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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

February 6, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

B. Braton, C. Malizia, J. Caruso, B. Ramsundar, F. Dardani, L. Amorim, E. Fraylon, E. Holland, J. Stahl, N. Nigro, M. Vecchio, R. Gendron, F. Mohamed, D. Mitchell, I. Van Putten, L. Walker, J. Ariola, J. Fazio, P. Granickas, D. N. Sookram-Singh, J. Calcagnile, A. Maharaj, N. Santiago, R. Martinez, J. Singh, R. Hitlall, G. Duldulao, I. Dimoh, M. Salim

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

M. Amin, A. Antonino, P. Baumann, N. Bissoon, M. Cherenfant, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Cosentino, A. Dhanpat, A. Gellineau, R. Graham, P. Kishun, P. Lynch, S. Pace, J. Quijano, K. Randall, G. Russo, N. Shuyab

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

S. Chuprik, Rep. Hon. H. Jeffries; N. Giannelli, Rep. Hon. J. Addabbo; M. Matteo, Rep. Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; N. Kozikowska, Rep. Hon. E. Ulrich; K. Mooney, Rep. Hon. A. Adams; J. Mongeluzo, NYC Comptroller's Office; Capt. J. Costello, CO 106 Precinct; Det. T. Carr, PBQS; P.O. S. Jaffe, Community Affairs 106 Precinct; H. Singh-Toor, U.S. Census; R. Day, RWN, JFK Redevelopment

The Chairperson began the meeting at 7:45pm and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairperson opened the first public hearing of the evening, the Fiscal Year 2021 Preliminary Capital and Expense Budgets. It was indicated that the Mayor has released his preliminary budget, the process will be continuing through the rest of the winter into the spring; so ultimately at the end June the City Council will enact whatever will be the final budget. The public hearing is in regard to anyone who has any comments regarding the Mayor's Preliminary Capital & Expense Budgets. She asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak. There were no speakers. At this point, the Chairperson closed the public hearing in regard to the Preliminary Capital & Expense Budgets. The Chairperson indicated at the end of January the Queens Borough Board held its budget hearings and the District Manager delivered the Statement for CB10. The Chairperson said she sat on the panel for the Borough Board during the hearing and our Capital & Expense Budget items were submitted, and the process in regard to that will continue at the next Borough Board meeting. In February the Borough Board will be voting on the Queens response to the Mayor's Preliminary Budget. She said, in Queens we will review the Mayor's budget and push the items we think should be included in the Borough's budget response, a synopsis of which will be available at the next meeting.

At this point the Chairperson opened the second public hearing of the evening, the Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022. She explained what the Citywide SON relates to, indicating it's compiled by the Dept. of City Planning, it's a report that's required under the City Charter, and the City has to in certain cases present

information as to where they want to site specific facilities for City needs. In terms of what's in it this year, there's nothing in the Queens list of new proposals that are specific to CB10, and nothing in the previous proposals that have not yet been sited that are specific to CB10. She asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak to the Citywide Statement of Needs. There were no speakers. At this point the Chairperson closed the public hearing. She asked for a motion that the Board submit, as it has done in the past, our statement as a Board indicating that the information in the Citywide Statement of Needs for FY2021-FY2022 may be less vague and unclear than in prior years, it still provides too little information regarding needs for which specific sites are not identified; therefore Community Board 10 does not approve the SON as presented.

(G. Duldulao arrived 7:50 pm)

L. Amorim made the motion, not to approve the Citywide Statement of Needs for FY2021 & FY2022 as presented which N. Santiago seconded. The Chairperson asked if there was any discussion, and there was none. All were in favor, with zero opposing, zero abstaining; the motion carried.

The Chairperson continued with the regular order of business and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 2020 minutes. There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chairperson reviewed incoming correspondence for the month of January 2020, which included:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) e-mail announcing public meeting for the New York New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries (NYNJHAT) Study on Thursday, February 27 at 5pm (rain/snow date of Thursday, March 5)
- Communication from the family of NYPD School Crossing Guard Lorraine P. Elliott who served at the corner of Lefferts Blvd. & Rockaway Blvd. and was killed in the line of duty in 1980. Her family has indicated they would like to have some dedication in her honor. There is a greenstreet directly across from JHS 226 on Rockaway Blvd., which would be a facility where we are looking to get the Parks Dept. to do some type of commemorative signage. The Board Chairperson asked the Parks Committee Chairperson for a motion to move forward to get that done. The Parks Committee Chair, F. Dardani made the motion to request the NYC Dept. of Parks for commemorative signage in honor of SCG Elliott at the greenstreet triangle located on Rockaway Blvd. & 121 Street, opposite JHS 226. J. Fazio seconded the motion. All were in favor, with zero opposing, zero abstaining; the motion carried.
- NYC DSS notice of relocation/renaming of NYC HRA's Burial Claims Office – relates to burials at Hart Island
- NYC DPR notice – concession opportunities in NYC Parks
- DOT notices – will be covered in Chairperson's report
- NYC/DOE/SCA notice of exterior work at JHS 226 (project duration till June 2021)
- Notice from Rockaway VIP Service, Inc. requesting letter of no objection for TLC base station license renewal
- Demolition notice: 104-08 131 Street, Richmond Hill 11419
- Notice from DOT advising it maintains a concession solicitation mailing list
- Letter to NYSLA regarding their hearing for Johnny's Restaurant Bar & Lounge, Inc. advising CB10 opposition to expansion of use
- Notice of fiber optic conduit work from T.C. Systems – information will be provided in District Manager's report
- OMB Notice – Parks Dept. purchase of equipment
- OMB Notice – DEP/EDC green infrastructure continuation in Jamaica Bay CSO priority area
- OMB Notice – DEP upstate watersheds
- NYC HPD Notification – "Where We Live NYC Report" draft is out for public review till March 7th

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

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT – Mr. Brown announced Dept. of Finance events to be held at Queens Borough Hall: Homeowners & Tenants Enrollment Event – February 27 from 10am-12pm; Notice of Property Value Sessions – February 11 from 10am-12pm, and February 27 from 5pm-7pm. It was noted, the information was in the board folders and is also available on their website. He announced the date for submitting applications for board membership has been extended and the deadline is now March 13. He indicated he would be happy to pick up completed applications from the CB10 office if needed. HEAP application assistance is being provided at QBH on Mondays and Wednesdays 9am – 5pm. It was noted that office does not have a phone. He provided his phone number for any questions or issues.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT – J. Resor made reference to her announcement made at last month's Board Meeting regarding the Howard Beach certification date which was expected to be in January, and noted that it will now be sometime in the Spring.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – The District Manager reported notification was received that a utility job is scheduled to begin on approximately January 31, 2020 at Lefferts Blvd. & Rockaway Blvd. NYCDOT Permit Office will determine the working hours and the work should be completed in 4 weeks depending on the weather. The scope of the work includes: excavation and installation of 1 - 4" PVC fiber optic conduits in the street and sidewalk; installation of new 4ft x 4ft x 3ft precast manhole in the street and sidewalk; backfill and full street and sidewalk reconstruction. It was noted, the MetroVan will be in front of the Foch Post Office located at 126-16 Foch Blvd., South Ozone Park, Tuesday, February 25, from 1-3pm.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – The Chairperson made reference to the "Queens Week of Service" flyers that were on the table and explained that the 14 Queens Community Boards in collaboration with the Queens Borough President's Office are participating in this effort the week of February 10 – 17. She explained the different options the Boards could choose from and explained why we opted to do a sock drive. She thanked the people who got a head start and who had already donated to the CB10 Sock Drive before it even got started by bringing their donations tonight and acknowledged them: Resorts World NY; J. Stahl, Howard Beach Kiwanis; J. Ariola, Howard Beach-Lindenwood Civic; F. Dardani, Ozone Tudor Civic Association; F. Dardani & M. Vecchio, 106 Precinct Community Council; T. Gellineau & E. Fraylon, South Ozone Park Civic Association West; K. Petersen, Locust Grove Civic Association; R. Hitlall, RH/SOP Lions Club. She asked that anyone else, either individuals or organizations who would like to participate, bring new socks to the Board office any time during all of next week. The Chairperson expressed her thanks to all those groups and anyone else who donated socks and said they will go to a good cause.

The Chairperson referenced the census information in the board folders indicating it's extremely important and urged everyone to read it and disseminate it. She acknowledged the presence of H. Singh-Toor representing US Census Outreach and invited him to speak. He said the national average response rate in the 2010 Census was 77% and Queens had a 62% response rate, lower than the national average. This translates to lost revenue of about \$30,000 per person, per year, for ten years. He said the Census is about counting people and no one should think about whether they are documented or undocumented. It was noted about 5 million kids were left out in 2010. He indicated he is leaving some info and also announced census jobs are available at \$28 an hour. He stressed the importance of the Census for your future and the future of your children. He provided his personal cell phone number as well as his Census cell phone number for anyone who had any questions. The Chairperson thanked him and commented that it's not credible that the population in CB10 went down in the last 10 years. In the 2000 Census the population was reflected as 127,000; and in 2010 the population was reflected as going down to 122,000. She said, we all know that we're closer to 140,000 people then and now, and stressed that it's important to get counted.

The Chairperson continued with her report and said the CB10 block party rules have been disseminated to all prior block party applicants and have also been posted on our website. She explained, the Office of Citywide Event Management and Coordination (CECM) / Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) has its procedures, and above and beyond that, each Community Board is allowed to set parameters that are specific to their Community Board within the general sense of the CECM/SAPO rules. She highlighted the 2020 block party rules as reflected in the CB10 guidelines. She said CB10 requires that applications for block parties come to the Community Board 90 days prior, so we have the time to review them; and in CB10 we do not approve block parties later than 9pm, the street has to be open to traffic by 9pm. The Chairperson also reviewed other rules related to noise and locations and why they are included.

(M. Salim arrived 8:13pm)

The Chairperson reported, we were notified that DOT is moving ahead with the bike lanes on 165 Avenue, and when they met with me and the Transportation Committee Chairperson and the District Manager, a number of issues were raised which DOT is now looking into. DOT will be at the Howard Beach-Lindenwood Civic meeting on March 31. Some items and requests are now in the DOT system and tracking numbers have been assigned: All-way stop requests for intersections along 84 Street between 156 & 165 Avenue (163 Avenue was denied in 2018 – DOT can investigate again in early 2021); all way stop requests for intersections along 165 Avenue between 83 Street & Cross Bay Blvd.,

speed camera request for St. Helen's Catholic Academy; louver request for traffic signal facing west at 165 Avenue & Cross Bay Blvd. It was noted that DOT was informed to go ahead with the installation of speed humps which were approved some time ago along 165 Avenue, but which were held back due to the trucking at the Gateway site.

The Chairperson reported, back in May of 2018 the Mayor and the City Council established a NYC Advisory Commission on Property Tax Reform to evaluate all aspects of the City's complex property tax system and recommend reforms with the goal of making the system simpler, clearer, fairer and more transparent, in their view, while ensuring that there is no reduction in revenue used to fund essential City services. The Commission's mandate included solicitation of public input through ten public hearings and the issuance of a preliminary report and a final report. This will be something under discussion in the coming months. The Preliminary Report's Executive Summary is in the board folders and the full report is available on-line.

The Chairperson then acknowledged others present: S. Chuprik, Rep. Congressman H. Jeffries; Det. T. Carr, Rep. PBQS; N. Giannelli, Rep. State Senator Addabbo; K. Mooney, Rep. Council Member Adams; R. Day, Rep. JFK Redevelopment; M. Matteo, Rep. Assembly Member S. Pheffer-Amato; N. Kozikowska, Rep. Council Member Ulrich; P.O. S. Jaffe, 106 Precinct Community Affairs; Capt. J. Costello, CO 106 Precinct.

The Chairperson then turned the floor over to Capt. Costello.

He reviewed the crime stats and said Queens South as a whole has seen a great increase in crime and the 106 is leading that increase. He noted the numbers are up across the board except murder and rape. The 106 actually has the highest crime increase in the City of NY so far this year and explained last year during this time frame, there were zero GLAs. The 106 Precinct is just under 6 sq. miles with about 125,000 residents (based on the 2010 census) and he estimates there are 65,000 to 70,000 vehicles. Last year there was not one GLA in this time frame, but last week there were six in that week period, and in the 28 day period, 14 vehicles were stolen in the confines of the 106. Out of the 14 vehicles, 11 were left running on a major roadway (such as Rockaway Blvd., Linden Blvd., Liberty Avenue). He reiterated what he has been saying for months, it's a crime of opportunity, somebody is walking by and gets into that car and drives home, parks it and goes on their way. He indicated that out of those 11 vehicles, 10 have been recovered within two days parked in the 60, 61, 75, 102, 103, 113 Precincts. He stressed this is a crime of opportunity, and there is no car ring like in the 90's where they were stealing vehicles and bringing them to chop shops.

He reported robberies went up and there were 17 versus 9 in the same period. A couple of them are classified as domestic robberies and others are youth robberies. There has been a slight uptick of youth robberies, which is 15-16 year olds robbing other 15-16 year old of their Beats headphones, iPhone, sneakers, jackets. There was an incident of a young kid on the bus wearing \$875 sneakers and a \$400 jacket and a couple of kids made him take them off.

He reported there were 13 burglaries this year versus 8 last year and that includes two truck burglaries. It's a citywide pattern of people punching out the window opening the lock and removing tools especially on a dark street in the early morning hours. He said if you have a business and leave tools in the truck, to rethink leaving it on the street and indicated it's very hard to catch these people.

He indicated he just came from a four hour meeting in the Borough going over everything with a fine-toothed comb. He has 171 officers for the entire 106 Precinct to cover 3 tours and to cover almost 6 sq. miles to do everything. He said, we're giving it everything we've got. If you see something, say something and call 911. He said 33% of the Grand Larcenies are identity theft and that's why grand larcenies are up, which means somebody is stealing your identity and using your credit card. He warned about mailbox fishing and urged mailing any checks inside the post office not outside, especially now that it's tax season. He warned of car break-ins and said don't leave your wallet and pocketbook or other valuables in a vehicle. Criminals are opportunists if they walk down the block and see a wallet, it takes seconds to punch out the window and take the wallet. Do not ever leave a car running, not even to warm it up in the driveway. Be cognizant of the fact that even if you remove your key fob someone can drive that car to Florida as long as they don't shut it off. He noted, we've had no shootings, it's mostly primarily property crime, but we have to curtail it to the best of our ability and he needs everyone's help.

A board member shared that he started getting scam calls again that his grandson was in jail and wants money to get out. What was new to him was that now the scammers copy the voice of the person you think it is. He questioned the caller by asking for the name of their cousin in New Jersey at which point the caller hung up. Capt. Costello indicated

they were inundated with complaints of those scam calls. He stated no one is going to call you and ask you to send gift cards. He suggested having a code word with your family member in the event they should ever be in trouble. He indicated this is happening a lot and it's citywide. He clarified that crime is up citywide so don't think it's just the 106. The 106 is an anomaly just because of how low the numbers were last year. He stressed, it's not an explosion of crime.

A question was raised if the increase in crime has to do with the bail reform that has been enacted. The Capt. said he doesn't have quantitative data on that, and would not begin to make an analogy between the two. The Police Commissioner and the Chief of the Dept. have made numerous statements to that effect. He said we just have to try work within it, and noted there are 77 commands in the City of New York and 60 of the 77 are having a crime increase, which is significant and indicated he has 22 years on the job and has never seen this.

The Chairperson asked if there were any more questions.

A resident wished to speak and the Chairperson said we're not open to the public but would permit him to speak.

He said he was a Howard Beach resident who had his snow blower robbed from his backyard and expressed his dissatisfaction to the Captain that after calling 911 he waited two hours for the NYPD to come.

The Chairperson asked if there were any other board members who had a question and there were none.

The Chairperson thanked the Captain.

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

AQUEDUCT – the Committee Chairperson reported infrastructure work on the Resorts World Hotel is ongoing and the hotel is anticipated to open in the late summer.

BUDGET – the Committee Chairperson had no report.

Addressing the board members, the Board Chairperson made reference to the one shot City Council funding to the Community Boards of \$42,500 that was approved last year. She said, due to some issues of a Brooklyn Board that used that funding to buy a car, this year there are restrictions in place in terms of any expenditures that we do with that pot of money (not with our regular allocation of funding which you had voted on in June). Regarding this year's additional City Council funding, any expenditures that will be in excess of \$10,000 needs a board vote to approve it. Last year the City Council money was almost totally spent on the digitization of our files. We began by identifying files for digitization and prioritizing files to determine which were the most important to digitize. We are now in the second phase of identifying additional files we would like to digitize; many of which are large maps of construction projects and ULURP maps. We don't have the final estimate yet, but it is conceivable that it could be excess of \$10,000. In terms of what we are asking, we're asking for a motion from the board to approve the expense that we continue with the digitization so DM Petersen can proceed with getting the estimates and putting in the purchase order necessary for that. Secondly, we anticipate that we will be doing some upgrading to the Board's computer system and office equipment, which in aggregate could also reach the \$10,000 threshold mark. We're asking for a motion to approve that DM Petersen proceed with the procurement steps, and noted we have to follow the City's procurement policy, for the continued digitization and the upgrading of the computer system and other office equipment. She asked if there is a motion to do so. The motion was made by J. Fazio and seconded by J. Caruso. The Chairperson asked if there was any discussion on the motion or any questions. There were no questions and there was no discussion. All were in favor, with zero opposing, zero abstaining; the motion carried.

The Board Chairperson commended the staff and indicated preparing the files for digitization is a huge job.

The Board Chairperson announced there is now a doorbell / intercom / lock release system / for the door on the 115 Avenue side of the building, which is the entrance used when attending a night meeting at the board office. It's now possible to provide entry without having to physically go out to open the side door.

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

EDUCATION – the Committee Chairperson announced school closing the week of February 17 – 21.

JFK – the Committee Chairperson indicated there was job fair information in the board folders.

A board member raised a question about reporting helicopter noise to 311. The Board Chairperson said the rules have not caught up with the reality, it's a new issue and there seem not to be effective rules to govern it yet. She explained, part is under the jurisdiction of the FAA, part is under the airports, and part is under the City/Economic Development. She urged anyone who is annoyed with helicopter noise to make two phone calls: one to the Port Authority Noise hotline number and the second to 311; and when you call 311 specifically say that you want to make the complaint to the Economic Development Corporation regarding helicopter noise. These numbers are tracked. If it's annoying to make the calls do it on-line or use the App. She noted, 311 may not know what to do with it, so specifically say you want to make a helicopter complaint to EDC.

At this point, the Board Chairperson said Mr. D. Brown informed her that he was awaiting the arrival of the Queens Borough President, and she asked if in the interim any of the representatives of the elected officials wished to speak.

J. Mongeluzo, representing NYC Comptroller Stringer, announced he brought additional copies of policy reports and in particular "Aging with Dignity." He announced Comptroller Stringer is hosting a round table event for community leader of south western Queens, February 12 at the Woodhaven Manor from 10am-11:30am.

K. Mooney, representing Council Member Adams, announced the many events coming up and indicated flyers were available. She stressed the importance of the census response and also how critical it is that young voters, or newly naturalized citizens, take on their civic responsibility and come out to vote.

N. Giannelli, representing State Senator Addabbo, said he is the new Chief of Staff and looks forward to meeting and working together with the community. He announced their preliminary schedule of events for the spring through the fall. He stated, this week the Senator co-sponsored three bills to give judges more discretionary power in terms of bail.

The Board Chairperson asked if any other representatives had anything else to say.

(R. Hitlall left 8:48pm)

Sam Chuprik, representing Congressman Jeffries, announced the new date for the State of the District Address is February 21. There is free tax preparation assistance for people with an annual income of less than \$64,000. Internships with government / legislative / agencies are available for young people who may be interested.

F. Dardani made reference to block parties and indicated one of the problems they had last year was that the person who got the permit was not even home during the event. He indicated it must be insisted that the block party applicant/permit holder/ be present during the event. He also noted, the sound permit from the precinct is for one DJ on one block and not for multiple DJs on the block, it's for one person controlling the music. Last year there was an incident of three DJs on the same block.

The Board Chairperson said when complaints related to block parties are received, or when blocks have had police department issues, we will discuss some of the issues that came up with the 106 and some may not get a block party permit the following year or some may be put on probation. The sound permit does not give anyone who is operating the music the right to blast the music - it's limited to 86db (which is about the amount of noise a lawnmower makes). Another frequent complaint is that the streets are not open at 9pm. Another complaint is that vehicles are used to block off the intersections. You can use cones, tape, saw horses, but you cannot block off the street with cars. If FDNY, or any other emergency response team, has to get down that block it needs immediate access and cannot wait for vehicles to be removed from the intersection. Another complaint is regarding some people who think they can shoot off fireworks at a block party; fireworks are illegal in the City. She stated, the person who is the applicant for the block party is responsible for anything that occurs on that block, they are going to get the summons, they need to be present, they have stated on paper that they are conducting this party, they are responsible for ensuring that the other people on the block know what the rules are. For example, it is illegal in this

City to engage in open consumption of alcohol. Alcohol needs to be on the private property, not on the sidewalk, not in the street.

At this point, the Board Chairperson welcomed Queens Borough President Sharon Lee and invited her to speak. BP Lee said she is honored and privileged to be serving as the Acting QBP and is doing her best to make sure Queens Borough Hall continues to run. Business as usual is being conducted which includes Budget Hearings and noted the Mayor announced the \$95 billion budget for FY2021; and here in Queens, the borough of families, we want to make sure we get our fair share. Part of that involves the Census, which happens every 10 years. The last time we had a census 10 years ago we were undercounted and this is something we just cannot afford. For every single person who is undercounted we lose \$3,000 federal funding a year. If you do the math, Queens has 2.4 million people and if we are undercounted by even just 1% = 24,000 people x \$3,000 that is \$72 million a year in federal funding that we are losing. So there are real consequences, not to mention our representation, so I cannot overstate how important this census is. We have been partnering very closely with our leadership on our community boards especially CB10 which was also undercounted. I understand that filing out the census hinges on trust, and people trust different institutions, they trust the community boards, they trust the libraries. I wanted to reiterate some of these priorities to you. I have chosen to extend the deadline for the community board applications in the interest of ensuring as robust a pool of applicants as possible, so if you know folks who are interested in joining, if you haven't had a chance to apply, if you're looking to continue serving, if your two year term has expired and you haven't had a chance to apply, I have extended the deadline to March 13. That should ensure that folks are appointed in a timely fashion across our community boards. She announced she will come next month, which will be her final month. She thanked everyone for the opportunity and the honor to serve and said she is doing her upmost to make you proud of this borough we call home. She stated they are doing a week of service in the Borough of Queens and said, I understand Board 10 has already started collecting socks for the homeless, you're ahead of the curve, that's very exciting. We at Borough Hall are proud to partner in reminding each other of service and giving back, and remembering to lift each other up. She thanked everyone present for their service.

The Board Chairperson said on behalf of herself and DM Petersen, it's been our pleasure to be able to serve with BP Lee over the last few years as she served as Deputy Borough President, we appreciate all you have done for the Borough. She indicated that Resorts World Casino had committed to donating over 1,000 pair of socks; and donations were already received from: Ozone Tudor Civic, 106 Precinct Community Council, Locust Grove Civic Association, South Ozone Park Civic Association West, Howard Beach-Lindenwood Civic, Kiwanis of Howard Beach. BP Lee said that's wonderful and the Board Chairperson wished her a happy new year.

F. Dardani asked why there are two elections for the office of QBP (one special election in March and then the regular election in November) and also asked her why she not just stay on till November. She said she can talk about this because she is not on the ballot. There is a special election across the borough of Queens, March 24 when you get to elect the incoming Borough President, and joked that she is just holding that seat warm. Then there will be a primary in June for that seat as well, and then the general election in November and also noted the April presidential primary. It's critical to come out and vote in each election, don't wait till November. Please remember to vote.

The Chairperson thanked her for being with the board this evening.

P. Granickas asked who gets the socks and the Board Chairperson said they are going from us to another group that distributes them to those in need, to homeless shelters. BP Lee said they are intended to go to homeless individuals and noted they are also collecting a lot of goods for veterans, which are not necessarily mutually exclusive. Queens is the borough that has the most number of veterans in the City of New York so we want to take care of them as well. We do care about homeless individuals and families. We will not be disseminating them. We partnered with some organizations / non-profits who do this work, who know where folks are and will make sure that the materials you donated so graciously will get to the right hands and the right feet.

At this point the Chairperson continued with the Committee Reports:

LIBRARIES – the Committee Chairperson noted she had submitted her report to the District Manager. The Board Chairperson said Queens Library would be one of the groups that we support in the budget response.

PARKS – the Committee Chairperson – spoke about recent vandalism that occurred in three parks, Locasio, Tudor Park, and Rocket Park. There were a lot of kids on bikes going around who put graffiti on buildings, trees, a couple of fences, and a couple of cars. He asked anyone who has graffiti to call it in for removal and get it off our properties.

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

SANITATION – the Committee Chairperson reported there would be no trash, recycling, or curbside compost collection on Lincoln's Birthday, Wednesday, February 12. Residents who normally receive Wednesday trash and curbside compost collection should place their materials out after 4pm on Wednesday, February 12. Recycling collection will not be picked up until the following week.

SUMMER YOUTH & OTHER EMPLOYMENT – the Board Chairperson indicated report was in board folders.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC FORUM – the Chairperson asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

A Board Member asked about work going on in her neighborhood in Howard Beach on 80 Street; and the Chairperson instructed her to speak with the District Manager who will follow up with the agency.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone else from the public who wishes to speak.

Mr. A. Miranda expressed his desire to speak. The Board Chairperson reminded him he cannot speak to the campaign, as he is a candidate, but he can speak on any public issue. Mr. Miranda made reference to the bike lanes and the placement of permanent structures on the bike lanes. He indicated there is a need to have a conversation with the FDNY, Emergency Responders, and Law Enforcement who have voiced some concerns about being able to access and service the people in need based on the type of structures that are being put in place. He stated these first responders are being left out of the conversation and asked they be brought to the table and have them as part of the conversation. He referenced Bail Reform and indicated when this was passed, very few law enforcement representatives were at the table or part of dialogue and stressed law enforcement needs to be part of the conversation, and noted there are safety concerns. He indicated the District Attorney was not necessarily at the same table and there were separate conversations.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone else from the public who wishes to speak.

Mr. Indelicato asked how we could appeal the changes the MTA is offering and said he went to the meeting and they don't even take notes.

The Chairperson thanked everyone who came out to the meeting last week at JHS 202 and said there were quite a number of you who were there and what is occurring right now is that they are seeking comments on their draft plan. She agreed that having a facilitator sitting there and not taking notes isn't exactly the way to deal with feedback; however, we are reviewing, you are reviewing, the different civics are reviewing, individuals are reviewing, as this process moves forward. The Queens Council Delegation has taken a united stand and had a demonstration rally outside QBH last week that the Chairperson spoke at. The Amalgamated Transit Union also is on the side of residents of Queens who have been complaining quite loudly about all the different tweaks in different parts of the borough. The Chairperson asked that the different civic organizations, and individuals in our Board area who have concerns to write them down and get them to us and she will incorporate them into our Board's comment to the MTA.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone else from the public who wishes to speak.

Mr. Conte, the Howard Beach area resident who earlier expressed his dissatisfaction with the NYPD in their response time to his snow blower burglary asked to speak. The Chairperson reminded him he had three minutes to say whatever he would like but to please say it politely as he had spoken disruptively earlier. He was very agitated and reported his

house was broken into the other day, he called the NYPD and it took them two hours to get there for a burglary. He expressed his dismay at coming to the meeting and the discussion is about graffiti in the parks and Sanitation on Lincoln's birthday. He continued to express all the issues he was unhappy and dissatisfied with and made some political comments. The Chairperson explained this is a governmental meeting not a political meeting to which he questioned what the board was doing and continued to speak in an agitated, threatening, and disruptive manner until the Chairperson indicated he had spoken for longer than the allotted 3 min.

There were no further speakers.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

M. May

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