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### REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

November 5, 2020

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

B. Braton, L. Amorim, A. Antonino, J. Ariola, N. Bissoon, J. Calcagnile, R. Ciulla-Frisone, F. Dardani, I. Dimoh, E. Fraylon, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, A. Maharaj, C. Malizia, R. Martinez, D. Mitchell, C. M. Mocombe, F. Mohamed, N. Nigro, S. Pace, J. Quijano, B. Ramsundar, R. Rathour, G. Russo, N. Santiago, A. Siewnarine, J. Stahl, M. Vecchio, L. Walker

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

M. Q. Amin, P. Baumann, J. Caruso, M. Cherenfant, A. Cosentino, A. Dhanpat, J. Fazio, R. Hitlall, E. Holland, P. Kishun, P. Lynch, M. Salim, J. Singh, D. Sookram-Singh, I. VanPutten,

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

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Hon. J. Addabbo; N. Hezekiah, Rep. Hon. G. Meeks; C. Moore, Rep. Hon. J. Addabbo; I. Dougherty, Rep. Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; K. Mooney, Rep. Hon. A. Adams; J. Mongeluzo, NYC Comptroller's Office; V. Garvey, QBPO; D. Brown, QDA's Office; J. Resor, QDCP; S. Everett, DCP; C. Peterson, HPD; A. Olsen, HPD; J. Ottomanelli, DSNY Queens Community Liaison; M. Walker, CAO-PANYNJ; R. Day, RWNYC / JFK Redevelopment

The Chairperson began the Zoom remote meeting at 6:45pm.

The Chairperson acknowledged the presence of Senator Addabbo and invited him to speak. The Senator, on behalf of himself and his staff, thanked everyone for their support. He said it is a privilege and great honor to serve you and all the people in my District. Let us know if we can be of any help going forward. The Senator reported he had a follow-up Zoom meeting with Con Ed last week regarding the tropical storm and the blackout experienced a few months ago. He noted it really was a prolonged blackout for communities in CB10. He is trying to see how Con Ed is going forward: how they are preparing for the next storm, what they've learned, what they did wrong, what they did right, during the last blackout. It's good to hear they do have a plan, at least in concept, on how to go forward and correct some of the problems they had with this last blackout during the tropical storm. He indicated he will get more information within the next couple of weeks, but the two problem areas in his district predominantly were parts of CB10 (Howard Beach and Ozone Park) and Middle Village. They have identified those areas, and are looking to see what can be done. It may include buying more equipment, gaining resources from other states quicker, and preparing for an upcoming storm that normally doesn't surprise us. Their protocol is going to change going forward in addressing the issues of the next storm. He said, I will follow up with Con Ed because I want to make sure everyone is protected; because electricity, and that kind of utility, is not a luxury, it's a necessity, and that's the way we should treat it. I'll give you updates as I get them. Again, thank you so much for the honor to serve you and if I can be of any help, please let me know. The Senator thanked the Chairperson.

At this point the Chairperson took board member attendance by roll call and indicated that she would review the list once again later on to catch anyone who may join the zoom later.



The Chairperson then opened the informational public hearing. She explained she would provide a little background, stating this is before us as a ULURP item and as a Citywide Text Amendment. Our official ULURP hearing on the matter will take place next month. The reason Ms. Resor was asked to do a presentation tonight is that that the rezoning portion that is involved, involves more than 1,000 homes. Given the limitations of Zoom, there really is no way for us to get the information out to those 1,000 homeowners in any easy fashion. What we have done is, we have prepared a mailing which will include the link to tonight's tape so that people in those 1,000 homes if they wish to access the information will be able to access it and watch the presentation. We have also provided information as to where they can find the information that is posted on City Planning's website in our mailing to the affected property owners. So that's the reason why we're holding this hearing tonight informally so that we have the ability to get the information out to those 1,000 residents.

At this point, the Chairperson introduced Ms. Joy Resor, Borough Planner, NYC Dept. of City Planning, Queens Borough Office, to give a presentation and speak about the Citywide Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency Text Amendment and the Old Howard Beach Rezoning.

Ms. Resor thanked the Chairperson for the introduction and said, good evening everyone. As mentioned, I have two proposals to present on today that were certified back on October 19<sup>th</sup> which means they are now open for public review. The Board will have 60 days to review the proposals and provide recommendations. The deadline for recommendations will be December 28<sup>th</sup>. She then shared her screen and indicated the presentation would be 30 minutes long and would only be the highlights of the Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency. She said, it's a very dense citywide text amendment and there is a longer presentation on the DCP website for those people who are interested in learning more about that and a link to it will be provided in the Chat box. Updates proposed under ZCFR are intended to work in conjunction with Old Howard Beach Rezoning. ZCFR is meant to provide more flexibility to homeowners in terms of retrofitting and bringing homes up to resilient standards. All of the regulations for ZCFR are optional and I want to make that very clear from the start. Nobody is going to make you elevate your homes or retrofit them; but we're trying to provide a little more flexibility and give people options, if you want to make your homes more resilient against future storms. I'm first going to present on ZCFR and I'll pause at the end to take questions, and then I'll start on the Old Howard Beach Rezoning.

Ms. Resor provided a very detailed and lengthy presentation explaining the background, purpose and goals of the ZCFR which seeks to promote resilient buildings throughout the city's current and future floodplains. It was noted that while there are many sources of flooding that cause issues in NYC, coastal storms like hurricanes, present the most significant flood risks in terms of compromising human safety, property damage and business disruption. With 520 miles of coastline, NYC is very much a coastal city with all of the associated benefits and burdens. ZCFR would improve and make permanent resilient zoning provisions initially put in place to help the City recover from Sandy. It proposes to reduce damage from future coastal storms, be resilient in the long term and potentially help save on flood insurance costs, and would also assist with recovery from future disasters including the present situation with COVID-19. It pursues a strategy that involves multiple lines of defense to include coastal defense strategies, and also advancing emergency preparedness.

Ms. Resor indicated a public hearing for both the Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency & the "Old" Howard Beach Rezoning is scheduled at the December 3, 2020 CB10 board meeting. She said, because the ZCFR is falling in the same timeline as the OHB Rezoning, DCP asks that recommendations be submitted as close to December 28 as possible; this the end of my presentation of the ZCFR and I'm happy to take any questions at this time.

The Board Chairperson asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to ask a question, hearing none.

The Board Chair addressed the Board Members and said, in the interest of time you're going to have another opportunity to ask questions on this; I'm just going to ask our Land Use Committee Chair if he has any questions. The Land Use Committee Chair addressed Ms. Resor noting it was a great presentation. He raised some questions relating to guidelines associated with the FEMA flood maps that still are not finalized, and which FEMA has been working on since before Sandy. Discussion ensued. Ms. Resor indicated they definitely have been in conversation with FEMA and a lot of people are waiting on the new maps to come out, they're definitely overdue. FEMA announced the new maps are targeted to be released in 2024. Discussion ensued.



At this point, Ms. Resor moved on to the second presentation stating this will be much faster and to feel free to ask questions at the end. It was indicated, the Old Howard Beach Rezoning was certified alongside ZCFR on October 19<sup>th</sup>. She shared her screen with viewers, noting that Old Howard Beach is a waterfront community in Jamaica Bay bounded by Shell Bank Basin to the west, Hawtree Basin to the east, and surrounded by water on three sides making it susceptible to storm surges and flooding. OHB is largely within flood zone "A" (higher risk flood zone), portions of northern OHB are within "X" zone (moderate risk) and small portions of the neighborhood are in "V" zone which have an even higher risk of flood damage from storm surges. In 2017 DCP launched the Resilient Neighborhood Initiative to work directly with coastal communities in providing zoning recommendations specific to unique neighborhood conditions & risks; which for OHB included enacting target zoning treatment to reflect unique character and long term vulnerability and updating zoning to make it easier to retrofit buildings enhancing protection standards.

Ms. Resor provided details and explained the changes from the current zoning, which has remained largely unchanged since 1961, to the proposed rezoning which will effect 48 blocks and 1,037 buildings in the area. The proposed rezoning would change the current R3-1, R3-2 districts into an R3-X district. The R3-X would better reflect the typology of the existing housing stock which consists predominately of single and two family detached homes. To the north, along Huron Street, the R3-2 would be rezoned to R3-1 which is the lowest density district that allows for semi-detached one & two family residences. The proposed zoning would insure that the existing semi-detached housing characteristic of the street remains in compliance by not permitting future construction of small multi-family apartment buildings.

The majority of the neighborhood is proposed to be R3-X. Limiting future development to detached homes will allow for more resilient building standards under the ZCFR Text Amendment as detached homes are easier to retrofit and elevate than attached or semi-detached houses. She noted, although there is a lot of info about FAR (Floor Area Ratio) and maximum height, it really wouldn't produce a large difference from what's currently permitted. The largest difference in the zoning is that only detached one & two family homes will be permitted and the proposed zoning seeks to better reflect the housing typology that already currently exists. Ms. Resor indicated that concludes her presentation and was available for questions.

The Board Chair thanked Ms. Resor and asked if there was anyone from the public who has any questions, hearing none. She asked if there were any board members who had any questions.

The Land Use Committee Chair asked about the change to R3-X and FAR. It was clarified that the only difference is that no future multi-family homes, or homes that share a common wall will be allowed. The Committee Chair noted when buildings are raised, cellars and potential recreational space is lost and expressed the desire for a higher FAR in view of this. Discussion ensued.

The Board Chairperson thanked the Land Use Committee Chair and Ms. Resor and asked if there were any other questions, hearing none.

The Board Chair explained the process stating, from here we will have a land use committee meeting sometime during this month where Ms. Resor will present again; more questions will get asked in detail, our mailing will go out to the property owners impacted (probably by Monday or Tuesday) and then in our December meeting we will be holding the formal ULURP public hearing and we will be voting on these matters.

The Board Chair thanked Ms. Resor for the very detailed presentation and the materials which had been provided to the Board in writing.

At this point the Board Chairperson closed the informational public hearing on the Zoning matters and opened the second informational public hearing by introducing Ms. Casey Peterson, Resiliency Planner, for HPD & Mr. Kevin Parris, Director of Queens/Staten Island Planning/HPD to speak about a change in use for two Queens Build it Back Properties from housing to open space that are located in the CB10 area.

Ms. Peterson thanked the Chairperson and indicated Mr. Parris was not present as he was pulled into another community board meeting. She indicated at HPD she manages the Build it Back & Acquisition and Buy Out Program, which is a Hurricane Sandy Recovery Program funded by the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funding. In compliance with HUD noticing



requirements, I'm here to provide notice of the change in use to two properties in CB10: 99-77 First Street and 99-01 162 Avenue. These two properties were originally acquired by the program through the acquisition for redevelopment pathway, meaning they would be redeveloped as resilient housing; however, the program intends to switch both properties to the buyout pathway, meaning they would be maintained as open space in perpetuity for the purpose of flood mitigation. Both properties are located on the waterfront and within the tidal wet land adjacent area as defined by the NYS DEC. So based on these criteria it is consistent with the program as a whole for the two properties to be buyout sites. We've known for a while that these sites would be buyout sites, that's how they were presented to this CB in last year's Resilient Housing & Open Space ULURP, but were just waiting for the acquisition of the neighboring semi-attached home to 99-77 First Street before we could officially make the change in use. The comment period was open as of September 28<sup>th</sup> and will be open through November 27<sup>th</sup>. The notice was published in the City Record and the Queens Chronicle and comments may be directed at me tonight in the hearing or you can send written comments afterwards through November 27<sup>th</sup> to my email: [petersoc@hpd.nyc.gov](mailto:petersoc@hpd.nyc.gov). Ms. Peterson asked, are there any questions or comments on the change in use for those two properties.

The Board Chair asked if there was anyone from the public who has any questions or comments, hearing none. The Chair explained, basically the change complies with some of the issues we had already brought up with HPD in regard to these two properties and I don't believe it's controversial at all in the community but we will send any comments that anybody has for us to HPD.

The Board Chair stated there was a question for HPD, that's not related to these two properties, but an ongoing concern we have in regard to the interest in some of the properties in Hamilton Beach that we would like to see re-instated to the yard expansion program. Have you got any further information for us on that? Ms. Peterson said, I know I owe you an update, and apologized it's taken so long. I think I'll be able to come back soon to talk more about that. Since we last discussed those properties, we looked into the option of having DCAS lease them and compared the pros and cons to selling them directly to abutters. I just have to do some more internal deliberation with some folks at HPD & DCAS, but will be coming back to this group very soon. She apologized for the delay. The Chairperson thanked Ms. Peterson and said, at this point, if there are no questions I'll close the informational public hearing and resume the regular order of business.

The Board Chairperson asked if any other elected officials had joined the meeting, as she had not noticed any.

The Chairperson continued with the regular order of business and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October 2020 minutes; hearing none, it was indicated the minutes will stand.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairperson reviewed incoming correspondence for the month of October 2020 which included:

- Letter from NYC DOT regarding completion of its study for additional traffic controls at intersection of Linden Blvd. & 128 Street; traffic signal has been approved & installation is scheduled to be completed by December 31.
- Notice US Army Corps of Engineers in regard to Jamaica Bay Federal Navigation Project Maintenance Dredging
- Letter from NYC Office of the Comptroller, Bureau of Audit, advising they are initiating an audit of the 14 Queens Community Boards' compliance with the NYC Charter & NYC Administrative Code Requirements for public meetings and, hearings and websites.
- Notification of proposed two-story two-family dwelling: 114-17/19 115 St., SOP 11420
- Notification of alteration/extension of one family house: 130-06 111 Ave., SOP 11420
- HPD notice of vacate order of cellar apartment: 107-16 118 St., RH 11419
- Notes from: Zoom Comprehensive Waterfront Public Workshop
- Several OMB notices regarding: DOT, FDNY, MTA, DEP (formalized notices of the budget allocations)
- Calendar of Public Hearing on Contract Awards (hearing was held October 29<sup>th</sup>)
- Mayor's Executive Order issued October 14<sup>th</sup> (sets in place some changes to outdoor dining program)
- DOB notices regarding outdoor heating at outdoor dining locations & Fire Dept. regulations (copy sent to all board members)
- Fact sheet on NYS Service Line Inspection Program (State program where gas companies have to inspect service line, which is separate from gas shut off valve program that has been ongoing)



- Notice of Solicitation from NYC Parks Dept. for RFPs for development, operation, maintenance of bicycle rental stations at various locations in Queens with the option for future Queens locations (the existing locations are not anywhere in our area and we are not aware of any future locations at this point)
- NYS DOT notice regarding the closure of right & center lanes of Van Wyck Expwy. from November 4 – 10, including past notice for a different set of dates
- NYS DOT notice of work going on all over the City
- OMB notice of Approval of Capital Expenditure in Accordance with Mayor's Order and the Charter in regard to City Exempt funds under DEP
- Quarterly newsletter regarding construction of storm sewer and water main Project #SEQ200490 – Howard Beach
- DOS notice of "Night Plow" winter schedule
- Info from NYC DOT Open Storefronts Program
- Documents related to ULURP items on today's public hearings (available on City Planning's website)
- Notice of completion – Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency Environmental Impact Statement
- Negative Declaration – Resilient Neighborhoods Old Howard Beach Project

The Chairperson indicated if there is anything on the directed mail board members are interested in, just let her know.

A board member asked about a notification received from an establishment of their intent to apply for SLA all-night permit for New Year's Eve. The Chair explained this was a request which came in and the Board has already notified SLA, based upon the recommendation of the precinct, that we not approve any all-night permits for New Year's Eve, as no one is looking to have any large crowds anywhere at this point in time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – the Treasurer read the report of expenditures for the month October 2020.

**BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT** – V. Garvey – announced the Virtual Recruitment Fair is November 18<sup>th</sup> - register and RSVP before November 17<sup>th</sup> on line: [www.queensbp.org](http://www.queensbp.org). Anyone needing help can e-mail her. The Winter Coat Drive, in partnership with the Community Boards, to support families in need as the cold weather approaches, is through November 13<sup>th</sup>. New adult and children's coats can be dropped off in the QBH lobby at 120-55 Queens Blvd. Coats can be dropped off at the CB10 office on Mondays between 9am-12pm. It was emphasized that only new coats are being accepted. She said, if anyone should have any questions let her know. The Chairperson reiterated that CB10 is participating and collecting only on Mondays, and everyone should be reminded that it's new coats that are being sought.

**DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT** – J. Resor – noted there was nothing additional to report.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT** – the District Manager reported a virtual scope meeting for Frederick B. Judge Playground was held on October 15. The playground is located at 111 Avenue / Linden Blvd. & 134 - 135 Street in South Ozone Park. \$3.4 million dollars was allocated to renovate the playground area. \$2 million dollars of this money was allocated by the Borough President and \$1.4 million dollars was allocated by Councilmember Adams. Play equipment for two age groups will be installed. One area will be for younger children ages 2 to 5 and the other will be for older children ages 5 to 12. There will also be a spray shower that will be appropriate for both age groups. Parks will also look at the possibility of installing a fence to encompass the children's play area to separate them from the adults.

Another virtual scope meeting was held for Harold Schneiderman Playground on October 26. The playground is located on 155 Avenue between 84 & 85 Street in Howard Beach. \$2.2 million dollars was allocated by Councilmember Ulrich and \$1.2 million dollars was allocated by the Borough President. This playground is adjacent to a public school and they want to improve the safety and functionality of this playground and would also like to target the needs of children and those with special needs. Play equipment for two age groups will be installed. One area will be for younger children ages 2 to 5 and the other will be for older children ages 5 to 12. There will also be a spray shower that will be appropriate for both age groups. DPR will also look at the possibility of installing a fence to encompass the children's play area to separate them from the adults; and will also consider relocating the existing benches and tables to the 83 Street side where the swings currently are.



The Chairperson acknowledged DSNY Queens Community Liaison, Mr. Joseph Ottomanelli to speak and provide updates. He said, because of the pandemic, the Department has taken a 63% reduction in litter basket service. In the past couple of weeks the Mayor announced that 27 communities that were hit hardest by COVID would have some litter basket service restored, and indicated to the Chairperson that link can be provided. He noted that many individuals have been asking about private litter baskets and stated that it is legal for businesses to put out their own private baskets in front of their establishments, as long as they are in compliance with DSNY & DOT guidelines. The surrounding area must be cleaned and the bags must be set out with commercial waste for removal by their private carter. If they are not in compliance with the rules, they are subject to a violation being issued by DOS. They have been contacting community boards & elected officials about trying to engage people in the volunteer clean-up program. DOS would come out with tools for the event, have a representative participate with the volunteers and service the event at its conclusion. They are trying to be a little bit more proactive in terms of the turnout.

The Chairperson thanked him and indicated any information he can send is appreciated; and also thanked him for the supply of reusable DOS bags which were received.

The Chairperson acknowledged Mr. Nathaniel Hezekiah, representing Congressman Meeks and invited him to speak. He thanked everyone who went out to vote stating "your vote is your voice." He provided updates: Medicare open enrollment began October 15<sup>th</sup> and will continue until December 7<sup>th</sup>. If seniors need assistance with enrollment they can call the Health Insurance Information Counseling & Assistance Program: 212-244-6469. NYS of Health (the NYS based health care exchange) opened November 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue until January 31, 2021. If you need assistance with enrollment, or changing your coverage if you're already on the exchange, contact 855-355-5777. Any individual who needs help, whether you're a senior dealing with Medicare, or someone dealing with NYS of Health, feel free to contact their office regarding those matters or any other Federal matters: 718-725-6000. Thanks were exchanged.

At this point, the Board Chairperson indicated she would run through the board member attendance once again, to see if someone had been missed in the earlier roll call.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** – The Chairperson addressed members and reported everyone had received information regarding the COVID micro clusters and the maps of the portions of our board that were in the yellow zone, and also a copy of the winter outdoor dining guidance. For the members of the public who were on the line, the Chairperson explained the City's Open Restaurants program will be extended year-round and made permanent. The Mayor, DOB, DOT, and FDNY released guidance for participating establishments planning to serve customers outdoors with heating devices, and the guidelines were summarized. The Chairperson addressed members, noting that material regarding the Open Storefronts Program was included in their folder material and also the preliminary zoning for coastal flood resiliency info. An update on the census was provided and it was noted that we did finish better on the Census 2020 than we did in 2010. A number of our census tracts in some of our lowest areas, although they were still low, exceeded the percentages that they had in 2010. Our average for the Board, we finished out the census at about 62% of our people self-responding.

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

**AQUEDUCT** – the Board Chair indicated that the signs have gone up on the Resorts World hotel and stated it will be a Hyatt.

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

**EDUCATION** – the Committee Chairperson reported that families will be able to opt into blended learning between November 2 and November 15. The Board Chair indicated she believes the State Education Dept. released some information today, and it will be provided when it's received in writing, that the January Regents exams have been cancelled.

**LAND USE** – the Committee Chairperson noted, as far as a committee meeting, he is looking at November 16 – 19 or November 23 – 25. The Board Chair addressed the committee members indicating this is an important one to attend because it's a ULURP item.



**PARKS & RECREATION** – the Committee Chairperson indicated there is no additional information, the District Manager was very detailed.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – the Committee Chairperson reported the report was contained in board folders.

**TRANSPORTATION** – the Committee Chairperson noted information included in board folders from NYS DOT advising of the closure of right and center lanes on the Van Wyck Expwy. northbound & southbound service roads November 4 – 10.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**PUBLIC FORUM** – the Chairperson asked if there was anyone from the public wishes to speak, and hearing none.

At this point the Chairperson acknowledged the various representatives of the elected officials and invited them to speak.

I. Dougherty, representing Assembly Member S. Pheffer-Amato; C. Moore, representing State Senator J. Addabbo; J. Mongeluzo, representing Comptroller Scott Stringer; K. Mooney, representing Council Member A. Adams; D. Brown, representing Queens District Attorney's Office; M. Walker, representing Council for Airport Opportunity/PANYNJ; R. Day, RWNJC/JFK Redevelopment.

The Board Chair indicated Ms. Mooney had provided a written report which would be distributed to members. Ms. Mooney noted their concern about the situation of litter and sanitation in the district. They have begun a District 28 Task Force on sanitation issues and they will be on a zoom call on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6PM, and all are welcome to join them. She said they are looking for new ideas to encourage the public not to litter.

Mr. Walker, CAO, announced in light of upcoming holiday season and upcoming winter months, they are doing a lot of hiring at the airport. They are hiring for ramp service, cargo agents, warehouse positions, security guards and seasonal positions for deicers and snow plow drivers and also administrative assistant positions as well as book keeping positions (require accounting degree). Additionally, import & export agents for the warehouses at the airports for monitoring packages that go in and out of the warehouse. He said, they are partnering with Lyft, the ridesharing company, so if you know anybody who may be looking for a job but has a difficult time getting to and from the job, we are providing two weeks of free Lyft rides to and from work covering up to \$35 per ride in order to help individuals get past that first period when they start working and they don't have a paycheck or regular source of income to pay for rides. He said, just let me know; I'm going to put my contact information in the Chat.

Mr. Moore, representing Senator Addabbo, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe time with their family and loved ones.

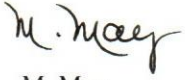
Mr. Mongeluzo, NYC Comptroller's Office, reported they just put together a survey on work place flexibility and are hoping to get a lot of people to fill this out so they can have a better idea of what the situation is for people working from home and what kind of flexibility they need from their employer due to other issues such as: child care, having kids in school, etc. Please fill it out and give it to people to fill out. They are up to #23 of the weekly reports on the Fiscal and Economic Impacts that the City has suffered due to Covid-19, which also has a lot of positive news (link in Chatbox). There are about 100,000 NYC public school students who don't have internet in their primary residence and about 77,000 kids who don't have access to Wi-Fi enabled devices. A letter was put out to the Mayor and School Chancellor with some recommendations (Internet Passports Plan) on how to better address this and to help low income students who are struggling the most in this aspect.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone else from the public who wished to speak, and hearing none. She said, as we have done since we started the Zoom meetings, we realize the difficulties that the public has on being able to comment and, therefore, the record of this meeting will remain open until the close of business tomorrow. If there is anyone from the public who would like to make a comment or ask a question please contact our office and we will be glad to include it to the record.

The Chairperson wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. May".

M. May

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