

# **COMMUNITY BOARD 10**

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

December 7, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Braton, J. Caruso, L. Amorim, E. Fraylon, F. Dardani, R. Ciulla-Frisone R. Martinez, A. Cosentino, A. Rajnauth, K. Roan, A. Nocerino, P. Granickas, J. Fazio, \_ R. Gendron, F. Mohamed, J. Stahl, D. Mitchell, L. Walker, I. Van Putten, N. Santiago, J. Quijano, G. Singh, J. Calcagnile, S. Mohammed, A. Hill, S. Pace, D. Wesby, I. Dimoh, S. Uddin, P. Nostramo

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**: M. Cherenfant, A. Deebrah, M. Vecchio, K. Ludhiana, B. Escobar, R. Ramgopal, A. Maharaj, A. Dhanpat, R. Narine, M. Amin, R. Hitlall, A. Gellineau, B. Lall, B. Ramsundar, N. Latchana, G. Russo, N. Bissoon, P. Kishun

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

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Hon. J. Addabbo; Hon. S. Pheffer Amato; Hon. K Anderson; T. Strong, rep., Hon. R. Persaud; C. Moore, rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; F. Sharif, rep., Hon. J. Sanders; C. Plaza, rep., Hon. J. Rajkumar; A. Leguisamo, rep., Hon. J. Ariola; K. Morris, rep., Mayor's Office CAU; D. Brown rep., D.A. Katz: ; G. Katsalis, QBPO; A. Nurmansyah, QDCP; V. Figueredo, QDCP; Captain Vantull, C.O/ 106 Pct.; Lt. Gherardi, 106 Pct.; Sgt. Presti, 106 Pct.; F. Gulluscio, DM, CB6O

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

The Chairperson announced the retirement of Frank Gulluscio, District Manager of Community Board 6. She stated that she wished him well in his retirement and mentioned that he used to sit on Community Board 10 and that she hopes that the Borough President will put him back as a Board Member on our Board.

The Chairperson invited Frank Gulluscio to speak.

Frank Gulluscio stated that he learned everything Community Boards by sitting on this one and by watching the Chairperson and talking to the District Manager almost every day. He announced that he will be retiring on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. He continued that the Board Members are the eyes and ears of local government and that this representative group is the grassroots group in government and that's what Community Boards are all about. He wished everyone a happy holiday and said he was looking forward to having time to continue his civic activities here in his home community and the rest of the borough.

The Chair introduced Assemblymember Pheffer-Amato and invited her to speak.

Assemblymember Pheffer-Amato wished everyone a good evening and stated that she wanted to stop by and spread holiday cheer. She announced that the Cross Bay bridge will no longer be charging tolls for Queens residents, and it will now be free on a rebate program. Queens residents must have an E-Z pass where the toll will be charged, and a rebate will be given back. She stated residents will need to go on to their E-Z pass account and to put their charge card on it so the toll will be credited back. She wished everyone a happy Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanza and a happy New Year. She also congratulated Frank Gulluscio on his retirement.

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The Chair thanked AM Pheffer-Amato and stated that we know it is a busy season and that we all know that it takes a long time to get things done from beginning to end an that things don't happen quickly, and that Senator Addabbo and Assembly member Pheffer-Amato worked very hard on removing the toll on this bridge for the Queens residents. The Chair welcomed everyone back and introduced Georgia Katsalis, our new representative from welcomed her to Community Board 10.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing on The City of Yes for Economic Opportunity Zoning Text Amendment.

The Chair introduced Alisa Nadhifa Nurmansyah, Community Planner, DCP Queens Borough Office and invited her to speak.

Alisa Nadhifa Nurmansyah introduced herself and her colleague, Vanessa Figueredo, who would be assisting her with tonight's presentation.

D. Wesby arrived 7:12pm

Alisa Nadhifa Nurmansyah stated that zoning defines hundreds of uses for business sites and that sometimes there are outdated regulations. She continued that over the last year and a half, DCP held 5 open to the public pre-referral info sessions, and they met with over 100 stakeholder organizations to discuss what was wanted to make it easier for business growth. Four goals were discussed. Goal 1 is to make it easier for businesses to find space and grow by lifting barriers so businesses can be closer to their customers. Goal 2 is to boost growing industries by reducing obstacles for new types of businesses. Goal 3 is to enable more business-friendly streetscapes by delivering active, safe, and walkable streets for businesses and residents. Goal 4 is to create new opportunities for businesses to open by establishing new zoning tools to boost job growth and business expansion. For Goal 1 to make it easier for businesses to find space and grow, proposal 1 is to reactivate storefronts by allowing closed storefronts in residential areas to reopen; Proposal 2 is to simplify district types by updating the rules to make it possible for businesses to open up in neighborhoods with similar zoning districts; Proposal 3 is to enable more small-scale production by allowing small clean manufacturing businesses in commercial areas; Proposal 4 is to have no more unnecessary loading docks by allowing older buildings to adapt over time by eliminating mandates for loading docks where they are not necessary; Proposal 5 is to allow commercial on upper floors by making it easier for different types of businesses to use upper floors; Proposal 6 is to modernize use terms by simplifying and modernizing how zoning defines different businesses. Goal 2 is to support growing industries. Proposal 7 is regarding urban agriculture by explicitly permitting indoor agriculture in commercial areas; Proposal 8 is regarding life sciences and allowing regulated licensed labs to expand near hospitals and universities; Proposal 9 is regarding nightlife and allowing dancing and live comedy shows more broadly; Proposal 10 is regarding amusements and to better define and enable amusements such as arcades and virtual reality; Proposal 11 is regarding home occupations and to allow New Yorkers more flexibility to have businesses in their homes. Goal 3 is to foster vibrant neighborhoods.; Proposal 12 is to promote better ground floor designs by creating consistent and easy to understand set of rules for ground floor design; Proposal 13 is reducing conflicts with auto repair with site plan review that keeps activity off sidewalks and streets; Proposal 14 is to enable micro-distribution by allowing safe and sustainable neighborhood delivery hubs. Goal 4 is to create new opportunities for local businesses to open. Proposal 15 is regarding campus commercial by enabling resident-serving retail, services and maker-space at NYCHA and other residential campuses; Proposal 16 is regarding corner stores and to create a process to allow for small new bodegas and other locally-serving storefronts in residential areas; Proposal 17 is regarding adapting spaces for industries like film by giving businesses-like film studios-a rational process to allow them to adapt and expand; Proposal 17 is regarding new loft-style zoning districts to create brand new zoning tools for future development of job-intensive buildings in Manufacturing Districts and for preservation of core industrial

She continued that there are over 19,700 jobs in Queens Community District and there are over 1,750 storefronts of which 7% are vacant. This proposal will make it easier to fill the vacant storefront space. She stated that the Community Board review by all 59 Community Boards and the Borough President and Borough Board review of all 5 Borough Boards will be done from October to January 2024 then a public hearing will be held followed by a City Planning Commission vote and a City Council vote in the spring.

I. Dimoh arrived 7:34 pm

The Chair asked if there is anyone from the public who wishes to make a comment.

Barbara MacNamara from the Howard Beach Lindenwood Civic Association stated that their civic will submit their response in writing to the Community Board.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else from the public who would like to make a comment. Hearing none.

The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to ask a question. Hearing none.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

The Chair introduced Senator Joe Addabbo and invited him to speak.

Senator Addabbo thanked the Chair and stated that it was great to see everyone here tonight. He thanked all the Board Members, the Chair, and the District Manager for caring about the community and being here. He asked that as we approach the 2024 legislative session, please weigh in and wished everyone a happy holiday.

The Chair introduced the newly assigned Commanding Officer of the 106th Precinct, Captain Berkley Vantull and invited him to speak.

Captain Vantull thanked the Chair and introduced himself as the incoming Captain of the 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct and stated that he looks forward to working with everyone. He continued that he looks forward to being able to bring his skills from the different Boroughs such as Brooklyn and Queens in which he previously worked. He added that this community is his community and that he is looking forward to working with everyone and wished everyone a happy holiday.

The Chair stated that we look forward to working with Captain Vantull and that we welcome him.

The Chair asked if there were any Board Members that had any questions with the City of Yes.

A question was raised by a Board Member about residential fire safety.

The Land Use Chair stated that the Department of Buildings will address that issue.

The Chair stated that the Land Use Committee met in November to review the City of Yes for Economic Opportunity. The entire proposal is over 1,000 pages long. It says it is a text amendment which means that the language of the words in the zoning resolution will be changed to accommodate the City Planning overview goals and proposals presented in tonight's overview presentation. She stated that we are not voting on this tonight but that we will do our formal vote at our January meeting. At the Committee meeting the Committee authorized the Land Use Chair, as a professional in the field, to formulate the views on the document so we will know how we will express a recommendation regarding what is germane to our district in this broad document. The Chair thanked the Land Use Chair for the work he has done and added that if there were anyone who would like the entire document, we can send it to them.

A question was raised by a Board Member about Goal 3 and the parking regulations for the sidewalk auto repair and if there are any establishments grandfathered.

The Chair replied that there may be some and that is a question that we will ask.

A. Nadhifa Nurmansyah stated that Goal 3 relates to industrial business.

A concern was raised by the Board Member that the repairs with automobiles may spill out onto the street.

A. Nadhifa Nurmansyah stated that heavy vehicle repairs will be done in a manufacturing district. This goal would involve light repairs such as bike repairs.

The Land Use Chair added that would come down to enforcement. He continued that type of use has been in existence for a long time and zoning is trying to split the small type of business and prevent that from happening, but it becomes an enforcement issue. He continued that current zoning has been in effect for over 60 years and now it is being looked at to help get the city up and running again but all of the pieces and parts need to be tweaked, for example, where they are focusing on home occupation, in one respect it can be good and, in another respect, it can be bad. If there is a small contractor operating out of his home, it may be great that he is helping his business grow, however, the trucks from his business may be bothersome to the surrounding neighbors.

A. Nadhifa Nurmansyah stated that the Economic Opportunity portion will be in the spring and that the other portions will be later on in the year.

The Chair explained that the City of Yes proposals are in three parts. The City of Yes Carbon Neutrality, we already voted on and it went before the council this week. That proposal was less complicated whereas this proposal on Economic Opportunity is very complicated. These proposals may work in other communities and not ours. There is a lot that goes into it. We have to look through and identify where we would say yes or no to and that as we go into it in early January, and we will keep the record open so you can share any questions or comments to consider. She stated that we will vote on this at our January meeting and that the City of Yes for Housing will come out for review in 2024.

The Chair asked if there was any corrections to the November 2023 minutes. Hearing none, the minutes will stand.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chair reviewed incoming correspondence for the month of October which included:

- Letter from DCP regarding the City of Yes.
- Letter from NYC Transit relating to the southbound Q-10 bus stop changes at Sutter Avenue & 130<sup>th</sup> Street stating that the bus stop is not scheduled to be reinstated. The Chair stated that this is not a satisfactory answer and that we will continue advocating for what the residents are advocating for.
- Copy of testimony from OSWAB.
- Letter from a Management company stating that one of the buildings informing us about their cannabis license application is not engaged at all in negotiating any lease.
- Individual letters from SOPCAW, Locust Grove Civic Association, Our Neighbors Civic Association and Howard Beach Lindenwood Civic Association and signed letters from numerous individual residents opposing proposed locations for cannabis dispensaries.
- Copy of postcard from DOB stating they sent out to 51,000 owners with 1-4 family homes to inform them
  they have open summonses.
- Demolition notice at 99-74 165 Avenue.
- Demolition notice at 94-30 Albert Road.
- Notice to repair/vacate at 121-64 133 Street.
- Notice of partial demolition at 130-26 Van Wyck Expwy.
- Notice of Closure on 126 Street bet. 115<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue due to a mobile crane operation at 126-01 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue from November 16<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Notice from HPD that it has updated its website.
- OMB notices.
- Notice from Health & Hospitals regarding Enterprise Resource Planning Modules.
- Notices from DOE regarding Reso A allocations.
- Construction notice from NYSDOT regarding exit closure from the n/b Van Wyck Expwy to Rkwy. Blvd. from November 13<sup>th</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Contract Award Public Hearing Calendar for November 13 and November 16<sup>th</sup>
- Notice for Franchise Concession Review Committee meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>
- Public Notification for the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Planning Board for State Highways and Roads
- Notice of Comment period from the Transportation Council
- · Notice of Franchise Concession and Public Review being held in December
- Notice from Board of Standards and Appeals

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer read the report of expenditures for the month of November.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT: Georgia Katsalis newly assigned rep. for the Borough President's Office and Director of Community Boards introduced herself as the new liaison for this Board and stated that she looks forward to working with everyone. She announced there will be a menorah lighting on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at Borough Hall and to RSVP for that event at <a href="www.queensbp.org/rsvp">www.queensbp.org/rsvp</a>. She also announced that Community Board Applications are coming out on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and if there are any questions to reach out to Khaleel Bragg at <a href="kbragg@queensbp.org">kbragg@queensbp.org</a> or at 718-286-2974 or you can reach out to her at <a href="mailto:gkatsalis@queensbp.org">gkatsalis@queensbp.org</a> or at 718-286-2853. She also wished everyone a happy holiday.

The Chair introduced Assemblymember Khaleel Anderson and invited him to speak.

Assembly member Anderson introduced himself and wished everyone a happy holiday and thanked the Chair and the Board for another successful year. He announced that his office will be holding their annual holiday party on Friday, December 15th at 131-15 Rockaway Blvd, and that he has flyers available up front. He continued that he asks that his area residents check their mailbox at the end of the year and look for the constituent survey that he mails out to prioritize concerns. He added that to obtain the survey you can also go to nyassembly gov and click on end of year survey. He announced that if there is anyone who is interested in how bills get passed, that he is looking for people to join his Legislative Advisory Council and he stated that there are many opinions regarding congestion pricing, and he encourages the public to go to the community hearing in February or March and that he wants everyone to share their opinions and to please make sure that your voices are heard. He continued that the Queens Bus Network Redesign will be holding a series of public hearings to finalize their plan. He stated that he is not happy with the plan in South Ozone Park and that he hopes the community will come out and voice their opinions since it is taking stops away from seniors. He announced that they are offering free legal aid at his office every third Monday of the month until April at his South Ozone Park office at 131-15 Rockaway Blvd. and that on Monday, December 12th they will have the NYLAG van out front to provide this service from 9am to 3 pm and if anyone needs HEAP Assistance, they can reach out to his office in Far Rockaway every Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. He stated that he will be going back to Albany and will be sending out his legislative calendar (which is subject to change). He continued that he will be less seen in the community from January until June and that from June to December that he will be seen more in the community when he returns. He also asked for everyone to watch the Governor's State of State Address on January 9th at 1pm where she will outline her priorities. He continued that he wants to make sure that you share any concerns that you have early to be proactive. He thanked the Chair, the District Manager and everyone in attendance and wished everyone a happy holiday and a successful 2024. He also added that he has provided an information guide up front called the Stronger Neighbors Together Tool Kit which offers conflict and resolution skills, noise, and parking etiquette, how to form a Block Association and mental health resources.

The Chair stated that the Board office had already sent that information guide out to the Board Members. She added that people tend to think that Albany legislators and City legislators only have a few places that they need to be. They have large districts and they run back and forth to Albany and have meetings as early as 7 am or late at night so they are not available to attend every single meeting in every part of the district. She continued that all of our elected are available if you contact their office directly to set up an appointment to get answers to the questions that you have.

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

- Information regarding the City of Yes
- Information regarding the Outdoor Dining Program
- Information regarding Rainproof New York
- Information regarding Con-Ed rebates
- Copy of the Health Profile of CB 10
- Information on Habitat Net Zero
- Information from the Conflict of Interest Board
   A reminder was given that Board Members are public officers under the City of New York and are covered
   by COI rules and regulations.

- Committee Reports from a few of the Board's committees.
   The Chairperson also reported:
- Information on cannabis locations for retail dispensaries received.

She reported that the Land Use and Public Safety Committee held a joint meeting this week to review the cannabis applications. The Board members were aware of some and there were some that they have not been made aware of yet. All of the applications were reviewed by the committees. The 3 applications that the board members were aware of are: 94-24 Liberty Avenue and 135-35 Lefferts Blvd. (a public meeting was held regarding both of these locations) and 124-20 Liberty Avenue (a public hearing was held at our Nov. Board Meeting). It was stated that those applications were received in October and that since our November 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting, we received further notifications on November 6<sup>th</sup> for an application for 157-02 Cross Bay Blvd., November 17th for 105-19 Liberty Avenue, November 21st for 96-05 Liberty Avenue, November 22nd for 107-29 Liberty Avenue and December 4th for 110-18 Liberty Avenue. It was also stated that we have a 9th one that we still have not received as of yet. The applicant misdirected the application to Community Board 9, and they notified us and mailed us a copy of what they received. The applicant was notified to send us a corrected version, however, we still have not received it. We reviewed that application as there are 2 churches within 200 feet so that application may be disqualified. The Chair explained that one of the reasons why we aren't scheduling further public hearings is because we are getting these notifications in dribs and drabs and some of the locations are close to each other. Also, it is not easy to do reviews in November and December due to the holidays; however, we developed a questionnaire, and we are sending it out to every applicant on the same day that we receive their application notification, and we give them a time frame to return it to us. Every applicant is therefore being asked the same questions. All of the questionnaires were reviewed and evaluated by the committees and all 9 locations will be voted on tonight.

The Chairperson also reported on:

- Notification regarding Airport Plaza at JFK that the truck stop is expanding, and the intrusion detection system will be further upgraded.
- Check Sheet that we are working on with the City of Yes
- Notice of Gaming Facility Zoning Text Amendment relating to the casino property.
- Notification from City Planning regarding 78-08 Linden Blvd. proposed development.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: The District Manager reported that on the night of Thursday January 23, 2024, DSS-HRA-DHS will conduct its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) Survey, a point in time survey undertaken each winter that helps the City's estimate the number of unsheltered New Yorkers living on the street on one of the coldest nights of the year. The results gathered through the survey provide the City with valuable information that helps determine how to allocate resources to best serve New Yorkers in need with care and compassion. Volunteers are needed from approximately 10 pm to 4 am on the night of January 22nd to canvass streets, parks, subways, and other public spaces to support New Yorkers experiencing unsheltered homelessness and encourage them to take that first important step to come off the streets and subways and accept the vital services and support they need and deserve. To learn more and to register visit nyc.gov/hope. We have received notification that in the coming weeks National Grid has planned construction work to install a new gas main at the following locations: 94 Street bet. Rockaway Blvd. & Liberty Avenue, Cross Bay Blvd. bet. 94 St & 107 Avenue, 94 Street & Liberty Avenue. The new gas main will be installed in the street or sidewalk and the excavation required will be backfilled each day. The entire work will be kept clean and orderly, and attempts will be made to keep noise, dust, and debris to a minimum. All or part of the gas service may have to be replaced. In order to complete this work, National Grid may need to gain access to the homes at the point where the service enters the building. If this is the case, the homeowner will be contacted by a National Grid Representative to make an appointment. All street and sidewalk surfaces affected by the construction will be repaved to ensure a smooth surface. Temporary asphalt pavement will be used until all National grid work is complete and permanent restoration can be performed. We have also received notification from NYC Emergency Management that eligible New York City residents and businesses in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island affected by the significant flash flooding event on September 29, 2023, may now apply for low interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. These loans are made available for those whose homes and/or businesses were damaged due to flooding. The filing deadline to submit applications is February 2, 2024, for physical damage and September 4, 2024, for economic injury. For more information and to apply, please visit http://on.nyc.gov/flashfloodrecovery. The District Manager wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AIR POLLUTION**: The Chair wished everyone a happy holiday.

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

**GATEWAY:** The Committee Chair wished everyone a happy holiday.

<u>LAND USE</u>: The Committee Chair stated that we have been inundated with a lot of actions and we will be having a committee meeting in January. We will be reviewing the Gaming Zoning Text Amendment, The City of Yes, the demapped street condition on the South Conduit, the large development rezoning on Linden Blvd. at the edge of CB 10 and Brooklyn. The Committee Chair wished everyone a happy holiday.

The Chair introduced Kevin Morris rep. Mayor's Office CAU and invited him to speak.

Kevin Morris wished everyone a good evening and introduced himself as the Queens Borough Director of the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit and stated that it is a pleasure to be back and that the Mayor has been working with the Sherriff's office on holding landlords liable for smoke shops and to make sure they are monitoring what is going on in these establishments. He continued that the mayor will be holding Town halls across the city and that a suggestion was made to hold one in Howard Beach so people can come out and voice their concerns and that they plan to work with the Community Board on holding this event there. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

**LEGISLATION:** The Committee Chair wished everyone a happy holiday.

<u>LIBRARIES</u>: The Committee Chair urged everyone to support their local libraries and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

<u>PARKS</u>: The Committee Chair announced that he and the District Manager were invited to a walk through at Addabbo Playground and that Green Infrastructure work is planned to be done on the 83<sup>rd</sup> Street side of the park and they will be putting in collection tanks underground because of the flooding that will go into the handball and shuffleboard court. He also announced that CM Ariola has allocated \$450,000 for adult fitness equipment to be installed at Tudor Field between 81<sup>st</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> Street.

**PERSONNEL:** The Committee Chair announced that everything is status quo.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Committee Chair stated that the crime stats are in the folder. He stated that a Committee Meeting was held to review the cannabis applications and they went through every single piece of paperwork that the applicants sent back to us and that they had to look at a lot of different things such as where commercial and residential properties are located together, commercial overlays, school travel routes, fast food restaurants located on the same block, businesses that are too small to handle that type of business, the parking that is available, the ownership or lease that is in place, if an applicant is vague on the application and if there is more than one business in the same building. He added that one applicant didn't even want to talk with us, and he stated that they also looked at which applicants didn't live in the five boroughs. He continued that after reviewing every application, the recommendation of both committees is that the opinion that we submit to OCM is negative and we will cite the different issues discussed about each property and the opinion and the viewpoints of the residents.

The Chair added that at one of the locations, there were two houses of worship located around the corner within 200 feet and that the state needs to look at revising their rules so there should be a 200 foot radius for houses of worship and schools. She stated that we will put in our opinions for what the community is telling us.

The Chair stated that the Committee Chair made a motion to express negative opinions in regard to these locations:

94-24 Liberty Ave.

157-02 Cross Bay Blvd.

107-29 Liberty Ave.

135-35 Liberty Ave. 124-20 Liberty Ave. 105-19 Liberty Ave. 96-05 Liberty Ave.

110-18 Liberty Ave. 127-21 Liberty Ave.

The vote on the motion was:

29 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (A. Rajnauth). The motion carries.

The Chair thanked all of the committee members of both of the committees for the work that they are doing.

An inquiry was made by a Board Member as to when we write an opinion, does it reflect a committee or the whole Board.

The Chair responded that it will be the opinion of the full Board since the motion carried. The opinions will each address the issues at each individual location along with general statements of community opinion as expressed in the letters we are receiving and at local meetings in the communities we represent. The opinions will also express our thoughts regarding using radii rather than straight lines regarding schools and churches as well as opting-out provisions that should in our view be made fairer.

**SANITATION:** The Committee Chair stated that the QSWAB proposed testimony on behalf of all 5 QSWAB organizations and he would like to make a motion that we prefer composting, but we don't support it if they cut essential DSNY services to comply with budget cuts.

The Chair explained that all agencies have budget cuts, however, they should not be at the expense of essential services being cut. She stated that the motion was to sign off yes, as we prefer composting, but we don't support it if they cut essential DSNY services.

The vote on the motion was all were in favor, none were opposed, there were no abstentions. The motion carries.

**SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT:** The Committee Chair announced that there is a Civil Engineer intern position at DEP for a Security Architect in the IT division. For more information go to the nyc.gov website. She also announced that her report is in the folders including the job listings for the month of January 2024.

**TRANSPOTRATION:** The Committee Chair stated that she received notification that there is going to be a zoom meeting that she and the Chair and District Manager will be attending regarding the rerouting of the bus routes in Community Board 10. She continued that the Chair, the District Manager, and she are monitoring this proposal and once we receive more information, we will pass it along to everyone. She wished everyone a happy holiday.

The Chair announced other representatives from City agencies present.

The Chair stated that we had with us tonight, Dan Brown rep. Queens D.A. who had to leave.

The Chair introduced Carl Moore rep. Sen. Addabbo and invited him to speak.

Carl Moore introduced himself and wished everyone a happy holiday and asked everyone to remember that today is Pearl Harbor Day.

The Chair stated that Teniqua Strong rep. Sen. Persaud was in attendance earlier but had to leave.

The Chair introduced Faran Sharif rep. Sen. Sanders and invited him to speak.

Faran Sharif introduced himself as the Constituent liaison for Sen. Sanders and wished everyone a happy holiday and a Happy New Year.

The Chair introduced Carlos Plaza rep. Assembly member Rajkumar and invited him to speak.

Carlos Plaza introduced himself as the Director of Community Affairs for AM Rajkumar. He stated that the Assembly member is preparing to sign bills in Albany and that her office gave out turkeys to community residents for Thanksgiving. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

The Chair introduced Alex Leguisamo and invited him to speak.

Alex Leguisamo wished everyone a good evening and introduced himself. He stated that Linda Fogal has moved to cover the northern part of the district and that on January 1st the district is expanding to part of Glendale and that he will be representing CM Ariola at these meetings. If anyone needs to reach him, they can call the office at 718-738-1083. He stated that the Council member has been working with the mayor's office to make sure that essential services such as the FDNY and NYPD are not cut and that she opposes the cannabis dispensaries throughout District 32. He wished everyone a happy holiday and a happy New Year, and he thanked everyone for their support.

The Chair introduced Lt. Gherardi from the 106th Precinct and invited him to speak.

Lt. Gherardi announced that crime stats are down 3.8% as of this morning however, we are still dealing with GLA's from stolen vehicles. He suggested to those who own Hyundai's to bring their vehicle to the dealer to reset the vehicle so that it will not be so easy to steal. He stated that domestic violence is on the rise and that if you know anyone that needs assistance to reach out to the Precinct to have an officer assigned to come out to reach them. He wished everyone a happy holiday and a happy New Year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

#### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

The Chair asked if there was anyone else from the public who would like to speak.

A student named Rikesha introduced herself and stated that she is from CUNY Public Health and that she wanted to speak about the importance of nutrition warning labels and how sodium labels should be implemented on chain restaurant menus since restaurants constitutes ¼ of the sodium for adults. She continued that Bill A6529 would implement this change so individuals can make healthier decisions that would benefit public health overall.

The Chair announced that there is additional written material Rikesha provided up front.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else that would like to speak. Hearing none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Karyn Petersen

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