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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

September 4, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: L. Amorim, N. Bissoon, B. Braton, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, M. Cherenfant, B. Ciaramella, A. Cosentino, F. Dardani, I. Dimoh, K. Edwards, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, F. Gulluscio, G. Hewitt, A. Hill, R. Hitlall, A. Khan, P. Kishun, R. Martinez, S. Mohammed, R. Narine, P. Nostramo, S. Pace, S. Patterson, A. Rajnauth, K. Roan, M. Rosa, A. Sancler, V. Singh, J. Stahl, D. Wesby

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: S. Acuqui, R. Ciulla-Frisone, E. Fraylon, K. Lopez, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, A. Nocerino, J. Quijano, G. Russo, N. Santiago, S. Shew, A. Siewnarine, G. Singh, P. Tejada, I. Van Putten, A. Vital, L. Walker

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Hon. J. Ariola; J. Reina, rep., Hon. G. Meeks; C. Moore, rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; C. Brown, Rep., Hon. J. Sanders; A. Alli, Rep., Hon. K. Anderson; J. Greenberg, rep., Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; T. Logan, rep., Hon. A. Adams; G. Katsalis, QBPO; M. Albert, QDCP; D. Brown, rep., Hon. M. Katz; B. Jorgenson, Housing and Worker Protection Bureau Chief, QDA Office; D.I. B. VanTull, NYPD; Det. S. Jaffe, 106 Pct., Community Affairs; P.O. Reed 106 Pct.; D. Tanis, Resorts World; A. Odell, Queens Workforce 1.

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 informational public hearing and introduced Housing and Worker Protection Bureau Chief Bill Jorgenson from the office of the Queens District Attorney, Melinda Katz, to give a presentation about deed fraud and squatter prevention and invited him to speak.

Mr. Jorgenson introduced himself and stated that as a 35-year veteran of prosecuting everything from narcotics cases to homicide cases, to embezzlement, to public corruption, to insurance fraud, he had never understood the extent of deed fraud and homeowner crimes until he was asked to come to the Queens District Attorney's office. He informed all that deed fraudsters and squatters are home thieves who try steal homes. He described some of the tactics used by criminals to steal titles and deeds, illegally occupy a home in attempts to gain dominion and control.

He went on to describe ways that homeowners can protect themselves from false filings of deeds and other documents with the City Register. He also advised regarding ways homeowners of homes that may be unoccupied, that can help to prevent victimization by squatters or others seeking to defraud. He informed all that deed fraud often happens when individuals take advantage of a house that looks like no one takes care of it. He also advised that people should watch out for loved ones who cannot take care of their homes, to make sure that their house is maintained and under watch. He spoke about his own experience with potential fraud when listing his mother's home for sale after she had passed away. He continued that it is important to check that tax bills are being sent to you, not to someone you did not authorize. Failure to receive tax bills and/or utility bills are a sign that someone may be fraudulently attempting to

gain control over a property. He said that if you see something suspicious going on with your home to call the police, call a lawyer, and call the DA's office and explained why. He stated that most people don't prosecute deed fraud but that his office has worked with the Police and the Department of Buildings and have been able to get convictions. He advised to call a private civil attorney so you won't miss out on any civil deadlines, and to call the police so they will know what is going on.

He also spoke about squatting, which is another way some people try to illegally gain control over other people's homes. He explained that many people think that squatters' rights are when a person breaks in and stays in the home for a period of time and then claims it as theirs that the police can't do anything about it. He said that definition is wrong, and DA Katz made it clear that that is not acceptable. She investigated the law and found that squatters have no "rights". A squatter is a burglar that doesn't leave. He continued that in Queens the DA's office now prosecutes squatters as burglars and said he is proud to say that Queens is the only DA's office in NYC and probably in NYS that prosecutes squatters.

He went on to explain some of the ways squatters try to fraudulently represent legal occupancy via fake leases and bills to show proof that they live in a home. Police responding to a complaint are essentially then put in the role of a housing court judge. He explained "bad guys" know that if they put reasonable doubt in the minds of a police officer the police may not be able to do much more than refer an owner to housing court. It also depends if they are actually a squatter and explained that a squatter is not a tenant who stopped paying rent, a squatter is not the ex-wife of a tenant, and a squatter is not a subtenant that may have rented a room from a tenant and in those cases unfortunately, you have to go to landlord tenant court. However, he explained that the police on the scene now wear body cameras that can help in identifying someone who states they live on a property. The DA's office has the luxury of time that the police don't have, and we have the opportunities and tools to fully investigate and prosecute. He reiterated the advice that people do 3 things when faced with a squatter issue. Call the police, call the DA's office, and call a civil attorney. He announced that he has flyers with additional information available up front for anyone who would like them.

I. Dimoh joined the meeting at 7:20 pm

The Chairperson then asked if there were any questions or comments from members of the public. Hearing none, the Chairperson then asked if there were any questions from the Board Members.

A Board member asked if it is safer to put your home in a trust rather than having it in your own name. Mr. Jorgenson recommended to consult a civil attorney about that. He stated that a trust is very good when you are dealing with a property after a person dies because it will include directives about what to do with the property.

The Board member asked in the case of deed fraud isn't it easier if it is in a trust? Mr. Jorgenson stated not necessarily because if the house is in trust and you haven't come to a decision about what to do with it or there are no relatives living in the area, that is what is going to attract the fraudsters because it is not being cared for because they are incapacitated or they are not present.

The Chairperson asked if there were any other questions from the Board Members.

A Board Member asked what happens if a neighbor sees suspicious activity and suspects there may be squatters? Mr. Jorgenson stated that they should call the police because there may be a whole host of things that the police can take direct action about like maybe somebody is running a prostitution ring or maybe they are selling narcotics and once it is on their radar they can take a number of steps. You also want to call the DA's office and we will start digging into the city records to find out who actually owns the home or if you know the owner tell the owner right away.

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

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Jorgenson for his informative presentation.

The Chairperson introduced CM Ariola and invited her to speak.

CM Ariola thanked the Chairperson and stated that it is good seeing everyone and that she has been busy at her office and at City Hall. She spoke about the upcoming election and the Charter Commission proposals on the back of the ballot and that it is important for you to know what they are. She added that personally she is not in favor of any of them, but she encouraged everyone to google them and to read them before voting. She went on to comment on her concerns about proposals 2-4 and asked that her constituents reject proposal 2, 3, and 4 because we can't have our rights taken away. She urged everyone to look into the proposals carefully to determine their impacts before deciding how to vote on them. She expressed her view that they are the mayor's way of circumventing the City of Yes with the City of All provisions passed by the Council. She also thanked Sen. Sanders and state DOT for working with her to have the Addabbo Bridge cleaned and announced that on October 12th she will be holding a Columbus Day Celebration at St. Helens Church and that she is available if anyone needs to speak with her. She wished everyone a wonderful evening and welcomed everyone back.

The Chairperson then introduced Sen. Addabbo and invited him to speak.

Sen. Addabbo welcomed everyone back and said that he hopes everyone had a great summer. He thanked the Queens DA and the team at the 106th Precinct for their work with addressing the illegal pot shops. He stated they have been on them and have been attacking them. He stated there was a situation in CB 10 where a legal cannabis shop had their license approved before the Board's time frame to submit its opinion had passed. OCM had set up a structure where Community Boards should have a say before a license is issued and in this situation the license was granted before they had a say. He also spoke about a situation in CB9 involving an OCM license. He continued that he had set up and held a meeting with OCM along with the Chairpersons and District Managers of CB 10 and CB 9 regarding the issues. He went on to speak of legislation he is proposing to ensure better policies at OCM to address the types of issues communities are finding are problematic and to address that there are repercussions.

Sen. Addabbo also spoke about Resorts World and thanked the Chairperson for serving on the Advisory Council. He stated they are on schedule and that 3 should be licensed by the end of the year and said that he hopes that Resorts World gets a license which means that there will be many new jobs available. He also announced that September is Problem Gaming Education Month and spoke about the 12 million dollars invested toward educating and protecting people from problem gaming. He stated that his representative Carl Moore is here if anyone has any questions or issues and he thanked everyone again.

The Chairperson then introduced Allison Odell from Workforce 1 and invited her to speak.

Ms. Odell thanked everyone for having her here this evening. She stated that she works for Workforce 1 Business Services as a Manager offering free services to help with resume upgrades and training for IT, security and home health aide services. She continued that on the business service end, they help employers hire for their jobs. They are funded by NYC Small Business Solutions to help people get back to work and build up their careers. She stated that it is not just for careers in Queens and that when people connect with them, they connect to all the Boroughs based on the skills and experience. She stated that she has flyers and her contact information available up front. She added that they have a lot of community partner relationships and have hired hundreds of people per month for different positions.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chairperson reviewed incoming correspondence for the months of June, July and August which included:

- Letter from Transitional Housing Services regarding property at 96-25 Rkwy. Blvd.
- Letter from DOT regarding safety improvements on the southbound Van Wyck service road & 111 Avenue & Lincoln Street.
- SEQRA for lead agency review for hydrological salt marshes received.
It was stated that the lead agency is the Parks Dept. and that the project includes the marshes in the Spring Creek north area.
- Notice of Concessions for mobile food units at various parks.
It was stated that the only one listed in CB 10 was at Byrnes Park.
- EEPC Audit Determination letter

- Information from MTA regarding Hamilton Beach pile driving.
- Notice re: HWTRQX1 Pedestrian Ramp project requesting sign off
- Notice re: SEBLXQ01 a DDC Project involving the placement of sanitary combined sewers and water mains in Queens.
- Letter sent to OCM on 8/28 regarding the Pitkin Avenue site and addendum sent out on 8/29.
- Letter of Support for Speaker Adams program about the Liberty Avenue clean up.
- Letter from the Mayor's Office of Risk Management.
- Notice of Vacate order at 117-50 127 Street.
- Notice of Vacate order at 117-32 Van Wyck Expwy.
- Notice of Vacate order at 104-30 117 Street.
- Notice of Con-Ed generators that we had all summer.
- OMB notice from Economic Development from Parks regarding the marshland.
- OMB notice regarding the BWSO Facilities.
- TIP notices from State DOT.
- Notice of construction work that was sent to neighbors on the block for work that was done over the summer
It was stated that the work is now complete.
- Demolition order that has passed.
- On Airport Environmental notice.
- ULURP Certification Notice for 78-08 Linden Blvd. project.
- SEQRA notices that describe the Linden Blvd. project.
- BSA notice regarding Pollo Compero.
- Lead agency declaration on the Spring Creek CSO retention facility.
- SEQRA on Resorts World that was completed and accepted by the state

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Chairperson read the report for June 2025.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT: Ms. Katsalis introduced herself and wished everyone a good evening. She stated that she hopes that everyone had a wonderful summer. She announced they will be hosting a monthly Parent Advisory Meeting on Tuesday 9/9 at 6 pm via zoom and the meeting will be held jointly with the Civic Engagement Committee and will feature remarks from the NYC Public School Chancellor. On Tuesday 9/23 at 6 pm they will be holding their Caribbean Celebration at the Queens Museum in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. On 9/25 at 6 pm they will host a Mexican Independence Celebration at Queens Borough Hall, on 9/27 from 4 to 7 pm they will host their annual Climate Expo at the NY Hall of Science. To RSVP for any of these events go to queensbp.nyc.gov. She added that if anyone has any questions or concerns, she may be reached at 718-286-2853 or you can reach out to the general office at 718-286-3000. She thanked everyone and wished everyone a lovely evening.

DEPT. OF CITY PLANNING REPORT: Mia Albert introduced herself as the Assistant Borough Planner from the Queens Office of the Dept. of City Planning and introduced the Eastern Queens Team lead Teal Delis who was also in attendance this evening. She stated that she has nothing to report but that one project, 78-08 Linden Blvd. rezoning application was certified on 7/14 and will provide an approximate 278-unit development near the Brooklyn border in CB 10 in Lindenwood. If anyone needs to reach out to her, she may be contacted at malbert@planning.nyc.gov.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: The District Manager stated we have received notification that in the coming weeks National Grid has planned construction work to install a new gas main at the following locations: 105 Street bet. 107 Avenue & Liberty Avenue, 105 Street bet. 107 Avenue & Rkwy. Blvd., 107 Avenue bet. 105 Street & 106 Street, 107 Avenue bet. 104 Street & 105 Street, 105 Street & Liberty Avenue, 105 Street & 107 Avenue. The new gas mains will be installed in the street or sidewalk and the excavation required will be backfilled each day. All or part of the gas service may have to be replaced. In order to complete this work, National Grid may need to gain access to the homes at the point where the service enters a building. If this is the case, the homeowner will be contacted by a National Grid representative to make an appointment. All street and sidewalk surfaces affected by the construction will be repaved to ensure a smooth surface. Temporary asphalt pavement will be used until all National Grid work is complete and permanent restoration can be performed.

The Chairperson introduced Deputy Inspector VanTull and invited him to speak.

Deputy Inspector Vantull introduced himself and wished everyone a good evening, welcomed everyone back and stated that he hoped that everyone had a good summer. He stated that there was an uptick with airbags in auto theft and property theft involving automobiles citywide due to a shortage of Honda airbags. He advised to add extra security features on Honda automobiles such as a steering column lock that retails for about \$20, since an airbag is an expensive item to replace and most vehicles can't operate if the airbag is stolen. He also stated there has been a jewelry swap pattern where groups work in tandem and approach people who are walking. The groups use deception and distraction techniques to engage conversation. While you are talking to one person the other is taking your items. He continued they are down in burglary and said that was due to the great job of the men and women at the 106th Precinct and this has been our 9th month of crime going down. We are facing challenges, but he gave kudos to all of them for their hard work.

He announced that tonight will be a bittersweet night because this will be his last Community Board meeting as Commanding Officer of the 106th Precinct and that it has been a complete honor serving here. He said we have faced many challenges and celebrated many accomplishments and built a lot of great partnerships and relationships it has made us all a better and stronger community. He thanked the Board for its support during his tenure here and for always working collaboratively with him. He went on to say this is the first night back after the summer recess and everyone is here, and we have a packed room. He thanked everyone for trusting in him and working with him and giving him this privilege. He believes that everyone has played a role in his career and his professional development and even though he is moving on to a different assignment and will be moving on to Queens North, that his respect and gratitude to this community will never fade and everyone here will be in his heart because we are family here and he thanked everyone.

The Chairperson stated that we wished him well in his new command and thanked him for his service here over the last couple of years. She thanked P.O. Reed and Det. Jaffe for also being in attendance this evening.

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

- Presentation on the Urban Design that was distributed at the last Borough Board meeting.
- Briefing for the Borough leaders regarding the truck redesign project.
- Material regarding the Spring Creek CSO Retention Facility solar project.
- Con Ed material from the briefing that was held over the summer.
The Chairperson stated that she would like to thank Con Ed for the massive amount of work they did keeping our electric on over the summer.
- DSNY information on upcoming safe disposal events.
It was stated that the one in Queens will be held at Resorts World in October.
- Brochure with Con Ed info.
- Public Safety Committee Report
- Urban Forest Plan information
- Aqueduct/ Resorts World Committee Report
- Consumer Affairs Committee Report
- Queens Public Library Back to School Guide
- Information regarding Gateway from the Committee Chair

The Chairperson also reported that the USACE Harbor Tributary Study had released its draft interim report for actionable element and that information regarding the city's Greater Greenways Plan, and the Environmental Assessment for the hydrological restoration of the salt marshes was available.

The Chairperson then reported that the Annual Citywide Statement of District Needs is being prepared. The District Manager is working on our budget requests in preparation for the various agency budget consultations that will be taking place in September and early October. The Chairperson and DM will also be working on the narratives that are part of the statement of needs.

The Chairperson then reported that 8 applications were filed with the state at the end of June by companies seeking the casino full licenses available downstate. One was the application filed by Resorts World. She explained that the state's process required that a Community Advisory Committee be established for each of the 8 projects. She informed all the Resorts World Community Advisory Committee had been formed and that she had been appointed as a member on that committee. She explained who the appointing authorities were for the Resort World CAC and who they each appointed. She then explained that as a member of the CAC she is precluded from having any contact with Resorts World. She further explained that although she was on the CAC as an individual, not as Chairperson of the Board, the Board has had an ongoing relationship with Resorts World on many matters for 15 years. There is a lot of Board business that gets done on a regular basis that doesn't have anything to do with their application. She also informed all that all contact regarding the usual Resorts World matters will be handled by the Aqueduct/Resorts World Committee Chairperson, F. Gulluscio, during the time she is serving on the CAC.

The Chairperson then asked the Aqueduct/Resorts World Committee Chair if he would like to speak. The Committee Chair said his written report was in the Board member folder material but that he wanted to give some background on Resorts World. He said that they were licensed by the state to be a racino at Aqueduct 15 years ago and have worked with us to develop a positive working relationship. The development of the racino according to our Board's records came after years of discussion at the Board on matters related to the land at the racetrack. Those records cover about 50 years detailing discussion and concerns.

He said in February of this year the NYS Gaming Facility Location Board issued a Request for Applications from companies seeking a full casino license in downstate New York. The process called for applications to be filed to be filed by June 27th. The Gaming Facility Location Board is overseeing the siting and evaluation process. Between now and the end of the year the process will continue.

He explained that the process requires a CAC Committee for each application be formed as our Board Chair said earlier. The appointing authorities for each CAC were notified of their obligation to make their appointments. He explained that by law each CAC is a public body, and the responsibility of each CAC is to gauge local support and determine whether there is adequate support for the proposed project in advance of the next step.

He added that they are not deciding anything else. Each CAC must submit its finding on local support by Sept. 30th. After that, the CAC work is concluded. Then it will be the State Gaming Facility Location Board that will evaluate applications and make decisions, not the CACs.

He reported there was a Public Hearing on August 20th held by the Resorts World CAC, that was well attended and there will be a second Public Hearing on September 15th that he will testify at. He informed all there is a lot of information out there and there is a Gaming Facility Location Board website that has information on the applications. He informed all the Executive Summary of the Resorts World application is on the table tonight. He reminded all that in February his Aqueduct/Resorts World Committee report included information on the Experience Center at Resorts World that provided information on their plans. The Experience Center is in the lobby at Resorts World as soon as you walk in. He encouraged all to visit if they have not already done so as it helps to visualize the components of the plans. He added that Community Board 10 is involved because we are where Resorts World is located, and that Resorts World has been in business here for 15 years. In 2010 it was unknown what was going to happen with Resorts World, but today it is the one and only casino facility operating in the Big Apple. They have an actual long-standing track record here in the CB 10 area and a big part of their record is due to our relationship that was built since day one of their presence.

He continued to say they were unknown to us in 2010. Casinos did not exist anywhere in the city and over the years Resorts World has become part of our community. It's not just a business that operates here. They are our neighbor, and they have become a very good corporate citizen.

They are not unknown now, and they have applied for a full casino license. The state process is underway where the Resorts World CAC is holding public hearings to determine if there is community support to advance that application to the next process.

He then stated that he believes and proposes that CB10 make a statement in support of Resorts World for the September 15th Resorts World CAC Public Hearing. F. Gulluscio then made a motion that the Board authorize a statement in

support from CB 10, home of Resorts World, to the September 15th CAC Public Hearing saying Resorts World has demonstrated and earned by their actions all through the last 15 years that their application is worthy of further consideration by the state.

F. Dardani seconded the motion.

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

The meeting continued with committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

EDUCATION: The Committee Chair announced that today is the first day of school and that she wishes all students success this school year. She continued that there is now a cell phone ban in the schools and that students must keep their cell phone locked in a pouch. She again wished success to all students.

GATEWAY: The Committee Chair stated that the report is in the folder.

LAND USE: The Committee Chair wished everyone a good evening and welcomed everyone back. He stated that we are starting off with a new action on 78-08 Linden Blvd. located on the outer portion of Community Board 10 and is on the border of Brooklyn and Queens. The application has been in the pipeline filed with the Dept. of City Planning a year ago and the developers are looking for a zoning map amendment. They are now an R-4 district and are looking for more floor area to build affordable housing units. He stated that we are the first stop on this ULURP action and that we have 60 days to review. They were certified in July, and we will need to hold a hearing in October so he will be chairing a Land Use Committee meeting before then.

He reported the developer is proposing an 11-story mixed use building with parking on the first floor. There will be 200 units of housing, and we are hoping to scale this project down. Once we hold the Land Use Committee meeting and the project is presented to the local civic association, we will have a presentation next month to the full board and we will have to make a decision at that point. It will then go to the Borough President, then the Dept. of City Planning and then City Council for a vote and hopefully it will work out for our community.

PARKS: The Committee Chair stated that it has been an extra tough year for the Parks Department workers that have had to work in the 90-degree heat on many days this summer. He continued that the summer help for the Parks Department will come to an end next Sunday and he stated that the all did a fantastic job with issues like the illegal dumping in the Parks by contractors and others. He also stated that we received complaints over the summer about people utilizing the parks without permits and bringing in barbeques and that these complaints were forwarded to the Parks Permit Office. He continued there have also been complaints about the lack of bathrooms in Parks and fields. He commented that Pals Oval located at 88th Street and North Conduit Avenue is constantly being used and there is a piece of property that connects it to Indian Field. We have been trying to get Parks to take this property over from DOT as that might be a perfect place to build a bathroom which is greatly needed at that location. He added that Parks should also encourage Porta-potties to be used when teams are playing on the fields.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Committee Chair commented on the cannabis dispensary in Old Howard Beach and how this was the first one that was brought into a predominantly residential area even though it is on a small commercial strip. He continued that now a cannabis dispensary is seeking a license at an Ozone Park location on another small commercial strip. He also reported meeting with the new Q-Team. The team will have 1 Lieutenant, 2 Sergeants, 7 NCO Officers that already are familiar with the areas and a Traffic Officer. He added that we had a great one-on-one meeting with them, and they spoke about how they can help us and how we can help them. The Board Chairperson added that she had been to 2 other briefings about the Q-Team and that hopefully it will be a program that will work.

SANITATION: The Committee Chair stated there was DSNY information in the board folder material.

TRANSPORTATION: The Committee Chair wished everyone a good evening and announced that phase 2 of the MTA's Network Bus Redesign was implemented last Sunday and that riders should continue to make observations and report anything that is not working to the Community Board. There are 2 new bus lines. The Q 51 will leave Ozone Park and travel to Cambria Heights and the Q 80 will travel straight down Lefferts Blvd. and will make local stops. The Q 10 will make express stops until it reaches Rockaway Blvd., then it will continue by making local stops along Rockaway Blvd.

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

The Chairperson introduced Jose Reina rep. for Congressman Meeks and invited him to speak. Mr. Reina wished everyone a good evening and stated that TSA has made 2 changes at JFK to help the TSA lines to move faster. They have updated their shoe-off policy, so domestic travelers won't have to remove their shoes during screening. Secondly, they are also piloting a touchless ID program through their TSA PreCheck with Delta Airlines where passengers will be able to verify their identity using facial recognitions instead of presenting a boarding ticket or a US passport. To participate in this program, you will need to have a TSA PreCheck Traveler Membership and have an active Delta Airlines profile and upload a valid US passport to your airline profile. He also provided an update on the Treasury Department phasing out the issuance of paper checks starting on September 30, 2025. This includes paper checks from Federal agencies that can range from social security checks, IRS tax refund checks etc. If you are already receiving electronic payments from these agencies you don't have to do anything but if you are still receiving paper checks, you will have to switch to an electronic system such as direct deposit. To make that change go to direct.gov or call the Treasury Department at 1-800-967-6857. If you don't have access to a bank account, you can still call this number to get assistance with enrolling with the Treasury's direct express prepaid program. He also stated that the Food and Drug Administration has narrowed their criteria on who is eligible to receive a COVID vaccine by focusing on older adults and individuals that have a higher risk of experiencing severe illness. The updated COVID vaccine is designed to target the predominant COVID variant that is in circulation at this moment. According to the current FDA approval, individuals 65 and up will be eligible to receive a COVID vaccine and those under 65, including children as young as 6 months old, eligibility is limited to individuals that have an underlying health condition. That may increase their risk of experiencing COVID 19 symptoms. The FDA is still requiring additional studies of other age groups under the age of 65 who do not have a high-risk health condition that may broaden the eligibility to receive a COVID vaccine in the future. For more information call Congressman Meeks' Office at 718-725-6000.

The Chairperson introduced Carl Moore rep. for Sen. Addabbo and invited him to speak. Mr. Moore introduced himself and announced that Sen. Addabbo will be holding his annual Veteran's BBQ on Saturday at the Howard Beach Motorboat Club. If there are any veterans interested in attending, they can call their office tomorrow to be put on the list to attend. He also announced that he has flyers up front with the events they will be holding for the rest of the year such as recycling events, e-waste events, and a big band concert.

The Chairperson introduced Carl Brown rep. for Sen. Sanders and invited him to speak. Mr. Brown welcomed everyone back and thanked CM Ariola for bringing the Addabbo bridge to their attention to tackle the garbage on that bridge. He also announced that Sen. Sanders passed a bill for tuition free college for adults ages 25 to 55 when they go for their associates degree and with online courses. He also stated that today was back to school for students and that the Senator secured \$14 billion dollars for NYC schools. There will be a 5% increase for teachers, staff and the administrative workers. He announced that they will be holding the 8th Annual Cancer Domestic violence awareness walk in the Rockaways on 10/19/25. Registration for the walk takes place at 8 am, the walk takes place at 9:30 am and they close the program at 12:30 with a concert and free giveaways at Beach 17th Street. The walk will be from Beach 17th Street to Beach 73rd Street. He added that if anyone has any state related issues such as issues with DMV or EZ pass or Medicaid to contact him for assistance.

The Chairperson introduced Jason Greenberg rep. for AM Pheffer-Amato and invited him to speak. Mr. Greenberg stated there is now a new school policy to restrict smart devices and phones during the school day to have students in a distraction-free learning environment. He also stated that AM Pheffer-Amato was proud to advocate for free meals for all students during the school day which is breakfast and lunch for students in private, public and charter schools so no student should go to school hungry. He also announced that the state is issuing a refund check to every taxpayer in the state and it should be coming in the next 6 to 8 weeks and should be somewhere in the range of from \$150 to \$400 depending on how you file your tax income. If anyone has any questions, he can be reached at 718-945-9550.

The Chairperson introduced Alicia Alli rep. for AM Anderson and invited her to speak. Ms. Alli introduced herself and stated that she will now be covering the CB 10 meetings and represents the satellite office on 131 Street & Rkwy. Blvd. She announced they will be holding a paper shredding event at their office on 9/29 from 10 am to 12 pm and they will have NYLAG in their office on 10/29 from 10 am to 3 pm for anyone who has any legal questions. For more information she can be reached at 718-322-4958.

The Chairperson introduced Tyler Logan rep. for Council Speaker Adrienne Adams and invited him to speak. Mr. Logan introduced himself and stated that in June, their office along with DWCP, Small Business Services and the Queens Chamber of Commerce visited 60 to 70 businesses to provide them resources on grants and information on counseling and a list of other resources. The Councilmember funded over \$1.5 million to DOT for repaving in CD 28 which primarily focused on the South Ozone Park area near Linden Blvd., 111 Avenue and 109th Avenue. They also addressed issues with potholes and sinking streets and abandoned vehicles. He announced they now have an office in So. Ozone Park at 122-21 111th Avenue and that they have flyers up front with the events they will be holding which includes a street co-naming at Liberty Avenue & 127 Street and a Family Day event will be held on 9/13. If anyone needs to reach him, he also has his contact card available up front as well.

The Chairperson introduced Dan Brown rep. for the Queens District Attorney's Office and invited him to speak. Mr. Brown wished everyone a good evening. He stated that he has no report but that he thanked CB 10 for having them here this evening. He added that there is additional literature about the Housing and Protection Bureau on the table up front. If anyone has any questions, he can be reached at 718-286-6593 and he also welcomed everyone back.

The Chairperson introduced David Tanis from Resorts World and invited him to speak. Mr. Tanis wished everyone a good evening and stated that Senator Addabbo and F. Gulluscio both said great things about Resorts World earlier in the meeting and stated that Resorts World look forward to continuing to work with everyone. He added if there are any issues to reach out to them. He announced that the next hearing will be on 9/15, and they are asking for the community to come out in support at 4 pm at Queens Borough Hall. If anyone has any questions, he can be reached at 929-244-9769.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Hearing none.

NEW BUSINESS: Hearing none.

PUBLIC FORUM:

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

A member of the public introduced herself on behalf of Fleur de Fred licensed cannabis dispensary located at 96-05 Liberty Avenue in Ozone Park. She stated that they are a family run business that her aunt and uncle owns and that she is the Vice-President of Operations. In addition to their work in cannabis they are deeply committed to their community care and harm reduction programs. Their location provides free Narcan and fentanyl test strips, Narcan trainings, and a free 24-hour virtual addiction crisis counselor. They welcome all community members to stop by, ask questions and connect with these resources. She added that they want to partner to see how they can better serve the community.

A member of the public commented with his views on route changes and bus stops from the MTA Bus Network Redesign.

A member of the public spoke about a senior day care center that she is running in South Ozone Park and how she has been dealing with Medicaid issues and the Federal Cuts that are affecting the seniors. She stated that she would like to connect with the elected officials about this matter because the seniors don't know that they are entitled to a lot of services offered throughout the state.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karyn Petersen". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Karyn Petersen
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