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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

March 4, 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, F. Dardani, I. Dimoh, J. Fazio, E. Fraylon, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, R. Hitlall, A. Maharaj, R. Martinez, D. Mitchell, C. Mocombe, F. Mohamed, S. Pace, J. Quijano, M. Salim, N. Santiago, J. Stahl, I. VanPutten, M. Vecchio, L. Walker

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

M. Q. Amin, A. Cosentino, A. Dhanpat, E. Holland, P. Kishun, P. Lynch, C. Malizia, N. Nigro, B. Ramsundar, R. Rathour, G. Russo, A. Siewnarine, J. Singh, D. Sookram-Singh

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; Hon. J. Rajkumar; C. Moore, Rep. Hon. J. Addabbo; A. Costella, Rep. Hon. J. Sanders; D. Randell, Rep. Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; I. Dougherty, Rep. Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; K. Mooney, Rep. Hon. A. Adams; 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; R. Day, RWNYC / JFK Redevelopment

The Chairperson began the meeting conducted via Zoom at 6:47 pm. Board member attendance was taken to establish a quorum was present. It was indicated attendance would be reviewed again later on to add any latecomers.

At this point the Chairperson opened the public hearing for the evening in regard to the Citywide Statement of Needs for City Facilities for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. For the benefit of the attendees the Chair explained this is a document that comes out every year from the City of New York, compiled by the Dept. of City Planning, and it's required annually under Section 204 of the City Charter.

The primary purpose of the document is to inform communities of the City's facilities siting needs in upcoming years to inform as to the specific criteria for selecting the locations of those facilities and to provide an opportunity for community input via community boards and borough presidents.

The process, after the SON is published and released to the public, is that the document is submitted for review to City Council and elected officials and to community boards. Within 90 days of publication, the borough presidents, borough boards, and community boards may submit written comment to the DCP, which subsequently shares this feedback with the relevant City agencies for consideration during the siting process, and also uses it to inform other planning processes. During the same 90-day period, the borough presidents may propose locations for any new city facilities if the locations are consistent with the Criteria for the Location of City Facilities and with the specific siting criteria in the SON.

It was noted that this document is many pages long and is available for downloading and reading on City Planning's website, for anybody who really wants to see what's in it for the entire city and specific to us.

The Chair indicated, as far as we are concerned, and what is specific to us, there are a number of proposals for Queens which include: relocation of the St. Albans pumping station (DEP), expansion of the Queens Borough Office (DOP), a couple of HRA program relocations, there is only one active siting going on in Queens that covers all of Queens which is new office space for Raise the Age Queens. Everything else on the Queens list is not specific to CB10, it's specific to other community boards. There are two other programs that are non-specific to a community board area: (NYPD) relocation of Special Victims Office - Queens and (TLC) new vehicle storage. Neither one of those will be coming to us. There is nothing of in the Statement of Needs this year that is specific to CB10.

At this point the Chair opened the floor to anyone from the public who had any comment to make specific to the SON, hearing none.

An attendee from the public asked if this was the general public forum. The Chairperson explained we are not in public forum and made reference to the agenda indicating the public forum is at the end. The Chair stated this is the public hearing specific to the Citywide Statement of Needs. The attendee noted that she understood. The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public who had a comment specific to the Citywide Statement of Needs; hearing none, the hearing is closed.

The Chair stated each year we send as our comments from CB10 a letter basically stating that we do not approve the Citywide Statement of Needs due to its lack of specificity as to any actual site in CB10 being selected, so if it's amenable to the Board members we can send a similar letter this year. It was noted, we are not required to send a letter, but we can. The Chair asked, is there anyone who objects to sending that type of letter stating as we normally do that the Citywide SON lacks specificity as to specific projects in our board area. Hearing none, she indicated we will send that letter.

The Chairperson continued with the regular order of business and asked if there are any additions or corrections to the February 2021 minutes; hearing none, the minutes will stand.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chairperson reviewed correspondence for the month of February 2021 which included:

- NYPD Commanding Officer, Traffic Operations Division: Vision Zero Initiative / Enforcement & Recap
- Various OMB notices regarding: DEP capital purchase of 2 skimmer vessels; Fire Dept. & NYC Health & Hospitals outfitting for (90) EMS FDNY ambulances; FDNY outfitting for emergency vehicles; DOT engineering service agreements; FDNY ExtraHop hardware & software expansion
- NYMTC notice of comment period: Proposed amendments to the Federal Fiscal Years 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (March 3 – March 12)
- NYMTC notice of comment period: Draft Transportation Conformity Determination (period closed 2/26)
- Notice of demolition work: 99-75 & 99-77 First Street
- EEPD response relating to initial audit determination
- NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson's "Planning Together - A New Comprehensive Planning Framework for NYC"
- QCB7's response to City Council Speaker Johnson regarding "Planning Together"
- Letter from parent of student attending PS124 regarding construction at JFK Logistics Center
- Communication from a concerned individual regarding Liberty Avenue sanitation issues
- Certificate of Recognition from the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau to CB10 for making their Partnership Program a success. The Chair extended thanks to all members for their efforts in making the census flow better in our area.

The Chair referenced some materials which were included in board member folders and addressed attendees from the public advising that most of these materials / notices are on the QCB10 Facebook page for anyone who may be interested. Such as: NYS DOT Van Wyck Expwy. Improvements; notice from AM Anderson regarding bus service to York College vaccination site; information regarding electric bicycles; NYC DDC green infrastructure/raingardens; JHP photography project; CAO Youth Summit on Employment; info about paying off child support debt; QDA's Scam Awareness & Fraud Prevention Program.

At this point, the Chairperson acknowledged AM Pheffer-Amato and invited her to speak.

AM Pfeffer-Amato greeted everyone and reported they are still in conference discussing the budget. There has been a lot of attention around the current situation regarding the Governor, so things are a little tense in the State, and it has created many more hours of conversation in regard to the taking back of his executive power. Today they did some sweeping reforms regarding nursing homes, so they are back to the business at hand. Upcoming events were announced: DOF seminar March 5 at 2pm (e-mail the AM's office for link); in honor of Women's History Month seeking nominations for the 2021 Annual Women of Distinction Awards to recognize and honor local women who are making a difference in the community and the lives of others (contact the AM's office to request a nomination form).

The Assembly Member indicated she partnered with AM Rajkumar and AM Anderson in sending a joint letter to Governor Cuomo requesting that the Aqueduct Racetrack vaccination site give priority to the surrounding local communities to receive appointments for vaccinations.

The Assembly Member said it was great seeing everybody and thanked the Chair.

The Chair thanked the Assembly Member for the letter on the vaccination site.

TREASURER'S REPORT – due to technical difficulties the Board Chair read the report of expenditures for the month February 2021 on behalf of the Treasurer.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT – not in attendance

CITY PLANNING REPORT – Joy Resor – was temporarily not visible/audible and the Chair indicated she would return to DCP later.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – The District Manager reported notification was received from NYC DOT that it has completed its study for the feasibility of installing a speed hump on 135 Avenue between 132 Street and 135 Place. DOT conducted an investigation to determine feasibility and need of installing a speed reducer at that location. Factors such as physical inventory of the street and travel speed were taken into consideration in making their determination. Following an investigation of all the blocks, it was determined that 135 Avenue between 133 and 134 Street meets the criteria for a speed reducer. Installation will take place when resources are available. The following blocks did not meet the criteria for a speed reducer: between 132 Street & 133 Street; between 134 Street & 134 Place; between 134 Place and 135 Street; between 135 Street & 135 Place.

CITY PLANNING REPORT – Joy Resor – indicated there was no report and wished everyone a good month.

The Board Chair asked if City Planning had released their report on the ZCFR & Howard Beach Rezoning. Ms. Resor responded not yet, but the vote is March 17 and then it will go to City Council.

At this point the Chair acknowledged Captain Costello, Commanding Officer, of the 106 Precinct and invited him to speak. The Captain greeted everyone. He said crime is down in every category and provided stats. Although GLAs are down, the only thing he is still seeing in the confines of the 106 is people leaving their vehicles running with the key in the ignition, key fob in the vehicle, with doors unlocked. He warned there are a lot of predators driving around looking for these unoccupied vehicles and the opportunity to steal them. He also cautioned about having packages delivered when no one is at home to accept them. There are individuals driving around looking for packages left on front porches, jumping out of their car, grabbing the packages and driving off with them. The Captain said, other than that, the precinct is having a phenomenal year so far. The Captain asked if anybody had any questions.

The Chair asked if there was anyone with questions, hearing none. The Chair thanked the Captain for the work he is doing.

The Chair acknowledged AM Rajkumar and invited her to speak. AM Rajkumar extended greetings to everyone and reported they have been busy co-sponsoring / introducing legislation in the Assembly to help us emerge from this economic and health crisis we are in. Legislation has been introduced to make a life-saving monoclonal antibody drug available for high risk COVID-19 patients which can help save lives before herd immunity is reached. She has been working with her office on helping to secure vaccination appointments for constituents and said it's always a proud moment when we're able to get an appointment. It was noted the office is always open to people who don't have computer access or for anyone

needing help with appointments. The AM reported two massive food distributions have taken place in front of her office, one of which was even during the snow storm; and happily reported that it was just learned they will be able to do the food drive on a regular basis, so stayed tuned for announcements. The AM said Happy Women's History Month and shared one of her favorite quotes by Shirley Chisholm who said: "if they don't give you a seat at the table, bring in a folding chair." I am honored to be your Assembly Woman, please feel free to come to my office, I'm always here for you. We are open, even despite the pandemic Monday - Friday 9-5 and we've also expanded to weekend hours: Saturdays 11-2, so please come on by. The AM commented on the work involving the State budget which is due April 1. She's actively working with the Commanding Officers of the 102, 104, 106 Precincts to address crime in the district. She indicated she is planning for a public safety town hall to delve more into crime issues. There have been a few major fires in south Queens, one of which was just this week. She and Senator Addabbo have been working together to get a bill through that actually incentivizes homeowners to get rid of cock lofts which are actually responsible for fires spreading from building to building. If those are removed, there is less of a chance of fires spreading. She said, you know where to find me, I'm always here for you, everyone stay safe and healthy, and thank you.

The Chairperson thanked AM Rajkumar.

The Chairperson then acknowledged DSNY Community Liaison, Mr. Joe Ottomanelli. He announced the Department is currently engaged in ReFashion Week. Tomorrow night is a (virtual) runway show featuring some of the repurposed designs in conjunction with the various artists taking part in the event. He referenced the trash issues along Liberty Avenue and reported they have been targeting that. They're going to be taking part in a town hall tomorrow night in conjunction with the Ozone Park Community Fridge to address some of those issues and are going to be conducting some outreach along the Liberty Avenue corridor next week with regard to some of the issues that are taking place there.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Ottomanelli.

The Chairperson asked if there were any other agency representatives in attendance, hearing none.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – The Chair referenced the Queens Borough President's 2021 State of the Borough Address given last night indicating it's available for viewing on the QBP's website for those who missed it.

Normally at this time of the year, the block party rules for the upcoming summer season are posted on our website, however we're waiting for some clarifications that relate to the Mayor's Executive Order in regard to permitting issues, and will be putting the Block Party rules out as soon as we get the answers.

Another issue we need to address is our April meeting, which would normally be on the first Thursday of April which is April 1st which is also Holy Thursday, and Holy Week this year also coincides with the Passover period. The Chair asked if there was any objection from any of the members if we changed April's meeting to Thursday, April 8th or Tuesday, April 6th. Mr. Gendron indicated Thursday, April 8th is the date of the New Hamilton Beach Civic Assn.'s meeting and the Chair noted then it won't be the 8th. The Chair asked if there was any major conflict with Tuesday, April 6th, hearing none, the Chairperson indicated the April meeting would occur on Apr. 6th.

The Chair made reference to the Ethical Times material sent to members which was a cute take on the Conflict of Interest Rules and suggested members read it at their leisure and noted there also was some information in regard to the budget which was some good news.

The Chair commented on the last meeting of the Borough Board in which they voted on the Queens Borough response to the Mayor's Preliminary Budget. The final document is not up yet on the QBP's website; however, the PowerPoint Presentation is on the website in the Budget section and it's called "Queens Borough Board Draft Response to the Mayor's FY2022 Preliminary Budget." Everyone is encouraged to take the time to read it as there is a great deal of information in there. When the full document is finalized it will be up on the website as well.

Notice was received from the Dept. of City Planning that the Statement of Community District Needs & Community Board Budget Requests for FY2022 is now up on City Planning's website. You can link to it through the profiles. For some of the newer board members you might want to read the overview of Community District which highlights all of the different things that we fight for throughout the year on our budget requests, and it also includes a short narrative on each of the

three pressing issues overall in our board district area: crime and public safety; infrastructure; and street conditions/roadway maintenance.

Last week there was a webinar conducted by the Community Flood Watch Project, which is part of the New York Sea Grant and the Science & Resilience Institute at Jamaica Bay. The Chair stated it was a very informative presentation and acknowledged and thanked Roger Gendron for the work that he has been doing with that group. We now have, thanks to Roger and this group, sensors installed near Hawtree Basin that are giving us some very clear measurements. The Chair asked Mr. Gendron if he wanted to comment on it.

Mr. Gendron thanked the Chair noting that the Chair has also been involved with this from the beginning too.

He reported the group came to us and we are the jumping in point for a program that they want to institute citywide. Flood sensors were installed in Hamilton Beach on a few spots on the roadway itself which will measure the height on any tidal flooding we get, as well as the duration that the streets remain flooded. Flood sensors were also installed that measure the water height in Hawtree Basin close to the pedestrian bridge on 163 Avenue. He said that in February, for two weeks straight, he followed along using the numbers that were provided from that flood sensor and based that on the flood tide gauge from Bergen Basin and the numbers are within a 100th of an inch of each other. The numbers are good if you live in the coastal area because it's easier to home in on when we could see tidal flooding in our area. They use Steven's Institute of Technology to put out their flood data for their predictions for tides. He explained he used to have to average from a few different ones and at least now we can look specifically at Bergen Basin and use those numbers because they correlate with within a 100th of an inch. The sensors are giving us real time data and we'll know exactly how bad or how high the water is and how long it stays in the roadway.

The Chair thanked him and said one of the other aspects of that program is that we would like to expand it in our flood area not only to Hawtree but also to Shell Bank. We're going to be trying to find locations where we can put more of these sensors. They're not a heavy lift in terms of the funding that is going to be required for them. We will be working with the Resiliency Institute to try and find sources of funding so that we can get a perimeter of these devices on both our canals and even along the bridges to try and get much better data. The data is shaping a lot of what we're doing now. As we heard in some of the presentations that we've had on the flood issues, certainly since we've gotten involved in sending pictures, we are getting far better weather notices from the National Weather Bureau because they've been sharing information. We're getting much better alerts from NYC Emergency Management, so it is having an impact.

At this point, the Chairperson asked whether any other elected officials had joined the meeting, hearing none.

The Chair indicated she would like to acknowledge the various representatives who were in attendance, noting they would be given time to speak a little bit later: Carl Moore, representing State Senator Addabbo; Danny Randell & Irene Dougherty, representing Assembly Member, Pheffer-Amato; Kate Mooney, representing Council Member Adams; James Mongeluzo, representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer; Dan Brown, representing Queens District Attorney Katz; Joy Resor, representing Dept. of City Planning/Queens; Joe Ottomanelli, representing DSNY; and Ryan Day, representing JFK Redevelopment & Resorts World.

The Chair made reference to the monthly meeting with Resorts World noting we were pleased to hear the hotel project is moving toward opening sometime late spring or early summer. The hiring process will begin sometime in the next couple of months and we will be getting notification when that starts. Again, there is the commitment to local hiring, and we thank Resorts World for that commitment.

At this point the Chair indicated she was going to share her screen and commented on a PowerPoint received from the Social Security Administration regarding the National Scam Day, which happens to be today. Please help spread the word to our senior citizens, as we still have people who respond to some of these scams.

And on a more serious note, the Chair said, we all know that we as a City and as a State are facing serious economic issues related to the pandemic and getting our economy back functioning really is dependent upon us stopping the pandemic as soon as we can do it. The Administration's efforts in Washington to increase the vaccine, is offering some optimism that there is some light at the end of this tunnel and we're hoping that that will continue.

The Chair again shared her screen noting it's exactly 28 days since the last time this information was pulled up and shared last month, and it gives a very clear picture of what's happened in just four weeks. She reported on and reviewed data relating to COVID cases & deaths per each of the four zip codes of CB10 as well as comparisons of the case rate & death rate for each zip code compared to the numbers for the Borough of Queens. It was noted, over the last 28-day period, the number of cases in our zip codes has gone up and the details were provided; but the death rate compared to the rest of the Borough is lower. We still have work to do as far as making sure we are doing the things we have to do.

The Chair also shared charts/stats relating to the numbers and percentages of people who have been vaccinated per each of the four zip codes of CB10. It was noted similar data was put up on Facebook two weeks ago on February 16 and there has been a positive trend of almost the doubling of the number of people who have been vaccinated over the two-week period. She said we all have to be ambassadors to everyone who has reservations about getting vaccinated, to try and discuss with them the issues and stress the importance of getting vaccinated. We need to be encouraging people to get vaccinated as more and more vaccines become available.

She stated, the next set of charts shows whether the pandemic is getting worse, better, or staying the stable in any one of our particular zip code areas. According to the health experts, the virus is controlled if the area has a high test rate and a low percent positivity rate and low case rate. So, the test rate line should be going up and the positive rate line should be going down and the case rate line should be going down. The charts/graphs with information for each of the zip codes was reviewed. The Chair asked that you do what you can do in your own organization and among your own circle to continue to deliver the message that we still have a lot of work to do before we are out of this pandemic and the more we get what we have to do done, the better off we're all going to be. We've said it before, we don't know what we don't know about the disease. We don't know how long the vaccinations are going to protect us. We don't know if the vaccinations are going to protect us from all the different strains that are now out there. But what we do know, and what we are in full control over, is whether or not we wear a mask, and stay socially distant; we know that has an impact and that's fully within our control.

The Chair continued with committee reports:

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

EDUCATION – the Committee Chair reported in person middle school has started (full time - five days a week); students continue to get randomly tested for COVID. It was noted there is a new NYC DOE Chancellor. Everyone was encouraged to stay safe and to get vaccinated.

GATEWAY – the Board Chair said we will be having a Gateway meeting sometime in the next few weeks. She commented on a meeting that was held last week which she, and the President of the Howard Beach/Lindendwood Civic Association and the President of the New Hamilton Beach Civic Association attended. She thanked AM Pheffer-Amato for continuing what Dan Brown started with Gateway working on some of the park issues. Reference was made to the West Pond work that is continuing in the bird sanctuary and that Gateway wanted to take the sand that is stockpiled in Spring Creek for that work.

HIGHWAY, ROADS & TRAFFIC – the Committee Chair indicated he had no report but alerted everyone to stay off the Van Wyck.

LAND USE – the Committee Chair reported he is still working on speaking with the consultants on the Van Wyck Expwy. Rezoning Project in trying to firm up a preliminary presentation. We also got a notice on the start of a new action, the rezoning of the former Cross Bay movie theater and the Modell's sporting goods store which went out of business last year. City Planning has sent some preliminary material to us on the action. They are looking to rezone that piece of property to a higher C4 to broaden the permitted commercial uses of the site to include retail stores in excess of 10,000 sq. ft. to allow the owner to attract new retail tenants, without having to do extensive construction to subdivide the space into multiple stores. We'll be getting in touch with them and see when we can arrange a presentation on both of these for the Land Use Committee.

The Board Chair thanked the Committee Chair.

Mr. Calcagnile also expressed his thanks for the information and map the Board Chair had provided in regard to the blackout experienced in Old Howard Beach the other night.

PUBLIC SAFETY – the Committee Chair indicated crime stats report was in board folders, and commented we're doing much better as Captain Costello stated.

SUMMER YOUTH / OTHER EMPLOY. OPPORT. – the Committee Chair indicated report was in board folders and commented on the BuildingWorks Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program at the NYC Carpenters Training Center: nyccarpenterstrainingcenter.org

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

The Chair then addressed the various representatives of elected officials and agency representatives who were in attendance and invited them to speak.

Carl Moore from Senator Addabbo's office said unfortunately the Senator could not make it tonight as he is working on the budget and also on repealing the Governor's emergency powers. The deadline for filing for property tax exemptions is March 15. He asked anybody needing help with forms or applications, to contact their office and he would be happy to help.

The Chair thanked Mr. Moore.

AnnMarie Costella from Senator Sanders' office announced upcoming events: this Saturday a Women's History Month event - from the Ballot to the Board Room - the future of young women of color and the Democratic Party March 6th (12 noon) on Facebook Live; Property Tax Webinar Monday, March 8th (6:30) pm via Zoom; Mental Health Awareness presentation Wednesday, March 10th (6-7:30 pm). Anyone who is interested should e-mail her and flyers will be sent. Senator Sanders is continuing to hold PPE distribution events all across his district. She said, if there is a community organization that wants to partner with the Senator's Office to give out hand sanitizer, masks, and shields they can contact us and we'll work with them.

The Chair thanked Ms. Costella.

Danny Randell from Assembly Member Pheffer-Amato's office said if anybody needs anything to contact their office. They too are giving away PPE. The AM's e-mail address was provided in the Chat box. Reach out to them if you need any assistance or wish to work with them on any events. He extended thanks to everyone for their work.

The Chair thanked Mr. Randell.

The Chair noted that Kate Mooney from Council Member Adrienne Adams' office had left a message in the Chat box indicating she was not feeling well and excused herself from the meeting.

James Mongeluzo from NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's office commented on the following and provided corresponding links in the Chat box as well as his e-mail & phone number: FY2022 Preliminary Budget Presentation; Mayor must rescind emergency powers and restore full charter-mandated oversight of contracts and procurement; Weekly Economic and Fiscal Outlook; Blueprint for Strengthening Public Safety in NYC; Unclaimed NYC wage awards.

Dan Brown, from the Queens District Attorney's Office, announced DA Katz is hosting a Scam Awareness & Fraud Protection Webinar, next Wednesday (6-7:30). The moderators leading the webinar are the QDA, the Fraud Bureau Chief, the Elder Fraud Unit Section Chief, and also participating are partner tax advocates and specialists: IRS, NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance, City Tax Advocate, DFTA. His contact information was provided in the Chat box.

The Chair thanked Mr. Brown and asked if there were any other representatives from the offices of elected officials or any other representatives from city agencies, hearing none.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – the Chairperson acknowledged Carolyn Laveglia had signed up to speak during public forum and invited her to speak.

Ms. Laveglia indicated this is her first time attending a meeting and she is a new resident of Ozone Park. She said she wanted to speak about potentially starting a community garden in zip code 11417 on a vacant plot of land next to the Pals Oval playground between 88 Street & North Conduit. She stated she has already contacted DOT & Green Thumb and believes it's owned by DOT. Green Thumb has indicated they are on board as soon as ownership is confirmed. She wanted to see about getting community board support and what the next step is. She thinks it would be a great initiative for the community. She was joined by Alexander Santoro.

The Chair asked Ms. Laveglia what outreach she has done in the community. The Chair stated that is a mapped city street and the Parks Committee has had discussions with both Parks & DOT for uses that we would like to see there.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else from the public on the phone line or video link who wishes to speak.

A member of the public on the video portion of the meeting said good evening. He stated his name is Sal Lamsal, this is his first meeting and he enjoyed the discussion, it was very helpful.

Another member of the public on the phone line identified herself as Josette Severino indicating she was having some issues unmuting herself. She said she is an Ozone Park member and needs some assistance with getting a stop sign at the intersection of 78 Street & 95 Avenue. The Chairperson informed the attendee this location is in CB9.

Another member of the public on the video portion identified herself as Joyce Irvin indicating she resides in South Richmond Hill. She noted this is her third time attending and expressed thanks. She commented on a ponding issue she is having and asked who she needs to contact to see what can be done in regard to that kind of issue. The Chair explained that it's not necessary to wait to report these kinds of issues at our public meetings. Ms. Irvin was informed that the board office is open 9 – 5 Monday – Friday, the staff is available and she was urged to call so they could discuss the issue more fully so that we can work with the agency to try to find out what the cause is and how it can be resolved.

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 commented on the security issues with the remote meetings and Zoom Bombing and explained that's one of the reasons why we don't post the connections to the meetings on social media or even on our website. We ask that people e-mail us or call our office and we'll send you the link.

All were urged to check the Facebook page: Queens Community Board 10. We tend to put up any of the notices that we get and anything that is pertinent in the area pretty much every day.

The Chair reminded everyone to make a note we have changed the April meeting it will not be April 1st it will be April 6th Tuesday night.

A member asked if there was any feedback or comments from Borough Hall regarding people filling out the new application for board membership which was quite extensive. The Chair said we are not involved in the appointment process, that's Borough Hall. The Chair indicated there have been discussions in reference to the application itself and the difficulties with doing it that way. It could have been done on-line in some people's opinions in a less intrusive format. It could have been a fillable PDF form which may have been easier to use.

Hearing / seeing no other speakers the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:31

The board office received the following written submission to the Public Forum from Sam Smouha, Program Manager, Commercial Revitalization, Queens Economic Development Corporation:

SBS recently published Richmond Hill's Commercial District Needs Assessment, which focuses on economic activity on Liberty Avenue and 101st Avenue between Van Wyck Expressway and Woodhaven Boulevard. The report can be downloaded here: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/sbs/downloads/pdf/neighborhoods/avenyc-cdna-richmondhill.pdf>. I am the program manager at Queens Economic Development Corporation, a local nonprofit, working in partnership with SBS on the Avenue NYC program in Richmond Hill. I would encourage any local business owners interested in the program, or in need of assistance to contact me: ssmouha@queensny.org.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. May".

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