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### REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

June 5, 2025

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** L. Amorim, B. Braton, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, A. Cosentino, F. Dardani, I. Dimoh, K. Edwards, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, F. Gulluscio, G. Hewitt, A. Hill, R. Hitlall, A. Khan, P. Kishun, K. Lopez, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, S. Mohammed, A. Nocerino, P. Nostramo, S. Patterson, J. Quijano, A. Rajnauth, K. Roan, G. Russo, N. Santiago, S. Shew, V. Singh, J. Stahl, P. Tejada, I. Van Putten, D. Wesby

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** S. Acuiqui, N. Bissoon, M. Cherenfant, B. Ciaramella, R. Ciulla-Frisone, E. Fraylon, P. Granickas, R. Martinez, R. Narine, S. Pace, M. Rosa, A. Sancler, A. Siewnarine, G. Singh, L. Walker, A. Vital

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** J. Reina, rep., Hon. G. Meeks; C. Moore, rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; C. Brown, Rep., Hon. J. Sanders; D. Shaeffer rep., Hon. R. Persaud; J. Agard, Rep., Hon. K. Anderson; A. Sargeant, rep., Hon. J. Rajkumar; K. Morris, rep. Mayor's Office CAU; T. Logan, rep., Hon. A. Adams; P. Inserillo, Rep., Hon. J. Ariola; G. Katsalis, QBPO; M. Allbert, QDCP; D. Brown, rep., Hon. M. Katz. QDA; Hon. A. Lopez, Commissioner QDEP; Hon. N. Garcia, Commissioner; QDOT; PO S. Kaur, 106 Pct Community Affairs; D. Tanis, rep. Resorts World

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7pm.

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

The Chairperson explained that there was a change to the agenda that the members received, and announced the corrected agenda is available to everybody tonight. The Chairperson explained the reason for the change was that we were holding the public hearing space available in case one of the ULURP items that is in the pipeline ended up getting certified for action before tonight. She then explained that since the two guest speakers will both be speaking to specific topics requiring no vote, those two specific topics will be the topics of the public hearing tonight.

The Chairperson then opened the public hearing and introduced the Queens DEP Commissioner, Alphonso Lopez, and invited him to speak.

Commissioner Lopez introduced himself and stated that this was his second time here and that this was the first Community Board meeting that he ever attended when he first was appointed as the Queens Commissioner. He stated he has interacted with the elected officials and civic leaders here in the community to get a better idea of flooding concerns, both tidal and rain-related, particular to this part of the Borough.

He reminded everyone if they are seeing any issues in the neighborhoods to report them to 311 and to send the 311 number with a photo, if possible, and a brief description to [queensdep@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:queensdep@dep.nyc.gov). That will be sent to him and his team so they can address the issue. That has been very helpful with day-to-day issues such as catch basins that are dirty and ponding issues. He continued that the reason he is here today is to provide information that's useful to know. He went on to review the information in DEP's Flooding101 presentation. The Chairperson informed all present that written

copies of the presentation were available to all present to take on the table in front. Commissioner Lopez explained that hurricane season here starts in June and ends in November. Typically, such storms impact New York more in August. He reviewed the tools DEP has in their "toolkit" along with recommendations for homeowners. He continued that DEP is always mindful of stormwater flooding, coastal flooding and groundwater flooding. Their strategies are also mindful of climate change and the impact it has due to the greater frequency of more intense storms. He explained that in August 2021, NYC had "Henry" which caused 1.94 inches of rain an hour, "Ida" in September 2021 dropped 3.15 inches an hour, and he said in CB10's district we are very familiar with what occurred during "Sandy." He went on to explain that sewers are our first line of defense. They handle 98% of rain events. They are designed to handle 1.5 to 1.75 inches of rain per hour. When we experience storms that exceed that, we start seeing issues with flooding and sewer backups. He explained there are a few things they look at aside from that as well, such as sewer back-ups and overflows. 60% of NYC has combined sewers that carry both wastewater and storm water. During rainstorms when the system can get overwhelmed it can result in backups through manholes, catch basins and basements. Groundwater flooding is also something DEP particularly looks at, especially in areas with a particularly high groundwater table. When there is a heavy rain incident or back-to-back incidents, the ground becomes saturated. That's when people may experience water entering basements if there are cracks or if there are drains or windows where groundwater water may enter.

Commissioner Lopez explained that DEP tries to manage tidal coastal flooding with devices such as tide gates or valves. They do that on a case by case, and they have talked to folks here and in the Rockaways about what they can be doing to better address some of the issues. The city's toolkit involves a few different things. The city has what they call grey, green and blue infrastructure, regulations, and some recommendations. Blue infrastructure known as blue belts, are places where water can collect to buy the system time, so the water is not going directly into the sewers and exceeding their capacity. Blue belts divert rainwater away from the sewers, provide retention, and can create ecological areas as they retain that water. Cloud Burst is another tool they have been looking at. These are areas where if you look at the photo, you see the blue areas under the surface. It's tanks, storage tanks of porous concrete, aimed to get the water off the streets and into a contained area. They try to design then with a recreational playground or a basketball court on top, so you don't really see what is going on but when the water comes down, it goes right into the storage area, not into the homes.

He also spoke about the unified storm water rule. In 2022 DEP increased the amount of storm water that new and redeveloped properties must manage on site. Before such properties get their sign off from DEP, they must provide a plan utilizing blue, gray, and green infrastructure to manage the storm water that they are expecting on their plot. He also provided information about flood net sensors. In real time, people may go on the website [dataviz.floodnet.nyc](https://dataviz.floodnet.nyc) to get information about flooding in specific locations. Coastal resilience infrastructure protects us from the flooding from storm surge and sea level rise. Sometimes this is in concert with other federal partners and has a lot of forms. They may involve raising land, building walls and gates on the land or in the water, wave breaks and reinforcing of the shorelines. Many neighborhood and business owners ask what they can do to protect homes or property. The Commissioner said that he will leave some of their rainfall ready guides and said converted basements are something DEP tells people to be mindful of. If there is a point of entry and egress from the home people should make sure that it is clear and that it is accessible. For those with pitched driveways, he recommended getting a barrier system that is inflatable or other types of barrier systems to prevent water from getting in. That can help to buy some time until water can recede. That sometimes can be combined with a sump pump. Also, people should make sure there is as much seal as possible to keep any water from coming into a home. Rerunning down spouts is another easy step homeowners may take to better protect homes. He also spoke of the benefits derived from using rain barrels. In the event that people do get water in a basement, flood sensors are a useful device to give an auditory warning. DEP recommends putting these near either the windows in the basement or near the drains or if you have a sink or toilet basically anywhere that is an easy point of entry for water because it will give you a warning. Sump pumps can also be useful. If you are going to use a sump pump, have the hose extend 10 to 15 feet from the home but they want to emphasize prevention. Sometimes homeowners that get water in their homes call DEP to pump the water out, but the water gets pumped out onto the street where it comes back in again so that's why preventing by sealing up cracks in the basement, having barriers, and having a plan is more useful than the pump out remedy.

He spoke about resources such as the Trash It Don't Flush It campaign where it is better to not flush disposable wipes but rather to throw them in the garbage. If they are flushed that can combine with grease over time and big collections of grease known as fat burgs can form. They essentially can give a heart attack to the sewers and DEP physically must go in and pull those out or break them apart to get them out because they will cause backups. Another campaign is Wait to Use the Water. When there is a storm event, wait to use the shower, wait to use the dishwasher or anything that uses

a lot of water. Collectively if we all take that step to wait to use the water when there is a storm event, that will help keep more water out of the system so the system can catch up.

He urged all to sign up for Notify NYC that provides info on storms and weather but also other things that can be going on in the city. He also said that he really wants to emphasize homeowner's insurance. People should review the insurance they may already have. People should also consider AWR American Water Resources that is a plan people may opt into with DEP. Opting to include results in an additional charge of about \$20 per month on the water bill. He thanked the Board for allowing him to speak and stated that he loves coming out to this neighborhood because there is a wealth of knowledge because of the things that all have lived through, so it is beneficial for DEP to hear the Board's views about flooding, both tidal and rain caused. For anything DEP may be helpful with all may reach out to [queensdep@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:queensdep@dep.nyc.gov). He added that he recommends that when you do reach out to the site, to cc the Community Board, the council member or the Borough President as well.

The Chairperson thanked Commissioner Lopez for his comprehensive presentation then asked if there was anyone from the public with any questions or comments. There were none. The Chairperson then asked if there were any questions from Board members.

A Board member asked a question about catch basins in community driveways where resident are not aware of who is responsible to maintain them or how they are supposed to be maintained. Commissioner Lopez answered that it can be any number of things and asked for the address of the location so they can check the location and look at it. He said to put in a 311 and e-mail that info to him and take a picture of it if possible.

The Board member provided the addresses. Commissioner Lopez said he will follow up with the member.

The Chairperson then asked if there were any other questions from Board members.

A Board member commented about the NYC Office of Technology and Innovation tracking of the satisfaction response for any service requests that come through 311. According to the Board member, the city has only a 37% satisfaction rate for DEP and CB 10 has a 28% satisfaction rate. He asked how can we trust calling 311 and putting in a request gets the remediation needed in a timely manner?

Commissioner Lopez responded that he would take those numbers back to the DEP team to look into, and again urged all to contact the [queensdep@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:queensdep@dep.nyc.gov) when an issue needs to be followed up.

The Chairperson then asked if there were any other questions from Board members.

A Board member commented about a proposal to have two blue belts in the Jewel Streets project and asked if DEP foresees anywhere else in CB 10 where it may create blue belts. Commissioner Lopez responded that he hasn't heard anything currently, but he would check with the team and report back to the Community Board.

The Chairperson again asked if there were any other questions from Board members. A Board member voiced an opinion about 311. The Chairperson then asked if there were any other questions from Board members. Hearing none. The Chairperson thanked Commissioner Lopez for attending this evening and for his accessibility always to the issues that the Board raises with him.

The Chairperson then ended the DEP portion of the public hearing and opened the DOT portion of the public hearing and introduced Queens Borough DOT Commissioner, Nicole Garcia, and invited her to speak specifically about the issue of the upcoming Conduit study. The Chairperson reminded all that any questions or comments following Commissioner Garcia's presentation need to be related to that topic.

Commissioner Garcia introduced herself and thanked the Board for inviting her to talk about a new effort being led by the NYC DOT. DOT will be taking a hard look at the Conduit, between Lefferts Blvd, and where it connects to Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn which is a 3 mile stretch of roadway. She announced DOT will be holding both a virtual workshop and an in-person workshop session. Commissioner Garcia informed all present that during the last 5 years there were 40 severe life changing injuries and there were also 5 deaths along that stretch of roadway. She also informed all there is a lot of reckless driving that occurs along the North and South Conduit. The speed cameras there tend to be some of

the highest performing cameras in the entire city so there is a lot of speeding going on. She thanked the Chairperson, District Manager, and the entire Board for their assistance when DOT did a safety improvement project at 79<sup>th</sup> Street because of the crashes at that location. There was no infrastructure there, so DOT built a sidewalk across the median in 2023. The Commissioner went on to say that thanks to the leadership of the Board, BP Donovan Richards and BP Antonio Reynosa came together and said to DOT that it needed to rethink the Conduits. Those streets were built in the 1930's and they have not changed since then. There are about 15 signalized intersections along the 3-mile stretch. There is about 61 acres of greenspace, equivalent to about 49 football fields, that can be programmed.

DOT is conducting both an in-person and also a virtual workshop next week as they want this project to be community driven. At both workshops DOT will go through the existing conditions, and it wants to hear views about what people would like to see and what the challenges are. All ideas will be welcome. Commissioner Garcia stated DOT wants to build a new Conduit, North and South, connecting neighborhoods and communities rather than dividing them. She again thanked CB 10 and CM Ariola for their assistance regarding the 79 Street improvement project. She commented that everyone here is the inspiration for this current study DOT is doing that it is an important first step to increase safety along the Conduit corridor. She urged all to attend one of the planned workshops. On Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at JHS 202 in Ozone Park from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm there will be an in-person workshop and on June 12<sup>th</sup> DOT will hold a virtual workshop. Flyers with information to register for the zoom link were provided. She thanked everyone again for the opportunity to speak at tonight's meeting.

The Chairperson thanked Commissioner Garcia for attending the meeting. She added that this is a project that is just starting but the issues on the Conduit are longstanding and just getting that sidewalk and the traffic light, she has lost count of how many Commissioners this Board was working with on that issue over the years. She continued that one of the reasons that we invited the Commissioner here tonight is because we have community leaders such as the presidents or vice-presidents of most of the civic associations in our area in attendance at our meetings who can help spread the word about the study. The Chairperson also commented that since both the North and South Conduits run through the entire CB10 district from the Van Wyck to the Brooklyn line, it is important for DOT to consider the views of the people who live here. This current project is to study the Conduit area from Lefferts Blvd. to the Brooklyn boundary and said that in a perfect world, we would be studying the Conduit from the Nassau border to its end in Brooklyn. Further, the Chairperson asked DOT to pay specific attention to potential negative impacts any recommendations resulting from this study for the median areas as the entire area south of the Conduit is in the flood plain. That flood plain is going to expand in the future. She commented that now, Howard Beach has tidal flooding issues and there are areas in Ozone Park that experience rainwater flooding. In Lindenwood there are areas that get both. As both the Queens DOT and DEP Commissioners were present, she commented that before anybody comes up with creative ideas that may sound good everyone needs to pay particular attention to any plans for the medians as they provide a buffer drainage area. Anything that goes on those green spaces could have a long-term negative effect on residents both on the north side of the North Conduit and on the south side of the South Conduit.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone from the public with any questions or comments related to DOT's Conduit study.

A member of the public stated that he thinks that another project goal would be to overall decrease traffic and air pollution for pedestrians and vehicles.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone else from the public with any questions or comments. Hearing none.

The Chairperson asked if there were any Board members with any questions or comments. Hearing none, the Public Hearing was closed.

The Chairperson again thanked both Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Garcia for the information provided.

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

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

- Letter from DOT regarding a request to install a speed reducer at 149 Avenue bet. Redding Street and Lafayette Street that stated it met the criteria, and installation will take place when resources are available.
- Letter from DOT regarding a request to install a speed reducer at 84 Street bet. Liberty Avenue & 106 Avenue that stated it met the criteria, and installation will take place when resources are available.
- Letter from DOT regarding a request to install a speed reducer at 150 Avenue bet. 126 Street & 127 Street that stated it met the criteria, and installation will take place when resources are available.
- Letter from DOT regarding a request to install a speed reducer at 120 Street bet. Rkwy. Blvd. & 115 Avenue that stated it did not meet the criteria.
- Letter from DOT regarding a request to install a speed reducer at 117 Street bet. 111 Avenue & Linden Blvd. that stated it met the criteria, and installation will take place when resources are available.
- Letter from DOT regarding a request to install a speed reducer at 164 Avenue bet. 89<sup>th</sup> Street & 90<sup>th</sup> Street that stated it met the criteria, and installation will take place when resources are available.
- Letter from DOT regarding a request to install a speed reducer at Shore Pkwy bet. 89<sup>th</sup> Street & the Belt Pkwy west that stated it met the criteria, and installation will take place when resources are available.
- Notification of intent to pursue a license for an adult retail cannabis dispensary at 102-15 159 Road Howard Beach. It was stated that we received the notice on 5/8/25, and as of 6/5/25, we have received no reply from the applicant's representative to our questionnaire.
- Letter from our Board to NYS OCM expressing the CB10 negative opinion regarding 109-19 Rkwy. Blvd. retail cannabis dispensary location.
- Letter from FDNY Deputy Commissioner Nguen stating a letter of support from an FDNY chaplain for a cannabis dispensary in CB10 appears to be a forgery and that the FDNY chaplain "didn't write, authorize or sign a letter of support and that the FDNY takes no position concerning any application for a cannabis dispensary in the City of New York."
- Letter from Gourmet Budz/Turk with letters of support attached.
- Letter from Caribe Car Service requesting a letter of support for renewal of license for its base station.
- Notice of planned drone activity between May 2025 and December 2025 from a company doing work for Spring Creek studies.
- Notice that the Design Commission met on 5/27 and on that agenda was the construction of prototypical sidewalk extensions and medians as part of the design for the Select Bus Service citywide Q53 and Q52 Woodhaven Blvd. bet. Union Tpke. and 107 Avenue. Also on that agenda was the Reconstruction of Rocket Playground adjacent to Robert H. Goddard High School and Junior High School 202.
- Calendar of Public Hearing re: Contract Awards held on 6/12, 5/29 and 5/15.
- Public Notice from the Franchise Concession Review Commission.
- Notice re: 2024 Consolidated Plan annual performance and evaluation report.
- Notice of demo work at 87-01 107 Avenue.
- Notice of alteration and extension of an existing 2 family home at 149-35 116 Street.
- Notice from L.K. Comstock Company regarding a road closure on 114 Street bet. Liberty Avenue & 103 Avenue Re: Sandy power repairs
- Flyer for the FDNY Block Party that is taking place at the firehouse on Lefferts Blvd. on 7/19
- SEQR Notification that the draft of the environmental impact study has been done that relates to Resorts World.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer read the report for May 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 Jr. She announced that their office had marched in the Pride Parade on 6/1 in Jackson Heights, held a Pride Kickoff month rally on 6/3, on 6/11 at 6 pm there will be the annual Pride Month Celebration at Borough Hall, and on 6/16 at 5 pm they will host a Columbian Independence Day celebration. To RSVP for any of these events go to [queensbp.nyc.gov](https://queensbp.nyc.gov). She added that if anyone has any questions or concerns, she may be reached at 718-286-2853. She thanked everyone and wished all a wonderful evening.

**DEPT. OF CITY PLANNING REPORT:** Mia Albert introduced herself as the Assistant Borough Planner from the Queens Office. She stated that she has nothing to report but that one project at 78-08 Linden Blvd. is approaching certification in the summer but because of the modified review schedule it won't come before this board until the fall. If anyone needs to reach out to her, she may be contacted at malbert@planning.nyc.gov.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:** The District Manager stated 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: Liberty Avenue bet. 115 Street & 116 Street, Liberty Avenue & 115 Street, Lafayette St bet. The bend & Pitkin Ave., Lafayette St. bet. The bend & Spritz Road, Lafayette St bet. Albert Rd. & Spritz Rd, Albert Rd bet. Lafayette St & Whitelaw St., Spritz Rd bet. Lafayette St & Whitelaw St., Pitkin Ave bet. Lafayette St & Whitelaw St., Lafayette St. & Pitkin Ave., Lafayette St & Spritz Rd., Lafayette St & Albert Rd., 99 St. bet. 164 Ave & 165 Ave., 165 Ave & 98 St., 99 St. & 165 Ave. The new gas mains will be installed in the street or sidewalk and the excavation required will be backfilled each day. 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 a 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 L.K. Comstock & Company LLC that 114th Street bet. Liberty Avenue & 103rd Avenue will be closed for construction work from 8 am to 6 pm on Saturday June 21, 2025, and Sunday June 22, 2025, from 8 am to 6 pm.

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

- Bus Redesign Info.
- Presentation on e-safety
- Notices from Resorts World
- Consolidated Plan Info
- Information on grant money to protect businesses
- Information on NYS Retail Security Tax Credit
- Information on Training Grants
- Notice of Resorts World Workforce Development Summit on 6/11 that will be held in the Central Park event space
- Information about library events at the So. Ozone Park Library
- FDNY Safety guide
- Information on lithium batteries
- Information from the Office of the NYS Comptroller
- Copy of Housing Express event
- Report by DOH
- Notification from Resorts World regarding workforce housing units announcement

The Chairperson also reported that as of this date there are 2 legal cannabis retail stores licensed and operational within CB10. There are 2 other sites that have active licenses but are not open for business. She continued that the Land Use and Public Safety Committee met for a briefing regarding the retail cannabis business seeking a license at 109-19 Rockaway Blvd. The Chairperson reported the negative opinion formulated reflects the issues that were brought up by all the different committee members regarding the location. The Chairperson read the letter of opinion. That letter ended with a statement that in this particular instance CB 10 is also submitting a recommendation to OCM. The Chairperson explained that this site is directly across the street from Resorts World and the State's process to select a company for a full casino license is underway. Resorts World is planning to submit a proposal. The Chairperson further explained that since the process is not completed, we do not yet know what its result will be. Rockaway Blvd essentially traverses through CB10 from our western boundary to our eastern boundary. Since the racetrack/casino land is state-owned and the PANYNJ also controls a portion of the land, there are, in total, over 200 acres of land there. We, as a community, do not yet know what will occur there or what the effects will be for our Rockaway Blvd. commercial corridor.

Therefore, as a Board member, B. Braton, then made a motion proposing that we express a recommendation to the NYS Office of Cannabis Management in our opinion expressed to it regarding the application for a retail cannabis dispensary at 109-19 Rockaway Blvd that OCM not grant any licenses anywhere on Rockaway Blvd between the Kings/Queens county line and the Van Wyck Expwy., which are our eastern and western boundaries, and to not consider or approve any cannabis licenses on that strip until our community knows what the outcome of the State process regarding casino licenses is complete.

When a second to the motion was asked for just about every hand of Board members present was raised. J. Caruso seconded the motion.

The Chairperson asked if there was any discussion on the motion. Hearing none.  
The vote was: All in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining. The motion carried.

The meeting continued with committee reports.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LAND USE:** The Committee Chair stated that he is hoping to see the paperwork soon on the pending land use item that may come before us for action when we come back after the summer. One is on Linden Blvd. and the other is on Cross Bay Blvd. He also reported that the Resorts World SEQRA is underway and nearing completion, and its reports and findings will be available. The Committee Chair commented that Resorts World has been a very good neighbor for us for more than 12 years. As we have been reading every day, the site in north Queens near Citi field seems to be getting a lot more attention for what they are planning as they are looking for one of the licenses for the casino there. He reported there are 3 Community Boards on board with them and there is a large development there of apartments and residences and they have also partnered with a Las Vegas group, and they are putting a soccer stadium there. Because there were city-related processes related to park land for that proposal, so actions were needed from those CBs. This week that proposal got through the process for taking away the park designation on city land so it can move ahead with a full development there. He commented we may need to give more support to the Resorts World proposal if we can, as there will be 2 Queens proposals seeking the State's approval for a casino license. He wished everyone a good summer and hoped that he will see everyone back in September.

**BUDGET:** The Committee Chair stated that the Budget Committee had met to review the FY 2026 internal budget and that copies of this budget were distributed to the Board Members earlier this evening.

The Chairperson explained that this is our internal budget and reflects how the funds that the board gets to run the office and pay our staff are allocated.

The Committee Chair, N. Santiago, made the motion that the Board approve the Community Board's internal budget as presented. K. Roan seconded the motion.

The Board Chairperson reiterated that the motion is to approve the internal budget as presented and asked if there was any discussion on the motion.

A Board Member stated that as a former District Manager at CB 6, he wanted to tell everybody that if you look at the final number of \$281,083, it is the amount each of the 59 Community Boards throughout the city of New York receives as a city agency. Each Board, as an agency, then allocates that amount as the Board determines. He also commented the 59 Boards, 14 of them in Queens, have not had an allocation increase in years and years, so we are all working on the same dollars that we did 10, 15 and 20 years ago. Costs continue to increase, but the available budget to pay those costs has not increased.

The Board voted all in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstaining. The motion carried.

**AQUEDUCT:** The Chair wished everyone a nice summer.

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

**JFK:** The Committee Chair wished everyone a good summer.

**PARKS:** The Committee Chair announced that our new Parks Commissioner for the City of New York is Iris Rodriguez-Rosa. The Chairperson added that Commissioner Rodriguez-Rosa is a resident of Queens Community Board 10, and we wish her well in her new role.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The Committee Chair commented that in recent weeks we have experienced at the Board and at the Precinct an inordinate number of complaints about unregistered, uninspected, and paper plates on vehicles left in the neighborhoods. People have been reporting to 311 and to the board about them. Given the fact that it is all over the news every day about the staffing of the NYPD, unfortunately we cannot expect these cars to disappear so quickly. Many of our elected officials have done a good job of trying to get a lot of them off the street but there are just so many hours in a day. He asked that everyone be patient and remember that personnel constraints impact how fast our police can respond. That is also complicated by when 311 takes your complaint, sometimes they are not asking the right questions, so sometimes complaints are getting closed out because accurate info was not obtained by 311 on the actual nature of the complaint and accurately relayed to the police. People get frustrated by that. Covered cars are also a big issue. There are a lot of them being stored on the street and people are getting frustrated about parking at night, so we are getting more people parking in front of hydrants, crosswalks which are not allowed even for people who have handicapped placards. He stated that we try to tell people to be patient and to give us good information with plate numbers and addresses and we will try to get it done as quickly as possible. He also announced that the crime stats are in the folders.

**PERSONNEL:** The Committee Chair commented that we are still looking for additional personnel for CB 10 as the internal budget allocates funds for the salaries.

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

**SANITATION:** The Committee Chair announced that if anyone is interested in purchasing compost bins to see him at the end of the meeting and he will give you the address and how much they cost.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The Committee Chair announced that his report is in the folder. He stated that phase 1 of the MTA's transportation changes happens this month on June 29<sup>th</sup>. The Q3 will have less stops. We will also have a new bus line starting out of Ozone Park and running a direct route into Cambria Heights. It is the new Q51. The Q112 will be running along the same route as a part of the Q7. When we come back from the break during the summer, the other bus route changes to the Q7, Q8, Q9, Q10, and Q11 will be in effect on August 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be no more Q21. The Q24, Q37, Q52, Q56, Q60 and Q80 routes will also be going through some changes. Part of those changes are going to be removing some bus stops. Unfortunately, some folks will have to be walking longer to these stops. He stated that his plan for the summer is to plug into the different MTA popup shops and continue to get in their ear a little bit. He thanked Passengers United for keeping him informed of their ideas and what they think are the better moves for the MTA. He also wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day and wished everyone a happy, prosperous summer.

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 stated that Congressman Meeks is closely monitoring the reconciliation bill that was passed in the House of Representatives on 5/22/25. At this moment, the senate majority has set a deadline with the aim of voting on the budget proposal to vote on 7/4/25 which is before Congress goes into recess. Their office will stay engaged in understanding any changes that is in the bill that could directly impact constituents in the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. He continued that they have noticed there is a slight uptick in passport cases which is something they normally see around this time of year and that summer travelers seeking an alternative Real ID compliant form of identification should apply for a passport appointment as appointment availability is beginning to narrow down. International travelers should consider checking the expiration dates on passports because many countries require the validity date on the passport be at least 6 months valid following a departure date. Urgent travelers that need to schedule a passport appointment can go to [passport.travel.state.gov](https://passport.travel.state.gov). He also mentioned the Dept. of State is recommending travelers to sign up to the Smart Travelers Enrollment program which is a free program that gives the ability for international travelers to receive real-life safety alerts by e-mail. The second benefit of the STEP Program is the voluntary information that you submit, such as your contact information, emergency family contact info or the hotel where you will be staying at. All of that

information will automatically be transferred to the US Embassy in the country you are in so if you ever find yourself in an emergency situation the embassy can use the information on your STEP account to be able to contact you and the embassy in the country you are in to provide services to address the emergency issues. For more information 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 event flyers were sent to the Board members and they are also posted on the CB 10 Facebook page. He continued that he also has a list of New York State budget highlights and announced that for any seniors over age 55 that like bowling, there is free bowling at Bowl 360 on 6/23. Those interested may call their office to let them know. He also announced they will be holding a paper shredding event on 7/26 at St. Helens Parking lot. He wished everyone a happy and safe summer.

The Chairperson acknowledged that Carl Brown rep. for Sen. Sanders office had been in attendance but had to leave early.

The Chairperson introduced David Shaeffer rep. for Sen. Persaud and invited him to speak. Mr. Shaeffer wished everyone a good evening and thanked the Board for providing resources like the Commissioner of DOT and DEP here tonight. It is fabulous to have people like that in the room where people can ask questions. He also Congratulated Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa on her appointment and announced they will be holding a shredding event at their office at 1222 E 96 Street in Canarsie on 6/25 from 9 am to 12 pm. They also will have OATH at their office the next day on 6/26 from 11 am to 3 pm to help residents with any violations they received. No appointment is needed. He wished everyone a great summer and thanked everyone for allowing them to be here and serve you as a community.

The Chairperson introduced Jeanine Agard rep. for AM Anderson and invited her to speak. Ms. Agard introduced herself and announced they will be holding two events in June at their South Ozone Park office. The first event they are hosting with the River Fund on 6/21 is a SNAP benefits pop up so if you know anyone eligible for SNAP they can reach out to the River Fund directly or they can call our office to schedule an appointment to join that pop up event. On 6/21 they will be partnering with Chaaya CDC for a Homeowners workshop. If you have any questions about Chaaya's services, heat benefits or property tax exemptions you can come to this homeowner's workshop, and they will have a host of information. They will also hold summer mobile office hours and will be moving throughout the district from July until August. She also warned that if you go to the beach only swim when lifeguards are present. We don't want any tragedies this summer. She wished everyone a happy summer and said she will see everyone in September.

The Chairperson introduced Anna Sargeant rep. AM Rajkumar and invited her to speak. Ms. Sargeant stated that their office is located at 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd., and they can be reached at 718-805-0950. She wished everyone a Happy Pride, Happy Father's Day, and a Happy Summer. She reminded everyone to please also remember to wear your sunscreen whether or not you are at the beach. She stated that AM Rajkumar introduced a new bill called Penny's Law and hosted a rally last month at city hall regarding this bill. This is a bill to make sure we are pet owners with aggressive dogs are held accountable if a dog attacks a dog or if a dog attacks a person. Based upon the specifics of the incident. Penny's law outlines various ways that owners will be held accountable for the behavior of their dog. For example, if they run away or the dog walker walks away from the scene, there is a scale of consequences. It is not anti-any specific breed of dog. Any dog can be an aggressive and dangerous dog. They are also hosting a rally in Albany on 6/10 with dog owners from across the state. She thanked everyone and stated that she looks forward to seeing everyone in September and wished everyone a wonderful summer.

The Chairperson introduced Tyler Logan rep. for Council Speaker Adrienne Adams and invited him to speak. Mr. Logan introduced himself and gave an update on the Liberty Action Plan to address quality of life issues such as littering, illegal vendors and abandoned vehicles. He announced that it was a success. They funded an organization called CEO to help clean the sidewalks from Lefferts Blvd. to 132 Street and noticed a great deal of change in the litter that has been on that corridor. He stated that due to the task force that they set up with DSNY, and the 106 Precinct they have noticed there has been improvements with abandoned vehicles being parked for 6 months and businesses that had their produce on the sidewalk blocking pedestrian walkways. They are still watching the corridor and looking for improvements and to possibly expand down past Lefferts Blvd. He also announced that they will open an office in South Ozone Park. It is currently being constructed and hopefully by next month we can announce that location and the hours of operation for that office. He continued that they still have the coalitions to discuss issues, and they are also having two events, one being a kitchen container giveaway for compost bins at their office 165-38 Baisley Blvd. and that they can be reached

at 718-206-2080. He added that they are also having a family day event where they will offer face painting on 6/8, 6/21 and 6/22.

The Chairperson introduced Phyllis Inserillo rep. CM Ariola and invited her to speak. Ms. Inserillo wished everyone a good evening. She announced that Councilmember Ariola met with Chief McIntosh from Queens Patrol Borough South. She said they are looking forward to working with him. They will also be working with the 106 Precinct regarding issues with ATV's and dirt bikes at the PS 207 playground. She continued that the Councilmember has introduced legislation that would limit the hours that legal cannabis dispensaries can be open to between the hours of 9:30 am and 9:30 pm. The Councilmember hopes that this limitation will help maintain the quality of life in communities at night and in the morning when kids are headed to school. She stated the Councilmember has also been working on legislation that would prevent possession of an ATV within the 5 Boroughs. Currently if the police department picks up an ATV, they must bring it to the precinct, tag it and then the owner is allowed to come and pick it up if they can show ownership. The Councilmember is also working on legislation for a sign on bonus and a stay on bonus to recruit and retain NYC police officers. She continued with information about possible legislation dealing with locations for battery energy storage systems. She said they are going to be introducing a resolution that would support a bill in the state legislature that would make sure that these types of facilities would have to have a setback of a certain amount of feet from any residential area and elaborated about other concerns related to City of Yes. She announced that on Saturday they will be partnering with the Ozone Tudor Civic for the Summer Kickoff at Tudor Park from 12 pm to 3 pm and they are also doing an event at Centreville Field with the Police Department from 11 am to 2 pm where they will be giving away different items and discussing domestic violence abuse. They will also have a hygiene kit giveaway on 6/18 outside their office with COPCP on 6/18 from 2 pm to 4 pm. You can sign up at [copcp.org/events](http://copcp.org/events) or call their office at 718-738-1083 to sign up for a hygiene kit. They will hold a movie night on 6/21 at Centreville Field at 8 pm and on 6/14 they will hold a flag day concert at 7 pm and fireworks at 9:15 pm at the bandshell at B. 94<sup>th</sup> Street in Rockaway. She wished everyone a Happy Father's Day and a Happy Summer, and she thanked the Board for all that they do.

The Chairperson introduced Dan Brown rep. for the Queens District Attorney's Office and invited him to speak. Mr. Brown wished everyone a good evening. He stated that Queens DA Katz and NY State Inspector General, Lucy Lang, announced that 9 individuals had been charged with Grand Larceny for criminal possession of stolen property and other crimes for allegedly separately stealing thousands of dollars in pandemic relief funds intended to help small business owners suffering hardships due to the COVID 19 pandemic. As alleged, the defendants individually applied for the New York State Empire Development Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program on behalf of multiple and newly created and defunct businesses. Five of the defendants are additionally accused of defrauding the federal economy injury disaster loan program. The total amount of stolen funds allegedly collected by the defendants was approximately \$250,000. Each time the defendants were approved for a loan they transferred the majority of the funds to personal checking accounts. Shortly after receiving the deposit some of the money was wired to other defendants who helped prepare the legal documents that were used to help submit grant applications. 9 defendants were arraigned on criminal complaints separately charging them with Grand Larceny, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property, and falsifying business records. They face up to 25 years in prison if convicted on the top count. If anyone has any questions, he can be reached at 718-286-6953. He wished everyone a nice summer.

The Chairperson introduced Kevin Morris from the Mayor's Office Community Affairs Unit and invited him to speak. Mr. Morris wished everyone a good evening and announced that Mayor Adams and NYPD Commissioner Tisch announced that from the start of this year, January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> of this year NYC has now seen the lowest number of shootings and homicides in recorded history and reported over 20,000 illegal guns were removed from our streets. This is part of the Mayor's effort to make sure our streets are safer, and he thanks the incredible work of the 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct for keeping our community safe. The Mayor has announced that he closed 1,400 illegal smoke shops across the city and \$95 million dollars in paraphernalia has been seized. They will be continuing these operations as part of operation Padlock to Protect. If you find illegal smoke shops let us know and we will continue to identify and close them down. He wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

The Chairperson stated that PO Kaur from the 106<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Affairs had to leave but we want to thank her for the work she did with tagging and towing cars that was discussed earlier.

The Chairperson introduced David Tanis from Resorts World and invited him to speak. Mr. Tanis wished everyone a good evening and stated flyers regarding the Workforce Development Summit are available up front. The event will be held on Wednesday from 11 am to 2 pm. He continued that Resorts World made an announcement of investing into

50,000 new workforce housing across the NYC. It is not specific to the property. It is across New York City. They made this announcement with the unions so that folks who are union such as NYPD, FDNY, labor etc. have somewhere to stay that is affordable that they can live in and call home. They fall into a grey area where they make too much to qualify for affordable housing, so Resorts World stepped in and made the single largest investment upward of over \$500 million dollars into this fund to support and build out over 50,000 units of workforce housing for union workers all throughout NYC. He continued that we are in June, and the submission of bids are due on 6/27 for the casino licenses. He reported Resorts World is positioned to submit their proposal on 6/27. Once the submission is in a Community Advisory Council will be formed that will review it. In December the state will announce who will get the 3 licenses the State will be awarding. He asked that all present be supportive of Resorts World effort to obtain one of the 3 licenses awarded so they can continue to do all the amazing work it does within the community and within the district so it can continue to invest in education, community and local groups and provide thousands of union employment opportunities. He said Resorts World union paid jobs on the property will expand and he added that Resorts World had a conversation with CUNY to expand their intro to gaming curriculum at more schools within the CUNY system. Resorts has been doing it with York College but they want to expand this curriculum into a Community College in every Borough. He stated that individuals being hired at any property, at any facility or at any casino, just being a dealer, they can make over 6 figures with no college degree necessary. He thanked everyone and wished everyone a great summer. For any questions he can be reached at 929-244-9769.

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:** Hearing none.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Hearing none.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

A member of the public introduced herself on behalf of Fleur de Fred licensed cannabis dispensary in Ozone Park. She stated that in addition to their work in cannabis they are deeply committed to their community care and harm reduction. Their location provides free Narcan and fentanyl test strips and along with a 24-hour virtual addiction crisis counselor. They welcome all community members to stop by, ask questions and connect with these resources. She thanked the Board and everyone here tonight for their time and for the opportunity to share.

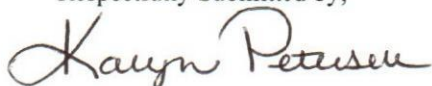
A member of the public introduced himself as part of the City Line Ozone Park Police Patrol and said this summer they are working with the NYC Civic Engagement Commission on the participatory budgeting project that allows New Yorkers to decide where part of the city's budget is going. In Queens there is \$195,000 allocated for a project to be funded and implemented next year. People may vote online at [on.nyc.gov/pb](https://on.nyc.gov/pb). He asked that anyone who votes online use partner code copcp. He wished everyone a good summer and thanked everyone.

Another member of the public reminded everyone of the dates that the Queens bus network redesign will take place on 6/29 and 8/31 and then commented with his views on route changes and bus stops.

The Chairperson wished a Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and wished everyone a great summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,



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