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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

April 7, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

B. Braton, M. Q. Amin, A. Antonino, P. Baumann, N. Bissoon, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, E. Cheng, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Cosentino, F. Dardani, A. Deebrah, I. Dimoh, J. Fazio, E. Fraylon, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, R. Graziano, A. Hill, E. Holland, M. Logan, A. Maharaj, R. Martinez, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, S. Mohammed, A. Nocerino, S. Pace, A. Rajnauth, B. Ramsundar, N. Santiago, J. Stahl, S. Uddin, I. VanPutten, L. Walker

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

M. Adams, L. Amorim, M. Cherenfant, J. Coulverson, A. Dhanpat, B. Escobar, A. Garcia, R. Hitlall, P. Kishun, R. Narine, J. Quijano, G. Russo, V. Singh, M. Vecchio

COMMUNITY BOARD 10 STAFF PRESENT:

K. Petersen, D.M.; M. May; J. Donohue

OTHERS PRESENT:

N. Hezekiah, Rep., Hon G. Meeks; C. Moore, Rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; P. Summers, Rep., Hon. K. Anderson; J. Greenberg, Rep., Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; V. Isufaj, Rep., Hon. J. Rajkumar; L. Fogal, Rep., Hon. J. Ariola; L. Shelborne-Barfield, Rep., Hon. A. Adams; K. Morris, Mayor's CAU; D. Brown, QDA's Office; Capt. J. Bacchi, CO 106 Precinct; Det. B. Reddick, Community Affairs 106 Precinct; J. Mongeluzo, NYC Comptroller's Office, A. Miner, Outreach Specialist, CAO NY/NJ; B. Morrison, Account Manager, CAO NY/NJ; V. Noel, Director of New Business Development, CAO NY/NJ; J. Humbert, VWE Community Liaison

The Chairperson began the meeting conducted remotely via Zoom at 7:00 pm, which was also live streamed on YouTube. Board member attendance was taken by rollcall, and it was established a quorum was present. It was indicated attendance would be reviewed again later during the meeting to add any members missed in the roll call.

The Chairperson addressed attendees indicating that any Muslim members who may need to leave the meeting to break the Ramadan fast with their families should feel free to do so.

The Board Chair reported that the board is again full at 50 members and announced the names of all the reappointments made by QBP Richards: M. Amin, L. Amorim, J. Caruso, A. Cosentino, F Dardani, A. Dhanpat, I. Dimoh, J. Fazio, E. Fraylon, P. Granickas, R. Hitlall, P. Kishun, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, J. Quijano, N. Santiago, J. Stahl, M. Vecchio, L. Walker. Then the names of the new appointees were announced, whose terms of office took effect on April 1: S. Uddin, B. Escobar, R. Narine, A. Hill, R.Graziano, A. Rajnauth.

The Chair welcomed the new members and congratulated those who were reappointed.

The Chair then asked if any elected officials had joined the meeting, hearing none; noting they are busy up in Albany.

At this point, the Chairperson opened the informational public hearing for the evening and introduced the representatives from the Council for Airport Opportunity NY/NJ: Aaron Miner, Outreach Specialist; Bobby Morrison, and Account Manager; Verdina Noel, Director of New Business Development; to speak about the organization and the opportunities they offer. She welcomed the presenters and informed them they would be able to share their screen.

A. Miner thanked the Chair for the introduction and for having us tonight.

Mr. Miner stated Mr. Morrison would speak and share his screen and explain a little bit more about who we are and what we do.

Mr. Morrison greeted everyone, introduced himself and said thank you for having us.

CAO is a nonprofit trade association created in 1972 in collaboration with airline companies and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey. CAO is an organization that's funded by the airlines and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey and its goal is to connect the underserved communities surrounding Newark, LaGuardia, and JFK with job opportunities at these airports and assist people in finding jobs. The Airport has a multitude of jobs such as: customer service, driving positions, flight attendant, food service, retail cashiers, ramp agent jobs, cargo loading - there's something for everyone.

Thousands of jobs are generated from these airports. Working at the airport is a great experience, and the aviation industry is very flexible; you can work part-time or full-time. If you're thinking about a job at one of the airports, come to CAO to meet with one of our account managers who will help you explore every opportunity and find the right opportunity for you.

All three major airports are moving forward with their redevelopment plans and many employment opportunities are expected to be generated from these redevelopment programs. Currently there is a huge demand for staffing and many of our employer partners are looking to hire and fill vacancies immediately. These are just a few of the many multiple partners CAO works with: United Airlines, American Airlines, JetBlue, Delta, ABM, WFS, SSP, Hallmark, Swissport.

These are a few of the questions you should ask yourself if you're interested in working in the aviation industry: are you 18 or older; do you have great communication skills; do you enjoy interacting with people; are you dependable and reliable; do you have a flexible schedule; are you committed to reporting to work on time; are you a positive person; are you willing to learn new skills

The pre-screening process and pre-employment process:

Pre-screening: Register with CAO: <https://www.caonynj.com/applicant-registration/>, Orientation, Career Readiness Workshops, CAO Account Manager One-on-One, Receive employment referrals.

Pre-Employment: interview with hiring manager, drug test, fingerprinting, 10-year background / criminal investigation, SIDA Badge, assigned a start date, follow-up w/Account Manager

Mr. Morrison stated CAO offers both virtual and in-person services. Our office is now open three days a week for candidates who are interested in coming in for a one-on-one with an account manager: Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays, for face-to-face interactions. All you have to do is set up an appointment. Candidates who are interested should feel free to email their resume directly to him: BMorrison@caony.com (917-444-2407). Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, this concludes my presentation.

Mr. Miner thanked Mr. Morrison and indicated he would put his contact info as well in the Chat and asked if anyone had any questions.

The Chair thanked them for the presentation and asked if there is anyone from the public on the phone line who has a question or a comment, hearing none.

The Chair asked if there is any member of the public who is on the Zoom video who has a question or a comment, hearing/seeing none.

The Chair stated, for anyone who is watching on the live stream, if you have a question or a comment you may reach our office at 718-843-4488 or by e-mail at: qn10@cb.nyc.gov any time before the end of the day tomorrow, and we'd be happy to get an answer for you or enter your comment into the record.

The Chair then asked if there is any member of the board who has a question, hearing none.

The Chair thanked the CAO representatives for the presentation, stating we were glad to have you this evening. Mr. Miner said thank you for having us, it's been a pleasure.

The Chair then continued with the regular order of business and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 2022 minutes. Hearing none, the Chair indicated the March minutes will stand as presented.

At this point the Chair continued with the next item of business, the Election of Board Officers for 2022 – 2023, indicating the floor is open to nominations.

Board member Frank Dardani nominated the existing slate of officers as follows: Betty Braton as Board Chairperson; John Calcagnile as first Vice Chairperson; Isabel VanPutten as Second Vice Chairperson; Nellie Santiago as Treasurer; and Rosemary Ciulla-Frisone as Executive Secretary.

Board member John Fazio indicated he would like to second the nominations and the Board Chair explained that nominations don't require seconds.

The Board Chair asked individually by position for any further nominations for each position. There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

The Board Chair stated that to comply with the Open Meetings Law all votes must be recorded.

Therefore, for the office of Chairperson, Betty Braton, are there any "no" votes (hearing none); are there any abstentions (hearing none); all others present will be recorded as "yes."

For the office of First Vice Chairperson, John Calcagnile, are there any "no" votes (hearing none); are there any abstentions (hearing none); all others present will be recorded as "yes."

For the office of Second Vice Chairperson, Isabel VanPutten, are there any "no" votes (hearing none); are there any abstentions (hearing none); all others present will be recorded as "yes."

For the office of Treasurer, Nellie Santiago, are there any "no" votes (hearing none); are there any abstentions (hearing none); all others present will be recorded as "yes."

For the office of Executive Secretary, Rosemary Ciulla-Frisone, are there any "no" votes (hearing none); are there any abstentions (hearing none); all others present will be recorded as "yes."

The Board Chair thanked the Executive Board for their assistance throughout the year.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chairperson reviewed incoming correspondence for the month of March 2022 which included:

- New Yorkers 4 Parks request for support: circulate & sign 1% for Parks petition; issue a letter from CB10 to Mayor Adams to live up to his campaign promise and spend 1% of the FY2023 budget on NYC parks. There is a link for the petition so anyone who may wish to sign may do so. The Board Chair addressed the Parks Committee Chair and asked him if the Parks Committee would like to take up the issue in regard to a letter to the Mayor on the 1% budget funding.
- NYC DOT speed reducer: 122 Street between 107 Avenue & 109 Avenue
- NYC DEP: NYS LIHWAP (Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program)

- Capt. Bacchi invitation: NYPD 106 Precinct Community Against Gun Violence Event / Calvary Assembly of God (parking lot) Rockaway Blvd. & 101 Street / Saturday, May 7th from 10am-2pm / CB10 Chairperson and staff invited to participate. The Chair indicated we will be setting up a table there and board members are urged to attend and spread the word among your organizations.
- NYC DSNY notification: NYC Compost Project - Master Composter Certificate Course
- VJ Car & Limo Service, Inc: base station renewal notification / request for letter of no objection: 104-08 123 Street, RH (for the benefit of the new members the Chair explained that car services are required to have a letter of no objection from the Council person whose district they're in, from the community board, and from the precinct, regarding their location, and they must have off-street parking for a portion of their cars)
- NYMTC Notice: Program, Finance & Administration Committee (PFAC) Meeting, Thursday 04/14/22 at 11:30am.
- DCAS revised Commissioner's Directive concerning safety practices of City personnel
- NYS Dept. of Public Service: Con Edison filing amendments to its electric and natural gas tariff schedules
- April 15th Extension to Governor's Executive Order (which is what allowed us to continue to meet remotely for April and expires April 15th. We'll know after April 15th whether we are live or virtual in May).
- NYMTC Notice of Comment Period: Proposed Transportation Improvement Program Amendments
- DOB Crane notice
- Comments to the Mayor's Office regarding some of the letters sent regarding comments agencies made regarding our budget requests
- Notice of BSA application filed regarding extension of term: 133-35 79 Street, HB

The Chair noted members have the list of directed mail in their folder material, and asked members to let her know if there is anything anybody wants a copy of.

TREASURER'S REPORT – the Treasurer read the report of expenditures for the month March 2022.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT – M. Cano – not in attendance.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT – J. Resor – not in attendance. The Chair commented on the training sessions that DCP did last week and earlier in March. It was indicated the link to where you can download the material was received and interested members were asked to let the office know and the link would be sent to them.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – The District Manager reported notification has been received that in the coming weeks National Grid has planned construction work to install a new gas main on Lefferts Boulevard between 107 Avenue and 109th Avenue. 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 the building. If this is the case, the homeowner will be contacted by a National Grid Representative to make an appointment.

The Ozone Park library located at 92-24 Rockaway Blvd, Ozone Park is closed for roof repairs, and it's anticipated the library will re-open to the public in the Fall of 2022.

The Lefferts library and the South Ozone Park library are offering Wi-fi hotspots that can be loaned out. Devices may be checked out for two months with up to five optional renewals. To participate in this program, you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- You must have a valid Queens Public Library card and be at least 18 years old
- Have no outstanding fees
- Have no internet access at home

There is a limit of one device per household.

In person programming is now back in the libraires and on-line programming is available as well.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – The Chairperson reported / commented on the following:

At the March 14th Borough Board meeting the Borough Board voted to approve its preliminary budget response to the Mayor's presented budget, that will posted on the BP's website at some point. I do have a copy of the draft that was approved, if anybody wants to have a copy of it just let me know and I'll be able to send it.

Tuesday night there was presentation by MTA Bus in regard to the Queens Bus Network Redesign (board members received presentation in folder material). The process began back in April 2019; an Existing Conditions Report was published September 2019; they redrew the network and developed a Draft Plan issued December 2019; they did outreach to the public on that plan from January to March 2020 (screen was shared). Then along came Covid and they started all over in August 2021.

The new draft plan public outreach is underway now to June 2022. How to provide feedback: for anyone on the board, anyone on the phone line, anyone watching on YouTube, you can go to MTA's webpage and Google Queens Bus Redesign, you'll find your way to the page where you can see interactive maps for the routes that you're interested in. There are also links to make comments, we posted that on our Facebook page. You can also join a virtual workshop by community district. On May 18th MTA will be hosting a virtual workshop for the CB10 area. I would urge anyone with concerns about the bus routes to join in that Zoom on May 18th 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

What's next in the plan. The proposed final plan will be released after completing the new draft plan outreach process and factoring in comments to inform any additional changes to the bus schedule. The proposed final plan will be followed by another round of public outreach, MTA will hold public open houses to solicit feedback and they will present a proposed final plan when it comes out to the Borough Board, to the District Service Cabinet, and to the community board. At some point they will be before us for a public hearing where you again will have an opportunity to comment and ask questions. I would urge everybody if you have concerns and anyone who wants to download the entire set of bus routes for the entire borough it's downloadable on their website. It is lengthy. You can select the routes you're interested in. You'll be able to see what they're doing with bus stops they're looking to remove, that's a double-edged sword. There are some bus stops that maybe should be removed and there are other bus stops in areas where there may be a number of children who use the bus and their parents may not want them at a stop far away from home; we have a large population of seniors in parts of our area and walking longer distances may not be something that's a good thing for that population. There's a lot to consider with this and I would urge everybody to not ignore participating in it, which in a sense is what they're counting on. People don't avail themselves of the opportunity to comment and then MTA will go ahead and make the changes, and everybody complains about it afterwards. The other thing that needs to constantly be said is that MTA is not reading Facebook. Commenting on social media is not where the commenting has to take place. The commenting needs to take place on MTA's webpage or at their meetings and hearings.

You all received notice of the sample letter that National Grid is sending out. It is required that National Grid must check gas meters. It's a legal requirement. They will send you a letter that you make an appointment. The company that is the contractor for National Grid is Precision Pipeline Solutions. If they come to your door without making an appointment, you don't have to let them in; you can call National Grid to make an appointment.

You have in your folders information about how to sign up to receive Notify NYC information.

You have in your folders information about DSNY Safe Disposal Events.

We sent you today the list of upcoming events from Senator Addabbo.

The Chair asked if anyone had any questions, hearing none.

The meeting continued with **COMMITTEE REPORTS** as follows:

CONSUMER AFFAIRS – the Committee Chairperson indicated report was in board folders.

EDUCATION – the Committee Chairperson reported ELA exams for grades 3 to 8 took place 03/29 - 03/31; math will be 04/26 - 04/28; spring break is 04/15 - 04/22; Pre-K applications are due 04/14. DOE District 27 is having a virtual town hall meeting on chronic absenteeism (flyer will sent to the board office tomorrow for distribution).

GATEWAY – the Committee Chair noted he had no report, but wanted to extend thanks and appreciation to all who were concerned about his sickness.

The Board Chair said we're glad you're back with us.

LAND USE – the Committee Chair reported on the two actions they’re working on. On 03/30 Chairperson Braton, CM Ariola, and he had a preapplication meeting with the applicant and their zoning attorney who is representing both cases. They met at the board office, and went through both applications. The residential development at 135-27 Sapphire Street is still in the early stages. We and CM Ariola had our comments for them, based on the impact that it would be making on the Lindenwood community school system and so forth. It looks like we convinced them to still be active in developing that site and to come back to us with a redesign possibly of something a little smaller and fitting that area.

We also heard about the mosque project from the zoning attorney. That is moving along, it’s in BSA and that application is moving along so we heard it out and it looks like everybody is in favor. They came back with the final more redesigned project. Originally, they submitted maybe two or three different alternates. So, we’re looking at the one final design. We had some questions; they were very responsive. It looks like we’re wanting to move that to the full board meeting for a vote in September – which means that I will be setting up a Land Use Committee Meeting, I’ll try to do it in June, before we break for the summer. I will be in touch with the Land Use Committee to let you know when we can do that meeting and then be ready for the full board vote when we come back in September.

At this time, the Board Chair reviewed the attendance once again to add any members missed in the earlier roll call.

PARKS & RECREATION – the Committee Chair reminded everyone bar-b-queuing and fires of any kind are not permitted in any of the parks or playgrounds in CB10.

The Board Chair addressed the Committee Chair regarding the request from New Yorkers 4 Parks and asked, would the committee recommend that we write a letter, noting we have several items in our budget priorities that relate to Parks. The Committee Chair replied “yes”. The Board Chair asked if there is any objection from anyone on the board to sending a letter asking the Mayor to increase the Parks budget by 1%, hearing none.

PERSONNEL – the Committee Chair commented on DCAS memo regarding post Covid safety practices of City personnel, noting that Covid is on the rise again and to be aware. The Board Chair stated, we’re aware, we’re compliant at the office with their requirements, and our staff is still practicing safety and being very careful who comes and goes in the office.

PUBLIC SAFETY – the Committee Chairperson indicated crime stats report was in board folders.

At this point the Board Chair acknowledged Captain Bacchi, Commanding Officer of the 106 Precinct and invited him to speak.

The Captain greeted everyone and stated last month I reported we’re up in crime, but we’re making some headway on that. What we’re seeing is some repeat offenders. The Queens Chronicle did a story on a Glendale man arrested for burglarizing some homes in Fresh Meadows. That same individual on 03/09 rode up behind a woman and snatched her bag off her back on Liberty Avenue & 123 Street. Our cops did a phenomenal job in tracking him down and arresting him. We arrested that same man again on Tuesday night with a stolen car out of Nassau County and multiple stolen credit cards from Nassau County. We see these repeat offenders and when we take them into custody if the courts release them right away, they’re back out to commit their crimes. In one case we had an individual who was stealing cars left and right, who had stolen 13 cars on Rockaway Blvd. After we apprehended him, he got bail which he couldn’t post and we took two stolen cars on Rockaway Blvd. It goes to show that precision policing really has an effect on reducing crime.

The Captain commented on the good work of our officers. March 20 two individuals get into a vehicle collision on the Belt Pkwy. One male menaces the other with a fire arm and calls 911. Our officers get on the scene, they safely apprehend the perpetrator and recover a loaded handgun. Then four days later a similar incident. Two individuals have a vehicle collision on 109 Avenue. One driver pulls a firearm and points it at the other and tells them to keep driving, and that victim gets the plate number and calls 911. Our officers looking for the vehicles did spot it and safely pulled over the vehicle and arrested the occupant, and again recover a loaded handgun. This time it was a ghost gun (has no serial number and can’t be tracked). So, two loaded guns within four days off the streets - keeping Queens safe.

I just want to comment on a couple of disturbing trends we're seeing. Youth on youth violence - this was on the news and in the papers. On March 15 we had two young men stabbed opposite John Adams HS. One was 16 years old; one was 17 years old. One of them sustained critical injuries to the point where they listed him likely to die. He subsequently was upgraded to critical status. But the person that stabbed him was also 16 years old. He was subsequently arrested along with a 20-year-old female. We're seeing youth on youth violence more and more. For example, we took a felony assault where a 12-year-old hit a 13-year-old in the back of the head with an object causing injury. Then we take a grand larceny where a 12-year-old snatches a cell phone from a 15-year-old's hand and runs away. We need to reach out to the youth. We have the Explorer Program – if you have children or know children that would benefit from positive engagement, please contact our YCOs or contact me and I will put you in touch with them. We hate to see the youth-on-youth violence.

Grand larcenies continue to drive our crime. I made a post on Notify NYC: do not leave your valuables in your car, always lock your doors. Some of the comments that people replied were, don't state the obvious. But I do have to state the obvious because the other night a woman parked at the casino, left her purse, wallet, and credit cards in the car, and didn't lock her doors. She came back to find them missing. And another instance on Liberty Avenue a man parks his vehicle with his wallet, his credit cards, and \$5,000 cash in his car and left the doors open. So, I do have to state the obvious. Do not leave your valuables in the car and lock your doors. A little bit of prevention goes a long way, and this will help reduce the crimes that we are seeing because a lot of these crimes are opportunistic.

I made a post on April 1; however, this was no April Fools. On Tuesday some juveniles stole three cars within 1 ½ hours on Liberty Avenue. And you ask, how did they manage to do this. Well, it's because these vehicles were left running unattended. We did arrest one of them who was sixteen years old. The night prior to that our officers were conducting patrol on Rockaway Blvd., and they see a stolen vehicle. They go to pull it over, this individual takes off on them, they see the police coming the other way, they make a U-turn and crash into a parked car and get out and try to run, we apprehend them - two 16-year-olds and a 15-year-old. When this dangerous practice continues of leaving your vehicle running unattended, you never know who is going to jump in it and in these cases it's inexperienced drivers and luckily nobody was hurt. We safely apprehended all four of them, but this is the stuff that's going on. A little bit of prevention goes a long way. Just take the time to secure your property, keep your valuables on you, lock your doors, don't leave your keys in the car, don't leave your engine running. If anybody has any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer your questions.

The Board Chair asked if there were any board members with questions for Captain Bacchi, hearing none.

The Chair acknowledged Det. Reddick and asked if she had any comments.

Det. Reddick greeted and wished everyone a happy holiday and indicated she had nothing additional to report.

SANITATION – the Board Chair indicated the DOS information was received earlier.

SUMMER YOUTH & OTHER EMPLOYMENT – the Committee Chairperson indicated report was in board folders and made following announcements: Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) application filing is open and must be done online: www.nyc.gov/syep (1-800-246-4646). Dept. of Parks is looking for lifeguards and there are also other positions available: www.nyc.gov/parks.org. Queens YMCA is having a hiring fair, Saturday, 04/09 from 2-4pm and Tuesday, 04/12 from 4-6pm: www.ymcanyc.org/careers. Browse through the DCAS website for positions in city agencies, including internships. The USTA has various full time and part time positions, and internships available: www.customercare.usta.com (914-696-7000).

The Board Chair then acknowledged representatives from elected officials and invited them to speak.

Nathaniel Hezekiah, from the Office of Congressman Gregory Meeks, greeted everyone. He thanked the DM for bringing to their office's attention issues regarding graffiti on mailboxes. The tax filing deadline is April 15 and has not been extended. Individuals who have not received their taxes for 2019 or 2020 are still responsible for filing taxes this year. Feel free to reach out to our office if you still have not received your taxes from the previous years, so that we can contact IRS to work on getting that refund for you. I don't want anyone to be unfairly penalized for failing to file their taxes because they thought they didn't have to file because they didn't receive their refunds from 2019 or

2020. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the federal government or any issues you feel you'd like to contact our office for, please feel free to do so at: 718-725-6000 (contact info in Chat).

Carl Moore, from Senator Addabbo's office, greeted everyone and said he had emailed a flyer earlier regarding the free events sponsored by Senator Addabbo, which has been posted on the CB10 Facebook page. He indicated today was his first day back; he had been out for 1 ½ weeks and had been hospitalized. The Senator will be hosting mobile office hours in April & May at various libraries throughout his district from 5:30 – 7pm, providing an opportunity for constituents to meet with him at night for those that can't get to the office during the day. The paper shredding and household goods event was held last Sunday but the weather was not very cooperative. There is another paper shredding event scheduled for Saturday, May 21 and also a Veterans Information Fair on May 21 at the Shops at Atlas Park. The spring e-waste recycling event is Sunday, May 22 at Forest Park Bandshell Parking Lot, co-hosted by AM Rajkumar and CM Holden. For any questions or more details please contact me at the office: 718-738-1111.

Jason Greenberg, from Assemblymember Pheffer-Amato's office, stated we do have several at home Covid testing kits as the Governor provided another supply. If anyone needs their test delivered to them, or you want to pick them up at the office, feel free to give us a call: 718-945-9550 (contact info in Chat).

Porcher Summers, from Assemblymember Anderson's office – no longer in attendance.

Kevin Morris, from the Mayor's Office, greeted everyone. He said he had a conversation with the DM regarding the guidelines around childcare with the ongoing pandemic. We have city guidelines giving an outline on what we can do and what programs exist around childcare: COVID-19 Exclusion Guidance for Child Care Programs (info / link in Chat). April is Sexual Violence Awareness Month; there will be a series of events all month letting people know the resources available to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. April 27th is Denim Day when everyone is encouraged to wear denim in solidarity, and to help raise awareness. This relates to a case which occurred in Italy in the 90's when a young lady was sexually assaulted and the judge ruled against her, claiming that because her jeans were tight, she had to help her assailant take them off. Please feel free to reach out to me for any issues or concerns (email in Chat).

The Chair thanked him.

Linda Fogal, from Councilmember Ariola's office, announced the Councilmember is having coffee in her office with her constituents on 04/24 at 10am at the Ozone Park office: 81-06 101 Avenue. It's suggested calling the office (718-738-1083) the day before to confirm it's still on, should something happen and it has to be cancelled like last time. If anyone is interested in the Queens Symphony Opera taking place on Monday, 04/11 at 7 pm at Russo's on the Bay, please contact our office with your name and how many people would like to attend; it's not too late to register. We're always there to help you with any other concerns, the office is open Monday – Friday 9am-5pm. If you do call after hours messages go right to voice mail and the Councilmember makes sure that somebody gets back to you. To everybody that is celebrating any holiday this month, please stay safe and enjoy.

Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, from the office of City Council Speaker Adams, greeted everyone indicating she is a new hire with Speaker Adams and is the District Director and will be the representative at the monthly meeting. She apologized for not having much to report as she is so new and still did not have access to the system. There are a couple of events coming up and flyers to be shared with members and the community will follow. The Speaker is hosting an e-waste and shredding event on Saturday. Ty Hankerson is planning a collaboration for a community cleanup which is coming soon. Glad to be with you all tonight.

The Chair thanked and welcomed her.

Dan Brown, from the office of District Attorney Melinda Katz, greeted everyone and extended congratulations and welcome to all the new members of the board. I see Captain Bacchi put this in the Chat and we appreciate that. The QDA & NYPD are collaborating for a Cash for Guns buy back on 04/23 from 10am - 4pm at Praise Tabernacle Church, 108-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica - \$200 in pre-paid cards for handguns and \$25 in bank cards for rifles, shotguns, air guns. It's a chance to turn in weapons to make sure they don't fall in the hands of the wrong people.

Save the Date: May 26th the DA is hosting her Memorial Day Observance Ceremony at Elmhurst Park at the Vietnam Veterans memorial (flyer to follow). My contact information is in the Chat.

The Chair thanked him.

Vjola Isufaj from Assemblymember Rajkumar's office, reported they hosted a halal food distribution last week on Forbell Street. Upcoming events were announced: water & dates distribution tomorrow at Fultoli Jame Masjid in Ozone Park. Distribution of free Covid testing kits tomorrow at 5pm in front of our district office. "Jenifer on Your Block" will be in Ridgewood Saturday (we were in Ozone Park this past Saturday - the AM met with constituents and a lot of issues were brought to our attention and we're glad to be able to assist on those issues). We are hosting an Iftar dinner at Medina Hall Thursday, 04/14 at 6pm, please call or email to RSVP. A mammogram event is coming up in May, please make sure to reserve as appointments are limited.

One of the things that was very important in the budget this year, and why it was late, was because of trying to amend the bail reform bail law. The AM is in favor of changing the bail reform. It's a Ten Point Plan; I'd be more than happy to send it if anyone has questions. Our office continues to be open daily 9am-5pm and Saturdays 11am-2pm. The e-waste recycling event is the last Sunday in May in partnership with the offices of Senator Addabbo and CM Holden at the Bandshell parking lot in Forest Park. If you need any other details for any of the events, my information is in the Chat. Thank you and thank you Betty.

The Board Chair commented on the issue brought up in regard to the Governor's bail reform proposal noting that she and the DM were able last week to attend a briefing with the Governor's Office on those ten points and we had the opportunity to bring up all of the various concerns from all of the neighborhoods within CB 10 that people have been bringing up over the course of the last year and it seemed to be a very productive meeting. The Governor's people were listening, and we appreciated the opportunity. It was a meeting of all 59 boards in the City with the Governor's staff. Hopefully the budget that's happening up there tonight will make note and make some changes.

The Chair asked if there were any other representatives of elected officials who have joined.

James Mongeluzo, from the Office of NYC Comptroller Brad Lander, greeted everyone and extended congratulations to all the new members. He stated he's the Queensborough Director. He commented on various reports: The Economic Outlook Newsletter; the Agency Watch List; the 421-A Law report on the issues with affordable housing in NYC and why it's unaffordable to many residents. It was noted there are other reports on the website in the Reports Section or the Newsroom Section including: comments on NYC's Preliminary Budget; NYC Cash Balance Projection; NYC Quarterly Cash Report; and various audit reports. He can be contacted at: 646-689-6509 (contact info in Chat).

The Chair asked if there were any other elected official's representatives or any other agency representatives in attendance, hearing none.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

The Chair said she wishes everybody who's celebrating Ramadan, Vaisakhi, Easter, or Passover this month, enjoy your holiday and enjoy your time with your families, and I'll see you next month.

PUBLIC FORUM – the Chairperson indicated, for the people watching the live stream on YouTube, if you have any questions or comments you can reach out to our office any time before the end of business tomorrow at: 718-843-4488 or by e-mail: qn10@cb.nyc.gov.

The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public on the phone line who would like to make a comment or ask a question, hearing none.

The Chair asked if there was any member of the public on the Zoom who would like to ask a question or make a comment.

A community member, Alex Leguizamo, identified himself and clarified that he's addressing the board not a representative of CM Ariola, but as a private citizen and resident of South Ozone Park. First, thank you to the Chairperson for bringing to light the new Queens Bus Redesign. I'd like to specifically bring to light to all the board members, and the public in South Ozone Park, and more specifically along Linden Blvd. between the Van Wyck & Rockaway Blvd., there is going to be a new bus route that is running along Linden Blvd. with no bus stops. It is really something that is not going to bring any benefit to us, the residents along Linden Blvd. and would like to ask for the support from the community board members and the public in general. Please, I want to urge the public to go to the website for the Queens Bus Redesign and interact with the maps and see what is happening with the new bus stops spread far apart. It is not going to bring more benefit to many of the passengers that rely on public transportation. I urge members of the board and members of the public to go to the website and place your comments. Take the time to do so because the new redesign is going to affect all of us in the next years in the future and no changes will be possible then. This is the time to do it and I want to tell everybody that they can go to any of the outreach events starting on Monday, April 18. As Chairperson Braton mentioned before, there is going to be one outreach event for each of the 14 community boards in Queens, but people can go to all of them and see what's going on with the bus redesign. It's really not bringing a lot more benefits, so we must be careful as to what we agree to. Thank you so much. Everyone have a happy Easter.

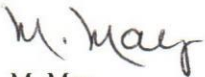
The Chair noted Mr. Leguizamo is quite correct. There are several things that impact on Linden Blvd. specifically and what he is saying is they're putting a bus there but no access for local people there. That one I've been starting to get feedback on and I'm sure as people really start looking at some of the other routes, they will have some feedback. Definitely everyone needs to participate in the process otherwise you may well see things you don't like occurring. Support the things you like in the plan and oppose the things that are not good in the plan.

There were no further speakers.

The Chair noted she will let members know as soon as we know whether we will be live or remote in May.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:31pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



M. May

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