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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

March 6, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: L. Amorim, B. Braton, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, F. Dardani, A. Dhanpat, I. Dimoh, K. Edwards, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, G. Hewitt, P. Kishun, R. Martinez, S. Mohammed, A. Nocerino, P. Nostramo, S. Pace, J. Quijano, A. Rajnauth, K. Roan, N. Santiago, A. Siewnarine, J. Stahl, I. Van Putten, D. Wesby

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: S. Acuiqui, N. Bissoon, M. Cherenfant, B. Ciaramella, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Cosentino, E. Fraylon, F. Gulluscio, A. Hill, R. Hitlall, B. Lall, N. Latchana, K. Ludhiana, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, R. Narine, R. Ramgopal, B. Ramsundar, G. Russo, A. Sancler, G. Singh, A. Vital, L. Walker

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. Garramone, rep., Hon. S. Pheffer Amato; A. Sargeant, rep., Hon. J. Rajkumar; T. Logan, rep., Hon. A. Adams; P. Inserillo, rep., Hon. J. Ariola; G. Katsalis, QBPO; D. Brown, rep., Hon. M. Katz; Capt. N. Fenton, XO 106 Pct.; N. Mungin, rep., Resorts World; T. Roosa, NYCEM

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7pm.

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

The Chairperson opened the Informational Public Hearing and introduced Tyler Roosa, Public Warning Program Manager, NYC Emergency Management and invited him to speak about the program.

Mr. Roosa introduced himself and stated that NYCEM is the city agency responsible for coordination when there is an emergency that can range from all types of emergencies such as building fires to large scale incidents that involve multiple agencies. NYCEM also does public warnings. An informed NY is a safe NY. NYCEM provides information - a lot of information - free of charge about things going on in the city as a whole and also specific to neighborhoods that might impact people. They provide the Notify NYC program which is a free service and is subscription based. It is the official source of verified information. The notify NYC program is customizable so people may get alerts on social media, text messages, or e-mails. Notify NYC may also be followed on social media sites such as Facebook or Twitter. The alerts help keep people informed. Notify NYC provides alerts such as train suspensions or disruptions, water body advisories, as well as advisories on coastal storms, flooding, and other weather-related emergencies. Information on power outages, ASP suspensions, local mass transit disruptions, parade information, public health, pool notifications, air quality, school closures, natural gas work, weather events and beach notifications, police advisories and basement apartment alerts if there is going to be significant flooding are also provided.

J. Stahl arrived 7:07 pm.

Mr. Roosa continued that the alerts are offered in different languages such as Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Creole, Italian, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Urdu, Yiddish, English and American Sign Language. To sign up people may go to the NYCEM website or call 311 to subscribe to Notify NYC. It is a free program and Mr. Roosa asked that everyone help spread the word to let people know about the service to help keep people informed.

The Chairperson asked if anyone from the public had questions or comments. Hearing none, the Informational Public Hearing was closed. The Chairperson then asked if there were any Board Members with questions or comments. Hearing none. The Chairperson advised those in attendance to sign up for these alerts since it is very informative information that all will receive on a regular basis and thanked Mr. Roosa for his presentation.

J. Calcagnile arrived 7:09 pm.

The Chairperson then introduced Captain Nigel Fenton XO from the 106th Precinct and invited him to speak.

Captain Fenton wished everyone a good evening and stated that he is glad to be here. He stated that for the last 28 days from February 3rd to March 2nd we were down 8.3% in crime. There were 110 crime complaints and we were down 120 compared to last year. We were up in felony assaults mostly from Domestic Violence that took place in the command some of which resulted in 6 MOS (uniformed members of service) where 5 police officers and 1 lieutenant were injured in the line of duty due to firing at perpetrators. He added that in February, within a 1 week span, we had 6 officers that were injured. Out of those 6 officers 5 are back to duty and 2 are on limited duty and 1 is not back to duty yet. He continued that they issued 46 criminal summonses compared to 43 issued last year and they also issued 49 OATH summonses. They have been doing a lot of traffic enforcement they have issued 12 summonses on the Cross Bay Blvd. corridor within the 20-day period, 88 summonses on Rockaway Blvd. corridor, 278 summonses on the North Conduit North corridor and 23 summonses on the South Conduit corridor and 140 summonses were issued on Liberty Avenue corridor.

A. Siewnarine arrived 7:13 pm.

Capt. Fenton stated that tax season is upon us and there have been complaints that when people are getting their tax checks back, the checks are being washed, and money is being deducted from their accounts online. Capt. Fenton warned everyone to be aware and reminded everyone that mail is still being stolen from mailboxes. He advised all to bring mail into the Post Offices instead of dropping mail in the mailboxes outside them. He continued that they have been experiencing stolen cars and that the Special Operations Lieutenant made a GLA arrest last night for a car that was stolen in the 75th Precinct. P.O. Fortunato and P.O. Frazier from NCO D spotted the car while doing routine patrol and the individual was arrested and no one was injured. He added that the 33-year-old male had 75 prior arrests. He stated that an Uber driver parked his car with the engine running and went inside a White Castle and the perpetrator stole the car. He reminded everyone to lock their car doors to prevent them from being stolen, and also to help prevent car handle surfing where individuals pull on the car door handles to see if any are left open. He thanked everyone for having him here this evening.

S. Pace arrived 7:17 pm.

The Chairperson thanked Captain Fenton and thanked the 106th Precinct for the work that the officers are doing.

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

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

- Letter from DOT regarding speed reducers on 105th Street bet. 107 Avenue & Rkwy. Blvd. that stated that they met the criteria and will be installed when resources become available.
- Letter from DOT regarding speed reducers on 123rd Street bet. Linden Blvd. & 115th Avenue that stated it did not meet the criteria due to the physical inventory of the street (too many driveways).
- Letter from DDC regarding Woodhaven Blvd. SBS Phase B Project. (ID HWQ100SBB)
- Notification to Municipalities from Janice McDaniel regarding a retail cannabis dispensary premises she is seeking to be located at 117-12 Liberty Avenue.
- Notices from the Parks Dept. regarding product waivers.
- Copy from the Comptroller's Office of the Audit Report Controls over Payroll and Purchasing of the 14 Community Board.
- Our Response to the Mayor's Office regarding the Preliminary Budget.

- Notice from City Planning Commission and Mayor Adams regarding the Citywide Statement of Needs for FY 2026 & FY 2027.

It was stated that we will review and hold a public hearing on this next month. There was nothing specific in CB 10 and if anyone would like to see it, we can send the link upon request.

- E-mail invite for the Spring Creek South CSRM Feasibility Study Group Meeting.
- Notice from TC Systems regarding a utility job that began on February 21st at 100th Street & Rkwy. Blvd. It was stated the scope work was 4 weeks and that it involves relocating existing pole risers and backfilling.
- Notice of Comment Period for the Proposed Transportation Improvement Program Amendments.
- Design Commission Meeting Agenda for the end of February
- Calendar of Contract Awards for February and March Meetings
- Franchise Concession and Review Committee Agenda
- Notice of Demolition at 130-25 129th Street
- Notice to Vacate at 109-19 132nd Street
- Notice to vacate at 125-11 149th Avenue
- Notice to vacate at 155-33 Amber Street

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 February 2025.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT: Ms. Katsalis introduced herself and wished everyone a good evening. She announced that on March 11th at 6pm at Borough Hall they will be celebrating Holi, on March 26th at 6 pm they will be hosting an Irish American Heritage Celebration, on April 12th at noon they will be hosting a salute to the Gold Star Spouses Ceremony, on April 3rd from 6-8 pm they will hold a College and University fair at Richmond Hill High School at 89-30 114th Street. 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. She thanked everyone and wished all a wonderful evening.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: The District Manager stated that we have been notified that in the coming weeks National Grid has planned construction work to install a new gas main at the following locations: Lefferts Blvd. bet. Liberty Avenue & 107th Avenue and at Lefferts Blvd. & 107th 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. 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.

The Chairperson stated that all the gas notices are listed on our Facebook page.

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

- Information on the Rockaway Line.
- March Newsletter on the Rockaway Line work.
- Copy of MTA briefing regarding the accessibility projects in it 2025-2029 Capital Plan.
- Copy of the presentation made to the Parks Committee regarding the Ramblersville/Old Howard Beach Shoreline Restoration project. The Chairperson informed the public present that copies of this presentation are available on the table up front.
Copy of the Jewel Street project information. The Chairperson informed he public present that copies of this presentation are also available on the table up front.
- Various flyers
- Committee reports

- The Chairperson also reported that a copy of the Borough's Budget response from the Borough to the Mayor had been received. All Board members will receive some data excerpts from the document that help to understand the impact of the mayor's proposed budget in Queens and commented on some examples that show disparities in how Queens fares in relationship to other boroughs.
- The Chairperson reported that the Board will hold its hearing regarding Citywide Statement of Needs next month and informed all of BP Richards' State of the Borough Address that will be held on April 25th at the Queens Theater.
- Material and fact sheets re: US Army Corps & Engineers projects in the pipeline.

The meeting continued with committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

GATEWAY: The Committee Chair stated that the report was in the folder material. He continued that there was a notice last week that the Army Corp of Engineers, along with DEP from the city and state are looking at the carveout from the HATS study and what they are looking for is storm protection for Hamilton Beach, Howard Beach, Old Howard Beach, New Howard Beach and Lindenwood. It is what we have been saying forever that you can't fix everything with one major project you have to look at it is smaller sections. So, this is now what they are doing. They have the money appropriated for it and they are going through the past studies because you can't study Jamaica Bay anymore, there is nothing left to study. They are compiling a report based on that and they want to schedule a zoom call. He added that it is a step forward for any of the coastal communities in this area if we get this protection. It probably will streamline the project going down because it is a much smaller project. The work that could go on at Shellbank and Hawtree basin could go on at the same time. It wouldn't have to wait for one to work with another. We would have to get National Parks involved because it would involve some of their wetlands, but you would be protecting from the A train all the way around to the Belt Pkwy as a barrier. It's an open barrier, you can use it and boats can get in and out but when the time comes when there is a flood and we need to close the tide gates, which can hold back 11 feet of storm surge so this is a great thing and hopefully it will expedite the whole process.

PARKS: The Committee Chair reported on the presentation that was given to the committee regarding the Ramblersville Shoreline Restoration. He stated that Parks first went into the community to present and wanted feedback on the project now from the Board. He added that the presentation is on the table up front if anyone from the public would like to look at it. The Committee met last week and was given the same opportunity to look through the proposals, ask questions, and discuss. The Committee voted to recommend to the Board that we approve the project and send a letter to the Parks Dept. The Chairperson asked if there was a second to the Committee's motion. R. Gendron seconded the motion. In the discussion on the motion, it was explained that Ramblersville is the area along both sides of 102nd Street between 160th Avenue and Russell Street. There are very few residents there and they are aware of and approve the project. The project began after Sandy where there were some homes that were damaged or destroyed that can never be rebuilt on that land. The city acquired those properties and there were other properties on the area that were already city owned. The properties involved in the project have been turned over to the Parks Dept. to do the restoration project to make that land viable for the future as wetlands again with the understanding that it is not property that can be built on again.

The Chairperson stated that we have the motion and we have a second to the motion. She asked if there were any questions or further comments. Hearing none, the vote was:

All in favor 0 opposed. 0 abstaining. The motion carried.

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

SEWERS: The Committee Chair announced that on February 10th the NYC Dept. of Housing and Preservation released a progress report on the Jewel Street neighborhood planned project. The report highlights the ongoing progress and planning for revitalization and development of the Jewel Streets to address flooding and sewer issues. The Committee Chair reported the information that was within the Committee's written report that was included in the folder material. He reported on the location and the purpose of the project, and its goals described in the HPD's progress report.

TRANSPORTATION: The Committee Chairperson wished everyone a good evening and stated that the report is in the folders. He continued that the MTA has \$68 billion dollars to begin their capital improvement projects such as new train cars and to upgrading track signals. He stated that the elevator project at Liberty Avenue & Rkwy. Blvd should be completed in September and that will really benefit the area. Lastly, it will be very interesting to see how the congestion pricing political football gets thrown around over the next couple of months. He wished everyone a happy, healthy March.

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.

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 stated that there has been an uptick with stolen IRS tax refund checks. The Post office has been working with the IRS regarding constituent concerns with mail theft. USPS recommends constituents sign up for USPS informed delivery, a service which is a free service which allows constituents to receive notifications and preview the mail that is scheduled to arrive at a person's address, including a treasury check. If a treasury check does not arrive as expected, please contact the US Postal Inspection Service by calling 1-877-876-2455 to initiate an investigation. He has flyers up front that provides information on how to protect your mail from thieves. He also reminded everyone that the deadline to file your Federal Tax Returns is on April 15, 2025, and gave an update on the Social Security Fairness Act. He stated that on February 25, 2025, the Social Security Administration announced they will be issuing one-time retroactive payments this March to recipients that were affected by the windfall elimination provision and the government pension offset regulation. He spoke about these two regulations last month on how they applied to recipients who received a pension from a non-social security covered work. Additionally, Mr. Reina reported the Social Security Administration has announced it is working on increasing the monthly benefits to impacted recipients with adjustments set to take effect in April. Lastly, regarding the budget, in recent weeks the House and the Senate passed their own respective budget proposals for 2025. Negotiations are ongoing toward finalizing a reconciliation bill that will determine the future of government funding beyond March 14th which is when the current continuing resolution bill expires. Anyone with any questions may call Congressman Meeks office at 718-725-6000.

The Chairperson asked Mr. Reina to take back a thank you to Congressman Meeks for the Town Hall Meeting that he held last night and also asked him to take a copy of the US Army Corps of Engineers paperwork on the table to see if the Congressman's office can get more information to us on these projects.

The Chairperson introduced Carl Moore rep. for Sen. Addabbo and invited him to speak. Mr. Moore introduced himself and stated that there are copies of their event flyer on the table up front and announced that on April 24th the Senator will be sponsoring a free sexual assault training with Tiger Schulman at the Atlas Park Center and that for those receiving HEAP grants, there is another program you can apply for that applies \$500 if you still owe money on your National Grid bill. For more information call their office.

The Chairperson introduced David Shaeffer, rep. from Sen. Persaud's office and invited him to speak. Mr. Shaeffer wished everyone a good evening and stated that Senator Persaud is in budget sessions, and she is interested in hearing constituents' needs and desires about the state budget. If anyone would like to share their current stances with her, they can call the office at 718-649-7653. He also announced they will be holding a free e-waste and recycling event from 4-5 pm on March 21st at their office in Canarsie and will be holding job fair on April 4th which will be hosted by HES. If anyone needs anything, they may call Sen. Persaud's office.

The Chairperson introduced Carl Brown rep. from Sen. Sanders office and invited him to speak. Mr. Brown introduced himself and stated that the Senator is working on the budget for NYS with the Governor and they are trying to get it passed hopefully soon. He continued that capital discretionary funding requests for 501C3's are due on April 1st. He also stated bill 52710 was sponsored by Sen. Sanders. It focuses on the police retirement which was an issue. For any issues you can contact them at 718-523-3069 or email him at cabrown@nysenate.gov. He announced information regarding legal consultations for seniors for eviction, foreclosure and estate planning concerns every first of the month. He urged anyone who knows of any youth doing well in the community to nominate them for the Senator's youth leadership award. He announced that March is Woman's History Month. Sen. Sanders will be having an event

celebrating women in construction and he also announced the Senator's upcoming leaders zoom call. If anyone is interested in joining, he can send the information so they can join to interact with Sen. Sanders and other leaders. The meeting lasts for about 1 hour. He thanked CB 10 and the Chairperson for having him here tonight.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Brown and welcomed him to the Board.

The Chairperson introduced Jeanette Garramone rep. from AM Pheffer-Amato's office and invited her to speak. Ms. Garramone introduced herself and stated that the 2025 Legislative session has begun and will last until June. She spoke about bill A1470 which if passed will expand the Veteran's tuition assistance program and bill A2443 which would establish an annual copayment limit for EpiPens. If passed, starting in 2026 people will not be charged more than \$100 so that's a big difference for many people. She continued that if anyone has any questions or concerns with the MTA to let them know because they are in communication with them. She reminded everyone that March 15th is the deadline for tax exemptions for STAR, E-STAR, SCHRE and SCHE and if anyone needs help, their office can help scan people into the system. Also, she reported that March is Woman's History month, and the Assembly member is taking nominations for her annual woman of distinction award. Any nominations may be e-mailed to Jason Greenberg at Greenbergj@nyassembly.gov or call the Rockaway office at 718-945-9550 or their Howard Beach office at 718-641-8755. She also announced that they have celebrated their 1-year anniversary for the toll rebate for the Cross Bay Bridge and the rebate will continue and funding is secured.

The Chairperson introduced Anna Sargeant rep. AM Rajkumar and invited her to speak. Ms. Sargeant introduced herself as the Chief of Staff for AM Rajkumar and announced that they celebrated Dominican Republic Independence Day in Ozone Park last Friday and honored a variety of Dominican movers and shakers in Queens. She continued that their office is dedicated to quality-of-life issues and the Assemblymember is hard at work on various bills in Albany and this week she passed bill A4751 A which helps Veterans with disabilities get employment. On April 10th they are hosting free legal services through NYLAG from 10 to 3 at 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd and to call to make an appointment. They have 6 available slots and there is limited space for walk ins. She added that these legal services are for civic issues not criminal issues and that people must have all needed paperwork with them so the lawyers can be prepped and can give good legal advice. For more information they can be reached at 718-805-0950.

The Chairperson introduced Tyler Logan rep. for Council Speaker Adrienne Adams and invited him to speak. Mr. Logan introduced himself and reminded everyone it is tax season, and they are collaborating with Urban Upbound for tax prep. If anyone has any questions, they can call the number of the flyer on the table up front. He continued they are holding satellite hours where they will have an attorney assist with immigration and landlord/tenant issues. For more information call 718-206-2068. He also stated that they have been holding coalition meetings where residents can speak with city agencies about city problems.

The Chairperson introduced Phyllis Inserillo rep. for Councilmember Ariola and invited her to speak. Ms. Inserillo introduced herself and stated that the Councilmember had attended the first of several budget hearings with the NYC Council. It was the finance hearing, and she is fighting for more money fighting for the FDNY, the NYPD, schools and for projects in the community. The Councilmember is also looking to how government waste is happening and what organizations are being funded and how that money is being spent. She announced there will be a lien sale later in the Spring that may affect people with unpaid property taxes or water and sewer bills. Their office has a list of those that are on the lien sale list, and they have been calling people that are on that list. For more information contact their office. She announced that this week the council passed Intro 1126 sponsored by CM Ariola that requires waste bin rebates. The rebate program begins on August 2025. She stated that once a week in their Ozone Park office they have a representative from CUNY Citizenship Now to provide legal assistance for immigrants. She announced that on June 7th they will hold Flag Day Festival in Tudor Park and on May 31st at 8 pm they will hold movie night at PS 207. There will be another event in Centreville in June, but the date is yet to be announced. On April 5th they will hold an e-waste and paper shredding event at PS 207.

The Chairperson introduced Dan Brown from DA Melinda Katz's Office and invited him to speak. Mr. Brown wished everyone a good evening and stated that the March Newsletter is up front and stated that DA Katz announced on March 3rd that two individuals were indicted and arraigned for their role in the cybercrime theft of more than 900 concert tickets, the majority of which were for Taylor Swift's Eras tour. The tickets were allegedly stolen by two individuals working at a third-party contractor in Kingston Jamaica. URLs were e-mailed to two co-conspirators in Jamaica, Queens who downloaded the tickets and resold them on Stub Hub for personal profit taking in more than \$600,000 over the course

of the year. The two defendants were arrested and arraigned on a criminal complaint charging them with grand larceny in the second degree, computer tampering in the first degree, conspiracy in the fourth degree and computer tampering in the fourth degree. They each face a potential maximum sentence of 3-15 years in prison if convicted of the top count. The investigation remains ongoing to determine the extent of this operation including other potential co-conspirators. If anyone has any questions, he can be reached at 718-286-6593. He stated that it is always a pleasure to see everyone.

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.

NEW BUSINESS: The Chairperson asked if there was any new business to discuss.

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

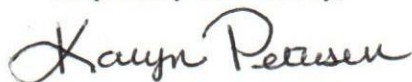
An individual named Stanley introduced himself and stated that he spoke here in January about compulsive gambling in schools due to cell phones having apps. He stated that he wants to go to the High schools to talk about compulsive gambling and what it does to families. He also stated that on Sutter Avenue bet. 108th Street & 107th Street there is a fire hydrant that is getting blocked nightly. He continued that the owner leaves the car there between 5:30 and 6 pm and he lived 5-6 houses away. He also stated that there are 2 scooters one of which was marked by the 106 Pct sitting for the last 6 weeks and another around the corner on 108th Street and is taking up parking. He also stated that on 108th Street & Sutter Avenue it is a one-way street and people have been driving down it the wrong way south instead of north and he is afraid someone may get hit by a car.

Nadira Indelicato introduced herself and stated that she is from Ozone Park. She expressed she is concerned with the Pitkin Avenue and South Conduit intersection at the traffic light. She stated that people are making wide turns and driving into the oncoming traffic lane and a car almost got hit. She also stated that another concern she has is about drivers using Tudor Village as a shortcut off the highway.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone else from the public who wished to speak. Hearing none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,



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