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## COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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### REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

June 2, 2022

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

B. Braton, M. Adams, M. Q. Amin, L. Amorim, P. Baumann, N. Bissoon, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, E. Cheng, M. Cherenfant, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Cosentino, J. Coulverson, F. Dardani, A. Deebrab, I. Dimoh, B. Escobar, J. Fazio, E. Fraylon, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, R. Graziano, A. Hill, E. Holland, P. Kishun, A. Maharaj, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, R. Narine, A. Nocerino, S. Pace, A. Rajnauth; B. Ramsundar, G. Russo, N. Santiago, J. Stahl, S. Uddin, I. VanPutten, M. Vecchio, L. Walker

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

A. Antonino, A. Dhanpat, A. Garcia, R. Hitlall, M. Logan, R. Martinez, S. Mohammed, J. Quijano, V. Singh

#### **COMMUNITY BOARD 10 STAFF PRESENT:**

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

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Queens District Attorney M. Katz; Deputy Bureau Chief A. Beerman, QDA's Office; N. Gianelli, Rep. Hon. J. Addabbo; P. Summers, Rep., Hon. K. Anderson; J. Greenberg, Rep., Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; E. Heisler, Rep. Hon. Rajkumar; P. Inserillo, Rep., Hon. J. Ariola; L. Shelborne-Barfield, Rep., Hon. A. Adams; M. Cano, QBPO; D. Brown, QDA's Office; Capt. J. Bacchi, CO 106 Precinct; Det. B. Reddick, 106 Pct.; A. Gumas, DOS Drop-off & Community Composting; David Tanis, Resorts World

The Chairperson began the meeting conducted remotely via Zoom at 7:00 pm, which was also live streamed on YouTube.

The Chair welcomed everyone noting that all the Zoom issues from last month were resolved and there should be no difficulty at all tonight.

The Chair asked if any elected officials had joined.

The Chair indicated Audra M. Beerman, Deputy Bureau Chief of the QDA's Domestic Violence Bureau, will presenting for the public hearing this evening; but before starting the public hearing, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz was acknowledged and invited to speak.

Queens District Attorney Katz extended thanks to the Chair for her work and said it was good to see her around and about the community live and in person several times over the last weeks. The DA thanked the District Manager and also extended thanks to civic leaders that got us through COVID and food insecurity throughout Queens County.

QDA Katz stated she wanted to introduce Audra Beerman to talk about domestic violence and noted that during the pandemic there was a real issue with domestic violence and the ability to record it. There was an inability for people to



reach out to the DA's office. The DA's office has a Domestic Violence Strategic Threat Alert Team (DVSTAT) which means when someone is a victim of domestic violence and reports it, and whether or not wants to press charges, the office keeps track of those individuals and helps them get wrap around services. And even if they're not ready to prosecute, we make sure to take care of them. During the pandemic that was very hard. Police were not making the in-person site visits. People were incapable of reporting the domestic violence on the phone; think about that, you talk to the outside world and your abuser is sitting right next to you. You couldn't do it on the computer because they read your e-mails. So, we thought up great ideas on how to reach out to people and make sure they had the services that they needed, and I want to thank Audra for that.

We've had a very busy time at the Queens DA's Office. It's been almost three years since I've been District Attorney, and I wanted to talk just for a moment - we know there are gun violence concerns all over the borough of Queens County and all over the City of New York. We have done 11 active investigations on ghost guns alone since August. We've taken hundreds of ghost guns off the street, we've taken hundreds of iron guns off the streets, we've taken down a bunch of traffickers - those individuals that would go to Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina, and buy guns legally and bring them up to our county and sell them to our children here in Queens County. We find them, we investigate them, we prosecute them, and we do get convictions on them; so, I want to make sure that you understand that I have done what I can to effectuate brave justice in this borough. And brave justice to me means that we prosecute drivers of crime but at the same time we make sure the youth doesn't pick up the same guns we just got off the street. We have mentorship programs, and youth development programs, and mental rehabilitation diversion programs, veteran's treatment court, drug rehabilitation court, diversion programs. Now, I've just instituted one for gun possession. You can't prosecute your way out of the crime that is going on. You must have a way to get the next generation out of the system and the safest the borough can be is when the youth of today never see the inside of a court room. It's great that they get equity and fairness when they're in it, but we need to make sure they never get there.

I want to report to you that we announced the indictment for murder of a man who shot and killed the delivery worker in Queens County. I know that was in the press quite a bit; sometimes there is a lag between what is in the press and what we are able to prove with evidence. We like to make sure that we have probable cause for the arrest and that we can prove a case. In this particular case, we actually went for an indictment before the arrest, so I indicted the defendant two days ago. We issued an arrest warrant, the police picked him up, he will be tried for murder. He'll also be tried for the 8 weapons and guns we found in his house by effectuating a search warrant for his property and for his family's property.

I'm going to take this moment to also warn you against scams. I promise you my office will never call you and ask you for money. This is how it goes: This is John Smith from Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz's office, where you are under investigation. If you send \$5,000 now to this P.O. Box or you wire money to this location, you will have fulfilled your investigation and we will drop it and you will be ok. I guarantee you that conversation will never happen from someone that works for me, so I just want you to understand that.

Another thing, please don't send bail money to your grandchildren unless you talk to them first and make sure it's them. Make sure it's them in trouble, make sure it's them that's getting the money and make sure that you as a grandparent are helping them in the right ways because that is a huge scam that is going on right now and people fall for it every day because it's their grandchild.

Queens District Attorney Katz then introduced Audra Beerman, the Deputy Bureau Chief, Domestic Violence Bureau and stated she came into the office about two years ago after spending many years as a prosecutor. Her job is to really keep this borough safe when it comes to domestic violence, to make sure we are prosecuting those that would take advantage of others. Also, her Bureau was intricate in creating the programs we had during Covid. During the pandemic we had a hot line that you could call and either ask for social services or you could ask to speak to an ADA. There was a 24-hour hotline that still goes on and someone still answers the phone. It is a very important job that she has to make sure that people that are abused and feel they have no other options can turn to her as a career prosecutor and know that they are in great hands. I'm so proud of the fact that she joined our office and I thank her for the commitment that she's made to Queens County, so I turn this over to you Counselor ADA Beerman.

ADA Beerman thanked District Attorney Katz, and said I want to thank everybody for having us today.



DA Katz asked permission to interrupt ADA Beerman for one second to introduce Dan Brown. She stated, he came with me from Borough Hall and is still with me at the QDA's Office and I just wanted to make sure you knew that as well.

ADA Beerman stated, I want to tell you a little bit about what our Bureau does and how we function and what we can do for the community. What we handle are all the felony and misdemeanor domestic violence cases that come into the office. We have approximately 20 Assistant District Attorneys, 4 Supervisors, and about 13 support staff. And we handle everything from misdemeanor cases, minor assault cases, criminal mischief cases all the way up to attempted murder cases. We saw about 7,000 cases last year in our office and as the DA just mentioned when she came into office, she knew that there was a need for the community to be able to reach us all the time and for people to know that they're not alone. So, she created the Domestic Violence Hot Line. I'm going share that number with you: 718-286- 4410 and when you call that number you can reach a social service person or a district attorney, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We just want people to know there are services available whether you go forward on a prosecution or not. As the DA mentioned I've been a career prosecutor in domestic violence for over 15 years. And have really a passion for this work and believe that every single person who is affected should be able to get services, get help, whenever, wherever, they need it. The office also has a Crime Victim Assistance Program where we have social workers and counselors that are available through the office as well as we work collaboratively and very, very closely with the Family Justice Center we're co-located. The Family Justice Center is run by the Mayor's Office or one of their partner agencies, and they are able to help us with everything from housing, to work to family court; we make referrals to them on a daily basis. The DA also mentioned something referred to DVSTAT which is our ability to investigate cases and move forward whether or not survivors cooperate or not. We understand there are many reasons why people do not wish to go forward but we need to make sure that families are safe, and that the community is safe - that's our job. I'm happy to answer questions if anyone has anything, and if you have very specific questions about specific cases, I'm happy to share my information.

The Chair asked if there is anyone from the public on the phone side who has a question, hearing none, the Chair then asked if there is anyone from the public on the Zoom side that has a question they would like to ask.

Lynette Shelborne-Barfield from Speaker Adams' office, asked if the Family Justice Center is accepting walk-ins.

ADA Beerman replied, yes, they just reopened to walk-ins recently. The Family Justice Center phone number is: 718-575-4545. Someone seeking help can call them directly if they don't want to get the criminal justice system involved. They are accepting walk-ins again – Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else from the public on the Zoom side with a question, hearing none.

The Chair indicated the public hearing is closed.

The Chair then instructed board members with questions to please use the "raise your hand" function, seeing/hearing none.

The Chair thanked ADA Beerman for her presentation.

A member, John Fazio stated he wanted to speak. He indicated he's a grandfather and commented he has been approached on three different occasions about his grandchildren, noting they sound like his grandchildren. He shared that he asks the caller "what's your cousin's name" (in a different state), and that would be the end of the conversation.

The Chair asked if there were any other board members with questions related to domestic violence, hearing none.

The Chair thanked the speaker and said, we hope to have you back some time when we have a live meeting and please express our thanks to the District Attorney, we're glad that she joined us. Thank you very much for your presentation.

ADA Beerman said, thank you for having me.

At this point board member attendance was taken by rollcall to establish 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 who joined the meeting later.



The Chair then continued with the regular order of business and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May 2022 minutes; hearing none the minutes will stand.

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

- NYC DOT – speed reducer: 88 Street between Liberty Avenue & 107 Avenue
- NYC DOT – Open Streets: 111 Ave from 127 Street to 132 Street (it was noted there are some issues with this, and we will be discussing it with the civic association and taking up some of those concerns. The Open Streets is called for Saturdays 10am-10pm & Sundays 1pm-8pm)
- NYC DOT – Open Streets: 134 Street from Rockaway Blvd. to Foch Blvd. (it was noted this is the same sponsor and is also a full closure type of open street)
- NYC DOT / Division of Bridges – planning Statement Letter regarding Design & Construction Support Services for Component Rehabilitation of 10 Bridges (it was noted one of those bridges is in our district, the South Conduit Blvd. Bridge / Belt Southern Pkwy.)
- National Grid Construction Notification: 116 Avenue & the Van Wyck Expwy. Sound Wall Project
- EDC Notice of Build NYC Public Hearing: Build NYC Resource Corp. is a local not-for profit development corporation which does bonds to businesses through EDC. One of the businesses that is a borrower on that is Aero JFK LLC which is a subsidiary of Real Term Airport Logistics, and they will be borrowing from EDC to complete their project which is totally on airport in the cargo area. We're glad to provide a copy of the information on the public hearing to anyone who would like it.
- Copy of letter that was sent out by 106 Precinct, Captain Bacchi, to locations where there were numerous repeat noise complaints last year notifying the property owners that there were complaints about their properties last year and that the precinct would be observing this year to see that conditions are better.
- NYMTC Notice of Comment Period (05/23-06/01): Proposed Transportation Improvement Program Amendments
- Demolition notice: 104-43 127 Street, RH 11419 (garage)

The Chair noted members had the directed mail list in their folders, and to please let her know if there is anything board members would like.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – the Board Chair read the report of expenditures for the month May 2022 on behalf of the Treasurer.

**BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT** – M. Cano – announced tomorrow is the State of the Borough at LaGuardia College at 9:30am; if you have not RSVPed there is still time to do so at: [queensbp.org/RSVP](https://queensbp.org/RSVP) or just go to our website under calendar where you'll be able to find our flyer and just click on the RSVP link. The Philippines Independence Day Event will be on 06/07 at 6pm at the Helen Marshall Center at QBH. Our Pride Month Ceremony will be at QBH on 06/13 at 6pm. All of these flyers can be found on our website. If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email. I will put all my information in the Chat. Thank you.

The Chair thanked her and said we're glad to have you back with us.

**DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT** – J. Resor – not in attendance due to another commitment this evening.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT** – The District Manager reported notification has been received that National Grid has planned construction work to install a new gas main at the following locations: 104 Street between 107 Avenue & Liberty Avenue; 104 Street between 107 Avenue & Rockaway Blvd.; 104 Street at the intersection of 107 Avenue; Rockaway Blvd. between 120 Avenue & 133 Street; 120 Avenue at the intersection of Rockaway Blvd.; Rockaway Blvd. between 120 Avenue & Lincoln Street; 120 Avenue between 132 Street & 133rd Street; 116 Avenue between 135 Street & the Van Wyck Expwy. Service Road; Van Wyck Expwy. Service Road & 116 Avenue. The new gas main will be installed in the street or sidewalk and the excavation required will be backfilled each day. The entire work area will be kept clean and orderly, and attempts will be made to keep noise, dust, and debris to a minimum. 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. All street and sidewalk surfaces affected by the construction will be repaved to ensure a smooth surface. Temporary asphalt pavement will be used until all National grid work is complete and permanent restoration can be performed.

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

Going back to the correspondence I just read in regard to the DOT Open Streets, there are a couple of different issues that have been raised. We have had no contact from the sponsoring group that submitted the application to DOT. The local civic association has also had no contact from them. We don't know who the group or what their plans are. There has been no real reach out. We don't know who any letters of support that are required by DOT's application, are from. We've requested them from DOT to see if any local residents in the blocks that are concerned are supportive. One of the issues that is at play, both of these Open Streets locations call for full street closures on Saturdays and Sundays all summer long. One location is a two-block length on 134 street from Rockaway to Foch Blvd. - the block from Rockaway to 120 Avenue, one side of the street is commercial, and the other side is residential. On the block from 120 to Foch, both sides of the street are residential. One of the things that goes along with this Open Streets full street closure is it means no parking and no traffic, so in essence it really will turn out to be like a block party for the entire summer on every Saturday and on most of the day on every Sunday. That's the time when people are home, and they need their parking spots. For a block party it's once; for this it would be all summer long. There are some concerns that have started to be expressed by some of the residents. Also, there's been lots of construction work going on in relationship to the rain gardens, National Grid, etc. in that whole area of South Ozone Park there's a lot of streets where they had been shutting down parking. So that's one issue. It's the same issue on the other Open Streets location, which is 111 Avenue from 127 Street to 132 Street which is a number of blocks. It is mostly residential. Again, it would mean the entire street closed down all day from 10am in the morning till 10pm at night on Saturdays and from 1pm to 8pm on Sundays. That's going to be a problem for people using their own homes during the summer and being able to have cars parked at their house. It's a wonderful idea but some of these issues need to be addressed better and there needs to be some reach out to the people who actually live there. The other part of the equation that come in these types of Open Streets are supposed to be to make additional areas for essentially recreation space. 111 Avenue from 127 to 132 Street is close to Judge Park & Playground. It's not a huge distance to an existing park. So, the civic will be discussing this, and they will continue to do reach out to local residents to see what kind of opinions we can get. And then we will formulate some of the concerns in a letter to DOT before the comment period expires.

Reference was made to board member folder material in regard to the presentation that was made on 05/18 at MTA's CB10 look at the Bus Redesign zoom meeting. Also included in that were all the bus routes that go through CB10 and what is proposed to be changed. Everyone was urged to take a good look at it, share the information, and to go on MTA's website and put a comment in about some of the concerns that people are having. There are some issues that people are raising. There are some good ideas there and there are some not so good ideas.

Reference was made to the "Code of Conduct for Queens Community Board Members" which was included in board member folders. It was noted that this is something that board members had already received, but it was sent again so nobody could say they did not get it. The Chair asked members to please keep it in their files.

Reference was made to the presentation from the May Queens Borough Board relating to the Dept. of Youth & Community Services Neighborhood Advisory Boards. The information is there, if there is anyone who in the relevant groups, in the relevant pieces of our geography that are within that program we can get the application forms and we can send it off to the right people. If you're interested, take a look at the material and the FAQs about the program.

Reference was made to a list of the collision prone locations in our area for the time-period between 05/01/21 & 04/30/22. We do have some locations where there are serious crashes and the Chair read off the list.

The Chair also reported that as of yesterday, hurricane season started and in the folder material that all Board members received is information on the predictions for the Atlantic hurricane season this year from NOAA. A map of the CB10 evacuation zones is also in the material. The Chair commented that hopefully, we do not need it any time this summer but if you look at the map of all the evacuation zones in our board area, virtually everything south of Rockaway Blvd. is in an evacuation zone. Some more serious than others, but a good chunk of our geography is in peril from major



storms. One way to sort of mind-visualize that peril is to imagine having the amount of rainfall flooding such as what happened during Ida and the amount of tidal flooding we saw from Sandy at the same time from a future storm.

Additional material included in board member folders regarding weather & fireworks, and community notices from Speaker Adams and the District Attorney.

If anybody has seen anything else on our Facebook page download it if there's anything you want information about, we will share it with you.

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

**BUDGET** – the Board Chair indicated that last month she did announce that the Budget Committee would be meeting during the month of May to be able to present tonight at our June meeting as we normally do our internal budget for next year which starts on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The District Manager has been working on the internal budget to present to the committee and is still waiting for material and information from the NYC Office of Management & Budget that we have not yet received, despite the DM requesting it, so we're not ready to present the internal budget.

The Board Chair stated, I would ask for a motion that we authorize District Manager Petersen to continue to prepare the internal budget. But we need to authorize DM Petersen to continue to prepare it and get the paperwork that's needed, and to submit it. So, we will bring it before the budget committee when completed and to the full board in September. The Board Chair asked is there a motion.

Ash Maharaj indicated he's part of the committee and made the motion.

The Board Chair asked if there was a second to the motion, and it was seconded by Anthony Cosentino. John Fazio also seconded it.

The Board Chair asked if there was any discussion, there was none. The Chair asked if all are in favor. The Chair asked if there were any opposed, hearing / seeing none. No one was opposed. The Chair asked if there were any abstentions, hearing / seeing none. The motion carried.

The Board Chair indicated, as soon as the DM has everything she needs to have put together we'll sit down with you and the committee and figure out what's going on. Hopefully the budget that gets passed at the Council does not do anything that impacts our community boards.

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

**EDUCATION** – the Committee Chairperson reported DOE is conducting interviews for new superintendents. We had our interview process for District 27 this week. I'll let you know if we get a new superintendent. Have a great summer.

**Highways, Roads & Traffic** – the Board Chair made reference to the Highways, Roads & Traffic Committee indicating a change has been made on the committee list. Since both the Highways, Roads Committee and the Transportation Committee overlap the function, they also overlap in the members of the committees. There are people on both committees that are the same people, so what I've done is merged the two committees into one committee, continuing with R. Ciulla-Frisone as the committee Chair. It's the Transportation Committee but includes everybody who was on the Highways & Roads Committee. You can cross the Highways & Roads Committee off your list. And I want to thank Romeo Hitlall for his work with that committee.

**LAND USE** – the Committee Chair reported we were trying to get the two actions (76 Street Mosque / and / 79 Street Chuck E Cheese) in front of us, however those two zoning attorneys are still processing through to BSA and won't need us until September for the Land Use Committee meeting and presenting to the full Board in October. So, we'll be considering those two actions when we come back in the fall. We just got a re-design back from the developer of a proposal for 78 Street just south of Linden Blvd. and I'm trying to set up a meeting with CM Ariola and Chair Braton. It seems like they're adhering to some guidelines, questions, points that we gave them at the last meeting. They cut the project almost by 50% and went from almost 215 units to now about 120 units. The building is smaller



so they're looking for an R5D rezone instead of an R6/8 which is a good thing. This proposal is still in preliminary stages and has not been filed yet. It looks like we might be meeting with them in July. Enjoy the summer and we'll see you in September.

The Board Chair thanked him.

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 apologized for his tardiness indicating he had some technical difficulties with Zoom. He reported we're still up slightly in crime but we're making headway. We're actually seeing some decreases in crime: robberies are down 33%; grand larceny autos which have been increasing for this year are actually down 9% for the past month and we're also seeing a downward trend in felony assaults. This is all good news. However, we have seen an increase in shooting violence. I reported at the last meeting that we had a fatal shooting at 109 Avenue by 96 Street, an arrest was made in that incident, however we've had two shooting incidents since. On 05/12 a young man was shot near 107 Avenue & 134 Street during a dispute and then 05/30 we had an 80-year-old woman within inside her residence when an individual pulls up in a vehicle, exited that vehicle, and fires numerous gunshots into her residence striking her once in the arm. In both incidents the investigations are ongoing by the Detective Squad, however, if anybody has any information regarding any crimes that are occurring you can call our Crime Stoppers Hot Line at: 1-800-577-TIPS. In most cases there's up to a \$3,500 reward and all calls can remain confidential. You can call anonymously, you'll be given a special ID number so should an arrest be made in that case, you'll receive your reward.

I just want to speak about quality-of-life calls within the precinct. A bulk of our 311 complaints are noise so I'll give you an example – for May there were 2,546 (311) calls; out of that 740 were noise complaints. We've taken a proactive approach this year to reaching out to residents that have been the subject of a number of complaints to their residence for noise and other quality of life issues and we've sent them letters indicating such. The letter reads: in 2021 your address was the subject of (it specifies the number of complaints) 311 complaints for noise and other quality of life issues. Then it goes on to define the unreasonable noise statute as defined in the NYC Administrative Code as: any excessive or unusual loud sound that disturbs the peace and comfort of a person. Additionally, NYC Administrative Code Section 24-218A states that no person shall make any unreasonable noise. A violation of this section constitutes an unclassified misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine up to \$500.

We're asking residents to be considerate of your neighbors when hosting parties or playing music and share this with members of their household.

In addition to the 2,546 (311 calls) there were 9,010 (911) calls; so, 11,500 calls that the police officers are responding to and if we can mitigate issues before they pop up, then that's our plan.

I also want to speak on some of the quality-of-life complaints that have to do with parking. Out of the 2,500 + calls to 311, 270 of them were abandoned vehicle calls. When I look at the 311 system, I see that a majority of people put that the vehicle has been parked at the location for a certain amount of time and normally it's two weeks, a month, or two months. We cannot take people's word on it that the vehicle has been parked there for that long because sometimes when we conduct an investigation into that vehicle, we'll see that the vehicle received summonses in the recent past at different locations or some other factor that leads us to believe that the vehicle has not been parked at that location for a certain amount of time. We have to actually visit and we mark the vehicle for the street storage rules and then upon the 7 day limit we'll return there and see if that vehicle is still in fact there and we'll issue it summonses and then we will tow it. For the month of May we did 35 rotation tows, so we towed 35 vehicles in regard to 311 complaints. We have 2 tow companies that are contracted as rotation tow companies and we cannot handle the volume of 270 abandoned vehicles, so we ask that you do have some patience. If we don't happen to do it on the day that you make your complaint, we will follow-up in the 7-day period to ensure that it's not being stored on the street in violation of the rules and we will address your concern.

The other issues are blocked driveways. 450 calls for blocked driveways, again this comes down to neighbors being respectful of their neighbors and not parking in their driveway which then prompts a response by us to have to come and correct the condition.



If anybody has any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.

The Chair asked if there were any questions.

A member asked about extra patrols and additional monitoring by the schools.

The Captain replied, we do routinely have the Youth Coordination Officers, they work closely with all the schools. They do in person visits to the schools each week in addition to doing Directive Patrols which means that they do visits to the school and they'll be outside especially during dismissals. We also have the Neighborhood Coordination Officers conducting visits to the schools, and it's not just after some sort of incident across the nation or in the City, this is an ongoing issue because we do recognize that there is violence associated with students coming to and from school in the corridors.

The member thanked the Captain.

The Chair asked if there were any other questions.

Lynette Shelbourne-Barfield from Speaker Adams' office stated she was just wondering if the letter writing initiative or sending out the letter to those with previous noise complaints, is that an initiative exclusive to your precinct or is it an NYPD effort or Queens South effort. Please explain. Thank you.

The Chair commented this has been done for a number of years.

Lynette Shelbourne-Barfield continued, I'm not sure if I was clear, is the initiative launched out of that precinct only or is it a NYPD initiative.

The Chair indicated that's something the Speaker's Office can follow-up with the Police Dept. itself. Captain Bacchi is the 106 Precinct; this is something the 106 Precinct has done for a number of years as noise complaints are, and have been for years, our leading quality of life complaint.

The Chair then said, "I'd like to compliment Captain Bacchi because not only have some of the crime numbers started to go down, so have our number of noise complaints. For the time period between June 1, 2020 and the end of May 2021 we had 8,800 noise complaints. During that same 12-month time period, from June 1, 2021 till May 31, 2022 that has dropped to 8,002. It's still a lot of noise complaints, but it is an improvement. One of the significant things that stands out is that although the total number of complaints is still high the category with the largest drop was residential noise. Captain Bacchi you may get a lot of hits on this, but you have been doing something that is working and we thank you for that. We're looking forward to seeing it drop even more with the summer."

Lynette Shelbourne-Barfield commented I applaud the efforts, but I'm not sure if my question was answered, but it's ok I got enough information for the moment, thank you.

The Chair replied you're welcome.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else in attendance from the Police Department who would like to speak, hearing no one.

The Captain added, we had our Community Against Gun Violence Event, and I'd like to thank everybody that did come out. I know mother nature was not too receptive to our event and didn't cooperate, but we do have another event scheduled for 06/25 by the triangle on Rockaway Blvd. & Foch Blvd. from 10 am – 2pm. I encourage everybody to come out and voice your concerns and support for the ongoing crisis of gun violence that affects not only NYC, but it seems across the nation. We'll have some giveaways and some food and hope to see you there.

The Chair thanked the Captain.



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

**PARKS & RECREATION** – the Board Chair addressed the Committee Chair noting she had an opportunity to pass on some of his concerns when she was in the bank today and ran into Deputy Commissioner Iris Rodriguez.

**PERSONNEL** – the Committee Chair wished everybody a happy and safe summer.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – the Committee Chairperson commented the crime stats report in board folders will indicate the Captain is absolutely right and we seem to be trending down; thank you Captain and the men and women of the 106.

**SANITATION** – the Board Chair acknowledged Allie Gumas, from NYC Dept. of Sanitation. Allie Gumas stated, I'm Senior Manager, Drop-off & Community Composting at Dept. of Sanitation and I wanted to be sure to talk with you for just a minute about our new food scrap drop off site we have in your district; it's actually the only one in your district. We're very proud to be in all 59 community boards at this point. We previously had a site in your district that had to close about a year ago and we're happy that we've restored service. The drop off is actually located at AM Anderson's office on Rockaway Blvd. Every Tuesday and Wednesday from noon to 4pm there will be bins outside the AM's office, and you can bring your food scraps (everything but your meat and dairy): your vegetables, your coffee filters, rice, pasta, grains. The DOS is clearly trying to expand our composting programs, this is good not just for our agency's goal for sending less waste to landfills but it's also good for your neighborhood because the less food you're setting out on your curb, the less you're feeding your rats in the neighborhood. I know that a recurring issue in my neighborhood and I believe it is across all 59 districts.

If you're setting your food scraps out in a black plastic bag the rats are likely chewing through it at some point and if you separate your food scraps and bring them to a closed container like the one we've set up at your AM's office, we stop feeding those rats and it'll be much better for the city's Zero Waste goals. I'm happy to answer more questions, but I don't want to take up your time so I'm going to put the full site details in the Chat and also my email so you can ask me any questions generally about composting and what the city is doing to work toward that or about the site itself. I really appreciate your time.

The Board Chair asked if anybody had any questions, hearing none.

The Chair thanked Allie Gumas and asked her to thank the Assemblymember for allowing them to do it there.

The Sanitation Committee Chair announced the Sanitation test is open for filing starting June 03 if anybody is interested in joining DOS.

**SUMMER YOUTH & OTHER EMPLOYMENT** – the Committee Chairperson indicated report was in board folders and wished everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

The Board Chair then acknowledged the various representatives from elected officials.

Neil Giannelli, from Senator Addabbo's office, greeted everyone and said he's filling in for Carl Moore who is on a well-deserved vacation. We have legislation that has passed waiting for the Governor's signature: Protect Jamaica Bay, is essential to the future safety and prosperity of CB10 and we also have secured funding to continue to clean the Addabbo Bridge. The funding had come from the City, but that money ran out and the State has stepped up. If anybody has any questions, I put my phone and email in the Chat. He thanked the Chair and wished everybody a good summer.

Jason Greenberg, from Assemblymember Pheffer-Amato's office, said Neil touched upon the Jamaica Bay bill which was sponsored in the Senate by Senator Addabbo and sponsored in the Assembly by AM Pheffer-Amato. We're very happy it's on its way to the Governor's desk. The AM's aesthetic flap closure bill for mastectomy patients passed unanimously in both the Senate and Assembly which is also on its way to the Governor's desk; hopefully it will be



signed into law. Just like the Senate, the Assembly is still in session. The AM is very excited to be back in the district next week for the rest of the year. We're excited to be rolling out our mobile office hours; that schedule should be released within the next couple of weeks as well as a lot of other community events that we'll be hosting over the summer. We'll be sure to keep everybody in the loop. Have a great summer.

Porcher Summers, from Assemblymember Anderson's office – greeted everyone and indicated DOS had already announced the composting site at the AM's Office in South Ozone Park. She indicated upcoming events should be available by the next meeting.

The Chair addressed the representatives and said if your offices have flyers for events during the summer, just email them to the office and we'll be happy to post them on our Facebook page.

Elliott Heisler, from Assemblymember Rajkumar's office – greeted everyone and reported, as has been mentioned, the AM is up in Albany. The Assembly is currently in a marathon session trying to squeeze in all the bills that we can pass before session closes. After that the AM looks forward to being in the district 7 days a week and no need to commute back and forth to Albany. We're looking forward to hosting a lot of summer events in the district so stay posted, we're on social media. I put my contact phone and email in the Chat. Feel free if there's any issue just give us a call, send us an email, we're here to help. Looking forward to a wonderful summer with the whole community.

Phyllis Inzerillo, from Councilmember Ariola's office – greeted everyone and reported the CM had a meeting with DOE Safety Director as well as NYPD and the officials from FDNY as well as principals from most of the schools within the district regarding school safety and they're discussing different ways that we can help protect our children. We will continue to update the community as we get information from DOE as to what they plan to do to make the schools safer for our kids. We are hosting a trip to the September 11 Museum on Monday June 6 at 3:30pm, we're meeting at the museum, you can find the link on the CM's Facebook page. You have to register for tickets, it's a free event. We will all be meeting in the lobby of the museum at 3:30. We're open Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm. We are on call 24hours a day 7 days a week. If you call and leave a message, we will get back to you very shortly; it comes directly to myself and the CM's email. Have a wonderful summer.

Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, from the office of City Council Speaker Adams, greeted everyone and shared that today the Council voted on a package of legislation to strengthen fire safety measures in residences throughout NYC. The bills respond to issues that led to the tragic residential building fire at the 19 story Twin Parks North West apartment building on 01/09 that claimed the lives of 17 New Yorkers including 8 children. The council vote was on legislation requiring inspection for self-closing doors in residential buildings. It is an additional fire safety measure to prevent fire tragedy to complimenting the recent legislative package passed on 05/19. Strengthening inspection processes of self-closing doors will ultimately save lives especially in higher risk buildings.

On 05/22 the Speaker hosted her State of the City which took place in person at York College and you have an opportunity to listen in on the details from the State of the City speech that she made on NYC Council website; go to Districts, choose your district, and then click on press & news, and all of the announcements regarding items in the press and legislative issues, you find them there if you've missed the live presentations.

We have a host of events going on. Today the Speaker hosted a Business Networking Informational Session at Resorts World. I'll be certain to send all of the flyers to share with your members. On Saturday 06/11 at 10am Speaker Adams is co-sponsoring with CM Selvena Brook-Powers & CM Nantasha Williams "Keep our Community Clean Rally" at Baisley Pond Park, where there will also be a shredding event. Movie night, and Books Below the Branches Read Aloud. If you received an announcement about Community Conversations Neighborhood Safety Team Event that was scheduled for 06/10 please note that particular event is postponed. I'll provide an update moving forward. I will put my information and contact for the speaker in the Chat.

Dan Brown, from the office of District Attorney Melinda Katz, greeted everyone and said he appreciates all the time the board has given his office this evening and thank you for having us for the presentation tonight. The DA is hosting her LBGT Pride Month celebration Tuesday, 06/14 at 5pm. It's an online Zoom event, you can register by going to [www.queesnnda.org](http://www.queesnnda.org) and you can also view the event there among the DA's other social media platforms.

The Chair thanked him.



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

The Chair commented she thought she saw David Tanis from Resorts World/Patrick Jenkins Firm.

The Chair indicated Ryan Day has moved on to other projects and we have David Tanis as the new representative for Resorts World.

David Tanis stated, I am here and am actually at Resorts World right now, I apologize. It's a pleasure to meet everybody from CB10; I look forward to working with you all after the summer break. Have a great summer. I look forward to connecting with you all and working with you. Thank you.

The Chair said we're happy to have you on board.

A member shared that the Primaries are coming up. Tomorrow is the last day to register for the June primaries, which are happening 06/28. There's a separate set of primaries happening on 08/23 due to some legal things going on; so if voting is something that's important to you, and I hope it is, then please just be aware that there are a number of changes to the primary elections this year. The general election in November is not affected.

The Chair addressed all the new board members stating, I asked for your committee preferences, and I have appointed you to the committees that you requested.

The Chair continued, at this point we're still allowed to be via Zoom until the middle of this month. However, when that changes, we will be going back to live meetings. Right now, we have the option to be either live or Zoom. In September we will be planning for a live meeting again, you will receive your information on that.

The Chair acknowledged Maricela Cano who had her hand raised.

Maricela Cano indicated she forgot to mention this. I don't know if many of you know I am the Director of Community Boards and a lot of you got appointed and I personally reviewed a lot of the applications for CB10 and a lot of the rest of the boards. One of the criteria that we used to reappoint people to the board who were already on the board was attendance. That is very, very important to the Borough President to make sure that community board members are engaged and are attending. So, this year what we're adding on to the criteria for reappointment is committee attendance. We want to make sure that board members are responsible and are attending board meetings as well as committee meetings whatever you're assigned to. We will be getting those records from all the Chairs by October. This is just a reminder that if you are too committed or have other things that you may not foresee make it a priority to attend and if you can't attend a meeting, please notify the Chair or the District Manager that you won't be attending so it's noted and we can know it. And if there is a reason why you couldn't attend a meeting, we can advocate for you when we do review these attendance records with the Council Members and the Borough President. Otherwise, if this is too much of a responsibility maybe you can reach out to the Chair or our office and we can discuss other options. Please just note that we will taking both of those things into consideration for your reappointment next year. She thanked the Chair.

The Chair thanked Maricela Cano.

The Chair commented, in regard to committee assignments we did receive notification from Queens SWAB that our appointee to attend the Queens SWAB meetings has not been able to attend them on a regular basis so if anyone is interested in serving as the representative on the Queens Solid Waste Advisory Board, an important body of work, if anybody would be looking to serve on that, I am considering removing our current representative and designating somebody else before the summer is over. Let me know if you're interested, especially some of our newer members who volunteered to be on the Sanitation Committee. Sanitation is an issue for some of us, if you're interested, let me know, I'll be making a change to that.

**PUBLIC FORUM** – The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public on the phone line who has a comment or a question, hearing none.



Alex Leguisamo stated, I just want to express my appreciation for the support I am getting regarding the Queens Bus Redesign. I am a resident of South Ozone Park near Linden Blvd., and I want to express my thanks for your support specifically regarding the new bus route Q51 that the MTA is planning to run on Linden Blvd. between the Van Wyck and Rockaway Blvd. which is a strictly residential street, and this new bus route is going to be running supposedly 24 hours every 10 minutes. That is certainly not going to be a welcome change for this short route on Linden Blvd. so again, I want to express my appreciation to all the community board members, and I want to urge all of them to please go on the MTA website to put your concerns. And I do appreciate the support I'm getting on this issue. Thanks so much.

The Chair thanked him and thanked the board members who did attend the MTA Zoom on the bus redesign in May.

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

The Chair asked if there was any member of the public on the Zoom who has a question or a comment.

The Chair indicated we did have a request from CCRB, Maroua Righi; however she was not in attendance.

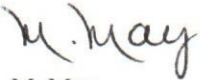
The Chair asked again if there was anyone else on the Zoom from the public who has a question or a comment, hearing none.

The Chairperson indicated, for the people watching the live stream on YouTube, the record of the meeting will be kept open until the close of business tomorrow. If you have any question or comment, if it's a comment we will enter it into the record, if it's a question we'll enter it in the record and we'll get you an answer. 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](mailto:qn10@cb.nyc.gov).

The Chair wished everyone a nice happy summer and said, see you in September and hopefully we will actually see each other in person in September.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



M. May

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