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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

April 3, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: L. Amorim, N. Bissoon, B. Braton, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, M. Cherenfant, B. Ciaramella, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Cosentino, F. Dardani, I. Dimoh, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, F. Gulluscio, P. Granickas, G. Hewitt, A. Hill, R. Hitlall, A. Khan, K. Lopez, R. Martinez, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, S. Mohammed, R. Narine, A. Nocerino, S. Pace, S. Patterson, J. Quijano, A. Rajnauth, K. Roan, M. Rosa, N. Santiago, S. Shew, A. Siewnarine, G. Singh, J. Stahl, P. Tejada, I. Van Putten, L. Walker, D. Wesby

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: S. Acuqui, K. Edwards, E. Fraylon, P. Kishun, P. Nostramo, G. Russo, A. Sancler, V. Singh, A. Vital

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

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Reina, rep., Hon. G. Meeks; C. Moore, rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; D. Shaeffer, rep., Hon. R. Persaud; C. Brown, Rep., Hon. J. Sanders; J. Agard, Rep., Hon. K. Anderson; J. Garramone, rep., Hon. S. Pheffer Amato; A. Sargeant, rep., Hon. J. Rajkumar; T. Hankerson, rep. Hon. A. Adams; T. Logan, rep., Hon. A. Adams; P. Inzerillo, rep., Hon. J. Ariola; J. Mongeluzo, rep., Comptroller B. Lander; G. Katsalis, QBPO; D. Brown, rep., Hon. M. Katz; Capt. B. VanTull, CO 106 Pct.; Capt. N. Fenton, XO 106 Pct.; PO S. Kaur, 106 Pct Community Affairs; PO Reed 106 Pct.; T. Carta, Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy; M. Vaskov, S/W Qns. Homebound Seniors Program.

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7pm.

The Chairperson then asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairperson announced the names of board members who were reappointed and the names of new members. The Chairperson welcomed the new board members who were in attendance and then explained to them what the folder material they received were. She stated that they will be receiving packets of information before every Board meeting and asked that they think about which 2 or 3 committees that are listed on the agenda that they would like to join. She also informed other board members who may want to change committee assignments to let her know.

The Chairperson then explained that this evening's public hearing deals with the Citywide Statement of Needs and for the benefit of the new members explained what the Citywide Statement of Needs is, the process involved, and why there is a public hearing. The Chairperson passed around the list of Queens proposals for board members to review so they can see what types of things are in the Statement of Needs, then opened the public hearing regarding the Fiscal Years 2026-2027 Citywide Statement of Needs.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak. There were none. The Chair then explained that since the Board has 90 days to submit any comment, the Board would vote on that next month and informed that if anyone wished, a copy of the Statement of Needs document could be provided. The Chairperson again asked if there was anyone from the public who has anything to say on the Statement of Needs. Hearing none.

The Chairperson then closed the Public Hearing. The Chairperson then asked if there were any comments from any board members. Hearing none.

As required, the Board then proceeded to conduct its election of board officers for 2025-2026.

The Chairperson opened the floor to nominations. F. Gulluscio nominated the entire existing slate of officers.

S. Pace arrived at 7:18 pm.

The Chairperson stated that F. Gulluscio nominated Rosemary Ciulla-Frisone as Executive Secretary, Nellie Santiago as Treasurer, Isabel VanPutten as 2nd Vice-Chairperson, John Calcagnile as 1st Vice Chairperson, and Betty Braton as Chairperson.

The Chairperson asked if there were any further nominations. Hearing none, the Chairperson then asked if there were any further nominations for the office of Executive Secretary. Hearing none, the Chairperson then asked if there were any further nominations for the office of Treasurer. Hearing none, the Chairperson then asked if there were any further nominations for the office of 2nd Vice- Chairperson. Hearing none, the Chairperson then asked if there were any further nominations for the office of 1st Vice-Chairperson. Hearing none, the Chairperson asked if there were any further nominations for the office of Chairperson. Hearing none, the Chairperson again asked if there were any further nominations. Hearing none, the Chairperson closed nominations. The Chairperson thanked everyone and explained that we must comply with the Open Meetings Law and record everyone's vote. The vote was as follows:

For the Office of Chairperson, Betty Braton, 0 no votes, 0 abstentions

For the office of 1st Vice-Chairperson, John Calcagnile, 0 no votes, 0 abstentions

For the office of 2nd Vice-Chairperson, Isabel VanPutten, 0 no votes, 0 abstentions

For the office of Treasurer, Nellie Santiago 0 no votes, 0 abstentions

For the office of Executive Secretary, 0 no votes, 0 abstentions

The Chairperson stated that absent any no votes or any abstentions, all board members present will be counted as voting yes for each of them.

The Chairperson thanked the Board for their votes and thanked the officers of the Board for their assistance in doing the work of the Board.

The Chairperson introduced the guest speaker, Terri Carta, Executive Director, Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy and invited her to speak.

Ms. Carta introduced herself and stated that the Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy is a non-profit organization that works with city, state and federal park agencies that collectively oversee all the park areas around Jamaica Bay; part of those public lands are open water like Jamaica Bay, and wetlands that are part of Gateway National Recreation area. They are the nonprofit partners with those levels of government and their mission is to improve parklands through education programs, volunteer initiatives, and physical improvement projects. She stated that Floyd Bennett Field was New York City's first Municipal airport and has an amazing and unique rich history and it is also part of Gateway National Recreation area. They have a plan and a vision that stemmed from communities around the Bay to reactivate Floyd Bennett Field in particular, Hangers 3 & 4. There are 8 hangars along Flatbush Avenue. Hangers 3 and 4 are located south of the Administration Building and Hangers 1 & 2 are behind them and have been already restored. Their vision for restoration of Hangers 3 & 4 has resulted from years of talking with community stakeholders for Hangers 3 & 4. She went on to describe what is included in their vision and informed all that they have postcards with a QR code with a survey that asks for 2 minutes of time to give specific feedback. She then gave a rundown of some upcoming events at Floyd Bennett. Ms. Carta thanked everyone in advance for filling out the survey and for their feedback and involvement and thanked everyone for their time.

The Chairperson thanked Ms. Carta for the work that the Conservancy is doing at Hamilton Beach Park and Charles Park.

The Chairperson then introduced Matthew Vaskov, Outreach Coordinator from Catholic Charities and invited him to speak. Mr. Vaskov introduced himself and stated that he represents S/W Queens homebound seniors' program. They are a case management program that services homebound seniors 60 years of age and older. The services they provide

are free because they are funded by the NYC Department for the Aging. They have a whole variety of services, but the most popular ones are case management, care management and home delivered meals, home care, transportation, long term care planning, benefits and entitlements and many other services. They cover 22 areas in Queens starting from Hollis ending at the Rockaway Peninsula and they want to spread the word as much as they can about how they are helping the community. He stated to be eligible you must be over age 60, have a homebound disability and you have unmet needs. He stated that he had a client who was 100% legally blind and they were able to provide her with a person to help read her e-mails to her and to keep her company. He also had another client who had osteoporosis and had showering needs, and they were able to provide him with services. He announced that he has flyers about their service available up front and thanked everyone.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Vaskov for his presentation.

The Chairperson introduced Capt. Berkley Vantull Commanding Officer of the 106th Pct. and the Executive Officer, Capt. Nigel Fenton and invited them to speak.

Captain Vantull introduced himself and introduced his Executive Officer, Capt. Fenton, his Community Affairs Officer, P.O. Kaur and his Assistant, P.O. Reed. He congratulated the Community Board members and officers and stated how this speaks volumes to the great work they are doing trying to beautify this community as well as trying to address quality of life issues and continuing to keep it safe. He stated that this is the third month in a row that they have continued to drive down crime. They are down 11% in crime, which is a record low compared to last year in all the 7 major categories. They are still seeing stolen vehicles and auto theft rings who are targeting certain cars in certain areas, and he advised all to do due diligence to make sure that we have some sort of auto theft device such as a steering wheel locking mechanism. A lot of crimes they are seeing are property driven involving cars and they are seeing a lot of tires and rim thefts. By putting some kind of wheel locks on vehicles, criminals may think twice about targeting them. He continued that the warmer weather is here and there is more traffic and more pedestrians. He advised his Traffic Team monitors and oversees traffic operations so we will see more cops at certain times doing operation check points and confiscating scooters. They are also seeing vehicles with loud exhausts that are speeding. He asked that no one follow them but get the make, model, license plate and the direction they are going and call it into 911. They are also seeing a lot of fraud and theft with checks being intercepted. He warned to be leery of unknown calls and any unsolicited advertising. If it seems too good to be true it probably is. He urged all to be careful when on social media and to know who they are talking to and to verify information received. He wished everyone a great day and a great spring and thanked everyone for having him here tonight.

The Chairperson introduced Captain Fenton, the Executive Officer and invited him to speak.

Captain Fenton introduced himself and stated that he oversees traffic issues and domestic violence issues going on in the command. They are seeing a lot of domestic assaults between families, such as assault 2, which involves attempts to strangle another. He continued that the officers in the 106th Precinct are doing a great job, and he gave kudos to them and to Community Affairs and the Intelligence Officers who are getting the right things done. He stated that now with the warmer weather, we are seeing more roving bands or motorcycles and car meet ups and said to call 911 when you see them so they can try to keep them out of the community to keep everyone safe. He congratulated the Community Board members on the election and told everyone to be safe.

The Chairperson introduced P.O. Kaur, 106 Pct. Community Affairs and P.O. Reed and thanked them for attending tonight's meeting.

The Chairperson then resumed the regular order of business.

The Chairperson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March minutes. Hearing none. The minutes will stand.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chairperson reviewed incoming correspondence for the month of March which included:

- Reminder letter from City Planning regarding the Statement of Needs.

- Letter giving us the link to download Mass Mailing #2 drawings for HWQ100SBB which is the Woodhaven Select Bus Service Phase B.
- Info from MTA informing that the 88 Street & Liberty Avenue A train station will be receiving a new ADA elevator.
- Set of Preliminary Contract Drawings for the SE885 Sewer Project.
- Letter from NYC Equal Employment Procedures Commission regarding upcoming audit to review, evaluate and monitor employment practices from 1/1/24 – 12/31/24. This audit applies to all Community Boards.
- Request for a letter of support for Jamaica Hospital's request for federal funding for additional equipment for their stroke center.
The Chairperson asked if there were any objections to sending a letter of support. Hearing none, we will send a letter.
- Letter from the New Hamilton Beach Civic Assn. asking for support and for the Board to advocate for inclusion of 6 properties acquired by the city via the Build It Back program to see them added into the yard expansion program.
The Chairperson asked if there were any objections. Hearing none. A letter will be sent to DCAS.
- Notification of Cannabis Retail Dispensary for location at 109-19 Rockaway Blvd.
The Chairperson stated the Public Safety and Land Use Committees will review and an opinion will be sent to OCM within the allowable time frame.
- OMB Notification for FDNY for Palo Alto Enterprise firewall license subscriptions
- OMB Notification for FDNY purchase of one skid steer
- OMB Notification for DEP for design and construction services for an upgrade to the Borden Ave pumping station in Queens.
- OMB Notification for Parks and Recreation for authorization for citywide Microsoft Azure Cloud Services.
- OMB notification regarding DOE project for Innovative Diverse Equitable Accessible CIP program
- 2nd Quarter newsletter for trench restoration in Bronx & Queens.
- Notice of Franchise Concession Review Committee Meeting for 4/16
- Notice List for Tobacco Retail Dealers and E Cigarette Retail Dealer license lottery.
- Notification from the NYS Dept. of Public Service that Con Ed is proposing a rate increase.
- Notice from the NYS Dept. of Public Service regarding a study related to connectivity & 5G.
- Notice from DCP regarding the Last Mile Text Amendment

The Chairperson stated that if there were any Board members who would like a copy of anything listed on the directed mail to let the office know.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer read the Report for March 2025.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT: Ms. Katsalis introduced herself and wished everyone a good evening. She stated that it is a pleasure to be here tonight and on behalf of BP Richards she would like to thank everyone who was appointed to CB 10, and she congratulated all the new and reappointed members. She announced that on April 7 at 6pm at Borough Hall they will be celebrating Eid-al-Fitr; on April 8 at 6 pm they will be hosting a Vaisakhi Celebration; on April 12 from 9 am to 1 pm they will be organizing a Neurodivergent Awareness Forum and Resource Fair; on April 16 at 6 pm they will celebrate Bangladesh Independence Day; and on April 28 there will be a Songkran event. To RSVP for any of these events go to queensbp.nyc.gov. She added that if anyone has any questions or concerns, she may be reached at 718-286-2853 or at gakatsalis@queensbp.nyc.gov. She thanked everyone and wished all a wonderful evening.

DEPT. OF CITY PLANNING REPORT: The Chairperson stated that we received a call from Kathy Ko from DCP that one of the Land Use items in the pipeline is inching towards certification. She explained that one of the issues we have with certifications at this time of year is that certifications that occur in May or June could result in necessitating a summer meeting. Ms. Ko indicated to the Chairperson in that phone conversation that DCP has addressed that issue so that Community Boards can act in September if necessary.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: The District Manager stated that we have been notified by DOT that they will be milling and paving at night starting as early as Monday, April 21, 2025, on North Conduit Avenue from 130 Street to 114 Street.

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

- Army Corps of Engineers information regarding the Spring Creek South Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study.
The Chairperson thanked R. Gendron for his report.
- Information about the Cross Bay Blvd. Bridge between the North & South Conduit where construction work consisting of lead paint removal and protective coating will occur. Operations will start on 3/26 and will last 6 weeks. There will be single and double lane closures on both North Conduit Avenue between 114 Place & Cross Bay Blvd. & South Conduit Avenue between Gemini Fields near 79 St and continuing on the Nassau Expwy to Cross Bay Blvd.
- The Chairperson reported that the Public Safety and Land Use members were briefed on the review of 2 cannabis dispensary site notifications. An opinion will be sent to OCM reflecting the negative views expressed.

The Chairperson also reported:

- Community Board Swearing In-Ceremony for reappointed and newly appointed Board Members will take place in Borough Hall on 4/22/25. Following the swearing-in that evening there will be a training session which is required for all new Board Members.
- An event that Speaker Adams is holding on protecting your property to avoid the lien sale on 4/19 from 10 am-1 pm at her office in Rochdale Village
- QSWAB solid waste presentation at Borough Board.
- The Chairperson thanked D. Wesby for attending QSWAB meetings for CB10. D. Wesby reported that all the meetings have been on Zoom but the one they are planning to hold on the 26th of May be held at the Queens Botanical Garden, but they don't know for sure. When he finds out he will send out an e-mail to the Board so you will know.
- Reminder that 5/7 is the deadline for Real ID's.

The meeting continued with committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAND USE: The Committee Chair wished everyone a good evening and apologized for missing the election of officers but thanked the Board Members for their vote of confidence in him. He stated there are some issues that will be coming up that we will have to act on. The Last Mile Facility Text Amendment is a Citywide action that is making its way through the process. It is a Citywide zoning text amendment that would introduce a City Planning Commission special permit process for new parcel development facilities in M and special mixed-use MX and C8 districts. He explained that people have packages piling in front of their door every day. Package delivery is a growing business and City Planning is trying to address it by creating this parcel distribution facility text amendment to allow for a type of warehouse for unloading and sorting prepackaged goods and loading these goods onto vehicles that are certified as Federal Highway Administration vehicle weight classes one through five for the final delivery in some M, MX, and C-8 zones. He added that these facilities are a necessary step in getting goods to New Yorkers however they generate more trips than a traditional warehouse, impacting traffic our roadways, safety, and air quality.

These challenges are exacerbated when large facilities are being located near where people live. While the demand for packages is expected to continue, the proposed action intends to ensure more appropriate siting of these future parcel delivery facilities and encourage a more sustained freight network.

The EIS was completed on 3/28, and it received a positive declaration. The process is for a special permit requirement, and we are seeing more of that and will be acting on it.

The Land Use Committee Chair continued that the other issue coming forward is 79 Street next to the Lindenwood Diner fronting on Linden Blvd. where there is a mini shopping center. The owner is moving ahead with a large-scale project for an 8-10 story multi-use building there. The owner is looking for relief with City Planning. We haven't seen the plans yet, but they will be coming forward to us soon. He continued that we were contacted by the design

and legal team for the Pollo Compero Restaurant BSA application that we have already acted on. They went back to the Board and they presented our findings as well as comment from local civic groups. They were in the process of going for a variance to establish this drive through one story building when the City of Yes was approved. BSA said they no longer have a hardship. BSA has asked the design team to come up with something that would fit on that site, which is a big site, about 15,000 sq. feet. The BSA asked them to present what they can do as of right. The architects did come up with some preliminaries. We had asked them to be updated and kept in the loop because of the traffic study so it will be coming back to us. He reported that he, the Board Chair, and CM Ariola were asked to attend a Zoom meeting with the applicant's design team to discuss them. We will when that meeting takes place, and we will keep you up to date. He thanked everyone and wished them a good night.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS: The Committee Chairperson advised the report is in the folder material.

AQUEDUCT: The Board Chairperson informed all that we will be changing the name of the Aqueduct Committee to the Aqueduct/Resorts World Committee. The Committee Chairperson thanked everyone and stated that he attended a meeting with Resorts World. At that meeting Resorts informed us that they will be holding a paper shredding event on Saturday, 4/12, where people may drop off paper items to be shredded. He commented that is a good idea because this month also celebrates Earth Day. Another upcoming event is Resorts World's procurement fair. He continued that also discussed was the State's timeline for Gaming License submissions.

EDUCATION: The Committee Chair reported the NYC Public School Care Initiative has launched two initiatives for the upcoming 2025/2026 upcoming year. Anti-bullying and anti-vaping campaigns are going to be student led as opposed to facility led. The second initiative is a connected initiative which is essentially a whole child approach to boost academic achievement, improve attendance, and reduce school-based violence. They are going to have family connectors who will undergo a 5-week training program to help these students, and their families connect to services in the city for their own safety, for housing, for food insecurity and things of that nature, so hopefully these things will come to pass.

GATEWAY/JAMAICA BAY: The Committee Chair stated that the report was in the folder material. He continued that on 3/12 the New Hamilton Beach Civic Association, CB10, the Army Corps of Engineers and the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation met to discuss the Spring Creek South Coastal Management Feasibility Study. The study began in January 2024 and aims to address the flood risks and drainage system overloads during storms and worsening risks due to rising sea levels. Proposed solutions include constructing flood blocking structures, raising roads and buildings, floodproofing and/or relocating properties in high risk zones or using a combination of all these measures. Tomorrow these teams meet to look at all the alternative milestones that they can come up with and different options that they can put together and later this year, after some public comment and public input, they are to come up with a tentatively selected plan very similar to the HATS study that was done. Early next year, a draft report should be ready for the public to look at and to add some more feedback. By mid-next year they should finish the final report based on all the updates they have received from the feedback and then hopefully, if they hit no snags, by late 2026, the Chief Engineer will sign off on a plan and that will start the path towards construction. There are several things that can happen. One is that some money has already been allocated in funding, but they will need more support across the board to complete everything. The plan needs to match what the people want and need, which it does. It must follow the rules about protecting nature while meeting government requirements and it requires many levels of government involved, Federal, City and State as well as local. Currently the project has strong support in Congress which can help it, but it can take many years to plan, design and build. At the end of the day what is really needed is a combination of reliable funding, strong partnerships, and public support, all of which together can lead to implementation. He added that this is a long time coming and that this protection should have been done in the 1960's. It's been rolled over and over into so many studies since then. There is no need to study anything anymore in his view, so basically, they are compiling all past studies into this 1 study which hopefully will help with this plan moving forward.

The Chairperson added that when both she and Roger met with the Army Corps of Engineers both verbalized on behalf of the communities that we serve the opinion that we have been studied to death, and it is time for some action to occur.

LIBRARIES: The Chairperson stated that the Committee Chair is not present this evening, but you can check the Queens Public Library website for all the different programs offered at the different libraries.

PARKS: The Committee Chair reported that a few months ago he gave a report on Schneiderman Playground and the signs that were missing from the children's area. He reported that we were told that Parks would be putting them up, but they are still not up. He commented that when we do these projects, signage is an important part of it, so we don't have adults without children in these areas for safety reasons. The signs should be in place when a playground is first opened, not months later.

The Chairperson asked the District Manager to follow up with the Parks Department about the installation of the signage.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Committee Chair reported that the crime stats are in the folders.

PERSONNEL: The Committee Chair thanked the District Manager for being at the Board office with her volunteers to help him to look at and review the SBS Phase 2 plans which were originally hard to decipher. He added that even though we are very low with personnel at the Board office, the volunteers are doing a good job, and he wanted to say thank you to the Board. The Board Chair thanked the Committee Chair for using his professional engineering skills to help.

SANITATION: The Committee Chair stated that the report is in the folders and that composting is now in effect.

SUMMER YOUTH: The Committee Chair announced a Children Hiring Hall on 4/11 to be held by ACS. She provided the details as to time and location along with the types of positions. She also announced DCAS exams are coming up for the NYPD, Correction Officers, Cement Mason, Traffic Enforcement, Exterminator, and School Safety. There is also a Lifeguard exam, and the application period is still open. You must be age 16 and must meet some vision and some swimming requirements and it is a 16-session training.

TRANSPORTATION: The Committee Chairperson wished everyone a good evening and stated that the report is in the folders. He warned all to be cognizant of parking too close to the MTA bus stops because violations will be issued. He also congratulated the reappointees and the new board members and said he is looking forward to us having a great April.

The Chairperson continued by introducing representatives of elected officials to speak.

The Chairperson introduced Jose Reina rep. for Congressman Meeks and invited him to speak. Mr. Reina wished everyone a good evening and introduced himself. He reminded everyone that there is a deadline to file your taxes by 4/15/25 and said to please make sure that you file your taxes on time to avoid any late fees. If you haven't started the process yet, now is the time to do it. Secondly the Real ID enforcement deadline is set for 5/7/25. After this date, NY travelers will need a real ID or a federally compliant form of identification such as a passport book or card to board domestic flights or access federal facilities. Thirdly, there has been a slight increase in passport cases and advised to check the expiration date on your passport. The processing date for processing a passport is 2-3 weeks for expedited processing and up to 6 weeks for routine processing. Lastly, on 3/14 Congress passed a funding bill to 9/30/25 and allows members of Congress more time to continue negotiations for a long-term budget proposal. Anyone with any questions may call Congressman Meeks office at 718-725-6000.

The Chairperson introduced Carl Moore rep. for Sen. Addabbo and invited him to speak. Mr. Moore introduced himself and announced that the budget is passed the deadline. It was supposed to be on 4/1, and they are still working on it. Hopefully they will have it by next week. He announced that there are copies of their event flyer on the table up front and that on 4/27 they will be holding a paper shredding event and a Household Goods Collection for Veterans at Forest Park from 10 am to 2 pm. where people can bring their paper to be shredded, and they will collect clothing, furniture and books for the Veterans. They will also hold an e-waste and paint collection there the following week. The flyers up front give more information about what can be disposed of. On 6/1 they will have a mobile mammogram at their office on Jamaica Avenue and that information on how to register is on the flyer.

The Chairperson introduced David Shaeffer, rep. from Sen. Persaud's office and invited him to speak. Mr. Shaeffer stated that there are several items holding up the budget negotiations including what type of federal funding will be around to support the budget, also there are some high-level disagreements with the Governor, the Senate and the

Assembly over some issues. He also provided information on some upcoming events. For more information call their office at 718-649-7653.

The Chairperson introduced Carl Brown rep. from Sen. Sanders office and invited him to speak. Mr. Brown introduced himself and stated that the budget is funded until Monday and that Senator Sanders is working extremely hard. For any issues you can contact them at 718-523-3069 or email him at cabrown@nysenate.gov.

The Chairperson introduced Jeanette Garramone rep. from AM Pheffer-Amato's office and invited her to speak. Ms. Garramone introduced herself and stated that she has their event flyers available up front. She announced they will have OATH visiting their Howard Beach office on 4/23 from 11 am to 3 pm for any issues that you may want to fight and to schedule an appointment call them at 718-641-8755. She wished everyone celebrating Easter or Passover, a happy holiday celebration.

The Chairperson introduced Jeanine Agard rep. from AM Anderson and invited her to speak. Ms. Agard introduced herself and wished everyone a good night. She stated that Assembly members are up in Albany fighting for this budget and if you need to get in contact with her, she can be reached at agardj@nyassembly.gov or call the office at 718-327-1845.

The Chairperson introduced Anna Sargeant rep. AM Rajkumar and invited her to speak. Ms. Sargeant introduced herself and stated that if anyone has any issues, they can call their office at 718-805-0950 and that they are located at 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd. She announced that on 4/10 they are providing free civil legal services with NYLAG and to call to make an appointment. She stated that the Assembly member is in Albany fighting for a budget that suits the needs of all her districts and she wished everyone a good night and said to stay safe and have a happy spring.

The Chairperson introduced Ty Hankerson rep. for Council Speaker Adrienne Adams and invited him to speak. Mr. Hankerson introduced himself and introduced Tyler Logan who also is a rep. for Speaker Adams. He congratulated and welcomed all of the new Board members and announced they are hosting a tax lien event on 4/19 from 10 am to 1 pm with the Dept. of Finance at their office and they will also be asking them to do a second event as well. He continued that they are moving forward with the neighborhood coalition for South Ozone Park and Richmond Hill and that the coalitions have been successful. He added that Tyler Logan did a great job leading these coalitions that resulted in lot clean ups and litter pickups. They will be holding a Rockaway Blvd. walking tour late April or early May and stated that Liberty Avenue is still a work in progress and they are starting conversations to have a merchants association on Liberty Avenue and they have applied for a \$10,000 grant from the Queens Chamber of Commerce and they hope that it goes through. He announced that Participatory Budget flyers are up front and this year there are several projects that are on the ballot. He continued that part of the ballot is focused on youth centric projects and they want to get our youth involved in the process. They have 12 schools where kids aged 13 and up are asked to vote on the participatory budget so they can learn civic engagement. He announced that the Speaker launched an initiative for drastic renovations to all the libraries in her district and finally, since it has been a challenge hiring cops to get on the job, what she will do on the local level is to provide funding to our precincts so they can have that extra support until hiring picks back up.

The Chairperson introduced Phyllis Inserillo rep. for Councilmember Ariola and invited her to speak. Ms. Inserillo introduced herself and welcomed all the new appointees. She stated that the Councilmember is laser focused on the budget and is focused on first responders, as well as projects for communities and schools. She announced that mandatory composting has begun. She said CM Ariola is introducing legislation to make this program voluntary. She went on to speak about other sanitation-related issues and announced individuals with disabilities may apply for the Congestion Pricing Exemption Plan and spoke about the city's upcoming tax lien sale. She continued by reporting different pieces of legislation the Council member has introduced and on some upcoming events.

The Chairperson introduced Dan Brown from DA Melinda Katz's office and invited him to speak. Mr. Brown wished everyone a good evening and spoke about two individuals who were charged with Grand Larceny Burglary, Criminal Possession and Stolen Property for stealing copper cable at JFK. They stole 1100 feet with a value of \$70,000 and both defendants were arraigned. For more info go to: www.queensda.org it will show the names of these individuals, one of which is from South Ozone Park and the other from Queens Village and each face 5-15 years in prison. He also announced he has their newsletter up front. For any inquiries he can be reached at 718-286-6593.

The Chairperson introduced James Mongeluzo from Comptroller Brad Lander's Office and invited him to speak. Mr. Mongoluzo reported information on recent Comptroller's reports. He also reported that the city is looking at pursuing litigation against Tesla. He said the city's pension system lost almost \$400,000 in value based on investments in Tesla and there is concern. If anyone has any inquiries, he can be reached at 646-689-6509.

The Chairperson commented that since we have a lot of reps to acknowledge and allow to speak, it would be helpful if reps kept reports to 3 minutes or less if possible and to feel free to send or provide a written report to disseminate.

The Chairperson asked if there were any other representatives of elected officials or city agencies present that would like to speak. Hearing none.

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM: The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karyn Petersen".

Karyn Petersen
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