a plan. The Committee Chair commented that the new NYC DOT Commissioner, Henry Gutman, wants to install 10,000 new bike racks, which is also something to pay attention to.

The Board Chair thanked the Committee Chair and said the devil is always in the details of any proposal and communities everywhere need to be consulted.



The Committee Chair added the NYC DOT Acting Commissioner, Margaret Forgione, is now the First Deputy Commissioner.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

The Board Chair then acknowledged the various representatives of elected officials and agency representatives who were in attendance and invited anyone who would like to speak to do so.

Carl Moore, representing State Senator Addabbo, indicated he had nothing to add as the Senator had covered it all.

Danny Randell, representing Assembly Member Pheffer-Amato, greeted everyone and indicated the Assembly Member would be on in a few minutes. He asked that anyone with any constituent concerns or questions, please feel free to reach out to him. He announced that their previous Chief of Staff left to go work at the QDA's Office, and he has taken over her position and commented that it was a very peaceful transfer of power. He provided his cell 718-682-8254 and office 718-945-9550 phone numbers and put his e-mail in the Chat box. He noted the AM will make some announcements and thanked the Chairperson.

Kate Mooney, representing Council Member Adrienne Adams, commented that the lack of vaccinations is a major concern and the Council Member is in touch with City Hall almost every day. She announced Covid testing at Phil Rizzuto Park on Atlantic Avenue & 125 Street through February 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM. She commented on bills sponsored by the Council Member, who is the Public Safety Committee Chair. It was announced Pre-K for All registration will open February 24 and the application deadline is April 7; and registration for 3-K for All opens February 24 and the deadline is April 30. If you earned \$68,000 or less in 2020, you can use NYC Free Tax Prep to file for free. Ms. Mooney indicated she would put her contact info in the Chat box. She hopes the Board can distribute some of the flyers she sends over and the Chair said absolutely we'd send them out. Ms. Mooney said thank you and good night.

The Board Chair stated, for anybody who may be interested the vaccination sites in Queens are posted on our Facebook page every week.

James Mongeluzo representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, commented on the following and included the corresponding links in the Chat box for further details: New York by the Numbers-Weekly Economic and Fiscal Outlook (newsletter comes out every Monday and anyone interested in getting updates on the conditions of the City in terms of finances, please click on the link and hit subscribe button); Fair Shot NYC – Plan for Vaccine Equity; Plan to Ensure Fair Distribution of PPP (Federal Payroll Protection Program) to NYC Small Businesses; Comptroller Stringer urges City to stop shortchanging nonprofits on the front lines of Covid relief.

At this point the Board Chair indicated that AM Pheffer-Amato would speak at this time and then we would return to Mr. Mongeluzo.

AM Pheffer-Amato thanked Mr. Mongeluzo for allowing her to interrupt. The AM provided updates and comments. It's budget season and hearings and conversations relating to the Governor's proposals and cuts are taking place. The importance of fighting against the Governor's proposed cuts to education was emphasized. Upcoming events/webinars were announced: NYC DOF Homeowners and Renters Benefit Information Session - March 5 at 2pm; February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month – the AM is partnering with Shalom Task Force and Safe Horizon to host a candid discussion about domestic abuse, teen dating violence and how to support the teens in your life on February 18 from 6-7:30pm. It was noted that since Covid domestic violence is up 80% across all ages. The AM spoke about a bill she is sponsoring that would require swimming education in all NYS and NYC public schools and commented on the importance of learning to swim and water safety. For anyone scheduling a COVID vaccination appointment at Beach Channel HS, it was noted that some spots in the front have been cleared of snow. The AM asked everyone to continue wearing masks and to practice social distancing. She said it's good seeing you all and stay safe.

The Chairperson thanked the Assembly Member.



At this point Mr. Mongeluzo continued with his comments and spoke about the Blueprint for Strengthening Public Safety in NYC, which was just released. He urged the reading of the synopsis or full report. The links and his contact info were included in the Chat box.

The Chairperson thanked him.

The Chair indicated Det. Reddick, 106 Precinct Community Affairs, had an announcement to make.

Det. Reddick announced the NYC Health & Hospitals Mobile Covid test site for Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 7pm on Rockaway Blvd. / 120 Avenue / Lincoln Street. The NYPD is currently hiring for the title of Police Communications Technicians (911 operators/radio dispatchers). The deadline to file is February 26 and the website to apply is: [www.nyc.gov/careers](http://www.nyc.gov/careers). Community Affairs is covered seven days a week from 6am to 11pm Monday to Sunday and they are in the office if anybody needs to reach out to them. In the event they are not in the office, leave a message and either Det. Reddick, P.O. Jaffe, or P.O. Iaboni will respond back. They are also available via e-mail. Det. Reddick asked everybody to stay safe, get tested, and remember social distancing.

The Chair thanked her.

The Chair acknowledged that 106 Precinct Community Affairs Officer Iaboni was also on the line, as well as the 106 Precinct Crime Prevention Office Maher and asked if there was anything they would like to add.

P.O. Maher reported they've been seeing a lot of cars being stolen. He asked everyone to spread the word, don't leave your car running or your keys in the ignition. He indicated there are crews driving around looking for this opportunity. Also don't leave items in your vehicles, individuals smash the window and grab it.

Det. Reddick added, don't be surprised if you get a summons for leaving your car running because we had an initiative about two weeks ago where we were out issuing summonses for cars left running and unattended.

Matthew Walker, Council for Airport Opportunity PANYNJ reported they're pre-screening for Administrative Assistant and Chef at the airport and are also still looking for snow removers and deicers. He indicated his contact information is in the Chat for anyone who is interested.

Dan Brown, from the Queens District Attorney's Office, provided his phone number and e-mail for any questions or issues: 718-286-6593 [DTBrown@queensda.org](mailto:DTBrown@queensda.org) The DA is doing a winter coat drive now through February 8. The drop off box is at QBH. He stated if you have new or slightly used coats you'd like to donate reach out to him and he would pick them up and donate them on your behalf. A Scam Awareness & Fraud Prevention Seminar will be held March 10 with the DA and representatives from the IRS, State & City Tax Advocates, and Fraud Bureau Chiefs.

The Chair thanked Mr. Brown and asked if there were any other representatives of elected officials or agencies who were in attendance that she may have skipped over, hearing none.

**PUBLIC FORUM** – the Chairperson asked if there was anyone from the public on the telephone line who would like to ask a question or make a comment to please state their name, hearing none. The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public on the video portion who would like to make a comment or ask a question, to use the raise your hand function.

The Chair acknowledged Mr. Anthony Garcia who said thank you for having me. He indicated this was his first community board meeting and the Chair welcomed him. Mr. Garcia expressed his concerns about conditions along the coastal front in Howard Beach and the Addabbo Bridge where people are leaving their trash. He asked about the installation of signage alerting people to take their trash with them and the possibility of putting more trash cans throughout the area and having them serviced bi-weekly to alleviate the trash buildup. He thanked the Chair.

The Chair thanked him and replied to his comments. It was indicated that he was absolutely right and the Board does agree with him. She informed him there are community groups that regularly have been doing cleanups there. It was



noted, that although it's sounds simple to put up signage and more trash cans out, one of the issues is that at that location you've got multiple jurisdictions. Technically the bridge is in CB14. The bridge itself is NYSDOT. The area on the west side of Cross Bay Blvd. is National Parks Service and the area past Vetro's parking lot is NPS. NPS believes not having trash cans makes people take their garbage with them. The Chair stated a meeting with NPS is coming up and we'll be battling that battle. It is an ongoing issue and it is an issue on everybody's plate. It was indicated that one of the members of the Board is also the President of the Howard Beach–Lindenwood Civic that is regularly involved with community groups that do cleanups. DSNY on a regular basis, helps as much as they can, by going into the areas where they're jurisdictionally allowed to go and DOT. The Chair stated, it's an ongoing issue and we will continue to work on it.

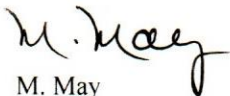
The Chairperson asked if there was anyone else from the public who would like to speak, hearing/seeing no one.

The Chairperson indicated due to the constraints presented by this type of a remote meeting, as has been done in the past since the start of the Zoom meetings, the record of this meeting would be held open until the close of business tomorrow so anyone from the public who wishes to ask a question or make a comment may do so by contacting the office by phone or e-mail.

The Chair urged everyone to continue to check the Facebook page daily where information and flyers are posted and shared. Everyone was urged to continue to observe social distancing and to wear masks, and not get complacent and think that because vaccinations are out there all of a sudden we can stop doing what we need to do. If we all take care of that part of it, hopefully maybe by summer or fall we'll be able to stop mask wearing and social distancing. But until the scientists tell us to stop doing that, we should be doing it. We are continuing to work with our elected officials to get additional vaccination sites. It was noted that the South Ozone Park and Richmond Hill areas are at the top of the infection list, and in those two areas together there over 17,000 people who are over 65 who are eligible to get vaccinations. The Howard Beach area has a large cluster of senior citizens and since that's who getting the opportunity to get vaccinated now, we need to make it easier for them to get vaccinated. We're working with everybody we can to help that happen.

The Chairperson expressed her thanks to attendees and adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



M. May  
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