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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

May 5, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

B. Braton, M. Adams, L. Amorim, P. Baumann, N. Bissoon, J. Calcagnile, E. Cheng, M. Cherenfant, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Cosentino, F. Dardani, A. Deebrab, J. Fazio, E. Fraylon, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, R. Graziano, A. Hill, P. Kishun, A. Maharaj, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, R. Narine, S. Pace, J. Quijano, A. Rajnauth, B. Ramsundar, G. Russo, N. Santiago, V. Singh, J. Stahl, I. VanPutten, M. Vecchio, L. Walker

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

M. Q. Amin, A. Antonino, J. Caruso, J. Coulverson, A. Dhanpat, I. Dimoh, B. Escobar, A. Garcia, R. Hitlall, E. Holland, M. Logan, R. Martinez, S. Mohammed, A. Nocerino, S. Uddin

COMMUNITY BOARD 10 STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hon. J. Addabbo; Hon. J. Ariola; N. Hezekiah, Rep., Hon. G. Meeks; C. Moore, Rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; T. Miller, Rep., Hon. J. Sanders; J. Greenberg, Rep., Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; J. Gross, Rep., Hon. J. Rajkumar; L. Shelborne-Barfield, Rep., Hon. A. Adams; L. Fogal, Rep., Hon. J. Ariola; I. Shargal, Mayor's CAU; J. Ottomanelli, DSNY Queens Liaison; D. Brown, QDA's Office; Capt. J. Bacchi, CO 106 Precinct; Det. B. Reddick, Community Affairs 106 Precinct; P.O. A. Barnett, NCO Sector D; P.O. J. Vogel, NCO Sector D; P.O. Paese, NCO Sector A; J. Pohorelsky, Assistant VP, Government & Community Relations, NYC EDC; R. Palkowski, Senior Project Manager, Capital Program at NYCEDC; C. Chin, Borough Planner NYC DOT Queens Borough Commissioner's Office

The Chairperson began the meeting conducted remotely via Zoom at 7:02 pm, which was also live streamed on YouTube.

The Chair reviewed board member attendance by roll call. Zoom service was lost while attendance was being taken and all attendees had to sign back in and reconnect. The Chair apologized noting everyone would be given a minute to get back in. The Chair then resumed taking attendance, 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 Chair then acknowledged Senator Addabbo and invited him to speak. The Senator greeted everyone and reported there are 12 days left in the legislative session which ends June 2nd. If anyone sees any bills, or reads about something, or you want to weigh in on any of the bills, weigh in. The Senator reported that the budget was enacted in April and a lot of what was in the budget bill had to do with concerns people have expressed especially with bail and issues related to repeat offenders. He said, hopefully with all the changes that we did to the bail in this most recent budget, giving judges more discretion, cracking down on gun violence and repeat offenders, hopefully we can turn the tide in reference to crime throughout the city and keep our neighborhood safe. I do want to bring up the unfortunate incident regarding the shooting that happened in Ozone Park. Likely so this was a premeditated incident, a victim was sought out, so it

wasn't a random gun violence situation but nevertheless, gun violence is rampant, it's nondiscriminatory, we're all affected by it. I have faith in Mayor Adams, I believe in his blueprint in the fight against crime, I give him a lot of credit, because I know what he inherited from Mayor DeBlasio was not good and so I give him a lot of credit and I do support him. In this State Budget we just passed, \$227 million was put toward gun violence, gun programs. \$18 million goes to local law enforcement. With the bail, having the judges actually even consider a prior conviction or a prior act by the criminal or alleged criminal helps because if it's a gun violence or a gun situation, that person can now get bail which previously he would have been let go. Gun trafficking, gun sales was just addressed in this budget in an effort to address the gun violence that has been going on. Hopefully we took the right steps in the budget. The Senator noted Carl Moore was in attendance who would later give some updates on events going on in the neighborhood. The Senator asked to let him know if he can be of any help and thanked the Chair and CB10.

The Chair stated Carl is very efficient, he sent your announcement and it has already been sent out.

The Chair then acknowledged Council Member Ariola and invited her to speak.

Council Member Ariola greeted everyone and extended congratulations to all the newly sworn in board members. CM Ariola extended wishes for Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Teachers Appreciation Week. She acknowledged the Chairperson, a retired teacher, and other teachers on the board and said thank you for all that you do. To all who celebrated Ramadan I want to wish you Eid Mubarak. The Chair, the Assemblymember, the Senator, District Leader Frank Gulluscio, and I, attended a Holocaust Remembrance Memorial Service at the Judea Center in Howard Beach.

We continue to fight against illegally parked trucks, cars, trailers, boats, containers. You'll notice in one of our more troublesome sites on 84 Street between 157 Avenue & Shore Pkwy. a container was removed; there were two and now we're working on getting the other removed. We continue to press the issue of the lineup of tractor trailers along the Conduit by Goddard JHS. As a matter of fact, the Chair of the Transportation Committee/Transportation Infrastructure, Selvena Brooks-Powers CM and Majority Whip came to the district. We looked at a lot of hot spots that need 4way stop signs, and some areas where there were all these trucks parked and we were able to get one tractor trailer that was abandoned there towed right on the spot. I want to thank the NYPD because as we were standing there with the Chair one of the officers was ticketing that trailer once again and then that trailer was removed.

We're also targeting dumping areas, and just cleaned up an area that was a mess on the North Conduit between Tahoe & Raleigh. We continue to fight the battle against dumping and graffiti. Nothing gives a worst perception of a community than if it has garbage all over it and graffiti all over it. If you have any areas that are chronic dumping areas or if you see an area that was just dumped, please let our office know. I put our number in the Chat. I'm here with Linda Fogal from our office - she works magic with DOT, DSNY, and all the agencies and I want to thank her for all her hard work.

There was an issue with a traffic flow sign on 156 Avenue & 157 Avenue that was actually blocking the left-hand turn signal from Cross Bay Blvd. into Old Howard. We worked closely the Community Board and DOT, and in one of the cases it was removed. In the other case at 157 Avenue the traffic sign was tilted a bit and now someone hit that traffic sign so it's bent, 311 was notified.

Recently the HB community put red bows along the route of the funeral procession for fallen Fire Fighter Timothy Klein to stand in support of his family.

We did Coffee with the Councilwoman which was very successful and attended by members of the board and members of the community and I appreciate that. Also, that day we had an adoption and fostering event with the Meow Squad. If you have a heart to foster please look the Meow Squad up, it's a wonderful organization and they take at risk cats.

I did have a Zoom call with the Mayor when he was quarantined, we spoke about public safety, quality of life, budget and capital projects throughout our district because there are a number of things that need to still be done, road paving and infrastructure. There will be a bill coming before the City Council which I'm proud to be co-sponsoring. It's a bipartisan bill being brought to the City Council at the request of our Public Advocate, Jumaane Williams. It's an extension of a bill that already exists for the continuation of the cleaning of catch basins and sewers throughout our district and the districts throughout Queens. I worked closely with DEP Chief Operating Officer Sapienza to work on

that bill and make sure that is an attainable number of catch basins. There are 150,000 catch basins throughout the entire City of NY but if you look at the map our district has the most red zones because of all the flooding and we now have what's called pluvial flooding which means it's areas that get flooded that didn't normally get flooded, so they're going to be putting extra attention on District 32 to make sure that our catch basins and our seepage basins are cleaned regularly and I want to thank our Community Board for working with us on that. That should come up for a vote and I believe it will pass bipartisan support this way we can get to work on making sure that rainwater doesn't cause damage in our basements and coastal flooding hopefully will have less of an impact because our basins will be cleaned.

I joined a task force meeting down at the "hole" in Lindenwood and the Chair was there with us. It's a joint task force with the Queens and Brooklyn Borough Presidents. We're currently working on some ways with all the agencies to find a livable solution for that portion of the district. The majority of it is in Brooklyn, but we do have a portion of it in Queens and quite frankly we care about it because it's a city-wide issue. It's 30 feet below the grade of any neighboring community. There are a couple of ideas that people spoke about and we're meeting back in about 2 – 3 weeks and hopefully we can do something to help the people who live down there. Any questions.

The Chair thanked CM Ariola. The CM said she appreciates the collaboration.

The Chair alerted everyone to just sign back in if Zoom connection goes down again.

The Chair then asked if there are any other elected officials who have joined us, hearing none.

It was noted representatives would have an opportunity to speak later.

At this point the Chair opened the informational public hearing, introducing Jana Pohorelsky, Assistant Vice President, Government & Community Relations, New York City Economic Development Corporation to give an update on the Raise Shorelines Citywide initiative.

The speaker introduced herself as the Queensboro Director on EDC's Government & Community Relations Team and indicated she was joined by her colleague Ryan Palkowski as well as a colleague from DOT. She expressed thanks for being invited to present today and noted she would screen share the presentation. (All members were sent the presentation in advance of the meeting.)

Today is an update about the Raise Shorelines Program which we are really excited is moving forward in Old Howard Beach. As you'll probably remember back before Covid we had presented this initiative to the board. It's really a Citywide initiative aimed at proactively addressing tidal flooding and sea level rise across the five boroughs. The program dates back to 2014 when the City conducted a comprehensive analysis of over 600 miles of shoreline to identify the neighborhoods that are most vulnerable to daily tidal flooding inundation by 2050. Old Howard Beach at that time was determined to be one of the priority communities and two projects were identified on public street ends. One along the Shell Bank shoreline and the other at Hawtree Basin shoreline. There are two main goals for both of these projects, in the neighborhood. The first is to protect against daily tidal flooding, and the second is to increase vehicular safety at the neighborhood street ends. As you know, and as the Councilmember also spoke about, we heard that flooding is a major concern for residents in Old Howard Beach and street ends are one of the most common points of entry for water to flow into the neighborhood. Today there is really no protection against tidal flooding at the street ends that have been identified for this project and so the effort is both to improve current conditions while also ensuring protection up to sea level rise that's anticipated by 2050.

I'll zoom in on each of the projects that are part of this initiative in Old Howard Beach.

The first one is located on 95 Street and the second one on 165 Avenue.

I'll start with 95 Street. The first set of photos here is really to give you a sense of what the street end looks like today. A few things I want to point out is in picture #6 there's pools of water which shows there's poor drainage going on and then there's also existing barriers and fences as you'll see in photos 3, 4, 7. Those fences and barriers have gaps and today they don't fully align or connect with the sidewalk and that creates lots of space for water to flood into the neighborhood. This initiative will tackle the drainage on the streets which is an issue because we don't currently have catch basins for storm water there and it'll also provide better barriers to protect against water coming in from the sea

while also providing safety on the streets from the vehicles. You can see the current conditions are really a patchwork of loosely connected pieces in the public right of way. That leaves plenty of room for daily flooding to get into the neighborhood. So, here's a rendering to show what the work will look like when it's complete. A few key parts here are the catch basins that will be installed – there's one on this side of the street, and one on this side of the street and then this is the really seamless single barrier wall that will both provide vehicular safety and also serve as a barrier against sea level rise and protection against the flooding there.

Moving to 165 Avenue: we're undertaking a very similar project there, but I want to still show a bit about what the current conditions are like today. What you'll see and what's interesting about this project is that it's adjacent to the National Park next door so we want to make sure that any work that's done here really fits right in naturally with the park while also protecting against the impacts of sea level rise. In photo 2 you'll see we've got some puddling over there as well as in photo 3. And also what you can see here is that there is a bit of a change in the elevation on the sidewalk as compared to the road and that just shows us that the road is really the lowest lying point and easy access point for tidal flooding to get into the neighborhood. Part of the work we're doing here is to seal off the low-lying parts of the road by building a crash wall that will naturally connect into the park and into the street - the public right of way. Again, this is just a quick sketch to show the other side of the street and the sidewalk that is adjacent on the non-park side. Again, what we see here is this fence the current barrier does not fully reach into the park and isn't really a seamless connection to prevent the impacts of the sea coming into the neighborhood. So here's a rendering of what the work will look like when it's complete on 165 Avenue, we've got two new catch basins which will be installed that will help us to properly drain storm water in the area and then you'll see there is this seamlessly integrated wall that's both a way to prevent water from coming in and also provides vehicular safety at the end of the street.

So as far as next steps, we are excited to get this work done as quickly as possible and as soon as possible. Throughout the duration of construction, the intersections of both of those street ends will remain open. We are aiming to start construction this summer with the goal of being complete before winter because that would be a time of year where people want to make sure that their cars are easily accessible. I'd be happy to take any questions that the board has.

The Chair thanked her and asked if there is anyone from the public on the phone line who has any questions or comments to make, hearing none.

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

An area resident, Barbara McNamara, was acknowledged and she thanked the Chair. I just want to ask, what's the timeline for all of the rest of the bulk heads within CB10 and floodplain to be fully bulkheaded.

The presenter said our focus really is on restarting this work that dates back several years now. One of the many impacts of Covid on our city has been that some of this critical work has been paused so our focus right now is getting shovels in the ground and making progress on these identified street ends and then the city will go through another process to look at other opportunities to increase and protect the neighborhood against the impacts of sea level rise in the neighborhood.

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

The Chair stated, if there is anyone who is watching on the live stream, who has a question or a comment you may reach our office anytime tomorrow before the close of business at: 718-843-4488 or by e-mail to: qn10@cb.nyc.gov and if it's a question we'll get you an answer, and if it's a comment we'll enter it into the record. The record for the hearing will stay open until the close of business tomorrow.

The Chair then asked if there are any board members who have questions.

A member thanked the Chair and indicated he had two questions. What was the criteria for picking these two street and bulkheads to start with the work because there are other locations that actually have a greater impact on the residents in the community than these two? And why an area such as Hamilton Beach, where the member is the civic President, why would they not look at an area of Hamilton Beach which has no bulkheads on their street ends at all which I think

would take precedent over these areas while they do flood and they do get water there is some protection already afforded to that, unlike the streets in Hamilton Beach for the majority of them there are no bulkheads at all.

The presenter replied thanks for both of those questions and I know that flooding is a major concern in the neighborhood.

At this point the Chair interrupted to advise that it appears the Zoom meeting is going to end in 10 minutes again and asked everyone to sign back in again if this happens.

The presenter continued; I'll try to get this in before we get kicked off.

I know that flooding is a major concern in many parts of the neighborhood. As far as the criteria the city analyzed shorelines across the city and we're really looking at public street ends because we want to make sure that we can do this work starting with property that the city can easily access and do this work on, that was a major criteria in choosing these street ends. But this is the beginning, this is really the start of this work and also work that has been a long time coming. We're looking at getting shovels in the ground, adding the protection, and then definitely eager to work with the community and hear more about other opportunities to add protection.

Another member thanked the Chair and said I have two questions, but I think you answered one already. My first question is, have the property owners where the construction is set to take place, been notified of the upcoming construction just so they can make considerations for parking or anything else. My second question jumps off of the prior point, are there any other places in CB10 where there's going to be proposed construction, because to that point Hamilton is an area that floods constantly and that definitely would be an area where attention should be put on.

The presenter replied, on your second point I hear you loud and clear and that's something I can definitely relay back to the team here and that's a part of the neighborhood that's a concern. And your first question, yes we have been in contact with the property owners who are adjacent to both of these street ends, we're doing walk throughs with those owners and residents before construction starts and then we also have a contractor team that will work closely with them and make sure that when there are opportunities to make changes in the schedule we'll work with them as needed and so we'll make sure we're working together in lock step with residents in the neighborhood.

Another member indicated most of his questions were answered but is curious about where the water is going to go when it goes down those sewers, are those catch basins, do they go back into the canal or do they go into the combined sewer.

The Chair replied we don't have combined sewers there, old Howard Beach has just sanitary sewers.

The presenter replied the catch basins here are really aimed at collecting the storm water and then it goes back into the bay.

The member commented, so this check valve is something that does not come up through the outlets – what's preventing the water from coming up from the bay up through the sewers.

The Chair replied check valves.

The presenter said you're absolutely right, there are check valves. It's a one-way system we collect the water into the catch basin and it goes out into the bay.

Another member commented that was my question about the catch basins knowing that the water table is so high in Howard Beach and Hamilton Beach that the collection is going to be really non-existent especially since you don't have a sewer main or combined sewer to capture it. Have you thought about porous pavement as far as catching the water? That's probably a design that could work in these areas.

The presenter thanked him for that comment and said you're asking about porous pavement?

He replied, yes, because a catch basin is going to be costly and not going to do much for that area.

Our team looked at that and they arrived at the conclusion that the catch basin would be the best alternative in this scenario and for these street ends, but it certainly is something that I can take back to them and make sure it's under consideration for any future projects.

Another member commented his concerns were also the points everybody just brought up. Because when you do have a major event where Shellbank Basin is at high tide it could be overflowing those walls and then simultaneously we have rain or high flooding conditions they're going into those catch basins. In the design is there attention to new check valves on the back side of those walls. Did they think of anything maybe to retain the water until tide goes down? That's happened in a couple of areas here on 162 Avenue which we've had good results with. We have many, many years of flooding so it's been working where they retain the water underground in chambers before it goes out and the tide subsides. Did they think of any of that or is there money appropriated for the back side of those barriers now, check valves, and so forth.

The presenter replied, we have check valves. It's not quite the timing system that you're describing but more of a gradual release. I think what we can do is that as soon as construction is complete, and I know there'll be testing involved in this work, and we'll continue to monitor how the valves are working and how the outflow is going, once we can see how that's happening over time.

The member commented and the piping that's in the ground there I'm sure it's not in good shape and they're just going to attach those two catch basins in both locations to what's already there or are they going to be removing and replacing possibly the bad piping and the underground sewer lines that are actually going out to the basins now.

The presenter indicated; we're replacing those pipelines as part of this project.

The Chair asked if there are any other questions from board members, hearing none.

The Chair thanked Ms. Pohorelsky for her presentation and for the information.

The presenter said my pleasure, thank you so much for having me.

In view of the Zoom difficulties, the Chair indicated she would try to go as fast as she could as the regular order of business continued.

The Chair then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April 2022 minutes. Hearing none, the Chair indicated the April minutes will stand as read.

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

- NYC DOT – speed reducer: 89 Street between 107 Avenue & Sutter Avenue
- NYC DOT – additional traffic controls: Sutter Avenue & 117 Street
- NYC DOT – additional traffic controls: Linden Blvd. & 121 Street
- NYC DOT – speed hump various locations: along 92 Street between 156 Avenue & 165 Avenue
- OMB notices: DEP, Parks, HPD
- NYC Department of Records and Information Services notice – regarding their digitalization activities
- NYMTC – notice of comment period

At this point the Zoom session went down and attendees had to again sign back in, and the Chair continued:

- NYS DOT - Construction notice: Liberty Avenue Bridge over Van Wyck Expressway
- NYS DOT - Truck parking alert / Van Wyck Service Road
- Multi-state break working group notices
- National Grid Notice: 155 Avenue between 101 & 102 Street
- Notice in regard to BSA Extension of Term Application: Chuck E. Cheese
- Demolition Expediting Notices

- Committee on Open Government - Notice on Open Meetings Law (we will remain on Zoom and go back to live meetings in September)
- NYC Comptroller's Office – FY2022 Financial Statement and Single Audit
- Notice in regard to a NYC Comptroller Event
- Notices from Senator Addabbo's Office

The Chair asked members to please feel free to contact her if there is anything in the directed mail anyone is interested in.

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

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT – the Board Chair indicated Maricela Cano is at another event this event, noting members got the notices received from the Borough President's Office.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT – the Board Chair indicated Joy Resor had another commitment tonight.

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 Liberty Avenue between 98 Street & 99 Street. Notification has been received from the Parks Dept. that construction will begin the week of May 16, 2022 at P.O. Edward Byrne Park in South Ozone Park. The project will reconstruct the basketball and tennis courts at this location. Anticipated construction will continue for approximately one year. DOB has advised the DOB Annual No Penalty Inspections Programs for decks, porches, retaining walls, and business signs is back. Anytime in the month of May property owners and small business owners can contact 311 to request a free DOB inspection of these outdoor structures at no cost and without risk of penalties. If any unsafe conditions are discovered during the inspection, DOB will provide guidance on any issues that need to be fixed without issuing any violations or penalties, allowing owners the opportunity to make corrective repairs and insure their property is safe. Contact 311 to take advantage of this free program.

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

Reference was made to the pack of material in board member folders which included information from National Grid on clean energy vision for New York.

Reference was made to the US Army Corps of Engineers article published about projects and other material in board member folders which members can read.

The Board Chair then reviewed the attendance once again to add any members missed in the earlier roll call. (The Chair again noted the apparent issue with Zoom and indicated we would follow up tomorrow with Zoom to find out what and why tonight's problems with zoom are occurring.)

At this point, the Board Chair stated she would call on Captain Bacchi to give his report and to bring us up to date on the first murder that we had this year, unfortunately; and then Dan Brown from the District Attorney's Office.

Captain Bacchi greeted everyone and said thanks for the invitation to speak at CB10. I echo everybody else's sentiments of the tragic death of this woman. The 106 Precinct experienced four shooting incidents this year. In three of the four incidents the perpetrator and the victims have known each other; two of the four incidents occurred in private residences, and the fourth incident was a random attempted robbery. That individual was responsible for numerous robberies and a similar incident where he shot a victim in the 103 Precinct. But he was responsible for numerous crimes across Queens and in addition he was already out on parole for robbery and committing these other crimes.

I'm coming up on my 23rd year with the Police Department and I've been to countless incidents where people have been shot; what I can tell you is I can probably count on one hand how many times those incidents involved a legally owned firearm. The scourge of firearms across the city has reached epidemic proportions, and to that extent on

Saturday, we are having a Community Against Gun Violence Event which begins at 10am and concludes at 2pm. This is an event where the Police Dept. in collaboration with the community and our elected officials address the crisis of gun violence, not only here at 106 Precinct but across our city.

In regard to overall crime, it was just a mere two months ago where I reported the precinct was up significantly in crime to the tune of about 75%. We've made huge strides in that. We've really been out there and this speaks volumes to the hard work of our officers here in the 106th; so while we still see an increase in crime we're at 49% increase in crime as opposed to 76% and a lot of that has to do with Precision Policing. We've been targeting offenders who have been responsible for a majority of our crime. For example, in March we arrested an individual, I'll call him a thief because that's what he is, who was responsible not only for stealing at least six vehicles that we know of but he robbed a person on Liberty Avenue. He snatched a woman's purse from her hand on Liberty Avenue, and it wasn't until his ninth arrest that he finally got bail, which he couldn't pay and he's been in, and we've seen a dramatic decrease in the number of crimes due to this type of precision policing where we're targeting the offenders responsible for the crime.

The driver of our crime is grand larceny and 45% of the grand larcenies are fraud related - that means compromised bank accounts or credit card accounts and this speaks to safe guarding your personal identifying information - obviously your name, social security number, but you have to include also your financial institution banking user names and passwords. Do not allow third parties to have this vital information because once they get it, they have unfettered access to your accounts and the withdrawals begin.

What we're seeing also is unattended property. I'm not sure why for example in Sector B, we have 96 grand larcenies for the year; however, 13 of them are at the casino and it's unattended property. People gamble, leave their phone, or their money voucher at the machine and walk away to another machine and then expect when they come back it's still going to be there.

We're actually seeing a decrease in felony assaults which is good news; however, a vast majority of them, over 50% of the felony assaults in the precinct, are domestic violence and we speak to this all the time. If you or you know somebody that's experiencing violence in the relationship or household, help is available. You can call our Domestic Violence Officers at: 718-845-2227 or the NYC Helpline at: 1-800-621-HELP. We can refer you to services that may mitigate problems in the relationship before it leads to violence.

It's not just here in the 106 but pretty much across the entire city, they're seeing an uptick in stolen vehicles. But the large majority of stolen vehicles are because they're left unsecured, either because they're left running and unattended or parked with the keys inside the vehicle. We have about 98 stolen vehicles for the year. 50 of them were left running unattended. At least 20 additional were left parked with the keys inside the vehicles. If we take time to just safeguard our property, we'll see a reduction in crime because opportunistic criminals will not have that ability to take the property and the reports will diminish. If anybody has any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer.

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

The Board Chair then invited Dan Brown from the office of District Attorney Melinda Katz to speak. He greeted everyone and said he was sorry for the difficulties being experienced tonight. The Chair commented the wonders of Zoom.

The DA wanted to be on tonight considering that there was a fatal shooting in the community but she was not able to. But she wanted me to express her condolences to the friends, family, and loved ones of the victim. It's very difficult to come on and talk about these things for the DA or even me for that matter. We really can't comment specifically on a case, but the DA wanted you all to know she was on the scene yesterday, she was working the precinct, the captain, and NYPD; and for the people that don't know, the suspect is in custody for that recent shooting. The Captain mentioned the precinct is putting on a Community Against Gun Violence event for Saturday. The DA and I will be there. The DA will be speaking and she will go into more detail about her efforts against gun violence which include gun buy backs, RFPs put out for youth organizations that work with young people to steer them in the right direction before picking up a gun ever becomes a choice for them, and alternatives to incarceration to help people and rehabilitate them.

On May 26th at 11am the DA is hosting her annual Memorial Day Observance Ceremony to take place at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Elmhurst Park and it's going to be live streamed as well. If you want to come you can come to the event but if you'd rather just stream it, you can go to: www.queensda.org. I left my contact information in the original Chat and I'll put it in this one too, if you want to reach out to me for any reason.

He thanked the Chair for the time.

The Chair thanked him.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else from the Police Dept. who would like to speak.

The Chair acknowledged that a number of NCO Officers were in attendance and thanked them for joining our meeting.

The Chair stated, I would urge everyone on the board to make every effort to get to Saturday's event so that we can stand together as a community in opposition to gun violence and join in the effort to reduce them in our city.

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

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

LAND USE – the Committee Chair reported before we break for the summer, we'll have a Land Use Committee meeting for the mosque project in City Line; I believe they want to come and meet with us for the full board meeting in September. A new action we'll also be looking at is the BSA extension of term application for CEC Entertainment / dba Chuck E. Cheese in the Linden Shopping Center off of the Conduit & Linden Blvd. I'll keep everybody abreast of when we're doing that.

LIBRARIES – the Board Chair reported we were notified by Resorts World, when we met with them earlier this week, that the Queens Public Library will be having a mobile library unit that will be at the Rockaway Blvd. entrance at the Resorts World property to help alleviate the loss of service that we have with the Ozone Park Library being closed because the roof is being replaced. We'll get a notice on when it's going to start. That is another example of Resorts World assisting the community by allowing the Queens Public Library to use their property.

PARKS & RECREATION – the Committee Chair commented it's good to hear that some construction is starting in our parks. He announced upcoming NYC Parks events: Little Red's Hood - 30-minute-long puppet show on 5/31 at 11am at Walter Ward Playground; movie night on 6/15 at 8pm at Addabbo Playground; and another movie night at Addabbo Playground on 8/26 at 8pm.

The Board Chair noted for those who don't know where the Walter Ward Playground is that is the playground at PS 207.

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

SANITATION – the Board Chair invited Joe Ottomanelli from DSNY to speak. He reminded everyone they are hosting their Safe Disposal Event and the location for Queens will be in Astoria on June 11; advanced registration is required.

SUMMER YOUTH & OTHER EMPLOYMENT – the Committee Chairperson indicated report was in board folders and made following announcements: the NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board is hiring Community Outreach Coordinators – email them at: careers@ccrb.nyc.gov. The Summer Youth Employment Application period is now closed, the last date to file was April 22. There are quite a few jobs available at DPR including lifeguards: www.nyc.gov/parks.

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

The Chair noted Nathaniel Hezekiah, from the Office of Congressman Gregory Meeks, was in attendance earlier but needed to jump off.

Carl Moore, from Senator Addabbo's office, announced paper shredding event will be at Atlas on Saturday 05/21 from 10am-1pm, and on the same day there will be a Veterans Information Fair from 12pm-2pm where different veteran groups will be providing information and services. The next day 05/22 from 10am-2pm is our semi-annual e-waste recycling event at the Forest Park Bandshell parking lot, which is for televisions, computers, etc. but if you can't make that event, we take them in our office as long as they can be carried in.

Terrell Miller, from State Senator Sanders' office, announced the Homebuyers Education Program is coming up, where we will be promoting the city and state funding program to buy a home. In total you may be able to receive up to \$115,000 for your first-time home buy and we want to make sure as many people as possible in our district become a part of it.

Jason Greenberg, from Assemblymember Pheffer-Amato's office, commented on bill 8537 passed this week which gives mastectomy patients the choice of a flat closure which they previously did not have. That bill now goes to Senate for a vote. We still have an abundance of Covid tests; I'll put my info in the Chat for anyone who needs or knows anyone that needs, we can mail, drop them off, or you can come pick them up, whatever the case may be - just reach out.

Jacob Gross from Assemblymember Rajkumar's office, reported the AM has been busy the past few weeks working on the State budget. She secured \$50,000 for the Cityline Ozone Park Civilian Patrol which is the first state funding it has ever received. She is proud that the State Division of Veterans Affairs will now be elevated to a cabinet level Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Now veterans will have a one stop shop for accessing any services, they won't have to go to different agencies. AM Rajkumar was a lead advocate on this and both she and I extend all our thanks to veterans in the room today and know that the AM gives you her full support. The Senator mentioned earlier the bail reform changes in the state budget. The AM has a robust internship program, she is seeking wonderful young people from the neighborhood. As already mentioned, she is co-hosting the e-waste recycling event with Senator Addabbo in Forest Park Sunday 05/22 from 10am-2pm. She wishes everyone a happy Mother's Day.

Lynette Shelborne-Barfield, from the office of City Council Speaker Adams, greeted everyone and extended happy Mother's Day wishes. Today the Council voted on Intro 173-A requiring the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to develop standards for inspecting the quality of various features of parks or playgrounds under its jurisdiction. This legislation provides transparency about the disparity in parks maintenance and is a first step toward our goal of advancing equity that ensures that all New Yorkers have access to quality parks.

As the Zoom session appeared to be timing out again, the Chair indicated to Ms. Shelborne-Barfield if there is anything else you want to announce about events, please send it to us.

Ms. Shelborne-Barfield continued quickly; we have immigration attorneys on site every Monday so please call the office for additional information. We also have a general attorney if families need assistance, call and make an appointment for that service as well. Please mark your calendar there's a South East Queens Family Field Day on 05/14 from 3pm-7pm.

The Chair asked her to send us the info and we'll get it out to everybody.

Due to Zoom time constraints, the Chair indicated she would jump over Linda Fogal, from Councilmember Ariola's office, since the CM already spoke.

The Chair acknowledged the new representative from the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit, Ido Shargal. He introduced himself and said I am one month into this position but some of you may remember me, I was in this role previously. I am the Mayor's Community Affairs Representative for CB10 and for those of you who don't know what that means, we are the point person, we are the eyes and ears for the Mayor for this community. That means working hand in hand with this board, with civics, with the police precinct. This Mayor and my Commissioner stressed that this is a priority and that partnering with the community is so very important. I'm going to work closely with the District Manager, the Chair, the Board. I can drop my information in the Chat.

The Chair noted we can give you more time next month.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – the Chairperson asked if there was anyone from the public on the phone line who wishes to speak, hearing none. The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public on the Zoom who wishes to speak, hearing none.

The Chair stated, for the people watching the live stream on YouTube, our record will remain open until the close of business tomorrow, if you have a comment or a question that you would like to be included in the record, you can call our office at: 718-843-4488 or e-mail us: qn10@cb.nyc.gov.

The Chair extended happy Mother's Day wishes.

The Chair apologized for the technical difficulties of the evening and indicated we will work with Zoom to solve our issues. She extended thanks for everyone's cooperation tonight and again apologized for all the disruption.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. May".

M. May

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