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### REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

January 6, 2022

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

B. Braton, M. Q. Amin, A. Antonino, N. Bissoon, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, E. Cheng, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Cosentino, J. Coulverson, F. Dardani, A. Deebrah, A. Dhanpat, I. Dimoh, J. Fazio, E. Fraylon, A. Garcia, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, P. Kishun, M. Logan, A. Maharaj, D. Mitchell, C. Mocombe, F. Mohamed, S. Mohammed, A. Nocerino, S. Pace, J. Quijano, G. Russo, N. Santiago, A. Siewnarine, V. Singh, J. Stahl, I. VanPutten, M. Vecchio, L. Walker

#### **BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

M. Adams, L. Amorim, P. Baumann, M. Cherenfant, R. Hitlall, E. Holland, P. Lynch, R. Martinez, B. Ramsundar, R. Rathour

#### **COMMUNITY BOARD 10 STAFF PRESENT:** K. Petersen, D.M.; M. May; J. Donohue

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Hon. J. Addabbo; Hon. S. Pheffer Amato; Hon. J. Ariola, F. Karim, Rep. Hon. G. Meeks; C. Moore, Rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; A. M. Costella, Rep., Hon. J. Sanders; J. Greenberg, Rep. Hon. Pheffer-Amato; W. Bao, Rep., Hon. K. Anderson; V. Isufaj, Rep., Hon. J. Rajkumar; D. Sperry, Rep. Hon. D. Weprin; L. Fogal, Rep., Hon. J. Ariola; J. Mongeluzo, Rep. NYC Comptroller's Office; M. Cano, Director of Community Boards, QBPO; V. Garvey, Acting Director, Planning & Development, QBPO; D. Brown, QDA's Office; J. Resor, QDCP Borough Planner; E. DiGirolamo, DCP Deputy Director of Urban Design; Capt. J. Bacchi, CO 106 Precinct; Det. B. Reddick, Community Affairs 106 Precinct; P.O. S. Jaffe, Community Affairs 106 Precinct; H. L. King, Community Ambassador Program, NYPD Community Affairs Bureau; T. Hopkins, Program Director, Martin De Porres Youth & Family Services

The Chairperson began the meeting conducted remotely via Zoom at 7:06 pm, also live streamed on YouTube.

The Chair acknowledged Assemblymember Pheffer-Amato and invited her to speak.

The AM greeted and wished everyone a happy new year asking all to stay vigilant and do what we need to do to stay healthy. The AM provided an update on staffing changes in her office indicating Chief of Staff Danny Randell has moved on to work for the MTA, and Maura Avington and Bernice Almonte have also moved on. She introduced Jason Greenberg, a new addition to the office, who was also in attendance on Zoom. The AM said she's very excited for him, he's from Queens and has a lot of community experience. It was noted a new contact sheet will be sent with everyone's numbers.

The AM commented she went to Albany this week and is very inspired by the first female governor and her State of the State which touched on a lot of points that are important to us. She stated she is very excited for this legislative session. One of the things she will be working on with Senator Addabbo this year is the Queens discount on the Cross Bay Bridge, which had been started but never came to fruition due to Covid and budget restraints. The AM thanked the Chair and said she looks forward to a real productive year.



The Chair thanked AM Pheffer-Amato and wished a happy new year to her and her family and everyone in her office.

At this point, the Chair asked everyone to join in a moment of silence for a fellow board member and colleague, Mohammad Salim, who sadly passed away during the month of December. He was a member of the board for ten years and was a very active member in terms of the work that he did in the community especially on interfaith issues.

The Chair then acknowledged Councilmember Ariola and invited her to speak.

CM Ariola wished everyone a happy new year and said she looks forward to working with the board. She reported that the same two office locations from former CM Ulrich have been maintained (one in the Rockaways & one in Ozone Park) and the phone numbers are still the same. The Ozone Park office is getting a bit of a face lift right now, so they're working primarily out of the Rockaway office. If you call the Ozone Park office, you'll be asked to leave a message which goes right to the CM's e-mail, which she receives immediately, and she is returning calls as quickly as possible. If you want to speak to someone live on the spot, then you would call the Rockaway office: 718-318-6411 (included in Chat). CM Ariola stated they have been busy putting staff together. Phyllis Inserillo is Chief of Staff. In the Ozone Park Office: Linda Fogal has agreed to stay on and will be covering CB10; Nishat Islam is both Bengali and Hindu speaking, reflective of the community their office is serving; Alex Leguisamo, whom all are familiar with from the 106 Precinct Council, is fluent in Spanish. In the Rockaway office Robby and Ciara were maintained.

CM Ariola reported they have been dealing with a number of issues, one being the lack of Covid testing sites. They did have a bit of inequity here in the district for testing sites, so she was happy to partner with Senator Addabbo, AM Pheffer-Amato, and AM Rajkumar to provide Covid testing buses. There are currently four: one in Woodhaven in front of the Woodhaven bid, one outside Roma View on Cross Bay Blvd., and will have another bus in the Rockaways and Broad Channel. They want to make sure that each part of the district and any district that overlaps has an opportunity to be tested.

The CM said she recently put together a 100-day plan which is going to be published on social media tonight and has been shared with the news media. She's committed to meeting with community boards, religious leaders, civic leaders, and business owners, and hopes to hit all the points within the first 100 days. The CM reported she met with Mayor Adams regarding her district to talk with him about our need for additional police officers. She said she's glad to hit the ground running, and yesterday was her first day at City Hall.

The Chair thanked CM Ariola and wished her all the best.

The CM indicated she will have a contact list, but not all e-mails are available yet. She said thank you, God bless and happy new year.

The Chair said same to you and your staff.

At this point, board member attendance was taken by roll call and it was established a quorum was present. The Chair indicated attendance would be reviewed again later during the meeting to add any members missed in the roll call.

The Chair then opened the informational public hearing for the evening and introduced Eugenia DiGirolamo, Dept. of City Planning to present Principles of Good Urban Design.

Ms. DiGirolamo greeted everyone and said she is the Deputy Director of the Urban Design Division at the Dept. of City Planning and indicated she is joined here tonight by Joy Resor. She shared her screen to accompany the presentation. The Principles of Good Urban was first developed in 2017 to improve the livability of New York City's neighborhoods and to promote good urban design for everyone. These principles are now being revisited to take into account all the different things that have happened in the City in the past few years and to ensure they acknowledge the needs and desires of New Yorkers today. NYC Planning launched an interactive website: [www.goodurbandesign.nyc](http://www.goodurbandesign.nyc) (included in Chat) to give every New Yorker an opportunity to shape their city. The public is being asked to think about the streets, buildings, public spaces in their neighborhood and provide feedback on how they make you feel, what do you like and what would you change.



The four Principles of Good Urban Design are: Principle 1: Good urban design reinforces the sense of place of a neighborhood; Principle 2: Good urban design supports ease of movement around the city and an accessible public realm; Principle 3: Good design incorporates details that ensure quality, durability, stewardship, and maintenance; Principle 4: Good urban design ensures that our city is comfortable, welcoming, and feels safe to all.

The goal and objective of the website is to engage communities citywide to broaden who interacts with it, ensuring that these principles will incorporate all the neighborhood's perspective and needs and help better their urban environment. This is to be a tool to advocate for what you need in your neighborhood. They are engaging with the general public, community boards, schools, local organizations, other agencies, institutions and industry experts, as well as architects and developers.

The site has three elements: the Survey - tell us what matters in your neighborhood; the Ideas - share a story about your neighborhood; the Forum - read and give feedback on the Principles of Good Urban Design. The site includes the Community Planning Guide - a one pager giving guidance on how to make changes in your neighborhood and get involved in the civic process.

The survey and feedback activities will remain open through the end of February and the input collected through the site will inform the updated Principles of Good Urban Design, to be released in spring of 2022. The Principles will be published along with reports about the feedback received and further opportunities to make your voice heard.

Concerns with language, accessibility and internet proficiency are being addressed. Ms. DiGirolamo stated, we are working with libraries, NYHCA, DFTA in making sure that we actually reach people where they are; and for people that don't have access to the internet, to give them paper copies that they can fill out and give back to us and we're able to submit the survey for them.

Ms. DiGirolamo walked everyone through the site highlighting some features. She expressed thanks for being asked to make this presentation and invited everyone to visit and engage with the site, fill out the survey and to spread the word and share it with family, friends, constituents. They are looking to hear from as many people as possible, in these last few months in particular, to make sure that these principles are taking into account as many voices as possible. She indicated she would be happy to answer any questions.

The Chair asked if there is anyone from the public on the telephone line who has a comment or a question, hearing none.

The streaming support rep announced to attendees, if you're on the phone and you'd like to raise your hand it's \*9 and if you need to unmute it's \*6.

The Chair thanked the rep.

The Chair asked again if there was anyone from the public on the phone with a comment or a question, hearing none.

The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public on the video with a comment or a question and instructed attendees on Zoom to use the "raise your hand" function, seeing / hearing none.

The Chair asked that anyone listening / watching the live stream on YouTube with a question or a comment contact the office either by telephone at: 718-843-4488 or by e-mail: [qn10@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:qn10@cb.nyc.gov) before the end of business tomorrow.

The Chair asked if there were any board members with questions to "raise your hand", hearing/seeing none.

The Chair thanked the presenter for her interesting proposal and urged everyone to go to City Planning's website and participate in the survey.

The presenter thanked everyone for their time this evening.

The Chair continued with the regular order of business and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the December 2021 minutes, hearing none. The Chair stated the minutes will stand as read / as presented.



**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairperson reviewed incoming correspondence for the month of December 2021 which included:

- NYC DOT feasibility of installation of speed reducer: Killarney Street between 155 & 156 Avenues, HB
- NYC DOT resurfacing: 96 Street between 108 Avenue & Rockaway Blvd., OP
- NYC DOT speed camera installation: 103 Avenue from Rockaway Blvd. to Liberty Avenue, OP
- NYC DDC – Preliminary & Final Design / Non-Standard Pedestrian Ramps in Queens & Staten Island (locations in CB10: 122 Place & 150 Avenue, Rico Place & Silver Road, Lefferts Blvd. & North Conduit Avenue, Plattwood Avenue & 96 Street)
- FDNY notification of mental health emergency pilot program B-HEARD agency training operations for EMS personnel at former OLG School
- MTA – Rockaway Blvd. & Liberty Avenue Station - capital plan for accessibility upgrades / elevator.
- HPD repair / vacate order: 114-28 130 Street, SOP
- HPD repair / vacate order: 150-22 122 Place, SOP
- Electronic copy of Citywide Statement of Needs for City Facilities FY2023 & 2024 (will be scheduled for public hearing next month - full copy (247 pages) can be sent to anyone who would like it)
- NYC Comptroller's Office – Audit Report on the 14 Queens Community Boards' Compliance with NYC Charter and NYC Administrative Code Requirements for Public Meetings and Hearings and Websites
- QSWAB - Put Waste to Work (included in member folder material)
- DDC Green Infrastructure in areas of SOP - First Quarter 2022 Newsletter (included in member folder material)
- Various Communications from NYCDEP & NYSDEC - City's permit applications for waste water disposal.
- NYS DOT notices in regard to comment periods

The Chair indicated a copy is available of anything on the directed mail that a member would like.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – the Treasurer wished everyone a happy new year and read the report of expenditures for the month of December 2021.

**BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT** – M. Cano – greeted everyone and made following announcements: Community Board 2022 application process officially opened 01/03 - application can be found on [www.queensbp.org](http://www.queensbp.org) under the Community Board tab. If you are up for renewal, please reapply and if you know of anyone who is interested in applying to the community board please direct them to the website. Applications are submitted online. The deadline is 02/16/22. Anyone who has any questions can reach out to her (contact info in Chat). Applications are being accepted for the African American Heritage Committee 2022 Scholarship. Interested high school seniors must submit a completed application with an official high school transcript by 5pm on 01/10. QBP is hosting a webinar on 01/25 with Queens Defenders and law firm Harris & Bricken about the Marijuana Regulation & Taxation Act which legalizes adult-use cannabis in NYS. If you would like to attend please go on the website and sign up. She thanked everyone and stated she looks forward to working with everyone this next year.

The Chair thanked Ms. Cano and announced the names of board members who are currently up for reappointment informing they need to go online to complete the application. Anyone who may have computer difficulties was asked to call the office and help would be provided.

**DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT** – J. Resor – encouraged everyone to fill out the Urban Design Survey and provide their feedback. You don't have to be an urban designer, or a planner, or an architect to fill it out.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT** – The District Manager reported notification has been received that a COVID mobile vaccine bus will be stationed at Liberty Avenue between Lefferts Blvd. & 120 Street, Richmond Hill 01-08 to 01-11 from 6am to 8pm, and in front of 109-55 128 Street, South Ozone Park 01-03 to 01-31 from 7am to 7pm. Everyone was wished a happy and healthy new year.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** – The Chair reported / commented on the following material included in member folders:



- motorized scooters and the legalities on them on the road. It was noted, just because something is sold in NYC it doesn't mean you can ride on the streets, there are rules and things that dealers have to do and things buyers have to know. Anybody using them has to look into the legalities, the flyer gives the details.
- information about hate crime prevention and grants that are available. If anybody is in an organization that is interested in applying, please do.
- All New Yorkers who are 65 years or older or immunocompromised can get Covid testing at home. A clinical professional will be sent to your home to provide you with a Covid test. Vaccinations are also available at home. Please share this information with people who need to know it.

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

Captain Bacchi wished everyone a safe, healthy and happy new year. He reported the year ended with crime slightly higher this year than last year. Grand larceny and grand larceny auto is what's driving our crime, noting he has been speaking about this for months. He said, in regard to GLA, we took 216 complaints in 2021. That's a difference of 24 additional stolen vehicles in 2021 as opposed to 2020. To put that into perspective – 72 of those 216 vehicles were left running and unattended, an additional 34 vehicles had the key left in the vehicle. Over 100 complaints from vehicles being stolen were because the vehicles were left unsecured. So, if we just take a few extra seconds to secure our property we can prevent those crimes from occurring. Those vehicles can be used in other crimes. The Pct. public safety team responded to a report of gun shots on Dumont Avenue, and they found an individual in possession of a stolen vehicle and a loaded firearm. That stolen vehicle was stolen in August from the 109 Precinct, it was running and unattended when it was stolen. That vehicle was on the street for three months before it was recovered, and the operator of that vehicle was in possession of a loaded gun. To keep the public safe, to keep yourself safe, please secure your property.

We've seen a rise in grand larcenies, it has to do with bank accounts being compromised. On 12/13 and then again on 12/31 ATM skimming devices were recovered from the Capital One Bank on Cross Bay Blvd. People that use that bank should know their information was safe because we recovered those skimming devices. But it goes to show that skimming devices were put on two separate occasions at that particular branch, so what's to stop them from putting more. If you use your credit or debit card at the ATM cover the keypad when entering your PIN number, because a hidden camera is used to record customers typing their PIN in the ATM keypad. Once your account data and PIN number are stolen then criminals clone your card and withdraw funds from your account. Another thing you can do is put fraud alerts and withdrawal alerts on your accounts so as it's happening in real time, you'll be able to contact your financial institution and put a stop to it.

We saw a slight increase in felony assaults this year. We actually saw a 20% increase in domestic violence felony assaults. These are crimes that can be prevented in the household. If you or anybody you know are experiencing domestic violence, please contact our Domestic Violence Unit at: 718-845-2227 or contact the NYC line: 1-800-621-HOPE. There are services available. We hate to see people experiencing violence in the household when it can be prevented. The Captain indicated he would be happy to take any questions.

Captain Bacchi added we just received eight new police officers, they arrived on 12/31 but officially started this week. You'll see them out there on patrol. P.O. Iaboni from Community Affairs has been transferred. We will be looking to replace him with another officer from the 106 Precinct and bid him good luck in his all his endeavors.

The Chair thanked the Captain and said that's great news that we got some new officers.

The Chair acknowledged Det. Reddick, 106 Precinct Community Affairs, and invited her to speak.

Det. Reddick greeted and wished everyone a happy new year. She expressed thanks to the community for helping to make the Holiday Toy Giveaway such a successful event. It was announced they're looking for individuals to attend the spring 2022 NYPD Citizens Police Academy. It's a six-week program to start 02/28 and it's a hybrid of in person at the academy and some classes at the Borough. You have to be fully vaccinated. Anyone who is interested should call the Community Affairs Office and an application will be sent and further information will be provided. But this needs to be before February 1<sup>st</sup> because a check of the applicant needs to be done and their information needs to be submitted to Patrol Borough Queens South.



The Chair thanked Det. Reddick.

The Chair acknowledged P.O. Jaffe, 106 Community Affairs, and invited him to speak.

P.O. Jaffe wished everyone a happy and healthy new year and extended thanks to everyone for their support in 2021 and said he's looking forward to 2022.

The Chair noted there was someone else from the Police Dept. logged in and asked that they please identify themselves.

An individual identified himself as Hassan King, Community Ambassador, from the NYPD. He indicated it's 40 days that he's into this assignment. He wished a happy new year to everyone. He said he agrees with some of the concerns the Captain brought up in regard to some very simple ways to prevent crime and to be mindful of our personal assets. He will be meeting with many of the committees and the local civics in the community to introduce himself and give an overall of the function within the department. He indicated he works with the 106 Precinct and a few other precincts in the Queens South area (info in Chat). He is looking forward to speaking with community stakeholders in the very near future. He commented the Citizens Academy is a really important tool for community residents to be involved in and noted it was how he got involved when living in the 113 Precinct. He said he hopes that people on this call will share that information, that would be a great way to work with the Department as we improve our services and strengthen our public safety initiative. He thanked everyone.

The Chair thanked him.

The Chair acknowledged Vicky Garvey and invited her to speak. The Chair indicated that Irving Poy, who was the Director of Planning at QBH, and who has worked on virtually every land use item in the Borough of Queens, is retiring and Ms. Garvey is taking over for now.

Ms. Garvey stated Irving worked for the City for 35 years and worked for the Queens Borough President's Office for 33 years so he has seen and done a lot. I'm very pleased and very honored to take over for him as Acting Director, and I'm still going to be the Urban Planner / Board Liaison for CB10. I don't have any updates other than we wish Irving the best of luck as he is pursuing his dream job of being a full-time dad right now. We wish him well. I'm very happy to continue working with Board 10. There aren't any pressing land use matters happening right now but just wanted to say hi. Have a great evening.

The Chair extended congratulations.

At this point, the Chair reviewed the attendance again to see if there were any additional members who had joined the meeting and were missed in the earlier roll call.

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

**AQUEDUCT** – in the absence of the committee chair, the Board Chair noted members had received a copy of the Aqueduct Committee Report in their folder material. For the benefit of the public the Board Chair read the report highlighting the charitable donations made by Resorts World NYC to Queens and NYC organizations.

**BUDGET** – the Committee Chair indicated she had nothing to report. The Board Chair commented the continuing movement of City's budget process will continue into next month. In February normally the Borough President and the Borough Board hold their budget hearings with community groups, borough wide groups, the colleges, and all the institutions who seek funding and that will take place sometime during the month of February. Following that the Queens Borough Board and the Borough will make its budget recommendations to the City.

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS** – the Committee Chair indicated report was in member folders.

**EDUCATION** – the Committee Chair indicated schools are open and wished everyone a happy new year and to be safe.



**GATEWAY** – the Committee Chair suggested visiting the Jamaica Bay Reserve even at this time of year. He extended thanks to members that called him to wish him well. He wished a happy new year to all. The Board Chair said we're glad you were able to jump on and we wish you all the best.

**JFK INTERNATIONAL** – the Committee Chair indicated she had nothing to report. The Board Chair noted she had sent out to all board members a screen shot of some information that came up at the JFK Advisory Council Meeting. She has not yet received the full presentation and will share it when it's received.

**LAND USE** – the Committee Chair reported he had a meeting with the zoning attorneys in regard to the mosque on 76 Street & Glenmore Avenue and are moving toward getting the Land Use Committee Meeting set up. We discussed the size of it, the FAR and the yard issues. They're trying to build a little more in consensus with the adjoining lot owners who I believe are members of that mosque. So that will be moving along in February.

The Committee Chair commented to the Board Chair that people are saying there is a lot of activity by 165 Avenue in the green area where the soil stockpile was for the green project and asked what's going on and if the project is back. The Board Chair indicated the project of removing soil to go to West Pond is completed. This was the last activity that should have been taking place in there, as per a Gateway meeting at the end of November. There's a meeting before the end of January that we will be attending with Gateway and I'll bring that up. There should not be any activity going on there because we were told the project was completed. The trucking of the soil was done. At the West Pond ribbon cutting the announcement was made that the project was completed.

The Committee Chair wished health, safety and a good new year to all.

**LEGISLATION** – the Committee Chair commented he looks forward to working with CM Ariola in the future for legislation that might affect our area. He wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

The Board Chair commented, not only do we have CM Joann Ariola to work with, but we also have the Speaker of the City Council Adrienne Adams whose district includes half of CB10.

**LIBRARIES** – in the absence of the Committee Chair the Board Chair indicated notification was received that due to staffing issues the South Ozone Park library has been closed for the last few days and probably will be closed for probably another week.

**PARKS & RECREATION** – the Committee Chair commented that in his travels today he inadvertently bumped into our new Parks Supervisor. We welcomed him into the community and exchanged phone numbers so we will be in touch with him as problems come up or if we need answers on what's going on in our community.

**PERSONNEL** – the Committee Chair started to comment on a CB10 Covid issue and was reminded by the Board Chair that it's not permissible to discuss staff medical issues. The Board Chair stated that everyone on the board should be fully aware that the staff of CB10 follow the protocols of the city offices and our staff is compliant in every bit of the policy, we monitor that. That's one of the reasons that we are still continuing the practice of requesting that anybody who wishes to come into the office call first, because there are many things we can handle without coming in. We will be getting from the City a supply of the KN95 masks and we will be distributing them as soon as we get them. We'll let the local organizations know how to get them. We are anticipating that sometime in the next week or so we will be getting a large supply of those materials. We still also have the regular surgical masks available and many of our local organizations have availed themselves of that.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – the Committee Chair commented on the Board Chair's earlier report in regard to e-bike and moped rules and laws. Over the past month, the 106 Precinct Community Affairs & the 106 Precinct Community Council went out to many take out places that use those types of vehicles to hand out information on their proper use, about their safety, about stopping for all the motor vehicle laws that we have on the books, not riding on sidewalks, not riding in the opposite direction of traffic. The entire commercial corridor on Liberty, Rockaway, and Cross Bay was covered. Additionally, he indicated crime stats report was in member folders.

**SANITATION** – the Board Chair commented, we all know we're going to have a snowstorm tonight, DM Petersen and I were on the conference call with Emergency Management this afternoon, it's not a blizzard, it's a snowstorm.



Anyone who has plowing issues can follow the plowing that the City is doing on the mapping website: [plownyc.com](http://plownyc.com). Homeowners are responsible for shoveling after the snow stops and there's information on that on the Community Board Facebook page.

**SUMMER YOUTH & OTHER EMPLOYMENT** – the Committee Chair indicated report was in member folders.

**TRANSPORTATION** – the Committee Chair reported notification had been received from MTA that they would like to meet with the committee regarding upcoming bus route changes due to the JFK Redevelopment Project. Members will be kept informed once the meeting is coordinated.

The Board Chair indicated that topic did come up on the JFK Advisory Council meeting; the impact on CB10 is relatively minor, so we'll have more for you on that next month.

Before getting into Old Business / New Business, the Board Chair, acknowledged representatives from elected officials in attendance and invited them to speak.

At this point, the Board Chair was made aware that Senator Addabbo was in attendance and she invited him to speak.

The Senator wished everyone a happy and healthy new year. He reported they started their business up in Albany yesterday virtually. As we start off our legislative session and budget session, if there is anything that I can do please let me know. If you see something in the paper or on TV or on the radio that concerns you, certainly on the state level, please let me know. It's with a sense of optimism that we start off this new session with Governor Hochul who has proven to me and my team to be more open to dialogue and conversation and less confrontational, so I am optimistic on what we can accomplish this session. He commented on the bill prohibiting the sale of whippits to persons under 21. Empty cannisters were reported in front of both banks on Cross Bay Blvd. & 156 Avenue. These are not illegal but a store should not be selling them to minors. The canisters are filled with nitrous oxide and kids are popping them and inhaling the nitrous oxide which causes brain damage if done in excess. So if you see some of these cannisters in and about the community please let me know the location so I will follow up with the implementation of the new bill. This is going to be an interesting year moving forward. If my team or I can be of any help please let me know. On behalf of myself and my team I wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. It was noted that Carl Moore was also in attendance on the Zoom. He expressed thanks to the Chair and board members.

The Chair thanked the Senator.

Fatima Karim, from Congressman Meeks' office, greeted everyone and indicated she is Community Liaison for the Congressman and wished everyone a happy & healthy new year. Their District Offices are still open but they are operating via telework. Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm. Constituents from Congressional District 5 in need of assistance should call their office at: 718-725-6000. Congressman Meeks will be having a Facebook live virtual town hall Tuesday, 01/11 at 5pm. Tune in at: Facebook@ RepGregoryMeeks

AnneMarie Costella, from Senator Sanders' office, commented on a letter the Senator had written to Governor Hochul signed by 24 members of the Senate for the raising and lowering of the flag in recognition of the one year anniversary of the attack on the Capitol that took place January 6<sup>th</sup> of 2021. Senator Sanders is the co-prime sponsor along with Senator Liz Krueger to make this a memorial every year and to call it Democracy Day. The NY Homeowner Assistance Fund has launched 01/03. If you are a homeowner experiencing financial distress, in danger of foreclosure, unable to pay your mortgage, if you are a coop owner and have fallen behind on your maintenance, and basically any kind of financial distress caused by Covid 19, you may qualify for up to \$50,000 in funds. The program will continue until 02/04, first-come-first serve, until the program runs out of money. You can apply on line: [www.nyhomeownerfund.org](http://www.nyhomeownerfund.org) (in Chat box), and if you don't have a computer there is a phone number which is listed and you can call and apply that way. Everyone is encouraged to apply. Senator Sanders' office is open by appointment but are trying to help constituents by phone as much as we can.

Jason Greenberg, from Assemblymember Pheffer-Amato's office, said he wanted to introduce himself. He's a recent hire and is going to be doing constituent services and he is the scheduler. Before the break the Assemblywoman helped pass Fred's Law which requires hospitals to allow people with disabilities to have an essential support person to accompany them in their stay in the hospital even during the pandemic. Another bill the AM helped pass was to create



a Water Safety Commission which consists of nine members to create new tactics and methods to prevent childhood drowning. We're looking forward to the start of the legislative session and I personally am looking forward to working with everyone at CB10 (email in Chat as well as scheduling email).

David Sperry, from Assemblymember David Weprin's Office was no longer in attendance.

William Bao, from Assemblymember Anderson's office, announced their offices will be returning to physical operations next week 01/11. As some of you may have heard the AM recently came down with Covid but is back up in Albany today because he has fully recovered. The Eastern Queens Alliance (EQA) is surveying residents of Southeast Queens communities to get their feedback on relations between the police and the community. Please complete the survey by 01/07 (link in Chat). One Million Black Business and Entrepreneur (1MBB) initiative is hosting an eight-week learning course for aspiring business owners. The first course will be on 01/13 (link in Chat).

Vjola Isufaj, Chief of Staff from AM Rajkumar's office, said it has been an exciting year for the Assemblywoman. Two landmark bills were signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul just as 2021 came to a close. The first bill writes domestic workers into the Human Rights Law of New York State; domestic workers will now be protected from workplace harassment and discrimination. The second bill extends paid family leave benefits to domestic workers; domestic workers who work at least 20 hours per week will now be entitled to paid family leave and temporary disability insurance. It's going to be a very exciting legislative session this year for the AM. She has already introduced a lot of bills: the Veterans Housing Bill (bill that expands public housing benefits to Iraq & Afghanistan war veterans); Veterans College Bill (veterans receive academic credit at city or state operated institutions). There are a few other bills that touch on: taxi drivers, students with disabilities, the fentanyl crisis, bill for employees called for active military duty. We've been working throughout the pandemic and our office continues to be open everyday Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 11am-2pm (contact info in Chat) feel free to reach out to us.

Linda Fogal, from CM Ariola's office, said the Councilwoman explained everything that's on her plate for the next few weeks. It's going to be great working with everybody still. I'll be working out of the Ozone Park office if anybody needs me. email: [lfogal@council.nyc.gov](mailto:lfogal@council.nyc.gov)

Dan Brown, from Queens District Attorney Katz' office, greeted everyone and wished a happy new year to all. He indicated his contact info is in the Chat for anyone who wishes to reach out to their office you can do it through him, and he will help get the information needed: 718-286-6593 [dtbrown@queensda.org](mailto:dtbrown@queensda.org). He wished everyone all the best in 2022.

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

James Mongeluzo, from NYC Comptroller Brad Lander's Office, commented he currently is in basically the same role but that might change. He noted he didn't have too many new announcements since Brad Lander just took office but wants to let everyone know he really looks forward to working with the people across the City and meeting the new people and leaders. Comptroller Lander put out a statement on the Property Tax Commission Final Report that was released yesterday in support of reforms that will help the homeowner and in support of making changes to equalize the property tax rates. It was noted that it is not under the comptroller's jurisdiction to make that change, it's the Dept. of Finance that's connected to the Mayor's Office and the Mayor's appointees. One of the last reports Comptroller Stringer released was the audit on 14 Queens Community Boards Compliance with NYC Charter and NYC Administrative Code Requirements for Public Meetings and Hearings, and for websites.

The Board Chair indicated she had gone over the details of that earlier in correspondence and noted it is available to anybody.

Mr. Mongeluzo provided his phone number 646-689-6509 (contact info in Chat).

The Chair asked if there were any other elected officials' representatives present. There were none.

**OLD BUSINESS** – none



**NEW BUSINESS** – a member raised questions in regard to the possibility of getting additional senior centers in our community. The Chair clarified that the problem is funding and not the lack of locations. It was indicated that it is in our Budget Priorities. The Chair stated the issue is that we have a large and growing senior population and there is one single solitary senior program funded by the City of New York in CB10. In other community boards there might be five or six funded programs, and we have one. It is an inequity, and we definitely have the population for more programs. We had two programs that were funded in prior years that were closed, both of them have locations that could be reopened. We will continue to advocate that in our budget requests.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else with new business, hearing no one.

**PUBLIC FORUM** – the Chair indicated there was a request from Ty Hopkins, who represents Martin DePorres Youth & Family Services and invited him to speak; however, he was no longer in attendance.

The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public on the telephone line who had a comment or a question, hearing no one.

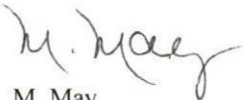
The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public on the Zoom who had a comment or a question, hearing/seeing no one.

The Chair stated if anyone from the public on the phone line, Zoom link, or watching the YouTube transmission of the meeting has a comment or a question, the record of this meeting will be kept open until the end of business tomorrow. You can e-mail a question or a comment to us at: [qn10@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:qn10@cb.nyc.gov) or call: 718-843-4488. The record will be kept open for anyone who has questions or comments.

The Chair indicated that the Exemption to the Open Meetings Law which is allowing us to do meetings remotely runs out on 01/15. Hopefully the State Legislature and the Governor's Office will extend the Open Meetings Law Exemption that allows us to continue to function by Zoom while we're having this uptick in Covid. As of right now I have to plan that we might be required to have an in-person meeting or a remote meeting. I will keep you advised as soon as I know anything as to what's going to be.

The Chair wished everyone a happy new year and adjourned the meeting at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



M. May

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