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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

January 7, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

B. Braton, 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, E. Holland, A. Maharaj, R. Martinez, D. Mitchell, C. Mocombe, S. Pace, B. Ramsundar, M. Salim, N. Santiago, A. Siewnarine, J. Stahl, I. VanPutten, M. Vecchio, L. Walker

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

M. Q. Amin, A. Dhanpat, R. Hitlall, P. Kishun, P. Lynch, C. Malizia, F. Mohamed, N. Nigro, J. Quijano, R. Rathour, G. Russo, J. Singh, D. Sookram-Singh,

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hon. J. Addabbo; Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; Hon. J. Rajkumar; C. Moore, Rep. Hon. J. Addabbo; A. Costella, Rep. Hon. J. Sanders; M. Avington, Rep., Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; T. Bledman, Rep. Hon. K. Anderson; A. Lemma, Rep. Hon. D. Weprin; K. Mooney, Rep. Hon. A. Adams; D. White, NYS Attorney General's Office; J. Velasquez, NYC Public Advocate's Office; K. Brezler, Deputy Director of Qns. Community Boards; V. Garvey, 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; M. Walker, CAO-PANYNJ; R. Day, RWNYC / JFK Redevelopment;

The Chairperson began the meeting at 6:45 pm conducted remotely via Zoom. Board member attendance was taken and it was established a quorum was present.

The Chairperson acknowledged State Senator Joseph Addabbo and invited him to speak. The Senator wished everyone a healthy and happy new year on behalf of himself and his team, noting Mr. Moore from his office was in attendance. He expressed his thanks for being elected to another term and said it's a privilege and honor to again serve as State Senator and enters this year with optimism and looks forward to a much happier and healthier new year. He indicated that one of the main issues they are dealing with right now is the vaccine and the way it's distributed and is glad there are some changes to the distribution so that they can get it to more people quicker. He reported, their virtual legislative session in Albany started yesterday and encouraged anyone who sees any piece of state legislation or policy or anything that they're doing up in Albany to weigh in and let us know what you like and don't like, what you have concerns with, and how you feel. He stated a lot of what they're doing is COVID related. He spoke about an unfortunate tragic situation in his district where a constituent's 30-year-old adult child with autism had to go into the hospital and, due to the restrictions at the hospital during the pandemic, neither parent could go with him into the hospital. Due to his disability the son could not communicate his illnesses or what medications were being taken and unfortunately, he died while in the hospital. Out of that unfortunate tragedy the Senator introduced a bill which would allow an individual with a disability who is unable to communicate their needs or medical condition or health problems to be allowed to have a caretaker with them in the hospital. AM Pheffer-Amato is introducing a companion bill in the State Assembly. It was noted they may be calling this Fred's law, in honor of Fred D'Amico. The Senator said they will be also doing a lot of Covid business related legislation.

We want to help our businesses too who were so adversely affected by this pandemic and said he does not agree with the Governor and the Mayor in still closing our restaurants. The Senator said he thought our restaurants can open safely even in light of this second pandemic wave. He asked people to please let him know if he or anyone on his team can be of any help and extended wishes to all for the happiest and healthiest 2021. The Chairperson thanked Senator Addabbo.

The Chairperson acknowledged State Assembly Member Stacey Pheffer-Amato and invited her to speak. The Assembly Member thanked the Chairperson and wished everyone a happy new year, noting she looks forward to being at meetings together. The Assembly Member expressed her thanks and gratitude for the support for the elections and said it's an honor to serve this community, and it's something she enjoys. She stated it's been a very challenging year and she is going to stay optimistic and hope the world starts coming back to what we recognize. Unfortunately, a lot of things have changed during Covid and one of the priorities going into Albany is to look at its effect on our local businesses. She indicated she supports what is being done in Nassau County in regard to the opening of restaurants. She commented on the Mayor's lack of a plan for middle and high school students who are still not in school and elementary school students who are in with limitations. She indicated she has been getting a lot of calls from constituents who are concerned that there are no plans going forward and she will be advocating for that. She commented on a couple of other priorities they are working on: generating revenue as not to raise taxes, reinstating the Queens discount on the Cross Bay Bridge and the Jamaica Bay Bill (which was vetoed due to fiscal constraints, but are not losing sight of it and are going to push that environmental agenda). Her office has PPE: gloves, masks, hand sanitizer available for anyone who needs it or any organization who wants to do a distribution. They will be hosting virtual Naloxone training which is free and open to the public, and at the end of the training participants will either be mailed a naloxone kit or be able to pick one up at a local pharmacy. AM Pheffer-Amato wished all a happy and healthy new year and reminded everyone to get tested often, wear masks, wash hands and said she looked forward to seeing everybody. The Chairperson thanked Assembly Member Pheffer-Amato.

The Chairperson acknowledged State Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar and invited her to speak. The Assembly Member thanked the Chairperson and wished a happy new year to all. She said it's good to be here with the Board and to be part of this promising new year. She commented, it's her first week as the new Assembly Member in District 38 and she had her first session yesterday, and has moved into the district office at 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd. She reported that her priorities are going to be: to end the Corona virus pandemic, and that includes everything from helping to lead on the State's vaccination efforts to make sure we get it out and get it out fast and to all communities; legislation that will fix gaps in our health care system that have left so many that we know and love vulnerable and helpless; legislation that will help small businesses survive during these very difficult times; and solving the problem of the economic crisis and the budget deficit that we are facing. She said we made it through a very challenging year but December also presented some unique hurdles. There was a big fire in Richmond Hill that displaced over 48 people and she is very proud of how the community came together and donated supplies. There was a hit and run on Christmas Eve by Nativity Church in Ozone Park which killed a beloved Guyanese leader Ritawantee Persaud. She reported she has been working with the police precinct and has been in touch with the Commanding Officer. She expressed that she knows that they are doing everything within their power and has full confidence that they are using their full resources to apprehend this perpetrator. She said crime has been on the rise and we need to work together as a community to end crime; and that will also be a top priority of her first term. She said I'm thrilled to be here with you and wish you all a happy new year and let's make it a great year. The Chairperson thanked Assembly Member Rajkumar.

The Chairperson introduced Katherine Brezler, the new Deputy Director of Community Boards for Borough President Richards and invited her to speak. Ms. Brezler indicated they are in the process of updating the board member application and final approval should come tomorrow, and applications hopefully will be up on-line by Monday. The due date for submission will likely be February 19th. She expressed her concern with the climbing Covid numbers and the 197 deaths in NYC yesterday, and encouraged everyone to continue practicing safety measures and social distancing. She asked to let her know of recommendations where testing sites should go. She thanked AM Rajkumar for agreeing to have a NYC HHC testing site in front of her office. She stated, we are trying to get more of these mobile units out into the community and help stop the spread. The Chairperson thanked Ms. Brezler for her comments.

The Chairperson then proceeded with the regular order of business and opened the informational public hearing for the evening and introduced Mr. Chae No, Queens Community Liaison, NYC Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene. The Chair noted that here in Queens, particularly in southern Queens the Covid numbers are going through the roof. We have particular issues within zip codes 11419 which is very high (1/2 of that zip code is within our district). Zip code 11417 is high, and parts of zip codes 11419 & 11417 are in the State's yellow zones. Our neighboring zip code in Ozone Park

11416 in CB 9 is also very high. 11414 is not far behind so we have a real issue and we need to address some of the concerns.

Mr. No wished everyone a happy new year. He stated he currently covers Queens and unfortunately is quite taken up by Covid work and is glad to be invited by the Chairperson and District Manager to attend the meeting. He indicated he would give some data updates and go over some information about the Covid-19 vaccine that's being administered. As of this afternoon, there are about 87 million reported cases around the world. NYS has about 603,000 cases; NYC has 454,133 cases and this is subject to change as this number was as of this morning. Queens had 158,000 confirmed cases and of those 18% or 21,491 have been hospitalized. There have been 6,352 confirmed deaths and 1,250 probable deaths. As far as positivity rates NYC itself is running at about 9.25% (going up and down just a little bit) and Queens itself is about 7.6% - 7.9%. As for the neighboring counties, Nassau County has an 8.6% positivity rate on a 7 day average, and Suffolk County is rating 10.4% which is definitely higher than the City itself and Queens. The hospitalization numbers are going up and as of January 4th the Citywide 7 day average was about 4,496 cases of people being hospitalized in NYC – that number is very similar as to how it was in the peak of the pandemic back in March and very similar to what we saw March 24th. We are asking that you always keep in mind the “Core Four” principles to prevent COVID-19 transmission: stay home if you're sick (monitor your health and stay home if you're sick except for getting essential medical care (including COVID-19 testing) and other essential needs); physical distancing, wear a face covering, and practice healthy hand hygiene. Posters and informational material is available on the website: www.nyc.gov/health/coronavirus. It was noted the page was recently revamped to include information about vaccines as well as hospitalization trends, just click on “Data” on the left side. Mr. No stated, as a lot of the Covid-19 related details such as enforcement and localized restrictions, etc. remain as is since he last spoke with this board, he would skip on to the vaccine portion of his presentation.

The Mayor announced expanded categories of vaccine eligible New Yorkers as determined by NYS guidance January 4th. Continued expansion includes populations such as ambulatory care providers, dental practices, medical practices, health care workers, home health workers, hospice workers, nursing home workers and staff. The Mayor announced the goal of vaccinating 1 million people in NYC in January. Mr. No indicated they're trying to push that goal and that's why they're expanding vaccination hubs where you can get vaccinated. As for the vaccination trends, 149,932 doses were administered as of today 12am. 487,375 doses were received and they are trying to administer those doses as quickly as possible. Currently two vaccines are available, the Pfizer and the Moderna. The other vaccines are still pending approval. He said, as per guidance released by the State, we're going through different phases. The first phase we are aiming for health care workers and people that work in urgent care or any kind of medical setting. We're hoping to expand our categories to first responders and people in vulnerable groups such as advanced age or preexisting conditions. While we have the vaccine available, we still need to remain vigilant and take appropriate measures to stop the spread of the virus. Our Health Dept. and the City itself is committed to ensuring that all New Yorkers have free, safe, and easy access to these vaccines and our work is grounded in equity, that's why we're not charging for these vaccines. It's free, it's paid by the City and the State. So far the vaccines have proven to be safe. They haven't caused any negative reactions that we've seen so far since we started administering them. These two vaccines both are MRNA vaccines so these vaccines basically teach ourselves how to trigger an immune response and build immunity to the virus that causes Covid-19. Our bodies get rid of the MRNA as soon as it has finished using these instructions so our body's immune system discards them but while it retains the knowledge. You cannot get Covid-19 from these vaccines. Both of these vaccines have shown to be more than 94% effective at protecting our clinical trial participants from Covid-19. These two vaccines have different age groups: The Pfizer vaccine is available for people 16 and up the Moderna vaccine is only available for people who are over the age of 18. Research is ongoing to include pediatric populations, and the vaccine may be available to younger New Yorkers in the future. The side effects are normal and expected, you might feel tiredness and or headache or soreness at the point of injection. Many people have reported that it's very similar to a flu vaccine and the soreness or the fatigue that comes after it. Whenever we administer the vaccine, we ask that you wait or report any strange conditions that you experience so we can take care of whatever side effects that may come after vaccination. We are reporting the vaccination trends on our website www.nyc.gov/covidvaccine: how many we have received, how many we have administered, and we also have information about who is eligible for these vaccines, how to sign up for the first or second shot, and also have FAQs listed. Mr. No indicated he had completed his updates and would take a couple of questions.

The Chairperson asked if there were any questions or comments from members of the public participating and instructed attendees on the video portion to use the raise your hand function, and to those people who were on the telephone to please say their name. Hearing no one from the phone line, the Chairperson noted that Ms. Brezler's, hand was up to ask a question. Ms. Brezler, from QBPO said her office has been getting some questions asking about exact locations where vaccines are being distributed and how do folks who aren't in fact in rehab facilities make sure that they get the vaccine.

Mr. No said that the locations of those administering sites are available at: www.nyc.gov/covidvaccine (link included in Chat box).

Mr. No stated people that are associated with medical facilities such as hospital employees, people living in nursing homes or rehabilitation homes, the vaccination efforts are conducted by those entities. But for people who are outside of that or for example doctors in independent practices that are not associated with a hospital, they can schedule an appointment through the City because we're the administering entity for the rest of the population. For people that are not eligible, we're trying to expand the criteria as quickly as possible but unfortunately the City does not decide who is prioritized, it's the State that makes the criteria. Discussion ensued and Ms. Brezler referenced two cases of two different rehabs in the Borough that have not had access to the vaccine and are trying to get it. Mr. No asked her to e-mail him the information of those sites and he would find out. He said, as for nursing homes or those kinds of facilities, we're coordinating with the State to get them on a list and reach out to them so we can coordinate vaccinations. Ms. Brezler thanked Mr. No indicating she will follow up tomorrow.

The Chairperson asked if there were any board members with questions.

A member asked about people having allergic reactions to the vaccine. Mr. No said, depending on what kind of allergies you have, the vaccine may present adverse reactions, and that's why when the vaccine is administered you're asked not to leave right away and to stay for a couple of minutes. Our medical personnel are prepared to handle any anaphylactic shock or any other adverse effects. It's not common, it happens very, very rarely, but if it does happen and we are prepared for it.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. No and expressed appreciation for the update and reminded everyone to get tested often.

Mr. No said stay safe and thanked everyone.

The Chairperson addressed AM Rajkumar indicating that a request had been received asking the AM to put her office address in the Chat box.

The Chairperson continued with the regular order of business and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the December 2020 minutes. There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chairperson reviewed correspondence for the month of December 2020 which included:

- DOITT notice of public hearing regarding review of franchise and concession for Verizon
- Notice from the Mayor's Office regarding the extension of Open Storefronts Program
- Industrial Permits Services Corp. notification of demolition: 133-11 124 St., SOP
- Various OMB notices regarding: FDNY cost limitation for purchase of ladders; NYPD cost limitation for tow trucks for Traffic Enforcement; DOT purchase of various vehicles; DPR removal of 2,001 City-owned Emerald Ash Borer host trees; DEP asbestos abatement in DEP facilities,
- NYMTC Proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments: notice of comment period 12/16 – 12/29
- NYMTC Notice of Draft 2021-2022 Unified Planning Program (UPWP) and Annual Listing of Obligated Projects for Federal FY2020.
- NYS DOT notice of overnight closures of Liberty Avenue Bridge over Van Wyck Expw. weeknights 12:00am to 6:00 am for 6 weeks starting on or about the January 11, 2021
- DDC notice of construction of right-of-way green infrastructure in the Jamaica Bay CSO Tributary Areas in South Ozone Park on behalf of DEP beginning on or about Spring 2021 for right-of-way bioswales, green strips, rain gardens, and infiltration basins
- DOE notice of public hearing for PS 47 in Broad Channel and Revised Educational Impact Statement (forwarded to Board 14 as this is not in Board 10)
- NYS Dept. of Public Service notice of virtual public forums on Tropical Storm Isaias utility performance
- Notice regarding work by JEK Communications in regard to cable wires
- Copy of letter from CM Holden to the Mayor regarding (PEG) Program to Eliminate the Gap budget cuts to the community boards
- DCP Pre-certification Notice - Rezoning: 103-16 Van Wyck Expwy., Richmond Hill 11419

- Copy of EAS for a number of projects
- Notice of BP's Land Use Public Hearing - to take place next week (ZFCFR & OHB Rezoning will be on agenda)
- Preliminary information on the Citywide Hotel Text
- Notice of Environmental Review and Lead Agency Letter on the Citywide Text Amendment for Hotels
- DEP Lead Agency Declaration and Notice of Intent to Conduct Environmental Review in regard to standby generators at the Jamaica Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility

The Chairperson asked members to let her know if there is anything in the directed mail that a member is interested in and would like a copy of.

TREASURER'S REPORT – due to technical difficulties, the Board Chair, read the report of expenditures for the month December 2020, on behalf of the Treasurer.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT – V. Garvey – reiterated Ms. Brezler's request relating to mobile testing sites and asked anyone with recommendations to call the office at: 718-286-3000 or e-mail her or Ms. Brezler (e-mail info in Chat Box). She referenced the Borough President's Land Use Public Hearing to be held next Thursday, January 14th at 10:30 am via Zoom (link in Chat Box), and asked that anyone who would like to publicly testify preregister in advance at: www.queensbp.org/landuse or call the office to request to testify. They will be hearing Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency and the Old Howard Beach Rezoning, so both are relevant to this board. The Borough President's Office & the Haiti Independence Committee are having a virtual celebration for Haiti's 217th Independence Anniversary, Wednesday, January 13th from 7pm-8pm RSVP at: www.queensbp.org/RSVP or visit their homepage for live stream (info in Chat Box). She said she hopes everyone is doing well and it's nice to see everyone after the holidays.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT – J. Resor – acknowledged the Board's recommendations regarding ZCFR and OHB Rezoning were received and thanked the Board Office for getting those in on the DCP LUP (Land Use Participants Portal). The applications have now passed on to the BP's Office and that public hearing will be held next week, attendance is encouraged. The Board would be kept abreast of the small rezoning project at 103-16 Van Wyck Expwy. as information is received. Right now, there is a tentative Quarter 1 certification for that project, which means it will hopefully enter public review sometime at the end that quarter. She noted more information would be provided as that becomes clearer. Feel free to ask any questions.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – The District Manager reported, beginning Tuesday, January 19, 2021, MTA New York City Transit will resume fare collection on all Access-A-Ride services. The Access-A-Ride fare is \$2.75 per trip (the same as the full fare on public transit) and is collected in cash. Customers must have exact change ready at boarding as Paratransit operators do not provide change or accept round-trip payment. MetroCards cannot be used as payment but customers may pay their fares using Access-A-Ride TransitChek Coupons. Each coupon is good for full payment on one trip. As always, for those eligible, Personal Care Attendants may accompany Access-A-Ride passengers free of charge. Paratransit customers will be notified of this change directly by e-mail, text alert, automated announcements on the Paratransit phone line, and through communications from their Paratransit customer service team, along with posters on Paratransit vehicles; and social media and the website will also be used to get the word out. Customers may continue to safely choose how to book their trips via online trip management, MYmta App or by calling the Access-A-Ride call center at 1-877-337-2017. For the safety of their customers and employees, face coverings are required for all customers using MTA services. The DM wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – The Chairperson reported there have been a number of Zoom meetings since the installation of our new Borough President Donovan Richards with the Chairs, the District Managers and the BP and different staff members.

The Chair reported she has been working with Brent Weitzberg and the DOH on getting some additional testing locations in our area. The site at the Lefferts Library gets a high-volume turnout every day but we have many, many more people that need to be tested and we need more regular sites besides just the pop-up sites to address all of our different areas.

The Chair referred to the test and trace material in board folders which members should read and digest, even if the information is a bit dated from mid-December.

The Chair referenced the NYC DOB service notice follow-up to Local Law 152 of 2016 which required gas piping inspection for community board districts 1, 3, 10 in all five boroughs advising the deadline has been extended. The notice was read for the benefit of the public. It was noted this does not apply to one- and two-family homes.

The Chair referenced material in member folders relating to the Covid-19 outdoor dining update and the guidance on indoor dining and State Liquor Authority provisions.

The Chair referenced an e-mail received just before Christmas informing our FY2021 budget has been reduced by \$3,628 and for FY2022 the base line budget will be reduced by \$8,153 and noted this is what CM Holden was referring to in his letter to the Mayor. Although this doesn't sound like a huge amount, for community boards it translates into a great deal of things that we need to do business. We will be able to accommodate these two cuts without cutting into our staff salaries however, future cuts may force us into that position. It is concerning if we get any additional pegs, and we will be keeping tabs on that. The Chair extended thanks to the DM and staff for the work they have been doing at the office to identify the places where we can make cuts to accommodate it.

The Chair reported on the Port Authority solar initiative which was a matter of discussion at the JFK Redevelopment meeting in December and provided an update.

The Chairperson addressed P.O. Iaboni advising that Capt. Costello can speak whenever he gets on the Zoom.

At this point, the Chair reviewed board member attendance again, to see if someone had been missed in the earlier roll call.

The Chairperson acknowledged Capt. John Costello, Commanding Officer 106 Precinct, had joined the meeting and invited him to speak.

The Captain reported last year they did finish the year with crime up approximately 10.4%. The largest increase in crime was GLAs at almost 80%. He indicated it's a city-wide issue and it's not going away, noting he spoke about GLAs all last year and the 106 was particularly hard hit. He reported last week he had ten GLAs, and all but one were of car running, key in the ignition, door unlocked. He expressed his frustration that although the message has been shared on social media and posted on Twitter and Facebook, some people seem not to have gotten the message that you can't leave your car running with your doors unlocked with the keys in the ignition. It's a crime of opportunity and very tempting for criminals. He commented he believes most of the perpetrators are crossing over from Brooklyn and believes to know who they are. One individual in particular from Brooklyn was arrested, who previously had been arrested on five GLAs here in the 106, and unfortunately was released on his own recognizance, doesn't have to pay bail, and doesn't have a court date for several more months. It's frustrating that these offenders are released immediately, and they prey on individuals leaving their cars running. He referred to numerous vehicles last month stolen right out of the driveway as people warm up their car before going to work only to come out to find it's gone. He pleaded with everyone to not warm up their car in their driveway or leave it running. The Captain reported he started an initiative January 1st for which there is zero tolerance for car running key in ignition. His command has written over 100 "key in ignition" summonses since January 1st. He emphasized that's just what we've seen, over 100 vehicles in the confines of this command running unoccupied with the door open. He indicated it's really a driving force in crime increase here in the 106.

The Captain also spoke about porch pirates stealing packages left on front porches, although this year they were not inundated with this type of larceny crime. It was suggested, when delivery is expected ensure somebody is home, or have package delivered to a neighbor or drop box.

The Captain spoke about "Quality of Life" complaints of noise by the Brooklyn/Queens border coming from Shirley Chisholm State Park in the 75 Precinct. He indicated whenever, he calls the 75 Precinct to ask them to have a car go over there to quell the noise they do cooperate and go over and try to shut the music down.

The Chairperson thanked the Captain and asked if members had any questions, hearing none.

The meeting continued with **COMMITTEE REPORTS** as follows:

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

PUBLIC SAFETY – the Committee Chair indicated report was in board folders.

SANITATION – no committee report.

DSNY Queens Liaison, Mr. Ottomaneli announced collection of clean Christmas trees started on Monday, January 4 and will continue through next Friday, January 15, 2021. He commented their snow/storm response a couple of weeks back was positive with no reports of open dining structures damaged. The Chairperson thanked him.

TRANSPORTATION – the Committee Chair reported Margaret Forgione was appointed in December 2020 as NYC DOT Acting Commissioner & Chief Operations Officer. It was noted that Acting Commissioner Forgione has been a long time DOT employee who has held various positions in the agency: Chief Operations Officer, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, DOT's Arterial Maintenance Unit, & Adopt-A-Highway Program. The Committee Chair indicated she was very pleased that someone with such experience and knowledge was selected for the position.

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.

AnnMarie Costella, representing State Senator James Sanders, announced the Senator will be hosting a free PPE giveaway and mobile Covid testing event this Saturday, January 9th at the Richmond Hill Triangle: 133 Street & Liberty Avenue, Richmond Hill (info in Chat Box). She noted the Senator is proposing legislation, such as the Stock Transfer Tax, to help fill in the budget gap caused by Covid-19. The office phone number was provided in the Chat for anyone who may have any questions on it.

Anthony Lemma representing Assembly Member David Weprin had no comments.

Kate Mooney, representing Council Member Adrienne Adams, indicated some of the more important items and events were dropped in the Chat Box; but wanted to mention that they've received a large number of face shields and if there are any community-based organizations or religious institutions that would like some, she would be happy to drop them off or they can be gotten at their office. The discretionary applications for FY2022 have opened and are on the Council website. Ms. Mooney stated she is giving a training on January 13 and 14, and anyone who would like to attend should contact her by e-mail (provided in Chat Box). CM Adams is now the Chair of Public Safety, and on Monday she'll have a major hearing on police reform. Anyone from the public who wishes to testify must sign up in advance. Ms. Mooney wished all a wonderful 2021. In closing, she added, they've gotten a lot of complaints that businesses on Liberty Avenue are not taking Covid precautions, but she doesn't quite know what to do about it. She doesn't want to penalize the businesses as they've suffered so much already, yet she really would hope that our store owners would be more cognizant of the spike. She indicated she could provide face shields perhaps to the businesses that would like some.

James Mongeluzo representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer provided information relating to various statements, reports and audits which included: recommendations on how to improve vaccine rollout; audit of DHS homeless shelters for families with infants; unclaimed NYC wage awards (info and links in Chat Box). He wished everyone a happy new year and indicated his contact info is in the Chat Box.

Jean Velasquez representing NYC Public Advocate Jumanne Williams wished everyone a happy new year. He announced the Public Advocate's Office will be launching a citywide faith leader engagement series (info in Chat Box). He wished a blessed new year to all and indicated his contact info is in the Chat for anyone with questions or issues.

Dan Brown, from the Queens District Attorney's Office asked community groups and civics to let him know if they would like to have someone from the DA's office speak at their meeting. Information relating to the work the DA is doing prosecution-wise, as well information relating to the different bureaus and hot lines can be found on the website: www.queensda.org. He provided his phone number (718-286-6593) and e-mail (dtbrown@queensda.org).

Darryl White, from the NYS Attorney General's Office said he is the Brooklyn/Queens Regional Outreach Coordinator. He referenced the "Protect Our Community" information sent to the Board relating to virtual appointments on January 12 and January 26 (9am-1pm) to discuss concerns, file complaints, and get assistance. The Chairperson acknowledged the information was received and distributed to all the board members today. He explained they don't have a dedicated office

in Queens and are working on providing opportunities for people to speak to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Brooklyn/Queens Regional Office, Michael Barbosa regarding topics of concern such as: consumer issues, senior issues, worker's rights, civil rights, housing issues. Interested participants should RSVP via the phone number or e-mail provided on the flyer and a link to the virtual meeting would be provided following registration.

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

Ryan Day, JFK Redevelopment / Resorts World NYC had no comment.

Matthew Walker, Council for Airport Opportunity PANYNJ reported they're currently hiring warehouse agents, security guards, and are also still looking for snow removal drivers for this winter snow season. He asked that anyone interested please reach out to him and indicated his contact info is in the Chat. He noted, most positions need a driver's license, but there are some that don't. He wished everybody has a happy new year.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Walker and asked if there were any other representatives of elected officials she may have skipped over.

Tanagra Bledman, representing Assembly Member Anderson, spoke indicating this is her first meeting representing the Assembly Member, and extended greetings to everyone. She referred to the Covid-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2020 which just passed and urged anyone who has any questions or who would like to know more to contact their office. She indicated a hardship declaration form is required (for renters or landlords who are going to take up this opportunity) and the info would be in the Chat as well as their telephone number. The Chairperson thanked her.

OLD BUSINESS – None

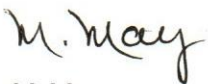
NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – the Chairperson asked if there was anyone from the public on the telephone line who would like to make a comment or ask a question, 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, hearing none. 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.

The Chairperson again wished everyone happy new year and added we have been informed by Borough Hall that we will probably be on Zoom for the foreseeable future.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



M. May

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