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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

February 5, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: L. Amorim, B. Braton, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, M. Cherenfant, F. Dardani, I. Dimoh, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, F. Gulluscio, G. Hewitt, A. Khan, P. Kishun, R. Martinez, F. Mohamed, S. Mohammed, R. Narine, A. Nocerino, S. Patterson, J. Quijano, A. Rajnauth, K. Roan, M. Rosa, A. Sancler, N. Santiago, S. Shew, G. Singh, V. Singh, J. Stahl, A. Vital, D. Wesby

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: S. Acuqui, N. Bissoon, B. Ciaramella, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Cosentino, K. Edwards, E. Fraylon, A. Gellineau, A. Hill, R. Hitlall, K. Lopez, D. Mitchell, P. Nostramo, S. Pace, G. Russo, A. Siewnarine, P. Tejada, L. Walker

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Hon. M. Katz, Queens DA; J. Reina, rep., Hon. G. Meeks; C. Moore, rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; C. Delius, rep., Hon. R. Persaud; C. Brown, rep., Hon. J. Sanders; A. Alli, rep., Hon. K. Anderson; R. Gocool, rep., Hon. J. Rajkumar; J. Genna, rep., Hon. J. Ariola; T. Logan rep. Hon. T. Hankerson; D. Brown, rep., Hon. M. Katz; G. Katsalis, QBPO; Sgt. Presti, 106 Pct.; P.O.Kaur, 106 Pct Community Affairs; M. Nacmias, rep., BSA applicant

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. She then thanked everyone present for attending. She next explained the logistical issues that would be involved had we changed the meeting date due to the weather.

The Chairperson asked for everyone to stand for a moment of silence in memory of Mary Gulluscio who passed away last week. She was the wife of the board's 2nd Vice Chairperson. The Chairperson expressed to him the condolences of the Board.

The Chairperson informed all that the presenter for the Public Hearing had not yet arrived. The meeting continued with the regular order of business with the explanation that the Public Hearing would be taken up when the applicant's representative arrived.

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

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

- Letter from DOT regarding request for a speed reducer on 150 Avenue bet. 126 & 129 Street that stated that it met the criteria and installation will take place when the resources are available.
- Notice from the Parks Dept, regarding product waivers.
- Franchise & Concession and Review Committee meeting notification.
- BSA Public Hearing agenda for 1/26

- Demolition Notice for 133-25 120 Street.
- Invitation to AM Anderson's annual State of the District address on 2/27 at 6pm at PS 105 in Far Rockaway. The Chairperson invited Alisha Ali rep. AM Anderson and invited her to speak about AM Anderson's State of the District event. Alisha Ali introduced herself and announced that on February 27th, AM Anderson will be holding his annual State of the District Address, where he will go over what he did during 2025, and his plans for 2026. She said they are looking forward to seeing everyone there.
- Farewell letter from Dan Garodnick, outgoing Director of DCP announcing he is leaving the administration.
- Notice from New York Metropolitan Transportation Council.
- Notice from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding nationwide permits.
- Design Commission meeting Agenda for 1/20.
- OMB notices.
- MTA notice announcing that on 2/2, the OMNY call center has expanded its hours to 24/7 hrs/days. OMNY customer representatives are available to answer questions regarding customer inquiries and issues at 877-789-6669.
- Letter of comment from CB 10 to HPD regarding the Jewel Streets Environmental Impact Statement.
- Negative letter of opinion from CB 10 to NYS OCM regarding adult use dispensary at 92-06 Liberty Avenue.
- Copy of a PANYNJ press release by the Port Authority announcing Villa Russo Café's opening at a JFK terminal. It was stated that Villa Russo Café and Brooklyn Tea & Market were announced as two local businesses that offer food and beverages reflecting New York City's diverse culinary scene. The Chairperson commented that George Russo of Villa Russo Café is a member of the board and is a Queens graduate of the Port Authority's specialized training program intended to increase the number of local and diverse businesses that are part of the concession program at JFK and expressed congratulations.

Board Members who would like a copy of anything listed in the directed mail may contact the office.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Committee Chairperson read the treasury report for January.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIASION REPORT: Georgia Katsalis introduced herself and wished everyone a good evening. She announced that on 2/23 they will be celebrating Lunar New Year at 5:00 pm at Queens Borough Hall and on 2/25 they will be celebrating Black History Month at 5:50 pm, on 2/26 they will be celebrating Dominican Independence Day at 6 pm at PS 307 at 40-20 100 Street in Corona. She also announced that the Community Board Applications are still open and if anyone has any questions about their status, they can reach out to her, the Chairperson, the District Manager, or the Director of Community Boards. She also extended to CB 10 Board Member Frank Gulluscio their deepest condolences and stated that his wife Mary was a part of the community and had always contributed to the community. She added that if anyone has any questions, she may be reached at 718-286-3000.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: The District Manager stated that we have received notification that some distribution water main and lead service lines will be replaced to upgrade critical infrastructure to improve reliability and public health. The work will begin at the following locations: 134 Place bet. 135 Avenue & North Conduit Avenue, North Conduit Avenue bet. 134 Place & 135 Street and 135 Street bet. 135 Avenue and the Van Wyck Expwy. We have received notification from the Parks Department that over 3,000 trees will be planted in Queens this spring. In Community Board 10, they will be planting in Richmond Hill and So. Ozone Park. Through the comprehensive Neighborhood Tree Planting Program, foresters will service entire blocks, creating new tree beds along with removing dead and dying trees and stumps to ensure each neighborhood is fully planted before moving on to the next. We have also been informed by the Department of Youth and Community Development that the Summer Youth Employment Applications are now open for NYC youth age 14-24. To apply visit: application.nycsyep.com. If anyone is interested in applying to be a Summer Youth Employment Program worksite, they can go to nyc.gov/hireyouth. DYCD is also encouraging those who live and work in NYC to take its Community Needs survey. To do the survey go to <https://arcs.is/10zazj3> or use their QR code.

The Chairperson introduced Sgt. Presti from the 106th Precinct and invited him to speak.

Sgt. Presti wished everyone a good evening and introduced himself as the Q-Team Sergeant at the 106th Precinct. He reported that skimming devices were found at Chase bank at Cross Bay Blvd. in Howard Beach and on Liberty Avenue. He continued that there was a grand larceny at Planet Fitness and warned that patrons should always use the lock on the lockers to secure their belongings. He reported the precinct is down in crime except for felony assaults that were domestic violence related. Sgt. Presti also announced that the 106th Precinct received 10 new officers. The Chairperson expressed that although it's good news, more than 10 are needed. We have not had as many officers assigned here as needed over the last few years. The Board will continue to advocate for more officers as it is imperative that we get them to address our continuing need to have sufficient officers assigned to the 106th Precinct by the NYPD.

Sgt. Presti wished everyone a good night and said to stay safe. The Chairperson thanked Sgt. Presti and all the precinct officers for the work they are doing serving our community, especially this week as they are dealing with roadway and traffic safety conditions in our district resulting from the storm along with the crime and quality of life issues.

The applicant's representative for the Public Hearing had arrived so the Chairperson opened the Public Hearing regarding BSA Calendar No.2025-43-A and 2025-44-A: 97-49 Bristol Avenue/97-51 Bristol Avenue, Block 11551, Lot(s) 25 & 26, Ozone Park 11417 and introduced Michael Nacmias, the attorney presenting for the applicant and invited him to speak.

Mr. Nacmias introduced himself and informed all that he is the attorney representing the property owner at 97-49 & 97-51 Bristol Avenue. He described the location of the two undeveloped lots and explained that the action at BSA relates to the fact that an unconstructed street is mapped through a portion of the two properties. The city mapped the street but never built it. He explained that typically, you can build two 2 family homes with a 2-car driveway for each house in that area, which is what the applicant plans to do. However, because the unconstructed street runs through the land the applicant needs to get BSA approval to build the two homes. He informed all the action before BSA is not asking for any waivers of zoning rules. It is a procedural step at BSA that will allow the applicant to build where the mapped but never built street runs through the land.

Mr. Nacmias then described the two homes the applicant plans to build. He said they will put in new sidewalks according to the builder's pavement plan and both will be fully sprinklered. The houses will each be a 2-family with a cellar for storage. The cellar will have a laundry area and an exit in the back. Both the first floor and second floor of both houses will have three bedrooms so in total there will be four units. There will be a driveway for two cars at each house.

The Chairperson asked if anyone from the public wished to comment. Hearing none.

The Chairperson closed the Public Hearing and turned the next portion of the meeting over to the Land Use Committee Chair to discuss the review of this BSA matter at the Committee's meeting on it.

The Land Use Committee Chair informed all that there was a Land Use Committee meeting on 1/22/26 with the architect and the property owners. He said the owners and the builders are also here tonight. The Committee went extensively through the project, and it is a standard procedure when a situation like this applies on the city's mapped streets that are not built. He explained that if you look at a city zoning map you will see Hawtree Street going directly through these two lots. The filing the applicant is doing is straight forward and the Committee was in unanimous consent that we favor this application. The attorney mentioned that they are improving the street and the sidewalks. There will be some street tree planting and the houses from a design standpoint are good. The Land Use Committee Chair explained the item before us tonight is not about design or zoning or building code. Our opinion and our vote tonight is simply to say

yes or no to BSA to allow two 2-family homes to be built pursuant to zoning on two lots involving a paper street that given its location has not, and may never, be constructed.

The Land Use Committee Chair then made a motion to recommend approval to BSA on this action.

D. Wesby seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion.

All (31) were in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstaining. The motion carried.

The Chairperson thanked the board members for being here this evening despite the weather as their commitment to ensure a quorum allowed the Board to vote on this agenda item tonight.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: The Chairperson reported on what information was provided in the members' folder material.

- Info on Port Authority sustainability projects at JFK or that relate to JFK redevelopment
- Info regarding tax help being offered at the library
- Info on Con-Ed programs
- Terminal 5 art call for artists
- Flyers regarding Beach Channel Education for youth available to everyone in District 27
- Summer Youth Employment Program info
- Flyers from our various elected officials
- Consumer Affairs, Public Safety, Sewer Committee reports and information on Resorts World / Aqueduct

The Chairperson announced that members up for reappointment have until 2/13 to get their reappointment applications in and that the district manager and the liaison from the Borough President's office can assist them if necessary, so that they can get their applications in on time.

The Chairperson reported that at last month's Borough Board Meeting, there was a presentation by the Queens Solid Waste Advisory Board and a presentation by the Queens Public Library. She also announced that on 2/17 there will be a Lunar New Year celebration held at Resorts World that it is a fun event, and everyone is welcome to attend.

The meeting continued with committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAND USE: The Land Use Committee Chairperson wished everyone a good evening and stated that the Linden Blvd. project is still making its way through City Planning. They had a hearing and it's moving along. We are also waiting for a certification on the property behind that on Sapphire Street, but we haven't seen that application yet. He continued that there have also been some cannabis issues, and the state now has a ruling that any large billboards or signage on these stores must be taken down because they exceed a certain size. They are only allowing 55 sq. feet which is about 5 ft x 10 ft. He also stated that the Charter Revision ballot initiatives all were approved and that three of them tied into what we do on Land Use issues and there are some major changes coming in regard to how we as a Board and the Land Use Committee will be looking at projects that will go to the City Planning Commission and the BSA. How they want to now expedite those faster is going to affect us. There is a zoom meeting coming up to provide training that we are going to be needing as we work on future projects that come in.

AQUEDUCT: The Committee Chair thanked the Board for their condolences and stated that he and his family greatly appreciated it. He announced that Resorts World is continuing their Education Program and there is an Introduction to Gaming Operations course which is being offered free at York College and Kingsborough College which are very convenient and it gives people a simple overview of the operations from gaming to marketing, to security and the hotel operations which opens up the door opportunities at Resorts World. Resorts World is also offering a Table Game Dealer School because of their expansion into a commercial casino. It's a great career opportunity and it pays well. He reported the information is in the folder material. He continued they are also holding a Southeast Queens Business Incubator program which is also free, in conjunction with York College and Resorts World. That information is also in the folders. It is great program for entrepreneurs or anybody who is looking to take their business to the next level. This course is offered from February to April and from June through November. The Chairperson stated that we had

been notified that one of the people that we have dealt with on a regular basis for 15 years from Resorts World, Michelle Stoddart, lost her mother this month and the Board will send her our condolences to her.

TRANSPORTATION: The Committee Chair stated that if you see a bus stop with a lot of snow still there, you should report the condition to 311 and there is a third party that is responsible to clear the bus stop shelters. He reminded everyone to be safe since there is still a lot of snow out there.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT: In the absence of the Committee Chairperson, The Board Chairperson reported that we have sent out notices to the Board Members on youth activity and to encourage youth interested to get their SYEP applications in and that the information on SYEP is posted on the CB 10 Facebook page.

PARKS: The Committee Chair announced that the winter weather forced the Gallop Stables to close for the last 2 weeks. They had to cancel all lessons and programs due to the snowfall and the temperature being below 37 degrees to protect the riders and the horses, however, the staff is on site daily caring for the horses and to make sure they will be prepared to resume. He continued that due to this closure, they lost a lot of money, and they are looking for contributions and anyone interested in contributing can go to Gallop NYC if they wish to help pay for the grain and feed for the horses.

The Chairperson added that the Budget Hearings that are held by the Borough President and the Borough Board are coming up, and Gallop may want to seek some funding for their ongoing needs. She continued that we are preparing our Board's statement for the hearings which will be aligned with our Statement of Needs for FY2027. All the 14 Queens CBs will testify at that public hearing. Our DM will point out our priority Capital and Expense Budget requests. She stated that we may consider adding stronger language this year about agency personnel and equipment needs and then gave one example of why that is timely given this week's situation that points to the need for the City to devote more of those resources to critical agencies.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Committee Chair announced that although he feels encouraged with the 10 new officers that we have received at the precinct, it is still not what is needed. He reported we will continue to fight for more officers. The NYPD is well behind in bringing staffing numbers in the 106th Pct. back to where they should be yet has provided more officers to precincts with less crime than us for years. He announced that the crime stats are in the folder.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS: The Committee Chair said the report was in the folder material. He added that if you buy lithium-ion batteries, make sure there is a UL code listed on them otherwise you are risking a fire.

SEWERS: The Chairperson stated that the Board Members have a copy of his report in their folders and that we submitted the draft scope of work comment letter on the Jewel Street Neighborhood Plan laying out our viewpoint and our arguments as to why we have great concerns regarding the plan or the draft scope of work as is and we expect to hear from HPD regarding their final plan later in the year. He thanked the Chairperson for her mentorship and consultation during the process. The Board Chairperson commented that the Committee Chairperson did a great job on that comment letter along with the Land Use Chair.

SANITATION: The Committee Chair stated that Sanitation is plowing correctly as plow trucks plow to the right and explained why. He reported that people will be ticketed and towed if they are not parking parallel and are still parking diagonally due to the snow because the plows can't get through. DSNY has also started collecting garbage and recycling.

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

The Chairperson introduced Jose Reina from Congressman Meeks office and invited him to speak. Mr. Reina wished everyone a good evening and stated the IRS announced that as of 1/26/26 taxpayers may begin filing their tax returns. The deadline to file is 4/15/26. Eligible participants may be able to file their federal and state tax returns through the IRS free file program if you have an adjustable gross income of less than \$89,000. He then explained how a person can calculate their AGI (Adjustable gross income). Those who think they are eligible for this program, may go to IRS.gov/prefile to take advantage of this service. He continued that the Congressman is still dealing with the backlog of issues regarding constituents having difficulties with getting their tax refund payments. He advised to set up

electronic payment system, such as direct deposit, or enroll in the direct express pre-paid debit card program from the Treasury Department, to avoid any delays in receiving payments this tax season. He also stated that the Congressman's office has received an increase in calls regarding mail delivery issues in the CB 10 area and the Post office has informed them that the mail has been delayed due to a staff shortage and the severe snowstorm on January 25. The Postal Service has taken additional steps to bring in additional resources to address the situation to resume the normal delivery services. The Congressman's office is monitoring the situation to ensure that mail service will return to normal operations as soon as possible. He also announced that he has a flyer available up front with the 2026 social security schedule so recipients can be aware on when they should receive their payments for each month. Anyone who does not receive payment on the expected date, may call Congressman Meeks office so we can reach out to the Social Security Administration to find out what the holdup is. If anyone needs to reach out to the Congressman's office call them at 718-725-6000.

The Chairperson informed the other representatives present that she will get back to them later as the District Attorney of Queens County was present. The Chairperson then introduced and welcomed the Queens District Attorney, Hon. Melinda Katz, and commented that QDA Katz was no stranger to CB10 then invited her to speak.

DA Katz thanked the Chairperson, the District Manager and the Vice-Chairs for the great work that they do. She said that Community Boards are near and dear to her as she previously served as the Director of Community Boards in Queens, and as the Queens Borough President. She is now starting her 7th year of serving as the Queens District Attorney.

DA Katz continued and expressed that she believes elected officials should provide predictability to their constituents, so the people they serve know where they stand on something as that is an important quality. She explained that as District Attorney, her office looks at evidence and the need to have justice. The QDA office that serves the 2 million+ people of Queens has 420 lawyers and over 400 support staff and a 100-person Detective Investigator Force made up of former police officers, former state troopers, etc. who help them make the cases that the police bring.

DA Katz also reported that stated that last year they made 60,000 arrests in the Borough of Queens alone. There were 47,000 arraignments, and her office has dealt with and disposed 3,500 gun cases as a top count. The office has helped about 40,000 constituents and has a large bureau that helps witnesses and victims of crimes with different things such as funeral costs or how to get back into a house that has been burglarized and things of that nature. It is both sides - prosecuting criminal cases and making sure the victims have somebody to help them.

She continued that her office has youth groups that go into the schools to help keep kids out of the criminal justice system and explained it is important for them to have a mentor and people to help prevent them from becoming involved in the criminal justice system as a defendant. The DA also spoke about why her office is involved in efforts to deal with illegal cannabis shops.

There is a fentanyl overdose crisis in the country and the children in Queens should know that when they go to the illegal corner cannabis shop, they have no idea of what they are buying and provided some examples. One involved a school where several kids became ill after buying gummy bears that had bacteria in them as there isn't any vetting of material sold in illegal shops. She continued that whether people believe or agree that legal cannabis shops are good or not, at least in legal shops that substance is vetted and the people running them are vetted. People won't get substances in them that contain fentanyl that can kill. She reported that a lot of overdoses are due to the fact we have fentanyl.

She continued to speak about a few big cases in Queens. One recently was the largest single gang take down in the history of Queens County. It was an important case because gang activity is important to address because kids believe these gangs are their chosen family. DA Katz explained that kids shouldn't believe that, and her office works to stop their believing that by prosecuting gang activity to prevent kids from getting involved in the crimes resulting from gang activity. Her office works to provide positive alternatives thorough education, programs such as the Explorers and mentorship programs.

Another recent case involved a gun takedown where an undercover in this investigation, visited a particular car eight times resulting in a 100-count indictment and 77 guns being taken off our streets that will never be used to kill anyone in Queens County. DA Katz also spoke about another gun case involving gangs where 12 gang members were arrested

and charged with various crimes including as an enterprise and a case involving a murder in Ozone Park two years ago that recently resulted in a 23-year sentence.

DA Katz then continued and spoke in detail about another issue her office has engaged in prosecuting - squatters and frauds involving illegal acquisition of people's homes. She also provided information as to how people can protect themselves from being victimized by deed fraud and how her office provides help to those who have been victimized.

She then spoke about scooters and how hard it is for officers to chase individuals riding scooters on the street. Her office started a co-partnership with the NYPD, where they rent a big truck and they pick up these scooters when the individuals riding them go, for example, inside to eat and the scooters are outside. If the scooters are unregistered, unlicensed and uninsured they shouldn't be on the street. So far, the effort has resulted in 1,200 scooters being taken off the streets.

She also spoke about phone scams and romance scams and warned people not to give anyone money because of a phone scam call as they don't know these scammers. They are just a voice on the phone, she warned again, so don't give them your money. She urged all not to be embarrassed if caught in a romance scam because it is the scammers' job to get your money, there's no romance involved. She added that her office will try to help get the money back for victims of a romance scheme and again warned all by saying, "You should not be sending money to a person you never met" and said, "that if the individual wants to see you, they can pay for their own plane ticket to fly in to see you." She stated that if anyone has any questions, she can be reached at Katz@queensda.org and that Dan Brown is always here at the meetings to answer any questions. She thanked him for his work, and she also thanked the Chairperson for her leadership as well.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone who had any questions for District Attorney Katz.

A Board Member commented that the immigrant community and elderly people have been targeted by scammers who state they are the IRS to try to get their social security number, and he asked if she has any plans to address this. DA Katz warned again not to give them your money. She stated that she received a call from the pension board, and when asked for her social security number and she said she will call them back and she looked up the phone number to verify that it was the pension board calling her. She again urged all to always verify, especially when unsure. She also reported that that her office will investigate attorney's that try to exploit immigrants and will take their license if evidence they are scamming people.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone else who had any questions.

A Board Member asked if the city is doing anything about cyber-attacks. DA Katz stated there is an agency in the city that has its own cyber group that works on crypto currency, but her office has arrested and prosecuted people stealing bit coins. She also informed all that they have had instances where where people buy tickets to something and are then sent an e-mail to open an account to get the tickets that then involves a third-party vendor as an example. She informed all that her office has a whole unit that handles situations like that and if people need help, to please call her office. She said that she wants people to feel comfortable calling her office and talking to Dan Brown about cases and she thanked everyone again for the work they do.

A Board Member said that he read about the two cases that she worked on that involved getting the property back for two original homeowners due to a deed transfer and he inquired how long that took. DA Katz responded it doesn't take as long as it used to. She explained that a law was passed two years ago. Previously, if a house and deed were stolen and sold to a third party a person would have to go to civil court to get the deed back, but now if there is a criminal prosecution, her office can get both the deed and the house back. The Board member asked if the property was left closed without people living in it. The response was that it depends on the situation. Sometimes the individuals get scared and leave and sometimes you can get the property back sooner but just not the legal title, but deed theft is important, and she advised all to register their homes at nyc.gov and explained that if you don't register your house at nyc.gov, you are taking a lot of risks. Anytime someone reviews your title or tries to take a mortgage out on your house or goes to sell your deed, or puts a lien on your house, you will get a notification from the city of New York if you register your house.

The Chairperson thanked DA Katz for her excellent comments and said that she has an open invitation to come back anytime.

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

The Chairperson introduced Carl Moore rep. Senator Addabbo's office and invited him to speak. Mr. Moore stated that he has provided a list of the Senator's upcoming events on a flyer available up front and he announced that they will be having an OMNY Card van in front of their Jamaica Avenue office and flyers are available with that information up front as well. He continued that the Senator is in Albany and is working hard on legislation and if anyone has any legislation that you would like him to work on to call their office.

The Chairperson introduced Carl Brown rep. Sen. Sander's office and invited him to speak. Mr. Brown stated their office was providing assistance with HEAP applications to help homeowners pay for heat this winter if they are below the income limits. He also stated that he has provided booklets up front about what the senate does, and he announced that a bill was recently approved by the Governor regarding restaurant payments. Anyone with any questions may contact their office.

The Chairperson introduced Christine Delius rep. Sen. Persaud's office and invited her to speak. Ms. Delius stated they will be holding a free property tax exemption event on Tuesday February 10 from 10 am until 2 pm at 1734 Rockaway Parkway, a SD-19 Mobile Office on Thursday, February 12 from 10 am until 1 pm at 1 Brookdale Plaza, a tax prep for the self-employed individual webinar on Wednesday, February 18 from 6 to 7 pm, a free E-waste recycling collection on Friday, February 28 from 10 am until 12 pm at 1222 East 96 Street, a free IRS Tax Prep on various dates from 10 until 4 pm at 1222 East 96th Street and a free 3 Part tax series on various dates from 6 to 7 pm and the flyer with all of their event information is available up front.

The Chairperson introduced Alisha Alli from AM Anderson's office and invited her to speak. Ms. Alli announced that their discretionary funding application is open until February 9th for nonprofits to get grants from the State Assembly and that they will be going to Albany on Saturday for caucus week. She continued that on February 27th AM Anderson will hold his State of the District Address in Far Rockaway and if anyone has any utility questions, they will have National Grid at the So. Ozone Park library on February 25th from 11 am until 3 pm. She also announced they will be holding a Women's History Month Event on March 7th and to call them at 718-322-4958 if you would like to nominate someone from District 31 to be honored at this event.

The Chairperson introduced Rita Gocool rep. AM Jennifer Rajkumar and invited her to speak. Ms. Gocool stated that AM Rajkumar is taking action with the issues with the snow such as the removal of the dangerous snow and ice and has met with the Transportation Commissioner and the Mayor about clearing out our streets. Their office reported 50 different sites for the city to act on and if there are any snow issues to contact them at 347-585-0327. She continued that the Assemblymember is in Albany fighting for a bill regarding reckless e-bikes and for abuse crimes and she also is working on legislation to make the city accountable for snow removal. She announced that the Assemblymember will be holding a carnival celebration on February 15 at the Community Center in Ozone Park with free food and dancing and that no RSVP is needed, and they will be offering free help with tax prep monthly. The Assemblymember will also be partaking in a Ramadan festival on March 3rd at Medina Hall in Ozone Park and she will be offering a free vaccine clinic for dogs and cats with the ASPCA on March 25th at their Woodhaven office by appointment only and for more information about any of these events to contact their office.

The Chairperson introduced Tyler Logan rep. CM Hankerson and invited him to speak. Mr. Logan introduced himself and stated that their office has collaborated with DSNY to have 35 litter baskets placed in South Ozone Park along Rockaway Blvd. and Liberty Avenue. He explained that some baskets were previously removed and that their office brought them back. He also announced that they have snow removal service available in So. Ozone Park for the elderly and the disabled and for more information to call them at 718-307-5759 and that there is discretionary funding available for nonprofit organizations and for those interested to e-mail them at d28rsvp@gmail.com. He continued that their office also holds a coalition meeting to work on various issues with the city agencies and if anyone would like to join the coalition, they can see him after the meeting.

The Chairperson introduced Jessica Genna from CM Ariola's office and invited her to speak. Ms. Genna introduced herself and wished everyone a good evening. She announced that they had to close their Ozone Park office

permanently due to outstanding issues with the landlord and they will share the details shortly regarding their new move. She announced they will be holding a Tax Prep Event tomorrow from 10 am until 2 pm at the Ozone Park Library. Most of the appointments are booked but they still are taking walk ins. Their next Tax Prep Event will be held on February 26th at the Howard Beach Library and all spots for that event have been taken as well but you can still walk in if you have a question and want to ask finance something. She stated for your senior citizen tax exemption, you must be 65 years of age or older with a household medium income of \$58,399 or less. For disabled homeowners you must be receiving disability from the state and for veterans, you must have served and have your veteran's paperwork to be brought to these events along with your 2024 tax return and a valid copy of your ID and they will let you know if you are eligible for the exemptions. She continued that their mobile office hours were suspended due to the weather but plan to resume them on Thursdays at the Howard Beach Library from 12 pm to 4 pm and on Fridays at the Ozone Park Library from 10 am until 2 pm until they have the new office space to move into.

The Chairperson asked if there were any other agency representatives of elected officials 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.

M. Rosa speaking as himself, not as a Board member, announced to all that January 30th was his wife, Iris Rodriguez Rosa's, last day as the city's Parks Commissioner. He informed all she had worked in various positions in the Parks Dept. for 40 years and retired from that agency where she loved the work that she did. He thanked the Board for the support they gave her for years and stated that after 40 years it was hard for her to give it up and that from time to time you may be hearing from her as she would like to be more involved in events in the community. He added that she is an extraordinary person and an extraordinary public servant and that he was proud to be her husband and more importantly he is proud to share that service with us. He thanked Community Board 10 for supporting her.

The Chairperson said that his wife, our friend and fellow resident in Community Board 10, is now in the private sector and is welcome at this Board any time as a resident. We know that COIB rules require her to sit out a certain period after serving as Commissioner. She commented that Iris has been an active resident in our CB district no matter what position she held in the Parks Department across 4 decades, all the way up from the bottom to being the Commissioner she has been an asset for our city. We appreciate everything she has worked on all over the city for the Parks Dept. in many capacities for many years. The Chairperson expressed her view that Iris is truly a Parks person who understood what people in this city needed and then expressed that we thank her on behalf of the Board.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else from the public who wished to speak. Charlene Mitchell introduced herself and stated that she is with the Birth by Queens Foundation and wanted to make the Board aware of what they are doing for maternal and family health. They want to open the first birth center in Queens. She explained that midwifery allow families to get all the care that they need in a comprehensive way. It invites the whole family unit to make sure that everybody gets the care and services that they need. They are asking for support from Community Board 10. She stated that since the hospital systems are failing our families, she is tired of asking why Queens is being left out when every other borough has a family wellness center where you can go to get childbirth education, resources that you need, car seats or prenatal yoga for free. She said that there is no investment in Queens from the Department of Health, so she wants to build it. Their organization is called Birthbyqueens.org and they are all over social media.

There were no other speakers.

The Chairperson again thanked every member of the Board who made the effort to be here tonight despite the weather. She also thanked every member of the Board who reached out with storm impact information during the week. The "eyes and ears on the ground" information, especially in weather events like this one, always helps.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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

Karyn Petersen
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