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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

May 6, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

B. Braton, M. Adams, L. Amorim, A. Antonino, J. Ariola, P. Baumann, N. Bissoon, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, E. Cheng, M. Cherenfant, R. Ciulla-Frisone, A. Cosentino, J. Coulverson, F. Dardani, I. Dimoh, J. Fazio, E. Fraylon, A. Garcia, A. Gellineau, P. Granickas, E. Holland, M. Logan, A. Maharaj, R. Martinez, D. Mitchell, C. Mocombe, F. Mohamed, S. Mohammed, A. Nocerino, S. Pace, B. Ramsundar, R. Rathour, G. Russo, M. Salim, N. Santiago, A. Siewnarine, J. Stahl, I. VanPutten, M. Vecchio, L. Walker

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

M. Q. Amin, A. Deebrab, A. Dhanpat, R. Gendron, R. Hitlall, P. Kishun, P. Lynch, J. Quijano, V. Singh

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hon. J. Addabbo; Hon. K. Anderson; Hon. A. Adams; N. Hezekiah III, Rep., Hon. G. Meeks; C. Moore, Rep., Hon. J. Addabbo; A. Costella, Rep., Hon. J. Sanders; G. Slade, Rep., Hon. J. Rajkumar; K. Mooney, Rep., Hon. A. Adams; D. Brown, QDA's Office; J. Resor, QDCP; J. Ottomanelli, DSNY Queens Liaison; L. Songhai, MTA NYCT; P.O. J. Iaboni, Community Affairs 106 Precinct; J. Mongeluzo, Rep., Hon. S. Stringer

The Chairperson began the remote Zoom meeting 6:47 p.m. Board member attendance was taken by roll call, and it was established a quorum was present. The Chair indicated attendance would be reviewed again to add anyone who may join later.

The Chair acknowledged State Senator Joseph Addabbo and invited him to speak. The Senator greeted everyone and noted the Senate is just at the start of winding down the legislative session in Albany that goes until June. He commented on the Safe Staffing bill and asked that anyone interested in a piece of legislation or who has any questions on any bills, to please let him know. Upcoming free community events were announced, and it was indicated that the Howard Beach office is a drop off point for small electronics for recycling in partnership with DSNY for the month of May (Monday – Friday 9-5). It was emphasized that this is only for small electronics which can be carried by hand. There were some technical difficulties causing the sound to break up and the Senator's reception was lost. Mr. Carl Moore, representing Senator Addabbo, advised all the event information was in the flyer sent to the board earlier in the day.

The Chair acknowledged Council Member Adrienne Adams and invited her to speak. The Council Member greeted everyone noting this pandemic has fostered some new kind of reach out on Zoom. She provided some updates and commented on things going on in City Council. She indicated she serves as Chair of the City Council Public Safety Committee and is also a member of the Budget Negotiating Team. The City Council is now going over the Mayor's proposed \$98.6 billion budget. It was noted, federal stimulus money has come in specifically for DOE for our children. The CM stated as of last week NY has lost over 32,000 people to the pandemic and it has been an unimaginable loss for so many of us. She shared, it will be a year this month that I lost my father to the effects of Corona virus, and nine months later I lost my mother - not due to the pandemic, but it's been quite a season for me.

My colleagues and I fought really hard to make the City release data that shows what we knew all along - that Covid rates were very high here. We had to demand and fight to get our share of testing sites; we had to struggle to get vaccination sites in and around our southern Queens district. Now that the state has done away with mandated appointments and you can walk in, I'm pushing for an increase in vaccination rates in our communities.

She commented on the Police Reform Package passed by City Council last month.

She spoke about some initiatives introduced by the Mayor:

Summer Rising: New York City's free school-based summer program for any City child in grades K-12. Summer Rising will integrate the strengths of DOE academics with the Department of Youth & Community Development's (DYCD) school-based enrichment programming. High Schoolers will have the opportunity to engage in SYEP with more slots added. Students will also have the opportunity to again participate in the Public Schools Athletic League

Safe Summer NYC: a comprehensive plan to deter gun violence by providing real, positive alternatives for young people through increased investment in communities, strategic police presence, and greater coordination with the justice system.
Safe Parks and Gang-Free Zones: a partnership between the NYPD and community stakeholders to create spaces for young people to congregate free of gang violence.

As a member of the Budget Negotiating Team, the CM commented on some public services which have been restored within the Mayor's \$98.6 billion budget in Parks and Sanitation.

CM Adams said it's very good to see all of you tonight on the Zoom platform, have a great meeting. The Chair expressed appreciation for the good news and thanked CM Adams.

The Chair acknowledged the presence of Assembly Member Khaleel Anderson and invited him to speak. The Assembly Member thanked the Chair and greeted everyone. He provided the address for his satellite office in CB10: 131-17 Rockaway Blvd. and noted hours have been updated to reflect appointments only: Monday - Thursday 10am - 4pm & Fridays 10am - 2pm. His office is available to help with any state related issues. He said he would speak about some of the programs they're doing and then provide a quick budget update.

May is mental health awareness month - free mental health certification training is being offered on wellness Wednesdays, May 5, 19, 29 in collaboration with the NYC DOHMH. For more information follow him on social media. He indicated he would drop his website in the chat so folks can sign up for his e-mail blast.

A community cleanup of the business corridor on Rockaway Blvd. is scheduled for June 17th and they are looking forward to having folks come out and volunteer to help with that process. He noted funding has been restored to the Dept. of Sanitation but stressed the importance of building the culture of keeping our neighborhoods clean.

NYS vaccination sites are now walk-in, and vaccines are available at Aqueduct Racetrack, anyone needing information can reach out to his office. Walgreens on Lefferts Blvd. & Rockaway Blvd. is still allowing people to schedule appointments to get vaccinated.

The AM commented on the budget as the largest in NYS history and indicated he's proud to have been a part of it. He spoke about some of the programs and the funding to the district. For the first time since the lawsuit in 2007 they were able to close the gap and said the good thing about the way they passed it in the budget is that we get 60% up front. Putting it in the context of AD31, we're getting \$6 million up front because our district is somewhere around \$10 million.

\$2.5 million was authorized in the state's budget to buy back zombie homes (homes that are vacant and without folk in them) so that new homeowners can be put in them. That program is going to be key in addressing a lot of the vacancy and quality of life issues that we're seeing across CB10 and across the City.

\$60 million has been authorized for three years of funding for the Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP). Investing \$20 million every year, for the next three years, to ensure homeowners receive protection to prevent foreclosures, to support with weatherization, and help seniors with costly cooling and heating issues.

\$500,000 is authorized in the state's budget through the Environmental Protection Fund to fund a study on the health impacts of JFK airport and LaGuardia airport.

The AM indicated he worked with the MTA and the Governor's Office to get them to see the importance of having the Q98V vaccination bus. That service has ended. It was noted the numbers were not great, in terms of the number of people using the service, but it does provide critical data and gives an indicator of what services are missing and how we can do it more effectively.

He commented that a lot of people have been questioning and there's a lot of fear around the eviction moratorium. He confirmed that the eviction moratorium for renters, for small homeowners/landlords and for small businesses was extended. He explained that this is just to buy some additional time as it's a mix of federal and state funding, so they can make sure that the program gets the money directly to the landlords and small homeowners who have been struggling. They do expect rent relief, mortgage relief, and small business relief to roll out over the next couple of months, so the eviction moratorium allows that additional time to get those programs right. The money authorized in the budget not only covers rent, but it also covers a bit for utilities. It's 12 months from March 2020 to March 2021, plus three months so the program is 15 months of back rent for a small homeowner or a small landlord. The AM said it's a pleasure to represent you in the State Assembly and thanked the Chair.

The Chair thanked AM Anderson and expressed appreciation for the good news he brought.

At this point the Chair addressed members stating she realizes this is still the month of Ramadan and if there is anyone who needs to pop off the meeting in order to break fast with their families, absolutely feel free to do so and pop back in later if you wish. We do have a good quorum this evening so it's not a problem if anybody drops off to observe Ramadan.

At this point, not seeing any other elected officials present, the Chair continued with the regular order of business.

The Chairperson opened the public hearing for the evening and introduced New York City Dept. of City Planning, Queens Borough Office, Joy Resor to present information regarding Elevate Transit Zoning for Accessibility: Zoning Text Amendment ULURP No. N210270ZRY. The MTA and DCP are proposing a citywide zoning text amendment that will allow the MTA to work more efficiently with private developers to help achieve system-wide accessibility. The proposal includes a system-wide transit easement certification and an authorization for transit improvement bonuses in high density areas to facilitate the implementation of ADA access at stations throughout the city more quickly and efficiently.

Ms. Resor thanked the Chair for the introduction indicating she is the Dept. of City Planning Borough Planner for CB10 and she is joined by Lucille Songhai from the MTA to go through the proposal for Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA) which is a citywide text amendment. Ms. Resor noted she would turn off her video and share her screen for Ms. Songhai to narrate this portion of the presentation.

Ms. Songhai greeted everyone and said we are here tonight to talk about Elevate Transit: Zoning for Accessibility. This is a collaborative plan by MTA & DCP proposing a citywide zoning text amendment that will allow MTA to work more efficiently with private developers to help achieve system wide accessibility goals much more quickly. The proposal includes a system wide transit easement requirement and an expanded transit improvement bonus in high density areas (not currently applicable for CB10).

Most stations are very old and were built before 1950 and while MTA has made pretty significant progress through its capital programs over the years, there still is a very long way to go. Currently only 136 out of 493 subway and Staten Island rail stations are accessible, 25 out of 39 LIRR and Metro North stations within the city limits are currently accessible. When looking at accessibility there are a lot of different ways to make a station accessible. ZFA is looking to expand vertical accessibility - which are elevators.

Limited elevator access impacts people with disabilities, parents with young children, the senior population, as well as people with temporary injuries. A subway ride that should take minutes can take hours because of having to back ride and to utilize stations already in the system that are accessible and it adds time to the journey. They want to cut that down and for there to be equity in terms of how everyone is able to access transit.

Of the 2.3 million residents in Queens there are 130,000 residents with an ambulatory disability, 150,000 children under the age of 5, and 340,000 residents that are 65 years and older. The senior population of New Yorkers over the age of 65 has grown by 19.2% from 2005 to 2015.

Investment in accessibility is part of the current MTA Capital Program for 2020 – 2024. More than \$5 billion is dedicated to making over 77 stations accessible. Once this capital program is complete 43% of NYC Transit stations will be fully accessible, serving over 60% of riders. Although 43% is a really great number, they are confident they can do better and would like no subway rider to be more than two stations away from an accessible station.

At this point Ms. Resor continued with the DCP portion of the presentation. Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA) proposes to address some of the limitations of the current zoning provisions and seeks to create more opportunities for accessibility throughout the transit system through available zoning tools. Details relating to the citywide zoning proposal were provided which included: Existing Zoning Regulations - Easement provisions; System-wide Easement Requirement; Zoning Relief for Easements; Project Timeline; Easement Certification Process.

It was noted, Lefferts Blvd., Aqueduct Racetrack, Howard Beach JFK station are currently all ADA accessible. All stations within CB10 would be eligible for the new easement requirement but this requirement would only apply to new development within 50 ft. of each station within certain zoning districts.

A review of the certification process from start to finish: The first thing that happens when a site is within 50 ft. of a subway station and files building plans with the DOB, the developer would need to file an application for an easement with the MTA and the Chair of the CPC to determine whether or not an easement is even needed. Within a maximum of 60 days the MTA and City Planning would make that determination and get back to the developer. It's important to note here that the MTA will only select sites with the most optimal conditions for easements. The majority of sites will likely not require an easement. If the MTA selects the site for the easement the developer would work with the MTA and CPC to determine easement type and dimensions because all of the stations are very different. This is when the appropriate zoning relief will be agreed upon as well. The developer would then submit a site plan for approval and certification by the MTA and City Planning would need to approve or certify it within 45 days and notify DOB of their results. At this point it's up to the developer to build out the building with the void for the easement and it's up to MTA after that to implement the connection of the easement to the station.

In summary, ZFA proposes a zoning text amendment to establish a framework for coordinating the siting and provision of transit station improvement with new developments on adjacent sites. As part of this framework a required consultation process would apply to all developments and enlargements on zoning lots within 50 ft. of mass transit stations and in the applicable zoning districts. It was indicated, it's really just applicable to higher density areas like LIC and downtown Jamaica. As of April 5, this proposal is currently in public review and it has been referred out to all 59 community boards in each of the five boroughs, and will next go to Borough Presidents and Borough Boards for review and will be in review until Jun 14th. Although this is a non-ULURP action, the board will have 60 days to review the proposal and provide recommendations.

Ms. Resor said thank you for letting us present and indicated she and Ms. Songhai were both available for questions.

The Chair thanked Ms. Resor.

The Chair asked if there was anyone on the telephone line who had a question or a comment and said please say your name, hearing none. The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public on the video portion who had a question or a comment and said please use the "raise your hand" function on Zoom, seeing/hearing none. The public hearing was closed.

At this point, the Chair asked if there were any questions or comments from board members.

Emily Cheng asked if this is primarily for new developments it does not affect existing buildings. Ms. Resor responded; no, it does not affect existing.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else with questions or comments, seeing no more hands, she indicated the Land Use Committee met and reviewed this proposal on April 22 and acknowledged the Land Use Committee Chair to comment.

The Land Use Committee Chair greeted everyone and thanked Ms. Resor for the presentation. As this is for new buildings, he asked what happens if there is a major alteration to an existing building. Ms. Resor replied, it would be applicable to either new buildings or enlargements.

Ms. Resor addressed a question that had been raised at the Land Use Committee Meeting, about what happens if a developer just says no, they don't want to provide the easement. It was indicated, in that case because it's a determination that's made by City Planning as well as the MTA, if the developer refuses, they would not be able to pull DOB permits.

The Land Use Chair asked if the developer would be penalized and would not be able to file its job. Ms. Resor replied, if for some reason after the site plan review is made and the MTA & City Planning say that an easement is needed and they work with the developer on zoning relief for that building and the developer still says no, they would not be able to pull permits. It was emphasized, this is a requirement that is really focused on the most optimal sites. It wouldn't apply for the majority of the sites that were shown around the transit stations. It would be really unlikely for a developer to say no because they're getting the zoning relief either in the form of height modification or bulk or something like that. The agencies will definitely work with the developer on making it work for their building.

The Board Chair asked if there were any other questions, hearing none, she asked the Land Use Committee Chair for the Committee's recommendation.

The Land Use Committee Chair said the Committee recommends the Board to accept and approve.

Ms. Resor noted a board member had raised his hand and had a question. The Board member asked about the timeline. Ms. Resor said it's currently in review.

The Board Chair explained the board has 60 days to review, after that it goes to the Borough President, then it goes to the Borough Board, and back to City Planning for review then to the Council and then back to City Planning for decision. The Board Chair stated this is a long process and one of the reasons for the length of the process is to allow for all to review and that does not get done in a hurry; we're the first stop.

The Board Chair reiterated the recommendation is to approve, and asked are there any "No" votes, hearing none. Are there any "Abstentions" hearing none. The assumption, the Chair said, is then that all other board members present are a "Yes" vote. She asked, is there anyone who disagrees with that, hearing none. The motion carries unanimously.

The Board Chair asked Ms. Resor whether she wants the paperwork from the Board right away or wait till June 14th. Ms. Resor said whatever works for the Board.

The Board Chair informed members there will be three proposals for review next month. Ms. Resor indicated there will be just two (Hotels Special Permit and Health & Fitness). Open restaurants got delayed and will be certified in June so the board will have a full 90 days to review.

The Board Chair addressed the new board members informing them the only time we are required to meet in the summer is when the clock is running on something that we have to review.

The Board Chair reminded Land Use Committee Members there is another committee meeting scheduled for May 11th, and notices should have been received.

The Chairperson continued with the regular order of business and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April 2021 minutes; hearing none.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chairperson reviewed correspondence for the month of April 2021 which included:

- EEPC notification of CB10 Determination of Compliance & Certificate of Compliance of Audit

The Chair addressed the board members making them aware they will all be receiving by US mail the current EEO Policy from the Queens Borough President's Office. It was indicated the reappointed members and the new members received this via e-mail following their training, however, the Community Board is required to provide proof of receipt by signature of each individual board member. The Chair explained, in the past the EEO Policy was hand delivered to each board member at a board meeting where acknowledgement by signature was obtained. As this can't be done at this time, each member will be receiving the Borough President's EEO Policy in the mail. It was noted the Board's EEO policy is predicated on the BP's EEO Policy and the Board follows the BP's EEO policy. The Chair instructed members when you receive it, in the envelope in which you receive it, you will get a form to fill out, sign and date, and a stamped envelope to mail it back to the office. We need to maintain a record of the receipt that you received it. Some may think it would be easy to just do an e-mail to confirm, however that does not provide the signature that is required for the records. The Chair stated, please when you get it, please fill out the form and send it back to us so that we have those records as we will be audited again in the future as audits regarding various matters occur fairly regularly.

- NYC Deputy Comptroller for Accountancy & OMB Director of Accounting Services: notice of FY2021 Financial Statement and Single Audits
 - Letters of support regarding Jamaica Hospital ED Project sent to JHMC & Congressman Meeks
 - NYC DOT responses to CB requests made last year relating to issues on North Conduit & 79 – 80 Street:
 - (a) Request for speed control measures or traffic light at 80 Street & No. Conduit Ave. as well as 79 Street & So. Conduit (letter from Senator Addabbo to NYC DOT also sent on that issue).
 - (b) Pedestrian crossing signage at intersection 80 Street & No. Conduit.
 - (c) Guiderails at 80 Street & No. Conduit.
 It was noted the Board Chair, the District Manager and the Chair of the Transportation Committee met again with DOT after the last board meeting and a follow-up on our continued request will be provided as to where they're at currently
 - Package of material relating to Spring Creek / Jamaica Bay sent to Congressman Jeffries - the Chair expressed thanks to organizations & individuals who contributed toward the letters of support
 - NYC Public Design Commission Meeting Agenda - April 26th
 - Correspondence from Laborer's Local Union 1010 regarding "Design-Build"
 - Copy of QCB8's letter in regard to the Five Borough Jail Initiative
 - Communication from community resident in regard to ongoing issue in vicinity of 100 Street & 133 Avenue
 - iAfford NYC notice in regard to affordable apartments
 - MOCS Contract Public Hearing Calendar – April 15th
 - Demolition Notice: 133-11 124 Street, SOP
 - NYC HPD Order to Repair/Vacate: 123-64 135 Street, SOP
 - DDC Update on Green Infrastructure Project
 - MOCS Contract Public Hearing Calendar – May 13th
 - NYS DOT Construction Notice: 109 Avenue Bridge over the Van Wyck Expwy. overnight closures
 - NYS Dept. of Public Service seeking public comment regarding two proposals in the Gas Planning Proceeding)
 - Various OMB Notices: DEP, Fire Dept., Health & Hospitals, DEP MTA, DOT, Dept. of Parks, Police Dept.
 - MOCS Annual Concession Plan from the Parks Dept. for FY2022
 - CEQR Zoning for Transit for Accessibility – Lead Agency Declaration & Environmental Impact Statement
- The Chair advised members to let her know if there is anything on the directed incoming mail a member would like a copy of.

The Chair referenced/commented on board member folder materials:

- DOH Unintentional Drug Poisoning (Overdose) Deaths: Quarters 1, 2, 3, 2020
- Resorts World NYC Current Career Openings
- NYC CECM Events Newsletter
- Committee Reports

TREASURER'S REPORT – the Board Chair read the report of expenditures for the month April 2021 on behalf of the Treasurer. It was noted the amount spent on office furniture was for the purchase/replacement of the old and damaged file cabinets.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT – not in attendance

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT – J. Resor – had nothing additional to report.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – The District Manager reported notifications were received from NYC DOT: a study regarding the need for additional traffic controls at the intersection of Liberty Avenue and 79 Street was completed and a traffic signal has been approved at this location; the work is tentatively scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2021. A traffic signal has been approved at the intersection of 127 Street & Liberty Avenue and at the intersection of Rockaway Blvd. & 135 Street; the work at both locations is tentatively scheduled to be completed by September 30, 2021. The intersection of Linden Blvd. and 115 Street meets the criteria for a traffic signal installation.

Notification was received that the NYC Dept. of Design and Construction in partnership with NYC DOT, has begun the design work for Project ID HWP2020TA (Citywide: Non -Standard Pedestrian Ramp Installations). This project consists of total design of Non-Standard pedestrian ramps in order to comply with ADA regulations and improve safety. This project is scheduled for bids in Fiscal Year 2021 with construction targeted to commence in the Summer of 2021 at the following locations: NE corner of Liberty Avenue & 111 Street; NW corner of Liberty Avenue & 112 Street; SE corner of Liberty Avenue & 116 Street; SE corner of Liberty Avenue & 117 Street; NE corner of Liberty Avenue & 96 Street.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – The Chairperson provided an update on the vaccination status in the board area indicating there is improvement. The percentages of adults fully and partially vaccinated were provided for each zip code in the district. Roughly a third of the total people in CB10 have been vaccinated. The test positive rate is dropping significantly and the case rate is also dropping significantly, which is expected as vaccination rates increase. Everyone was reminded to continue to mask up and to socially distance when out in public.

Reference was made to the Queens Botanical Garden information in board folders in regard to the DOT Arterventions–Lindenwood Traffic Circle temporary art installation “Rotation Garden.” The piece will be displayed for up to one year, before being moved to another site.

The Chair invited Ms. Ariola, the President of the Howard Beach-Lindenwood Civic, to comment. Ms. Ariola said she's happy that the Lindenwood circle will soon have this pop-up beautification and looks forward to it. She thanked Council Member Eric Ulrich for funding it and the Queens Botanical Garden for their vision as to what should be there. It was noted this is the first pop-up QBG is doing.

The Chair thanked Ms. Ariola.

The Chair continued and reported on the material that was in Board member folders:

The Chair referenced “NYC Means Business / No-cost Training for Your Business and Employees” and asked members to please share the information.

The Chair referenced “March Ready Up NYC Vaccine Information and Preparedness” and commented that although the information is slightly dated, it's good information and asked members to please share.

Reference was made to “The State of Waste in Queens” information received yesterday from Queens SWAB.

Reference was made to the Proposed City FY2022 Community Development Program which comes out every year. It is federal money which the City has to outline how the funds will be spent.

Reference was made to the report on Covid Variants and the Chair noted, we don't know what we don't know, about whether or not the current vaccines are going to be effective against all of the variants or whether there are going to have to be additional vaccines or supplemental shots.

The Census Bureau released its population figures for each state which are the figures that each state uses for reapportionment. An interesting comparison was pointed out, Queens is a piece of one big city, but there are 15 states in this country that have populations smaller than the borough of Queens.

Reference was made to material received from U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

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

AQUEDUCT – the board Chair indicated there was no specific report from the Committee Chairperson, but she wanted to share a picture of the exterior facade painting planned at Resorts World and commented on the walls of color. The design is inspired by the work of Piet Mondrian, and by the skyline of NYC. The design tries to create an impact not only for the visitors to the Hotel and Casino, but also for those who see it at a distance from the road or from the air. The hotel is anticipated to open this summer.

Additional landscaping will be done in the area in front of the parking garage and in the area in front of the lobby of the hotel. The berm project along the Centreville side of the property, will be extended a little further to bring it around by the homes that are in the area of 107 & 108 Street off Rockaway Blvd. This will create an additional buffer from traffic, noise and any of the other concerns that have been expressed by the residents there. Sometime during the next year, the signage at Rockaway Blvd. & at the Conduit will be replaced.

BUDGET – the Board Chair reminded members of the Budget Committee they will be meeting sometime before the June board meeting in regard to the Internal Budget.

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

EDUCATION – the Committee Chairperson indicated Council Member Adams had done a great report on education and there were no further comments.

LAND USE – the Committee Chairperson stated the next Land Use Committee Meeting will be May 11 and we'll be reviewing the remaining two or three citywide CPC actions mentioned by Joy Resor earlier.

At this point the Board Chair reviewed the attendance once again to add anyone who may have come in late.

The Chair noted Roger Gendron was not present this evening as his mother had passed away and indicated notification was sent to board members.

LIBRARIES – the Board Chair stated library notices are posted to our Facebook page.

PARKS & RECREATION – the Committee Chair indicated the NYC Parks seasonal employment opportunities information was in board folders.

The Board Chair noted the Parks Committee has a resolution on two playgrounds.

The Committee Chair reported the Parks Committee met this past month with the Dept. of Parks to review the plans for Judge Playground and Schneiderman Playground reconstructions. The Committee recommends the Board accept and approve both projects.

The Board Chair asked, are there any "No" votes on the approval of the playgrounds, hearing none, she then asked, are there any "Abstentions", hearing none. The Board Chair stated, all board members present will be counted as "Yes" votes and asked if there was anyone who disagreed, hearing none, she said the Board will notify Parks.

The Board Chair commented that the Stabile Playground, which we had approved in the past, has been on hold because of Covid but that is now probably going to start to move the rest of the way through procurement.

The Parks Committee Chair asked whether anything has been heard about Byrne bathrooms. The Board Chair indicated we haven't gotten an update on that yet, but it's probably in the same state of affairs as the other projects, delayed due to the pandemic.

PERSONNEL – the Committee Chair commented on the Mayor's Directive that City Personnel go back to work on May 3rd with limited access to where they are and what they are supposed to be handling. He said, I know that our

board has been open, but we have to take precautions, we have to be socially distant and wear masks if you're visiting the board. Just a reminder that safety is the issue here.

The Board Chair noted our board is officially back open as of the 3rd but we have been there before that as needed. We have been restricting walk-ins, but now walk-ins are permissible, but we would urge anyone who needs to come to the office for anything to call first so if there is something that needs to be gotten ready for whatever the issue is that the person wants to deal with or if it's something that can be handled over the phone it would be safer for our staff. We will be maintaining a safe situation with the thermometer, the masks and the gloves within the office and keeping the distance. Our staff will also be continuing to work remotely on Fridays. The purpose for that is so the office can get a very good cleaning every week over and above the daily cleaning.

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

At this point the Board Chair acknowledged 106 Precinct Community Affairs Officer Iaboni and invited him to speak. P.O. Iaboni shared some crime prevention tips. He indicated members of the public can now file a report online for: lost property, petit larceny, misdemeanor criminal mischief & criminal mischief - graffiti. He noted P.O. Rocco Loccisano is the new Graffiti Coordinator as P.O. Reina is retiring this month.

SANITATION – the Board Chair acknowledged DSNY Queens Liaison, Joe Ottomanelli and invited him to speak. He commented on the Curbside Composting Collection which is being brought back in a new way. DSNY asks all those who are interested in compost collection to fill out an online form or call 311 to opt-in to the service starting August 2021. Weekly collection will be provided where there is demand starting October 2021; the service will grow as demand grows.

The Board Chair indicated board member Anthony Garcia volunteered to be the board's representative to the newly reincarnated Queens SWAB which had their first official meeting last week and asked him if he had any updates.

Mr. Garcia reported the Queens Solid Waste Advisory Board was officially recognized by the Queens Borough President's Office. The boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx and Queens each has its own waste advisory board. Going forward they are trying to meet the City's goal of reaching zero landfill waste exports by 2030. It was noted, 63% of the solid waste that's happening right now in Queens can be reused or recovered in some way. They're trying to disseminate more information to residents and indicated it would be appreciated if people could use their social networks to disseminate information, such as the rehabilitation of the organic waste collection program that the City just started again. They're thinking about hosting a bartering day, such as is the one in Sweden, where different companies, stores, and folks can gather and just barter their goods and any of the things that would otherwise have been thrown away. It was noted this is in the very early planning phase. Mr. Garcia said the date for this month's meeting has not yet been set, but he looks forward to informing and updating everyone next month on the progress. He thanked the Chair.

The Chair expressed thanks and appreciation to Anthony Garcia and also to Amanda Deebrah and Emily Cheng for volunteering to be considered as our QSWAB representative.

SUMMER YOUTH & OTHER EMPLOYMENT – the Committee Chairperson indicated report was in board folders and added the Summer Youth Employment application filing ended on April 23rd.

TRANSPORTATION – the Committee Chairperson indicated she, the Board Chair, and the District Manager met with DOT on April 29th via Zoom and reported on the updates provided. DOT is conducting a study to determine if traffic signals are warranted at: 80 Street & North Conduit Avenue; 79 Street & South Conduit Avenue. DOT is investigating the potential of added speed cameras to the area. DOT will be using information received from CB10 and adjacent schools, PS 214, Our World Neighborhood Charter School, and the Pre-K for All. DOT is investigating the feasibility of adding speed cameras to both the North & South Conduit within the area of 79 & 80 Street, where the recent fatality occurred. DOT is currently conducting an analysis on lowering the speed limit on the Conduit, and once completed DOT will make CB10 aware of its determination. DOT is also working with the Precinct to potentially position a variable message board in the area on the Conduit to raise awareness. Given that 79 Street, 80 Street and North & South Conduit are not approved crossings, DOT will also be looking into placing guiderails or jersey barriers

at the location in an effort to deter the unsafe crossing as it looks into further improvements. The Committee Chair thanked the DM and the Chair for being included in this meeting.

The Board Chair said DOT was basically asked to go back and revisit prior requests for guardrails and pedestrian crossing signage there. Hopefully we'll get some movement forward. Right now, we have not made a request that the police department start issuing jay walking summonses there, hopefully we will not come to that point. But people do need to realize it is an unsafe crossing and it is not a crossing. It's going to be very difficult to resolve. We're trying to work with the Park data and with the school data to try to come up with a rationale to effectively get DOT to do what we would like them to do, but it's still a work in progress.

The Committee Chair added, the Dept. for the Aging has requested to meet with the CB10 Transportation Committee regarding the DFTA My Ride Pilot Program. This committee meeting is scheduled for May 17th via Zoom. Notices were sent out to committee members.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

The Board Chair then acknowledged the various representatives of elected officials and agency representatives in attendance and invited each to speak.

The Board Chair indicated notification had been received from Senator Addabbo that his connection was lost somewhere in Broad Channel.

Carl Moore, representing State Senator Addabbo, asked anyone who couldn't hear the Senator's announcement of upcoming events, to contact his office. He noted a copy of the flyer was sent to the Community Board earlier this afternoon. The Board Chair indicated it has been posted to the CB10 Facebook page.

AnneMarie Costella, representing State Senator Sanders, stated she has put her contact information in the Chat Box and provided some updates: every school in the district is being visited to assess how they are doing post-pandemic; the Senator is continuing his events to discuss the new marijuana law (it was noted it is legal to smoke marijuana in the same places you would smoke cigarettes, but it is not legal to sell marijuana); the Senator hosts a weekly podcast every Friday at 6pm on his YouTube Channel - the topic this week is the increase in hate crimes against Asians and Asian Americans, following Coronavirus. For any questions, call or e-mail her.

Greg Slade, representing Assembly Member Rajkumar, spoke about the activities of their office which included: co-hosting of two recycling events the past two weekends with Senator Addabbo and CB10; co-hosting of Queens Covid Remembrance Day; helping constituents obtain vaccination appointments; free Covid testing at their office every Friday, Saturday, Sunday; and hosting of food distribution every Thursday at their office - please feel free to spread the word to those in need. He commented on some pieces of legislation going through the Assembly that focus on health and safety, employment and education. He stated he put his contact information in the Chat Box and feel free to reach out him. The AM sends her best and continues to be committed to you all every day. Thank you so much for having me and God bless America.

The Chair thanked him.

The Chair acknowledged Kate Mooney, representing Council Member Adrienne Adams, informing her the flyers she had sent per e-mail were distributed to board members and some were posted on the CB10 Facebook page. Ms. Mooney thanked the Chairperson and apologized for disappearing from last month's board meeting, explaining her power ran out as she was about to greet everyone. She announced the co-naming of Liberty Avenue & Lefferts Blvd. with a sign reading "Little Guyana" will take place on Saturday, May 29th at 10am.

James Mongeluzo, representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, indicated he would put info and links in the Chat Box and commented on: Annual Claims Report for FY2020; Investigation in failed effort to purchase ventilators during the Covid-10 pandemic; and Unclaimed NYC Wage Database. He provided his phone number and e-mail and thanked the Chair.

The Chair thanked Mr. Mongeluzo.

Nathaniel Hezekiah, representing Congressman Gregory Meeks, thanked the Chair and greeted everyone and provided some updates: The IRS filing deadline is going to be May 17th, for all those who have not filed taxes please make sure to do so. The deadline for the NY State of Health (the State based exchange here in NY) is now May 15th. Anyone interested in getting health care on the NY State Exchange can contact 855-355-5777. The Funeral Assistance Fund became available about two weeks ago. All those who have loved ones lost to Covid and paid for the funeral bill can reach out to FEMA for funeral assistance. That number is: 844-684-6333 (phone lines are open 9am to 9pm). U.S. SBA is awarding funding through the Restaurant Revitalization Fund Program to restaurants, bars, and other similar places of business that serve food or drink. The purpose of this funding is to provide support to eligible entities that suffered revenue losses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Individuals who are looking for assistance can fill out the form for the fund and contact: 844-279-8898.

They were recently informed that the Post Office in Queens has been transferred over to the Long Island District. Formerly we were part of the Tri-Borough District which included Staten Island, Queens, and Brooklyn. Now we've been transferred over to the Long Island District and possibly new leadership will take place throughout Queens, specifically Jamaica, which covers South Ozone Park and other areas. We will look to make sure that the service continues to be at a high level for the US Postal Service throughout our district and we will continue to work with Congressman Jeffries to resolve issues as they arise.

Dan Brown, from the office of Queens District Attorney Office Melinda Katz, greeted everyone and announced the DA is going to be hosting the Memorial Day Observance Ceremony on May 27th at 11am. It's going to be broadcast live from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Elmhurst Park, and you can watch it online. The general number office number is: 718-286-6000 and his direct number is: 718-286-6593. He thanked the Chair and she thanked him.

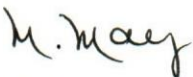
The Chair asked if there were any other representatives from elected officials or any other representatives of agencies in attendance, hearing none.

PUBLIC FORUM – the Chairperson asked if there was anyone from the public on the telephone who wished to speak or make a comment, hearing none. The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public on the video who wished to speak or make a comment, hearing none.

The Chairperson said, due to the constraints presented by this type of remote meeting, as we have been doing since the start of our Zoom meetings, the record of this meeting will be kept open until the close of business tomorrow so anyone from the public who has a question or wishes to make a comment may do so by contacting the office by phone or e-mail, and it will be entered into the record of this meeting.

The Chairperson wished a Happy Mother's Day and adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



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