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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

October 2, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: L. Amorim, N. Bissoon, B. Braton, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, M. Cherenfant, A. Cosentino, F. Dardani, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, F. Gulluscio, G. Hewitt, A. Hill, R. Hitlall, A. Khan, K. Lopez, R. Martinez, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, S. Mohammed, P. Nostramo, S. Pace, S. Patterson, J. Quijano, A. Rajnauth, K. Roan, M. Rosa, A. Sancler, S. Shew, A. Siewnarine, P. Tejada, D. Wesby

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OTHERS PRESENT: J. Reina, rep., Hon. G. Meeks; C. Moore, rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; C. Brown, Rep., Hon. J. Sanders; A. Alli, Rep., Hon. K. Anderson; T. Hankerson, rep. Hon. A. Adams; T. Logan, rep., Hon. A. Adams; P. Inzerillo, Rep., Hon J. Ariola; M. Carlier, Dir. Of Community Boards QBPO; G. Katsalis, QBPO; D. Brown, rep., Hon. M. Katz; K. Morris rep. CAU Mayor's Office; L. Villa, rep., Hon. J. Williams; B. Capt. N. Fenton, XO 106 Pct.; Lt. A. Dorsett, 106 Pct., P.O. S. Kaur, 106 Pct., Community Affairs; D. Tanis, Resorts World; D. Donohue, Transitional Housing Services; T. Velin, Amy Gross Architects; S. Sinacori, Rep., Canyon LLC project; M. Pena, Public Health Solutions

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7pm.

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

The Chairperson then opened the public hearing regarding a rezoning application for property at 78-08 Linden Blvd. (ULURP C-240145-ZMQ) and welcomed the applicant's representatives present who were in attendance to present information about the rezoning application by Linden Canyon LLC for 78-08 Linden Blvd. and invited them to speak.

Mr. Sinacori, on behalf of the applicant, stated that this proposal was for the rezoning of Linden Blvd. between Sapphire Street & 79th Street. The address is 78-08 Linden Blvd. The rezoning action if approved would change the existing R4, C1-2 overlay to an R7-D, C2-4 and R6A zoning district. He explained the site is currently a shopping center, occupied by a Walgreens whose lease has expired and is now they're on a month-to-month basis.

Mr. Sinacori said the original proposal was for a 9 to 11 story building to be built along 79th Street but after receiving input from the community and City Council member, Ariola, the applicant has made changes to the plan. He explained the proposed revisions. Rather than 1 building there will be 2. The smaller building will be a senior housing building and the larger building that fronts on Sapphire Street will be workforce housing for those with incomes between \$45,000 to \$120,000. There will be a total of 267 units, 97 senior units and 170 workforce housing units. He said

that the Council Member and the community had requested that space for an FDNY ambulance bay be incorporated into the design and the revised plan shows that space is reserved to accommodate that.

Mr. Sinacori went on to explain the processes involved relating to how service providers are selected for senior housing. The service provider is a not-for-profit that operates the building and provides services to the seniors. He said the service providers they usually use in Queens are Catholic Charities or from Self Help, but they haven't chosen one yet as they want to see if the project is approved before they put any resources into it.

Displays were shown and Mr. Sinacori pointed out where the community space was reserved in the revised design and where the entrances and exits, etc. would be located. He explained that the developer would be back before the Board should the zone change be approved as the processes involved in financing the senior housing, siting the FDNY facility, and other elements of the proposal may require that.

The Board's Land Use Committee Chairperson asked for clarification information as to how long it would now take to build the project. The response from Mr. Sinacori was that it may take 3-4 years. If approved, they are building it in 2 projects and may need to finance them separately as they are making several changes. He explained that before it was just 1 building and no senior housing and it had a much higher height on 79th Street. The proposed revisions now call for a maximum height less than the original proposal. He pointed out the developer has agreed to put a deed restriction, subject to their lender's approval, that the building along 79th Street wouldn't be higher than a 6-story wall. He stated that they made changes that were requested and suggested by the community and the Councilmember. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to be here tonight and stated that he would be happy to take any questions from any Board Members.

The Chairperson stated that normally we would take questions and comments first from the public who are present as this is a Public Hearing before taking questions from the Board Members. However, tonight there are some questions that some of the board members wish to ask that may help clarify more for the public so we will come to the public portion to comment or ask questions right after the Board Member questions are finished.

The Land Use Chairperson asked if there was any questions from the Members of the Land Use Committee.

A committee member asked why a commercial overlay was in the application, yet the proposal described tonight does not include any plans for commercial use. The Board Member stated that it was mentioned that they will not have commercial units on the first floor so what would be the need to have a commercial overlay, and why don't they want to activate the ground floor with commercial uses to bring jobs? The response given was that in the original proposal, there was commercial use planned on the ground floor but that when they spoke with folks in the community and the Council member, they said they wanted community facilities and potentially space for the FDNY. After the application went into public review, the developer made those changes, but having a commercial overlay allows flexibility in the future if the Fire Department leaves and doesn't want to stay there. The community facility for seniors is always going to stay there because it is part of the senior housing but if the space reserved for a community use like the FDNY use, it's possible that sometime in the future a commercial use that is acceptable to the community may make sense. The commercial overlay just allows greater flexibility.

Another committee member pointed out some of the issues relating to the site with drainage, sewers, etc. as the site is within the Jewel Streets study area. He asked if they were planning to put a basement in or a cellar or something below grade. The response given by the presenter was that they are aware of the situation and they have done projects in the Rockaways and all over the city where they have hit water and that they are aware of it.

A committee member asked about approval of the finances and asked how much they expect this would cost and how much financing do they have lined up already. The response given was that he didn't have the budget with him because he is not the developer, he is the representative, but said the way it works is they would go to a bank like Wells Fargo, Bank of America or Citibank and they have to do a certain amount of public interest loans and that is the way you get the money. You get a loan backed by a subsidy and funding from the city. He explained that when he said they have to come back, he meant going back to the city to get any tax abatement related to the workforce and/or senior housing. It doesn't mean they are coming back to the Community Board per se, although there will possibly be actions at the City Council. He indicated that, as a courtesy, he or another representative would come back to the Board at any point to answer questions in the future if matters relating to the housing plan may come up.

Another committee member asked if the 20% preference for the people in the area for the senior housing means that you are going to give to the first 20% to the people in the area and then open the building up to other people? The response was that there is a lottery system involved, and Mr. Sinacori explained how.

The Land Use Chairperson asked if there were any other questions from Board Members. There were none.

The Board Chairperson then resumed opportunity for the public to speak. There was no one who had signed in to speak on the zoning item. No one had signed to speak on this item. The Chairperson then asked if there was anyone present from the public that wished to speak regarding to this zoning action. Hearing none.

The Chairperson closed the Public Hearing regarding the Canyon LLC 78-08 Linden Blvd. Rezoning Project.

The Chairperson stated that all Board Members had been sent copies of the presentation made by Transitional Housing Services to the Land Use Committee at its meeting. She informed the public present that our office had made printed copies of it that were available tonight and asked that they be distributed to the members of the public present.

The Chairperson then opened the evening's second Public Hearing and introduced Dan Donohue, the presenter from Transitional Services for New York, Inc., which is seeking approval for 2 projects both pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law Section 41.34 to establish:

- (1) a 10 bed Crisis Respite Residence at 96-25 Rockaway Blvd., Ozone Park, NY 11417
 - (2) a Short -Term Transitional Residence for 14 single adults at 96-25 Rockaway Blvd., Ozone Park 11417
- and invited him to speak.

Mr. Donohue wished everyone a good evening and introduced himself as the Chief Operating Officer at Transitional Services for New York, who was here this evening to present the two projects. He stated that Transitional Services a 50-year-old non-profit organization that has been seeing to the mental health needs of Queens. For the past 50 years they have been operating primarily in Queens, and they offer a full set of services that help people who have a mental health need. They offer housing, case management, treatment and social care programs that cater to people's educational and employment goals. The purpose of all our programs is independence, to get people from a point where they need a lot of support to a point where they need very little and can maintain themselves in the community in their own apartments. He stated they believe in quality housing not just quality services so the buildings that they build are made of quality materials, they fit in well with the community and also spur development around them. They typically have a lobby in their buildings and typically have community space available for the communities.

The property at 96-25 Rockaway Blvd. is the former Villa Marcello Catering Hall which is a distressed property. They intend to tear the old building down and to build a brand-new building. He explained that within that building there will be two small programs. The first is a 10-bed respite program to help people experiencing an emotional crisis that requires a little more support than they have at home, or they can get from the community, but not so much where they need to go to the hospital or use an emergency room to address it. It will be a warm, safe, and home-like environment, very calm and relaxing. It's meant to help people move through a crisis and build new skills so they don't have to experience a crisis again, or if they do, they can manage it in their home without the need for a program like the respite. The crisis respite program is a 28-day program so people can stay from 2 days to 28 days until they have addressed whatever the need is that they must address, and they can go back to their home.

The short-term transitional residence program is 14 beds with a maximum stay of 120 days. It is for individuals who have a desire to live on their own, but they may need a little more support to get there. When people come into a program like this it is because they are attached to a local hospital system, either New York City Health and Hospitals, or perhaps Jamaica Hospital, and they have identified the person referred as a good candidate for housing, but they need a little support before they get there. They stay anywhere up to 120 days, and they work on things like budgeting, applications to access affordable housing in the area, building social networks, accessing food resources, getting benefits in place, and setting them up for success when they move into independent housing.

Mr. Donohue turned the next portion of the presentation over to Tiffany Velin from Amy Gross Architects to speak about the development portion of this project. Ms. Velin introduced herself and then described the plan for the building. She stated that the two programs will exist on 1 lot and there will be a 10-bed respite and a 14-bed short

term transitional residence. The through-lot is between Rockaway Blvd. and Liberty Avenue. Liberty Avenue will be the entrance for the 10-bed respite and the entrance for the 14-bed STTR program will be on Rockaway Blvd. so the 2 programs will have separate entrances. There will also be two inner courtyards. Each program will have its own dedicated outdoor space.

Ms. Velin then reviewed in detail what would be on each floor of the building, which was shown in the color-coded diagrams that showed how the space was designed to separate the 2 programs. She spoke about how the living space and office space were placed and how common space within each program was designed.

The Chairperson asked if there were any members of the public with any questions or comments. Hearing none

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A Board Member asked if there was a curfew in place for the residents and will they have 24-hour access in and out at their own free will. Mr. Donohue responded there is a curfew, but it is not a mandatory curfew. If a resident needs to be out later, or will be late, they tell us. If they haven't told us, we follow up and try to locate them. Both programs are designed to be open door programs, particularly the respite program.

The Chairperson asked if there were any members of the public with any questions or comments. Hearing none

The Chairperson again asked if there were any other Board members with any questions or comments.

A Board Member asked if there will be a security system with cameras installed so they will know who is going out and who is coming in? The response given was yes. They design all their buildings so that they have a secure lobby to keep unwanted visitors out of their building. There will be an entry door, a lobby, and another entry door. They will also have front desk staff 24 hours 7 days a week to monitor who is coming in and who is going out of the building and every visitor to the building must show ID and sign in. They try to keep safety paramount in all their facilities.

A Board Member stated that these individuals have mental illness and that covers a broad spectrum of discussion. He asked what degree of mental illness do they have? The response given was it is anyone who has a diagnosed mental illness. When they come into the respite program usually the licensed mental health professional will sign a form for them for admission, and it could be for any mental illness. The Board Member asked if the mental illness is severe or acute? The response was either or.

A Board Member asked what happens when respite residents have been there 28 days or SSTR residents after 120 days in the respective program. The response was that they would have to leave. On the SSTR side in the 120 days the aim is to get a person into housing and those motivated and willing to work with us toward that goal we are pretty sure we will get them housing.

A Board Member asked how do they determine how the individuals are chosen for each program? Is it the degree of illness that they are currently seeking for longer or short term, what makes that determination? The response given that if it's for the respite program, if there is a vacancy and somebody calls and says they are in crisis and they have the paper from the licensed health professional, they are going to get that bed. So, we are going to respond to the crisis when somebody calls. The acuteness is not much of a concern, but if we can establish that there was a need they will be admitted to the program. The response for the STTR program was that it was a new program for Transitional Services and we have to work out how we will transition people out after 120 days.

The Chairperson asked again if there were any other members of the public with any questions or comments.

A member of the public stated there are many schools located near the site; elementary schools, middle schools and a High School, and asked if there is any potential risk for students in the area because that is a hot spot where students hang out after school. The response given was that it is a hot spot and that did come up at the Land Use Committee about the activity that can happen there, especially around dismissal. Mr. Donohue also said they do have facilities near schools and that one of their facilities is located across the street from Jamaica High School. It has been there for over 20 years without issues.

The Chairperson again asked if there were any other members of the public with any questions or comments.

A member of the public asked if any consideration was given to the businesses that exist in that area as well. He said that across the street there is a shopping center where IHOP, CVS is and other stores. He also pointed out there is a marijuana dispensary on Liberty Avenue and kids are going to be walking by during the morning and afternoon to go to and from John Adams High School. He inquired if there could be any risks and also how much did they study these risks before they selected the site.

The response given was that they will have a front desk concierge monitoring the lobby and when they build these buildings, there is glasswork in the building so that person is sitting where they are able to monitor what is going on outside. Mr. Donohue said they don't foresee a risk to students and community members because most of the people coming to these programs are committed to getting well and the respite is a very quiet program. People will be there for up to 28 days and are not out in the community. He explained they are typically going to be in the facility working with the staff and both programs are very well staffed. Between the two of them, it's almost 25 full time positions ranging from paraprofessionals to licensed professionals. The response given regarding the marijuana dispensary was that they are popping up all over the place and there is not much they can do about a marijuana dispensary. The member of the public stated his opinion that it is a definite enticement for people with mental issues to be in proximity to the dispensary.

The Chairperson asked again if there were any other Board members with any questions or comments.

A Board Member asked if the residents included persons there for drug and alcohol abuse treatment. The response given was no. Mr. Donohue explained TSI services are for people age 18 and older who have a mental illness diagnosis. But that is not to say that somebody coming in might have that issue, but in the program with the guest agreement, they would not be able to use while on site. They are there due to a mental illness diagnosis, and they can't use those substances while on site and added that they don't provide alcohol or substance use services.

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

The Chairperson then informed Board members that this item is not a ULURP item and explained it relates to the required notification the Board received that a facility seeking approval pursuant to section 41.34 of the Mental Hygiene Law is within our district. She explained that is the same section of law that various other facilities, such as group homes for developmentally disabled, are covered by.

She reported that it has been years since we have had any facility notifications for sites covered by that section of law and this is the first time we have been notified of sites for programs like the two we are dealing with tonight. The Land Use Committee has members on it that are lawyers. They were asked to look at that section of law to see what the current criteria are for approval or objection.

We can approve, we can recommend another site, or we can object. For an objection to be considered by the state it needs to be based on saturation of other similar facilities. Homeless shelters in our area do not come under the MHL although we might all want them to. The residential facilities in our area, other than the shelters, currently are those serving developmentally disabled persons.

The Chairperson announced that the floor is open to make a motion on this matter. J. Calcagnile made a motion to approve. D. Wesby 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 Chairperson thanked Transitional Services for their presentation and then announced that we will come back to the Lindenwood ULURP item when the Land Use Committee reports.

The regular order of business was resumed.

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

(R. Hitlall left the meeting at this point)

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

- 2 pieces of correspondence addressed to the Board received today from Daniel Rad representing the applicant that relate to the Linden Canyon LLC ULURP application to be voted on at this meeting. Both letters were read in full as they dealt with the proposed project revisions presented earlier this evening. The first letter was about adding senior housing and the building height and bulk changes that were community driven requests. It informed that both requests have been incorporated into the project. That letter also addressed the request that the applicant incorporate an FDNY ambulance bay into the project and said they are happy to coordinate with the FDNY as to the feasibility of this request and it will be incorporated into the project. The second letter stated that subject to their lenders' approval, they will commit to signing a deed restriction and recording it before final City Council approval that states that any building constructed on 79th Street frontage won't have a street wall more than 6 stories. A copy of the deed restriction language was attached and read in full.
- Letter from DOT approving a traffic signal at the intersection of 130 Street & 150 Avenue.
- Letter from DOT regarding speed reducer request at 150 Avenue between 126 & 129 Street stating that it meets the criteria.
- Letter from DOT regarding speed reducer request at 98 Street between 161 Avenue & 162 Avenue stating that it meets the criteria.
- Letter from DOT regarding speed reducer request at 114 Street between 135 & 149 Street stating that it meets the criteria
- Audit response letter to EEPC.
- City Environmental Quality Review Notice relating to 135-27 Sapphire Street.
- Filed EAS and notice of receipt for 163-01 Cross Bay Blvd.
- Positive Declaration Notice and Determination and Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement which has to do with the Citywide containerization process.
It was stated that may impact with apartment houses and multiple dwellings.
- Notice from MTA relating to king pile driving in Hamilton Beach.
- QSWAB notice.
- Draft of the city's Solid Waste Management Plan was received.
- Preliminary contract drawings for the 150 spine sewer and outfall at Bergin Basin.
- 2 sign off notices on pedestrian ramp projects that were completed.
- Notice from Royal Car Service asking for a letter of no objection.
- Construction notice for 149-43 Hawtree Street.
- Construction notice for 133-38 130 Street.
- Calendar of Hearings on Contract Awards.
- Design Commission Agenda

TREASURER REPORT: The Chairperson stated that we will come back to the Treasury report later as Michael Carlier, Director of Community Boards, was present with Georgis Katsalis from the Queens Borough President's Office and invited Mr. Carlier and Ms. Katsalis to speak.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIASION REPORT: Mr. Carlier introduced himself and announced on behalf of the Borough President the slate of events at the Borough President's Office for October. He stated that in October they are going to be focusing a lot on food insecurity and food justice starting with their Parent Advisory Board which occurs monthly through their Education Department. On Tuesday October 7th at 6 pm they will be hosting their monthly virtual Parent Advisory Meeting via Zoom. There will be representatives from the Department of Education's Office and Food and Nutritional Services. They will be presenting and taking questions on the public school's food meal services, food access for all services, and other related programming. On Thursday October 16th at 6 pm they will host their annual Diwali event at Queens Borough Hall at 120-55 Queens Blvd. On Saturday October 18th they will be holding their first annual Filipino American History Month Celebration at St. James Episcopal Church at 84-

07 Broadway in Elmhurst. It will be an all-day event/resource fair, and they will hold a free breakfast and welcome panel from 10:30 am to 12 pm, from 12 pm to 1 pm they will host a mental health awareness workshop, from 1 pm to 2 pm they will host an awards ceremony acknowledging prominent Queens based members of the Filipino community and from 2 pm to 5 pm they will hosting cultural performances and a resource fair. The resource fair entails cultural performances, food and tabling from non-profit and service provider partners of health care, legal services, workers' rights, small business support, hate crime prevention task force as well as environmental protection and voting and civic engagement. Also, on October 18th at Borough Hall, from 10 am to 2:30 pm they are hosting a Food Justice Conference and Resource Fair where they will hold food distribution for families in need and questions and answers on how to fight food insecurity as well as how to get access to those resources. To RSVP for any of these events go to queensbp.nyc.gov on their website or call them directly at 718-286-3000.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Carlier and stated that we welcome him and are glad to have him here with us.

The Chairperson then went out of the agenda again order to take up the ULURP matter before the Board for action and called for the Land Use Committee report as the Board members were now aware of the content of 2 letters received today related to the ULURP matter which had been read in full during the correspondence a few minutes ago.

LAND USE: The Land Use Committee Chairperson reported that as Land Use Chair he wanted to give a brief overview of the process that we went through after the 78-08 Linden Blvd. application was certified on 7/14/2025 and referred to CB10 by CPC for our 60 day review during which we hold a public hearing, vote on the land use proposal, and issue our recommendations back to CPC.

He reported that Linden Canyon LLC is seeking a zoning map amendment and zoning text amendment affecting 78-08 Linden Blvd. Block 11384, Lot 1 (the Project Site) consisting of 47,960 sf. of lot area located and fronting on Linden Blvd. between Sapphire St. and 79th St. in the Lindenwood area of Howard Beach. The applicant is seeking approval of the following three proposed actions: 1) A zoning map amendment to change the Project Site from an R4/C1-2 district to a R7D/C-2-4 and a R6A district. 2) A zoning text amendment of the Zoning Resolution Appendix F to designate the project Site as a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) area; and 3) A cancelation of a restrictive declaration recorded against the Project Site in connection with a prior rezoning action.

The proposed action, as filed and certified by CPC, would facilitate a future development of the Project site with a new building with up to 11 stories, contain mixed uses with residential apartments, commercial floor area and parking. At least 30% of the total residential floor area will be permanently affordable and the remaining 70% can be market rate in accordance with the MIH Option #2. This proposed future development proposal was part of the certified application and submitted by the Applicant's Attorney & Architect to illustrate the future design intent by the applicant for the project site. Prior to the applicant's presentation and meeting with our Land Use Committee, they met with Councilwoman Ariola to seek her input and approval of the future development of the project site. Council Member Ariola asked for a redesign of the future development. Working with the applicant's attorney & architect a new revised design was developed. The Committee Chairperson also reported he and the Board Chairperson also met with Councilwoman Ariola and the applicant's representatives to provide our input on the revised design. The proposed revision modifications/conditions as you have seen tonight are as follows:

- 1) The project site will be made up of two new buildings with one being a 4 to 6 story building for senior housing with parking on the easterly portion of the site fronting on Linden Blvd. and 79th St. The remaining westerly portion of the site fronting Linden Blvd. and Sapphire St. would contain an 11-story residential building with 100% work force housing, a community facility and parking. The bulk of the building will be stepped up toward Sapphire St. and away from the lower scaled senior housing building fronting on 79th St.
- 2) That a FDNY Ambulance Bay/Office at the first floor will be incorporated into the project fronting on Linden Blvd.
- 3) Subject to the Project lender's approval, the applicant has committed to signing a Deed restriction and recording it against the property before the final City Council approval. This Deed Restriction would state that any building constructed on the easterly portion of the site and fronting on 79th St. will not have a street wall & /or max. height of more than 6 stories.

He further reported that on 9/18/2025 the Land Use Committee conducted a meeting with the applicant's representatives and was presented with the same revised future design proposal as you have seen tonight. After that

presentation the Committee had questions and concerns that were discussed and answered by the applicant's representatives. The Committee members that were present did give their opinions and concerns regarding the future Project Site development if the rezoning map amendment is granted. He reported that since we did not have a quorum of the committee present, no recommendations could be formulated, and/or voted on by the Committee to be made to the full Board meeting tonight.

Therefore, individually J. Calcagnile then made a motion that the full board approve this action with the following as modifications/conditions:

The project site to be made up of two new buildings with one being a 4 to 6 story building for Senior Housing with parking on the easterly portion of the site fronting on Linden Blvd. and 79th St. The remaining westerly portion of the site fronting Linden Blvd. and Sapphire St. to contain an 11-story residential building with 100% work force housing, a community facility and parking. The bulk of the building will be stepped up toward Sapphire St. and away from the lower scaled Senior Housing building fronting on 79th St. That a FDNY Ambulance Bay/Office at the first floor will be incorporated into the project fronting on Linden Blvd., and subject to the project lenders approval the applicant commits to signing a Deed restriction and recording it against the property before the final City Council approval. This Deed Restriction to state that any building constructed on the easterly portion of the site and fronting on 79th St. will not have a street wall and /or max. height of more than 6 stories. These conditions and comments will be included in the Community Board 10 Recommendation Report submittal sheet to CPC which will also indicate the vote tally. He stated that he is further recommending that the Chairperson take a roll call vote with a "YES" Vote for in Favor and a "NO" Vote for Against and if there were any abstaining.

The Chairperson asked if there was a second to the motion. R. Martinez seconded the motion.

The Chairperson asked if there was any discussion on the motion.

A Board Member inquired if they don't get the loan, what else can they build on the site? The maker of the motion responded that the process involving the financing and everything might be taking place before the city Council vote, but he is not sure about that, but as the financing mechanism was explained earlier during the hearing, if they don't get the financing, they possibly won't go ahead with the project within 2-3 years. In the rezoning of the property from the R4 to the R7, what they have demonstrated in their illustrated designs is what you can build there so it's housing whether it is affordable, condos, or any mixture. He continued to explain that they were worried about that in the Land Use Committee meeting that if they tell us they are building senior housing fronting 79th Street and the high rise portion of the site is going to be further west right up against Sapphire Street as you saw tonight, that was sort of up in the air. He continued that in negotiating with them, he asked them for that deed restriction so they could not build an 11-story building as they originally proposed in their certified application on top of the whole 47,000 sq. ft. site. They will do that deed restriction prior to the vote so we have a little assurance there that it is not going to be too massive or overwhelming even though you are going from 3 stories to 6 stories and hopefully the architect will maybe go up 4 stories set in and step it.

The Chairperson asked if there were any other Board Members who had any comments or questions.

B. Braton then spoke as a board member, not as the chairperson, and said that many board members who are not from the area specifically where this site is may not be aware the site is at the boundary line between Queens and Brooklyn, and the Jewel Streets study is ongoing. She asked the Sewer Committee Chair if he had any further updates on the Jewel Streets study. The Sewer Committee Chairperson responded there was nothing new now. B. Braton resumed then as Chair and restated the motion. The motion is that the Board approve with conditions/modification as J. Calcagnile listed.

A roll call vote was taken.

In Favor: 31

L. Amorim

N. Bissoon

J. Calcagnile

J. Caruso

M. Cherenfant

A. Cosentino

Opposed: 1

F. Dardani

Abstaining: 0

Not Present: 18

A. Gellineau
R. Gendron
P. Granickas
F. Gulluscio
G. Hewitt
A. Hill
A. Khan
K. Lopez
R. Martinez
D. Mitchell
F. Mohamed
S. Mohammed
P. Nostramo
S. Pace
S. Patterson
J. Quijano
A. Rajnauth
K. Roan
M. Rosa
A. Sancler
S. Shew
A. Siewnarine
P. Tejada
D. Wesby
B. Braton

The motion carried.

The Chairperson then introduced Captain Fenton, the Executive Officer of the 106th Precinct and invited him to speak. Captain Fenton wished everyone a good evening and introduced himself. He stated that the 106th Precinct does not have a Commanding Officer right now, so he is the Acting Commanding Officer of the 106th Precinct with the help of Inspector Schiff from PBQS. He also introduced his newly assigned Special Operations Lieutenant, Andrew Dorsett, and informed all that Lt. Dorsett has been in the 106th Precinct for a while as the Third Platoon Commander who will now be in charge of the precinct Public Safety Team, Quality of Life Team, and Domestic Violence Unit as well as the Youth and other specialty units throughout the precinct.

Lt. Dorsett then spoke. He introduced himself and said that he has been in the 106th Precinct for 3 years and he previously ran a Housing Conditions team in Brooklyn. He said he is no stranger to Special Operations. He has 23 years of experience in NYPD all on patrol, so he had “boots on the street” for all those 23 years.

Captain Fenton then gave an overview of the month of September. There was 1 murder. Domestic violence was involved in that incident. He continued that there were 12 robberies, 28 felony assaults, 8 burglaries, 50 Grand Larcenies and 36 Grand Larceny Autos in September. He added that the grand larcenies were mainly due to people stealing tires and rims or incidents where residents left their car doors open and items like I-pads, jewelry, watches and credits cards were inside their vehicles. He reminded all to make sure their vehicles were locked when unattended.

He continued that citywide, there is a scam occurring in which the perpetrators accost someone and distract them then switch real jewelry with fake jewelry on the victim’s neck or near a watch. He reported these individuals usually drive a grey or white SUV. The precinct is in touch with auto crime and the financial crime units and they are trying to catch these criminals. He said they come from different states and use rental cars. He warned to be cautious of anyone who tries to approach you. Capt. Fenton continued and reminded all to consider using a steering wheel lock to help prevent theft of vehicles and to call 911 when noticing anything out of the ordinary. He also informed that response time to 911 calls has decreased. The Q-Teams are working to respond to 311 complaints.

One Quality of Life Team works from 10 am to 6 pm and the other Quality of Life team works from 6 pm to 2:30 am. The Public Safety Team usually works from 6 pm or 7:30 pm to 3 am. He continued that they are addressing summonses in the 106th Precinct. They issued 39 criminal summonses, 28 OATH summonses, they held 19 check

points in September and made 1 arrest, 8 for suspended licenses and 3 for people who were intoxicated. He continued there was 1 traffic fatality at Liberty Avenue and the Van Wyck Expwy. He also said speeding is an issue in the 106th Pct. and they have operations set up with highway safety. They also did a Queens South effort where 474 hazardous summonses were issued, and 571 moving summonses were issued in September. He stated that he thanks CB 10 for having him here to present tonight.

The Chairperson introduced Assemblymember Khaleel Anderson and invited him to speak. AM Anderson introduced himself and stated that it was a pleasure to be back in CB 10 and that he had a few updates to share. He stated that inflation refund checks were passed in this year's state budget by the legislature and the governor. People who filed NYS Income Tax returns for 2023 will be receiving these inflation refund checks. The checks, which can be up to \$400, started being mailed on October 1st. About 8 million households across the state will be receiving them. He informed all that if you see a check from the State of New York in your mail, it is not a scam. It is an inflation refund check. However, if you do get a text message saying, "claim your inflation refund check", that is a scam. He said that the state will never text you about these checks. He reminded all to also be aware that any email sent by the State will always come from an email that has a .gov address. AM Anderson also spoke about a piece of legislation in Albany this year titled Francesca's Law that he passed in the Assembly and explained that it dealt with loopholes relating to unsecure firearms. He will be pushing next year to ensure it passes the Senate and hopefully it will get to the Governor's desk to sign into law. He continued and provided an update about how the US government shutdown may impact the State budget. He then continued and spoke about constituent service concerns in his district and events he is having and plans to have to inform people and direct them to programs and services. He also provided information about funding he secured during 3 budget cycles to help schools in his district upgrade technology. PS100 which is in CB10 was awarded \$70,000 and some other school in South Ozone Park will also be receiving

He also stated that students in the public-school system shouldn't have to share laptops, tablets or computers and that we want them to be global students and competitive so he secured for three budget cycles in a row, money for several schools in the district to upgrade their technology so this year he awarded \$70,000 to PS 100 and he did a check presentation there earlier this month. He reported that other schools in his district will also receive funding. He added that his office is located at 131-15 Rockaway Blvd. and for any concerns people may reach out to the office at 718-322-4958. He stated that he is looking for a successful rest of the year and looking forward to everyone seeing him out and about in the district and he will continue to do outreach in every part of the district. He thanked the Community Board for all the work we do, and he thanked everyone for their time and wished everyone a great evening.

The meeting continued with:

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of the treasurer, the Chairperson read the report for the month of September.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: The District Manager stated that we have been informed at our Parks Budget Consultation Meeting that the following 2 projects are in procurement: Tudor Park Adult Fitness, where construction is expected to begin in March 2026 and Frederick B. Judge Playground, where they hope that construction is expected to begin in November 2026 as they are waiting for DEP approval. She continued that we were also informed that the following 2 projects are in design: Rocket Playground Reconstruction, which is expected to be completed in March 2026 and Walter Ward Playground Reconstruction, where DPR plans to hold a community input meeting later during the fiscal year. Updates were also given on the following projects: DPR is working through the design on the Old Howard Beach Restoration project and working on obtaining DEP permits and a sewer connection, the Army Corps of Engineers and DPR will start the Spring Creek North construction in October, and the Centreville Playground basketball court is now completed. That project included resurfacing and a new color seal coat. The DM also announced that we are anticipating a delivery of leaf bags to our office from the Dept. of Sanitation, and we will notify when they are available.

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

- Letters from Transitional Housing Services
- NYC Industrial Plan Draft Report
- CAO Job Fair

- Trench Restoration Newsletter
- Information on Vital Parks

The Chairperson then paused her report to allow the Aqueduct/Resorts World Committee Chairperson to give his report as what she planned to continue her report with was related.

AQUEDUCT/RESORTS WORLD: The Committee Chair stated that he is giving out an addendum to his written report that was in the Board member folder material. He then continued by reminding all that although many people in many areas are speaking about the plans for Resorts World it is located fully within CB10. While all views are important regarding the proposed expansion, we each need to be mindful that whatever may come will affect this Board and its people directly because Resorts World sits in the middle of CB 10. He then spoke about the CAC Public Hearing where he was the first speaker so in his remarks he tried to set the tone for everyone else who spoke after him. He informed all that he spoke at that hearing about the main points made in the full written testimony that was submitted by CB10. First and foremost was that Resorts World has been operating here for 15 years, and we have been involved in working with them to insure a solid working relationship with them. That has resulted in them being a good neighbor here for those 15 years. The economic impact to our Board, to our Borough, to our city and to our State has been huge so far. The future potential for economic benefit is far greater. He reported that every speaker at that hearing spoke in favor and reported that he had attended the CAC's meeting where it voted unanimously to advance the Resorts World bid for consideration in the next level of the process.

The addendum to his written report provides the information as to what the next steps in the process are. He reported he was providing it in writing as there has been some misinterpretation among people that the CAC process and approval to advance the proposal meant it was over. The addendum explains what happens now in the process. He also announced information about the hiring information center that is now open and the dealer training program information.

The Board Chairperson thanked the Committee Chair for his report then continued with her report and spoke of the topics addressed in the Board's written statement regarding support for Resorts World. She said that all the Board members have a copy of it. She went on to speak about what the Committee Chair mentioned about the relationship between CB10 and Resorts over a span of 15 years. She spoke of why it was important that we all worked to forge that relationship in light of what had transpired during the years before the selection of Resorts World to develop the racino at Aqueduct in 2010 and commented that the relationship established open lines of communication and both the community and the racino shared goal to prevent negative impacts on our community. The Board Chair generally went on to say that if the State issues the full gaming license sought by Resorts World change will come, but everyone should know that our Board's goal has been to make change at Aqueduct like the racino work for our community. That will continue and will not change if the full casino expansion moves forward. If the expansion does move forward, we will work to make it be positive change.

The meeting then continued with the rest of the committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS: The Committee Chair reported on the following NYC Parks Queens Forestry statistics from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025: Work completed in house: 1,055, Tree down - 40, Hanging Limb - 61, Limb down - 70, Prune - 815, Tree Removal - 69. Contract Work: Trees removed - 59, Stumps removed - 69. 172 Trees were planted in FY 2025 and 9 sites were repaired under the Tree and Sidewalk Program. 383 trees were pruned in the block pruning program which includes Park/Playground during FY 25, Year 6. The funding for FY 26 will be used to complete year 7. That area will be pruned during fiscal year 2026.

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

TRANSPORTATION: The Committee Chair reported that for OMNY users for transit, the system is down this weekend starting on Friday evening going through Sunday evening, so MTA is strongly suggesting that if you need to reload your OMNY cards to do so before Friday evening. In addition, Metro cards will be phased out toward the end of the year and they are going to be switched to OMNY cards and the fares are going up 10 cents to \$3.00 starting around January 4th. And tolls will also be going up and they will now be using OMNY cards. He also wanted to

commend the Aqueduct /Resorts World Chairperson and stated that he did a really good job at the Resorts World hearing.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS: The Committee Chair reported that his report is in the folder material.

EDUCATION: The Committee Chair announced that if any students need to take the ferry, there is a special code they can use to get a discounted price on the New York City Schools account to use the ferry from Rockaways to go to Manhattan or Brooklyn to go to school. She also wished everyone a happy Diwali to all who are celebrating.

SANITATION: The Committee Chair stated there was DSNY information about a waste event at Forest Park in the board folder material.

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

The Chairperson reported that Carl Brown rep. for Sen. Sanders Office and Luis Villa rep. for the Public Advocate's Office had been in attendance earlier this evening but had left the meeting.

The Chairperson then introduced Kevin Morris from the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit and invited him to speak. Mr. Morris stated that he had two announcements this evening. The first was that Mayor Adams announced the removal of 4,000 firearms from our New York City streets. He said since the beginning of the administration, that brings our total to 23,000 illegal guns that have been stripped from our streets, leading to safer streets all around. He thanks the Police Department for the amazing work that they have been doing with that. They are working to improve their efforts to make sure that they are addressing street violence as well as the illegal smoke shops across our community. Mr. Morris also announced that he has recently transitioned into a new role as the Director of Shooting Response Citywide. In this new capacity he will be responding to all shooting occurrences across the city, coordinating with care violence groups, CMS and reaching out to families of victims of gun violence. He will no longer be serving as the Queens Borough Director for this community and his replacement, Simone Zito will be starting very soon, and she is a resident of Howard Beach, so you are in very good hands. He stated that it has been a pleasure working with you for all of this time and that he appreciated this job and appreciated working with everyone and that you are all amazing people who are very passionate about your community and said to never change.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Morris for his service to the Borough of Queens in the role that he was leaving and stated that we wish him well in his new role.

The Chairperson introduced Jose Reina, rep. Congressman Meeks, and invited him to speak.

Mr. Reina wished everyone a good evening and stated that the Federal Government shut down on 10/1/25 but that some Federal Agencies will remain open to provide essential service. He stated that has still been able to reach out to some agencies concerning constituent issues such as emergency passports and IRS tax refund checks and more and that the Congressman's Office will continue to remain open and if anyone needs any assistance with a federal agency to call their office at 718-725-6000.

The Chairperson introduced Dan Brown, rep. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, and invited him to speak.

Mr. Brown wished everyone a good evening and stated that he left their October newsletter on the table. It has interesting cases the DA is working on as well as endeavors and different programs going on at their office. If anyone needs to reach him, he can be reached at 718-286-6593. He added that everyone may have seen District Attorney Katz in the news recently. Their office hosted two press conferences announcing results of two long-term investigations. The DA was joined by Mayor Eric Adams and NYPD Commissioner Jessica Tisch to announce the arrest of 12 reputed gang members who allegedly were the culprits behind a yearlong shooting spree in Southeast Queens. The defendants were variously charged in a 33-count indictment, with attempted murder, conspiracy, and multiple other crimes. The shootings are believed to have been sparked after the September 2024 killing of a fellow gang member outside a fast-food restaurant in Springfield Gardens. Just hours later, there was a retaliation shooting targeting a rival gang member. More shootings followed and an individual shot during the Mother's Day weekend of 2025. The second press conference focused on alleged gun runners. A man from Queens and a Georgia resident are facing weapons charges and other crimes after a grand jury handed up a 194-count indictment. The investigation

resulted in the seizure of more than 70 guns, including 12 assault weapons, along with fentanyl pills. Utilizing the iron pipeline, one defendant purchased firearms in the south where it is easier to buy guns and allegedly transported them to New York. The DA will prosecute any gun traffickers who take advantage of gun laws and other states to bring dangerous guns into Queens. He thanked everybody very much.

The Chairperson introduced Carl Moore, rep. Sen. Addabbo's office, and invited him to speak.

Mr. Moore wished everyone a good evening and announced that the Senator is very happy that Resorts World was given approval to go to the next step. He announced that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month as well as Breast Cancer Awareness month and that they are holding an awareness info session at their office on October 15th and they will have a mammography van on October 19th and to register for either one to call their office. He also announced they will be holding an e-waste and paint recycling event at Forest Park on Sunday and flyers are up front letting you know exactly what can be recycled. If anyone has questions, they can call their office.

The Chairperson introduced Ty Hankerson, rep. Speaker Adams office, and invited him to speak. She also asked him to give Speaker Adams her personal thanks for appointing her to the CAC. It was an experience, and she thanks the Speaker very much.

Mr. Hankerson introduced himself as he District Chief of Staff for Speaker Adrienne Adams and he thanked everyone for allowing them to serve for the past 8 years. He stated that their term is coming to a close, but there is still business to take care of. In November, your ballots will have 5 ballot proposals and there are three of them that the council is extremely concerned about. Proposals #2, 3 and 4 presented by the Mayor's Charter Commission Revision would take power away from you on deciding what gets built in your community. He continued that proposal #2 aims to change the authority of several city offices related to permits and archives and formalizes an existing role for the chief business diversity officer. Folks contend that this centralizes power within the mayor's office with less public input. Proposal #3 would remove the city council's vote on certain development projects and transfer that power to unelected appointees of the mayor most of whom would be chosen by the mayor. He explained that there is an informal way that the council describes their power and for years it has been called member deference. If this is voted upon in the majority, the council and the people will lose this power and you will not be able to call the council to let them know you don't want something built. You will no longer have the ability to do that and that's a problem because we know our communities better than anyone else – no disrespect to the mayor. Ballot proposal #2, 3 and 4 would be problematic for our community and our neighborhoods. He continued that proposal #4 undermines the city council's ability to negotiate for more affordable housing and community benefits and community projects. As it stands right now, if a project is coming to your community, your council person is able to bring your voice to the table and say we need investments in this local park that's next to where this development would be or we need a community center and the council person is able to negotiate, but if this is voted upon, that power would be lost. That's a huge problem. He stated that he can't tell you how to vote but he can say that ballot proposals #2, 3 & 4 would strip us of the ability that we have now to advocate for our communities. We have pamphlets on the table that explain all of this and if you scan the code on the back, you will get more detailed explanation as to what is going on but again proposals #2, 3 and 4 are not good for our communities.

The Chairperson introduced Tyler Logan, rep. Speaker Adams Office, and invited him to speak.

Mr. Logan introduced himself and announced that they are providing attorney services for immigration, citizenship, family petitions and landlord and tenant issues and to make an appointment to speak to the attorneys to call 718-307-5759. He also has contact cards available up front if anyone would like to speak to him about any 311 complaints.

The Chairperson introduced Alicia Alli, rep. for AM Anderson, and invited her to speak. Ms. Alli introduced herself and announced that on October 10th they will have National Grid and Con Edison in the office from 10 am to 3 pm for anyone who is having problems with utility bills. Their office is located at 131-15 Rockaway Blvd. and for more information she can be reached at 718-322-4958. She also announced they will be having NYLAG in their office on October 29th from 10 am to 3 pm for immigration, housing, employment and custody and divorce issues where you will be able to speak to an attorney free of charge. To make an appointment call 718-322-4958. On October 5th at 2 pm Queens College is hosting an info session for any students who are willing to go to college such as Queens College. There will be a walking tour of the school and a brief discussion of the programs offered at the school. To RSVP call 718-322-4958.

The Chairperson introduced Phyllis Inzerillo, rep. CM Ariola, and invited her to speak.

Ms. Inzerillo introduced herself and wished everyone a good evening and stated that she hoped that everyone who celebrated Yom Kippur had an easy and peaceful fast. She announced that CM Ariola was finally able to push Mayor Adams to fund the free trash bin program and reimbursements. The city will be sending out \$59.30 checks to homeowners that were eligible and enrolled in STAR or Enhanced STAR so if you had already purchased your pail through the website, you would automatically receive the check as long as you are eligible for STAR and Enhanced STAR. If you have not purchased yet you can purchase the bin online and you will also receive that check. The pails must be the 45-gallon mandated size for the garbage trucks that are supposedly going to get retrofitted. If you purchased a pail at Home Depot, you must have proof of purchase to get a refund. If you paid by a credit card, look at your credit card statements then you can go online to the DSNY to ask for your reimbursement. She continued that beginning this October, every 3rd Wednesday of each month, the Councilmember will be hosting Veterans Services and will have professionally trained advocates accredited by the US Department of Veterans Affairs to assist veterans and families to obtain their benefits that they have earned. She also spoke about how there are 5 proposals on the back of the ballot and how proposals #2, 3 & 4 give away the public's power to developers and will not make our city or housing more affordable for New Yorkers. Mayor Adams misleading ballot proposals #2, 3 and 4 will fail to create housing affordable for people in our neighborhoods by taking away their power to hold the city developers and landlords accountable. This so-called housing proposal tries to trick voters into giving away their only power to get more affordable housing and investments for their neighborhoods. The proposals eliminate the vote of New Yorkers democratically elected representatives, your city councilmembers, to approve development in neighborhoods leading to less affordability and less investments for community parks, public transit and needs. New Yorker's powers will be given to the developers regardless of how irresponsible they are leaving neighborhoods weaker to fight gentrification, disinvestment and corruption. If you vote yes on these three proposals 2, 3 and 4 you are agreeing to the Mayor taking away your voice for what happens in your community and if you vote no that means you want your voice to continue to be heard. For more information about these ballot proposals she can be reached at the office at 718-738-1083. She continued that the Minority Leader was very happy to see Resorts World moving ahead in the process to obtain the full license and is looking forward to the day they receive that full license. She also announced that October is Italian Heritage month and reported on events the Councilmember has planned in honor of Italian Heritage Month. The Council member will also be holding a Thanksgiving Food Distribution on 11/27, and people may call their office to obtain a meal. She will also be collecting bedsheets and blankets for veterans in the Council member's office. Their office can help anyone with any concerns, and she also thanked Sen. Sanders for some work that his office did recently with the Councilmembers office.

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, Mr. Hennessy, commented that this was the first time that he attended a Board Meeting and that he appreciates the work that everyone does, and he is very proud of all of you. He stated that if he calls for an ambulance in Howard Beach, they no longer take you to Jamaica Hospital where they are very good in helping in emergencies and now it's part of the law, we have to go to Brookdale Hospital. He stated that he is not knocking Brookdale Hospital, but he feels that if he lived in Howard Beach all of his life and we have always been going to Jamaica Hospital all of this time, why are they pushing us to Brookdale? He feels that this is unreal, and this is not fair. He continued that he at least has the West Hamilton Beach ambulance to take him, but it will cost a lot of money, but it isn't fair that this community can't be taken to Jamaica Hospital.

The Chairperson introduced David Tanis from Resorts World and invited him to speak. Mr. Tanis introduced himself and wished everyone a good evening and thanked everyone for all their support during this trying, interesting time.

He also thanked everyone for lending their voice and coming out to the hearings. We had 2 Community Council Advisory Hearings where about 126 people came out and testified and we had no oppositions out of the 126 individuals that came out to testify and they also had hundreds of people send in letters. He thanks everyone on behalf of Resorts World, and he looks forward to moving on to the next step. The jobs and benefits are a huge thing and if anyone is interested in looking for work he encourages them to go to the Workforce Center on Jamaica Avenue and they are in talks of opening something closer on this side as well and he will circle back with more information on that as it comes to fruition but we were really excited to expand and for the opportunity to serve this community and continue to be a great partner. If anyone has any questions, he can be reached at 929-244-9769. He wished everyone a great night.

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

Camille Dee introduced herself and thanked everyone for having her here this evening. She stated that she is a member of the NYC organization of Public Service Retirees which is a grassroots organization of 50,000 NYC retirees and some active workers. It was founded in 2021 by Maryanne Pisatollah, a retired EMT, FDNY worker, and since 2021, they have been fighting the city, the municipal labor committee and sadly many of our own former unions who no longer represent us to preserve the health care we earned and were promised in retirement, traditional Medicare plus a supplemental plan at little to no cost. They want to force us into a for-profit Medicare Advantage Plan in order to pay back \$1 billion dollars taken from the health insurance stabilization fund in 2014 and 2018. The funds were used for raises and raises are a good thing, but the purpose of that fund is to offset increases in health care costs. And there is funding for our health care in the city budget. It's been a line item in the budget since 1967. The cost is less than 6/10 of the 1% of the city budget for retiree health care. They have also imposed co-pays for the retirees for the first time in 60 years and for some people it is like a car payment. She continued that she had heard that there was a woman who was a teacher for NYC High Schools for 40 years and that now she is going to a food pantry because she and her husband are very ill and their co-pays sometimes are up to \$500 a month. She stated that the Medicaid Advantage delay and deny care and they also overcharge taxpayers by a minimum of \$88 billion dollars a year up to \$140 billion dollars a year and they also use AI to process claims. They have been fighting this battle with litigation and legislation, and their litigation has been successful. They won 11 unanimous victories in court; however, litigation is expensive, and they have no guarantee that the higher courts will uphold the previous decisions. She added that their only defeat was in the NYS Court of Appeals and those judges are not elected, they are appointed. After that Mayor Adams said that he would not force them into a Medicare Advantage plan at this time. She stated that they need legislation because they will always be at the mercy of whoever decides they shouldn't have what they were promised anymore. Last year they had a city council bill to protect and preserve their healthcare, Intro 1099. Unfortunately, that bill never made it out of committee. Some months ago, CM Robert Holden and CM Chris Marte introduced another bill Intro 1096 which again would codify the health care once and for all. Right now, they have 18 city council members on that bill. CM Joanna Ariola has been with us right from the beginning. She signed-on to Intro 1099 and she signed-on to Intro 1096. Unfortunately, Speaker Adams has kept the bill in Committee. She is asking Queens Community Board 10 to please vote to pass a resolution for a letter of support for Intro 1096. Your endorsement will strengthen our position immensely. 250,000 lives depend on it and their website is nyc retirees.org. If you know anybody who is a NYC retiree, this affects them. The policeman who were here, fireman, people who risk their lives, EMT workers and archivists, librarians like her who didn't risk their lives. She thanked everyone for listening.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone else that wished to speak.

Manuel Pena introduced himself and wished everyone a good evening and stated that he was a Community Engagement Specialist with Public Health Solutions who is the largest public health non-profit organization in NYC. He stated that they work with about 300 community-based organizations in Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens to screen 2.66 million Medicaid Members for any Medicaid related social need they have. He continued that The New York State Dept. of Health has provided them with \$152 million to screen any members for food insecurity, housing insecurity or any transportation accessibility issues that they may face so through this partnership they hope to screen any member that has Medicaid in order to provide services like housing or for enhanced services like back pay to rent for up to 6 months, helping pay utilities, nutrition services like home cooked meals and cooking supplies. He stated that if anyone you know is a Medicaid member, or you are a Medicaid member, you can get screened at whole.nyc and go to many of their partners like Sachs, Self Help, Queens Community Houses. They work with many partners to let people know this program exists so they can get screened and get the help they need.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone else that wished to speak. Hearing none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karyn Petersen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Karyn Petersen
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