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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

January 5, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: L. Amorim, B. Braton, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, B. Ciaramella, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Cosentino, F. Dardani, I. Dimoh, E. Fraylon, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, G. Hewitt, A. Hill, A. Khan, P. Kishun, S. Mohammed, A. Nocerino, P. Nostramo, S. Pace, S. Patterson, J. Quijano, A. Rajnauth, K. Roan, G. Russo, M. Rosa, S. Shew, J. Stahl, P. Tejada, D. Wesby

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: S. Acuqui, N. Bissoon, M. Cherenfant, K. Edwards, F. Gulluscio R. Hitlall, K. Lopez, R. Martinez, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, R. Narine, A. Sancler, N. Santiago, A. Siewnarine, G. Singh, V. Singh, A. Vital, L. Walker

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

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Reina, rep., Hon. G. Meeks; C. Moore, rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; A. Alli, rep. Hon. K. Anderson; J. Genna, rep., Hon J. Ariola; D. Brown, rep. Hon. M. Katz; G. Katsalis, QBPO; M. Albert, QDCP; Capt. N. Fenton, XO 106 Pct.; D. Tanis, rep. Resorts World; A. Masoud, CPC Executive Director, B & L Health Inc.; G. Singh, Executive Director, B & L Health Inc.; D. Alalade, PhD, Director of Behavioral Health Science, B & L Health Inc.

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7pm and asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairperson then welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the New Year, and thanked everyone present for attending.

The Informational Public Hearing regarding B & L Health, Inc., d/b/a AllHealth Diagnostic Treatment Center at 107-14 Liberty Avenue, Ozone Park NY 11417 was opened by the Chairperson. She introduced Ahmad Masoud, Gagandeep Singh, and Dayo Alalade, PhD, of Behavioral Health Services and invited them to speak.

Mr. Ahmad Masoud wished everyone a good evening and stated that he hopes that everyone has had a pleasant New Year then began the presentation about the B & L Health, Inc., d/b/a AllHealth Diagnostic Treatment Center, involving its proposal to establish an alcohol detox and substance abuse medical center in Ozone Park. He stated that AllHealth was established in 1996, primarily in Brooklyn as a medical center. He went on to say that recently decided to expand AllHealth into Ozone Park because they see a need for alcohol and addiction services in Ozone Park. He said AllHealth has affiliated sites in Richmond Hill and Ozone Park that treat patients for primary care and then went on to say they there was a need and demand for addiction services and alcohol abuse counseling.

He went on to express his view that a lot of patients in Ozone Park area who need access to care are neglected and are not receiving specialized care when they use hospital emergency rooms. According to Mr. Masoud, that is causing a disruption in the health care system and is causing increased homelessness and crime. Their intention is to establish an alcohol and substance abuse detox facility at 107-14 Liberty Avenue in a building that he said he and his partner, Mr. Singh, own.

Mr. Masoud then described the steps needed to establish their proposed facility in Ozone Park. He stated the first step is to have the Board's approval and expressed it is crucial to them that they collaborate and partner. He stated their intention is not to be a nuisance or to create another problem.

Mr. Masoud then spoke about the experience and background of himself and his colleagues in behavioral health. He said he has been a consultant for the Dept. of Health. He said his colleague, Dr. Dayo, specializes in behavioral health with the Health and Hospitals corporation and his partner, Mr. Singh, specializes in operations management and has been managing facilities for the past decade. According to Mr. Masoud this facility is very important to them.

He said OASAS is the NYS Office of Addiction Support and Services, and they intend to seek OASAS approval for the AllHealth facility he is speaking about. He said All Health's goal is to rehabilitate their patients and bring them back in the community and make them productive members of society.

He then expressed his view that that the program will be highly successful and an asset to the community. He then indicated that Dr. Dayo Alalade, their Behavioral Health Director, would continue the presentation and go into more detail about the protocols and procedures that they have outlined to establish it.

Dr. Alalade introduced himself and wished everyone a happy New Year. He stated he was excited to be at this meeting because they intend on seeking the Community Board's approval and if there are questions, they can address them. He also apologized because they sent out an electronic version of their presentation ahead of time thinking they would be able to project it and they also brought some hard copies of the presentation, but they did not bring enough with them. He added that if there are any questions, they can be directed to them after their presentation.

He went on to say they are seeking approval for 2 distinct programs. The first one is an 816 detox. Detox is a rapid stabilization withdrawal program where the length of stay is 5-7 days after which the program will merge to a second phase which is an 818 or 819 28-day rehab. That will involve more programming and is a group intensive program that doesn't require too much medical. Detox is more intensive with the medical aspect, where they have a doctor 24/7 and a nurse on site 24/7 in addition to the counseling staff on site, which is the major difference between detox and rehab.

He said both patient programs require OASAS approval. They are asking for 10 beds for detox and 20 beds for rehab. They are also asking for 10 flexible beds that can be used for either detox or for rehab depending on fluctuations in patient population. All together they are asking approval for 40 beds.

He said the building can house that. He said each floor of the building that his colleagues own is 8,000 sq. feet for a total of 16,000 sq. feet for both floors. He went on to describe his experience and some of what is involved in operating this type of facility. He also said they are also currently seeking approval for a mental health outpatient program and an outpatient substance abuse treatment program. He said that when they have that in place, patients discharged from detox or rehab will have other programs they can send them to.

He then went on to speak about clinical protocols and practices to be followed and stated they plan to open by June of this year. The facility they plan to use is theirs already and once they are approved will start construction to put everything in place to make the program effective. He spoke about outreach they plan do about staffing and the types and again. He stated they are planning to open with 40 beds in total; 10 beds for detox, 10 flex beds and 20 rehab beds and then said if anyone has any questions to feel free to ask.

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

The Chairperson then asked the Board Members to hold their questions, and she clarified the timeline regarding notification of this proposal and issues related to getting further information from the applicant. She also clarified what had been said earlier by Dr. Dayo regarding availability of the presentation materials. The Chairperson also explained that we are not voting on this tonight since nothing in their communication indicated they needed our approval, and no further information had been provided prior to today to the Board. It's also not yet clear if AllHealth has communicated anything about their proposal to the community at large before tonight.

The Chairperson then opened the floor to questions from Board Members.

There were numerous questions.

A Board Member asked about the locations and sizes of other facilities they mentioned they had and for any statistics they had related to calls for law enforcement or other emergency responses. Mr. Masoud answered that they have several facilities and their primary location in Midwood, Brooklyn is 8,000 sq. feet. He said it is a busy area and is densely populated similar to Ozone Park. He said they also have a location on Coney Island Avenue, but their affiliated sites are directly in this area in Richmond Hill and Ozone Park. He said the first site that they have established was at 112-20 Liberty Avenue and it began as a primary care location with one doctor seeing patients in the community for general family health care and then it expanded from 112-20 Liberty Avenue to an urgent care facility because the population wanted convenient and quick action to a medical provider on the weekends, evenings and on various days. So that facility at 112-20 Liberty Avenue is 4,000 sq. feet.

The Board Member asked if the other facilities they have are for more generalized care and if this one is the first in-patient rehabilitation site for people with substance abuse problems. Mr. Masoud stated yes, this is the first alcohol and substance abuse center that is regulated by OASAS, however, AllHealth operates as a licensed diagnostic and treatment center that provides primary care and specialty care including mental health and they do treat substance abuse, but their population of substance abusers is much lower. It is not designed as a specialty substance abuse center. Their goal is to create this facility in the Ozone Park community and at the same time they are launching a 6,000 sq. ft. similar structure in Brooklyn as well.

A Board Member asked the Land Use Chair if the building is zoned for this type of use. The Land Use Chair replied that we are being asked to look at this, but we have not researched it 100% and we need more time to do that. The Board Member also asked if they already have patients ready for that facility and what percentage of them are from the CB10 area. Dr. Alalade stated that when they present an application, they are required to notify the Community Board of their intention to set up the program, and the approval comes from the state. They are getting the approval from the NYC Dept. of Health and NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse and Support. That is the way the approval process works. When they present the application, they must show the prevalence of the disease whether it is reported or undiagnosed by catchment areas. They have people who mine the data for them, and they know the problem exists and it's not been treated and when they put the application together, they will be happy to share the information with the Board. Their primary focus will be on the patients in this area.

A Board member asked for clarification as to the building size of 8,000 sq. feet. Dr. Alalade answered that they are next to each other, and they are combining it.

A Board Member asked about whether patients would have visitors and if there would be a curfew. Dr. Alalade replied that the detox is intensive and is a 5 day stay so the patients can't leave or get visitors because they are going through withdrawal and stabilization, so it is medically supervised. They can have breaks to smoke outside with supervision. In the rehab program it is a 28-day stay so they can have visitors on the weekends, but because of confidentiality issues, we tell the patient whoever is visiting them can't tell anyone who they are visiting here. He said it is a well-run, well-oiled operation. There are restrictions that patients must follow and there are many guidelines that the facility must follow.

The Board Member said they mentioned there was a curfew, but they did not say what time the curfew was. Dr. Alalade replied that the curfew was not written in stone yet.

A Board Member asked if they have an application in with OASAS or are they waiting to submit the application. Dr. Alalade stated that they are waiting to submit the application, it has not been submitted. He said the first step in the process is to notify the Community Board. The Board Member stated that reason he asked that question is because a June opening had been said and when dealing with the state it may take a while. Dr. Alalade stated that it is aspirational. The Board Member also asked about if the case management that they spoke about going out into the community and commented that often case management happens within facilities and there are memorandums of understanding with community-based organizations. He asked if they have those MOUs in place already or if they still must work that out. Dr. Alalade replied that they are just telling everyone what they plan on doing.

The Board Member asked about recidivism and outcomes and if there is a plan in place to mitigate recidivism. Dr. Alalade replied that they submitted the application for Article 31 and 32 already and they will have continuity of care so that if the patient is discharged from their program and they need mental health, they will send them to one of their providers. The approval is happening at the same time, and this is the first time we are already seeking approval for outpatient already and that the capacity for that is huge.

A Board Member asked where the referral source is coming from and how they insure there is a primary focus on the community. Dr. Alalade answered that in addition to the existing medical facilities they have here, they have other practices in this neighborhood, and once the facility opens they will do a lot of outreach.

The Board member asked what their discharge protocol is and if it is based on the insurance payments. What if the patient is there for the 30-day length of time and require further treatment? The response given was that is why they put flex beds in their application. When they have the flex beds built into the structure it allows them to keep a patient longer. He continued that sometimes they don't even get paid beyond the date the state will pay but because of the care they provide he will hold the patient longer. The Board Member asked if there is a maximum number of days a patient may stay. Dr. Alalade stated they can only stay 28 days max and that each day after, the reimbursement goes down. The Board Member asked about the follow-up provided. Dr. Alalade stated that they hope that it wouldn't be a revolving door. It depends on the quality of care you are giving. Before they even contemplated opening an inpatient service, they already are seeking approval for their outpatient program. So that will continue continuity because from his 26 years of experience not every patient they discharge is ready and if you don't do follow up with patients, you are going to see them again. He stated they proposed an outpatient program first, so that once they have this kind of program, they have a place that's theirs. They can utilize other referral sources too, but that will be theirs. They know who the people are, and we know what to do. The Board Member asked where that is currently located. Dr. Alalade stated it is going to be is at 1100 Coney Island Avenue. They are working on the application, and it is almost approved.

The Board Member commented that if it's a community patient, and they go through the program, but they go to the follow up facility they must go to Coney Island. Dr. Alalade responded care is care, and if you can ensure the quality of what you are providing, that is the best we can do for now. We have other sites in this neighborhood. If the population is there, they will seek approval to expand.

Mr. Masoud explained that their primary site has been in Brooklyn, so AllHealth was established in Midwood and Coney Island. Their decision to make the initial outpatient site was in Coney Island because they had the built out space but once the primary site is built for outpatient mental health, their plan was to do an extension site in Ozone Park and they already had this space laid out on Liberty Avenue, so based on their attorneys and consultants that would be the fastest and most efficient path for them. They wanted to start in Brooklyn and expand to Queens.

A Board Member asked about how data they mentioned earlier showed Ozone Park was where they should locate the facility. Mr. Masoud stated that they looked at Queens in general. They looked at Richmond Hill, Ozone Park and Liberty Avenue. Liberty Avenue is Richmond Hill and there is Ozone Park right next door. He continued that if you look at the number of bars and cannabis dispensaries that have opened, it has increased the amount of alcohol and substance abuse in the area. He said they looked at an initial base of 12,000 patients. They saw a very large percentage of alcoholism, depression and some substance abuse. They are working on the data, and it will be in their application to OASAS. He said that since they have a commercial property at 107-14 and it was vacant, they decided that would be the best location. The Board Member then asked if the site was more about the facility location than it was particularly serving the needs of addicts in this particular area. Mr. Masoud stated that he thinks it is both. The location is very accessible. He said it's a busy area, and it is large enough to accommodate a program of this size, and it is walking distance from Richmond Hill and from surrounding areas because they have four primary care locations in that vicinity. He said they are confident that this would be able to serve this immediate area and do a lot of good for the community. Under the right protocol and with, the right oversight, he said they can reduce the number of ER visits, the number of incidents, and the number of overdoses and crisis.

The Chairperson asked if there were any further questions. The Land Use Committee Chair commented that providing a safe environment is very important to the businesses on that commercial strip as well as to the nearby residents. He continued that it sounds like they are taking four buildings, maybe each 20 feet wide with 2 floors and merging them. They have not provided any clear information yet as to how the building will be laid out, where their outdoor smoking

space will be, etc. He said they will need to get back to us with that type of information as the community will want to know that kind of information. Mr. Alalade said that they have an architect who is working with them now to put the drawing together and for all those questions OASAS will also require they give them satisfactory answers before they approve the program.

The Chairperson commented that normally we get that type of information before we consider approving something and we will come back to this on another evening when more specific information is provided. She said that if any Board members had any further questions to please get them to the office to follow up on getting answers. She also announced that the Board Members will get a copy of the presentation via e-mail tomorrow and thanked the Board members for their questions tonight. She thanked the presenters for their time and presentation then closed the public hearing as the meeting needed to continue with the rest of the business on the agenda.

The Chairperson then introduced Capt. Nigel Fenton, Executive Officer of the 106th Precinct, and invited him to speak. Capt. Fenton introduced himself and wished everyone a happy New Year and a prosperous 2026. He then reported that the 106th Pct. finished 2025 with about 15 more major felony crimes. The main crimes that were driving the precinct crime were grand larceny auto, grand larceny, and felony assaults. He continued that with the grand larceny autos, Honda CRV's are being stolen, and he suggested putting a club on your car to help prevent these thefts. He also suggested using wheel locks to help prevent tire and rim thefts. He reported most of the felony assaults are domestic related and some have been taking place in some bars and clubs along Liberty Avenue and Rockaway Blvd. He stated that the precinct hopes to make 2026 a good year. There were 6 traffic fatalities for 2025, and they are doing checkpoints and issuing summonses along Cross Bay Blvd. and the Belt Pkwy. They also did an operation with Highway Safety and the Traffic Team. He continued in 2025 they established a Quality-of-Life Team that has been answering 311 calls in the community. He reported that the 911 response time for calls has been better even though personnel levels continue to be challenging. He wished everyone a happy New Year and thanked everyone for being here this evening.

The meeting continued with the regular order of business.

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

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

- Letter from B & L Health
- Letter from DOT regarding request for a speed hump on 117 St bet. 115 Ave & Linden Blvd. that stated that it did not meet the criteria.
- Letter from DOT regarding request for a speed hump on 84 St. bet. 107 Ave & 116 Ave. Street that stated that it met the criteria and installation will take place when the resources are available.
- Notice from DOT regarding the request for "No Standing Anytime" signs on Pitkin Ave. bet. Centreville St. & the street end gate by the casino. It stated that an order is prepared for the installation of this signage and that the work will be completed by 3/31.
- Letter from DOT regarding a traffic signal that was approved at the intersection of Linden Blvd. & 135 St. It said that it will take 6 months before the initial installation takes place.
- Letter from DOT regarding request for a speed hump on 92 St. bet. 159 Ave. & 160 Ave. that stated that it did not meet the criteria.
- Letter from NYC Employees Practices Commission stating that our audit was complete.
- Letter from Queens Parks regarding the Old Howard Beach Shoreline Project stating that the design phase has been delayed due to a DEP request for CCTV inspection of a sewer line. The design was originally projected to be completed in December, but now it is pushed to July 2026.
- Letter from Transitional Housing Services regarding an update on their intent to build at 95-26 Rkwy. Blvd.
- Letter sent to Cannabis Control Board regarding 117-12 Liberty Ave. site.

The Public Safety Committee Chair commented that one of the applicants for the proposed detox and rehab site had said that the cannabis shops on Liberty Ave. were a factor they said contributed to the need for that kind of facility in their view.

The Board Chairperson then added that we had voted in the past to empower the Land Use and Public Safety Committees to do the work involved to formulate our opinion letters to OCM regarding cannabis license applications. She asked for a motion to continue that process and add to it that unless there is support for a particular site expressed by the community residents in its proximity our opinions will be negative.

A motion to do so was made by A. Gellineau and was seconded by D. Wesby. The Chairperson asked if there was any discussion on the motion. Hearing none.

The vote on the motion was: all present in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstaining. The motion carried.

The Land Use Committee Chair stated that now there are 550 such stores that have opened in the State of NY and the State has collected \$2 billion dollars from them. He expressed there must be legislation put together regarding saturation because no matter what we say or do, we haven't had one store we've considered that has rejected. He asked when enough will be enough and said he believes that we will need to put pressure on our local representatives on the state level to see if there are ways to legislate solutions to the issues that have arisen since the legalization allowed such stores in local neighborhoods.

The Chairperson added that the Public Safety Committee Chair also has information regarding changes with the signage relating to cannabis. The Land Use Committee Chair asked if we could opt out. The Chairperson explained why Community Boards could not opt out.

The Chairperson then resumed with reviewing the correspondence.

- OMB notices, none were specific to our Board.
- Calendar of Public Hearings on Contract Awards.
- December Design Commission Meeting notice

The Chairperson commented that if any Board Members would like a copy of anything listed in the directed mail to give the office a call.

TREASURER REPORT: In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairperson read the treasury report for December.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIASION REPORT: Georgia Katsalis introduced herself and wished everyone a good evening and stated that she hoped that everyone had a wonderful holiday and wished everyone a happy New Year. She announced they will be holding a housing webinar on 1/20 at 6 pm on Zoom and the RSVP for this event is at queensbp.nyc.gov. They are also holding Lunar New Year at Queens Borough Hall on 2/23 at 5 pm and a Black History Month Celebration will be held at Queens Borough Hall on 2/25 at 5:30 pm. They also have relaunched an African American Heritage Scholarship in December to make higher education more accessible and for those interested, applications can be submitted to Shurn Anderson at ahurnanderson@queensbp.nyc.gov or applications can be faxed to 718-286-3134. For more information, visit the website at queensbp.nyc.gov. She continued that the Community Board applications period opened today, and they encourage any advocates with passion for their community to come forward and apply. Anyone with any questions about applying can contact Michael Carlier, Director of Queens Community Board at 718-286-2618 and for any general questions, they can contact the Chairperson or District Manager at CB 10 or Borough Hall at 718-286-3000. She stated that she hopes that everyone stays warm and has a wonderful evening.

CITY PLANNING LIASION REPORT: Mia Albert introduced herself and stated that DCP had voted in favor of the action on 78-08 Linden Blvd. and it will now be going to the city council. She announced that any written comments on the Jewel Streets Neighborhood Plan will be taken until 1/30 at 5 pm. They can be sent to COHNJ@hpd.nyc.gov or to the HPD website or to her at malbert@planning.nyc.gov

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: The District Manager wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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

- Changes in fare for the Metro/OMNY cards
- Flyers from AM Anderson
- SOP library event with certifications that will be hosted by AM Anderson
- Info from Con-Ed regarding winter safety
- Consumer Affairs, Public Safety and Sewers Committee reports

She also reported that we have until 1/16 to send an opinion on the application for a cannabis license at 92-06 Liberty Ave. and that we will send a negative opinion since no comment from the community in support of this establishment has been expressed.

The Chairperson announced that term limits are approaching. She said the first group will be term limited in 2027. All Board members whose terms expire this year are not term limited now and are eligible to re-apply. She read the list of those 26 Board members and urged them to do so since they are all valuable voices. Each of them will be sent the information from our office about the time frame to submit applications and how to access the renewal application.

The Chairperson announced that as of 12/15 Resorts World's gaming license was issued. She then invited David Tanis to speak. He wished everyone a happy New Year and announced that the gaming license is now signed, sealed and delivered. Resorts World now has the full casino license in hand, and they have a \$7.5 billion plan for expanding. He continued that the licenses were issued to Resorts World, Citi Field and Bally's in the Bronx. Bally's and the City Field casinos will not be up and running for 3-5 years. Resorts World is looking to open full gaming in early March or April. He continued that they are doing a rapid push to hire 2,000 people for their first phase and they have had several hiring fairs, dealer schools, procurement fairs and they are launching intro to gaming CUNY wide at York College and at Kingsborough College in Brooklyn. There will be a lot of exciting updates coming and he asked for everyone to share them with your family and friends. He thanked everyone for enduring this with them and for supporting them by coming to hearings and writing letters, all of which helped and now they are finally here, and they hope to continue to be an asset and resource for CB 10.

The Chairperson asked him to please take back to them congratulations from CB 10. She added that the state is a little richer since one of the license conditions was that they had to deliver \$500 million by 12/31 to the state of New York and an amount representing 5% of the total investment proposed in the bid. They have worked well with this board for 15 years and they know how to run a casino, and we know that it can work. Mr. Tanis added that regarding employment, that they are offering well paying positions and they are union positions. If people attend the dealer school, they will learn skills that can lead to making over 6-digit figures, and we want to make sure these opportunities are available to residents in our community.

The Chairperson reported on components submitted in our Community Board Statement of Needs and Budget Requests and that the budget process will continue at the Borough level in February.

The meeting continued with committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAND USE: The Land Use Committee Chairperson wished everyone a good evening and stated that as he had mentioned last month, we have a BSA action coming up and we invited them to attend a Land Use Committee Meeting on 1/22 and that we will also hear from them at our February Board Meeting so that we can vote on it. He wished everyone a happy New Year.

JFK INTERNATIONAL: The Chairperson stated that we received information last month regarding the Port Authority Capital Plan and that testimony was submitted by CB 10.

TRANSPORTATION: The Committee Chair announced that MTA fares are now \$3.00 a ride and that the elevator at Cross Bay Blvd. & Rkwy. Blvd is almost completed. He continued that Metro Cards are being phased out, and they are switching over to OMNY cards however, you can use Metro cards until they run out. OMNY cards will cost \$2.00 and will last for 5 years. He wished everyone a happy and healthy and wealthy New Year.

PARKS: The Committee Chair reported that Southern Fields is getting a new artificial turf field which should make the kids in the area who use it very happy.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Committee Chair announced that a report came out that there has been a decline in traffic fatalities by 19% and 23% in Queens due to Vision Zero as a whole. He wished everyone a happy New Year.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS: The Committee Chair said the report was in the folder material.

SEWERS: The Chairperson stated that the Board Members have a copy of his report in their folders. The report provides information on the Jewel Streets pre-scoping and the scoping hearing.

The Board Chairperson commented that the Committee Chairperson ably provided comment at the Jewel Streets scoping Public Hearing. She continued that she asked him to elaborate on the points he made during the 3 minutes speakers were allowed at that hearing and to prepare the Board's written comment to submit. He agreed and she thanked him for doing the work involved. He thanked the Chairperson for her confidence in him.

The Chairperson thanked the Sewer Committee Chair and the Transportation Chair for attending the Jewel Street Hearing.

The Chairperson asked for a motion for the Board to authorize the Sewer Committee Chair to write the Jewel Streets official written statement from the Board. The motion to do so was made by M. Rosa and was seconded by J. Caruso.

The vote on the motion was: All in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstaining. The motion carries.

LIBRARIES: The Committee Chair stated the report is in the folder and wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2026 and to continue to support the public library. The Chairperson welcomed the Library Committee Chair back and stated that we all missed her.

PERSONNEL: The Committee Chair stated that he wishes the best for the personnel at CB 10 in 2026.

SANITATION: The Committee Chair announced that the report is in the folder and that Christmas trees can be put out on recycling compost days up until May but that they cannot be wrapped in plastic or have lights on them.

OLD BUSINESS: Hearing none.

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 announced the IRS is encouraging people to prepare for their taxes. They can go to IRS/getready to file tax returns. He continued there is a major change in that the IRS won't issue paper tax refund checks any longer so individuals must set up a direct deposit account. He stated that he will keep CB 10 posted on any further updates. He also stated that the TSA Confirmation ID Program will begin on 2/21. He continued that 1/30 is the deadline for Congress to pass the budget and that SNAP, WIC and HeadStart have received their own funding in case of a shutdown. For any questions or inquiries, he can be reached at 718-725-6000

The Chairperson introduced Carl Moore rep. Senator Addabbo's office and invited him to speak. Mr. Moore stated that the Senator wishes everyone a happy New Year and that he is going back to Albany this week so if there is anything that you want to make him aware of to call the office and they will let him know.

The Chairperson introduced Alisha Alli from AM Anderson's office and invited her to speak. Ms. Alli wished everyone a happy New Year and good health. She stated that on 1/16 NYLAG's Mobile Van will be in front of their So. Ozone Park office at 131-15 Rkwy. Blvd. for free legal assistance from 10 am -3pm and to call their office at 718-322-4951 to make an appointment. She added that this mobile van will be there once a month. She continued that they will also be hosting Let's Get Civic once a month where constituents can voice concerns and can speak directly with AM Anderson. They will be hosting this event on 1/17 at 149-15 243 Street in Rosedale at 10 am and appointments are needed. Also, on 2/21 they will be holding the same event at the So. Ozone Park library on 128

Street. They are also offering housing assistance, landlord tenant assistance, tenant issues, eviction on 1/21 from 10 am to 3 pm by appointment only with Chaaya and appointments are needed. She continued that National Grid will be available on 1/23 to help constituents with utility questions or paying bills from 11 am to 3 pm and that they will be holding this event once a month as well. She added that the Assemblymember will be hosting the State of the District on 2/27 in Far Rockway and for any questions to call then at 718-322-4958.

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 stated that the Councilmember wanted to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. She continued they are planning events for the council district that will be posted on the Councilmember's Facebook page. She also announced that they had to close their Ozone Park office due to outstanding issues with the landlord and they are currently working at 114-12 Beach Channel Drive. They can still be contacted at 718-738-1083 since their phones are being transferred to the Rockaway office. They are also setting up mobile office hours next week at libraries at Glendale, Woodhaven, Ozone Park and Howard Beach and they will post it in their social media accounts with a schedule once they have it set. She stated that the Councilmember also encourages people to send their opinions on HPD's proposal on Jewel Streets. She continued and spoke about legislation passed by the Council that requires the FDNY to deliver PAS bunker fire gear to our firefighters by 2028 and requires DEP to clean out catch basins within 8 days of a complaint and to also keep a record of each catch basin throughout NYC. She said the Councilmember looks forward to continuing to work across the aisle to get things done for everyone, and she looks forward to her next four years.

The Chairperson introduced Dan Brown from DA Katz's office and invited him to speak. Mr. Brown announced that he has the DA's monthly newsletter available on the table up front, which has cases of interest and endeavors the DA is working on throughout the Borough in it. He said that on 12/11 the Queens DA Melinda Katz announced that a convicted murderer was sentenced to 23 years in prison for fatally shooting a 51-year-old woman shortly after she opened the door to her Ozone Park home in May 2022. The victim was a tarot card reader and the assailant thought that she was a witch who put a curse on him. The man who resided on 88 Street in Howard Beach pleaded guilty on September 8th to manslaughter in the first degree in satisfaction of the charges against him. According to the charges, of May 4, 2022, the convicted man knocked on the front door of the victim's residence at 109 Avenue Ozone Park and when she answered the door, the assailant shot her in her neck and arm and fled in his car. Police responded to the scene and the victim was pronounced dead. The defendant later pulled up outside the 106th Precinct and surrendered to the police. He said that for any questions, he can be reached at 718-286-6593

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

NEW BUSINESS: Hearing none.

PUBLIC FORUM:

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

The Chairperson wished everyone a happy New Year and thanked everyone again for attending the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,



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