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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

May 19, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

M. Q. Amin, M. Cherenfant, A. Cosentino, A. Dhanpat, G. Duldulao, R. Graham, R. Hitlall, P. Kishun, P. Lynch, K. Randall, M. Salim, N. Shuyab, J. Singh, D. Sookram-Singh, F. Mohamed

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hon. M. Katz; Hon. J. Addabbo; Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato; S. Chuprik, Rep. Hon. H. Jeffries; C. Moore, Rep. Hon. J. Addabbo; M. Matteo, Rep. Hon. Pheffer-Amato; C. Torres, Rep. Hon. M. Miller; T. Hankerson, Rep. Hon. A. Adams; T. Chester, QDA's Office; J. Mongeluzo, NYC Comptroller's Office; K. Morris, CAU; V. Garvey, QBPO; J. Resor, DCP; J. Ottomanelli, DSNY; A. Iuliano, DOB; S. Schechter, DOB; M. Walker, Council for Airport Opportunity; N. Williams, JFK Redevelopment; S. Brooks-Powers, JFK Redevelopment; R. Day, JFK Redevelopment; H. Parekh, PANYNJ; C. Goode, US Census Bureau

The Chairperson began the meeting at 6:40pm conducted remotely via ZOOM. Board member attendance was taken by roll call and it was established that a quorum was present.

The Chairperson acknowledged the arrival of Queens County District Attorney Melinda Katz and invited her to speak. DA Katz expressed how nice it was to see everyone and commended participants on their attendance during these challenging times. She thanked the Chairperson for her leadership and all the work she has been doing, and also thanked the District Manager. She provided her email address and said to continue to reach out to her. She indicated a representative from her office would be attending all community board meetings and noted that Tara Chester was on the phone at this time. She explained she has 700 employees and nearly everyone is working virtually, with a certain percentage still at the office every day, including herself. She highlighted the work they are doing in the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, Human Trafficking Bureau, and Housing & Worker Protection Bureau. She warned everyone about some current scams which are occurring and reminded everyone not to give out their bank account number or social security number. The DA's office is going after folks who are price gouging and there have been a few arrests. She indicated domestic violence is vastly under-reported right now and provided the hotline number 718-286-4410 where the phone will always be answered by a live person. She encouraged everyone to check in on their friends and anyone who may not be able to get out; and noted that suicide rates have

increased but there is help available. DA Katz expressed her thanks and said she appreciates the work of the community leaders, and we are going to get through this. Chairperson Braton thanked DA Katz and told her she is welcome anytime and looks forward to having representatives at the community board meetings.

The Chairperson acknowledged Assembly Member Pheffer-Amato and invited her to speak. The Assembly Member thanked the DA for the important information provided regarding scams and also thanked the Chairperson and the District Manager for access to the remote meeting. She indicated the number one issue right now is with the Dept. of Labor, which has processed as many cases in the last few months as were processed in the entire last year. She said the DOL has been working diligently with her office and the Senator's office to problem solve. She asked that anyone needing help call her office and provided her phone number. She reported the Cross Bay Bridge rebate program is on pause. The boardwalk in the Rockaways is open for long walks along the shoreline for anyone who may need a mental break. She noted that her representative, Mr. Matteo, was also in attendance on the call. She encouraged everyone to be safe, to continue to wear their masks and practice social distancing. Anyone who may need a mask should reach out to her office and leave a message, as they have washable/reusable masks which can be mailed to them. The Chairperson thanked Assembly Member Pheffer-Amato.

The Chairperson then opened the informational public hearing for the evening by introducing Ms. Nantasha Williams, Ms. Selvena Brooks-Powers and Mr. Ryan Day, of the JFK Redevelopment Outreach Team and indicated that Mr. Hersh Parekh from the Port Authority was also in attendance.

Ms. Brooks-Powers thanked the Chairperson. It was noted a power point had been previously provided and the Chairperson indicated it had been forwarded to the board members per e-mail. Ms. Brooks-Powers said although the office is physically closed due to the current pandemic, the JFK Redevelopment Community Outreach Team remains ready to assist operating Monday thru Friday 9am-5pm. They can be reached by e-mail: JFKRedevolpment@panynj.gov or by phone: 718-244-3834, where you will be greeted by Team Member Jule Grant who will direct you accordingly based on your needs. Committee outreach continues as many Advisory Council Committee Meetings and community events are held virtually. Terminal Developers have been holding their office hours as webinars. Visit: www.ANewJFK.com to access Partner (virtual) Hours where you can see the Terminal Developers, CAO, and also MWBE Compliance Consultants as well. She asked everyone to feel free to visit on-line and then turned the floor over to Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams greeted everyone and said she would talk about some of the events the JFK Redevelopment Community Outreach Team has held virtually. Since March 2020 they have held twelve events for both job seekers and businesses, which included two certification workshops, and plan to hold additional certification workshops for minorities, women, small businesses and disadvantaged businesses, to become certified with the Port Authority. More events are to come, such as a LinkedIn event for small businesses and one for job seekers, to raise their on-line profile. Through JFK Redevelopment initiatives, the Council for Airport Opportunity has been expanded into Far Rockaway and a virtual event with them will be held May 25. Log in with your children for the National Paper Airplanes Day, a virtual book reading event they are hosting on May 26. Visit their website at www.ANewJFK.com for more information. Feel free to e-mail them with any input or ideas for different events whether for businesses, members of the community at large, or job seekers. They certainly want to hear from the public to make sure they are programming activities that meet their needs. Ms. Williams thanked the Chairperson.

The Chairperson invited Mr. Parekh to speak. He thanked her and indicated he didn't have anything to add.

The Chairperson addressed Mr. Day and asked if he had anything to add. Mr. Day thanked the Chairperson and indicated everything had been covered. The Chairperson thanked them for everything they have been doing.

At this point the Chairperson closed the public hearing and invited anyone from the public who may be on the line who has any questions to please feel free to call the office or send an e-mail and we will happy to get you the answer to your question.

The Chairperson acknowledged the arrival of Senator Addabbo and invited him to speak.

The Senator thanked the Chairperson and greeted everyone. He reminded everyone the Howard Beach office is open Monday thru Friday 10am-2pm, and after hours they have a 24-hour operator. Hand sanitizer and face masks

are available for anyone who may need them. At this time the office is really busy with the unemployment claims, and he thanked Carl Moore for his help. Last Friday they had a ZOOM meeting with the State Dept. of Labor and Commissioner Reardon who explained how overburdened the DOL is. From this past March to this month of May, the State DOL has processed roughly 2 million applications – which is the same amount of applications they normally do in a 2 ½ year period. 4,000 new case workers were hired to supplement/complement the 3,000 DOL workers who are already working on these claims and are working twelve-hour shifts, seven days a week. If anyone knows of anyone who needs any assistance regarding an unemployment claim, or food distribution, or any quality of life issue, please let him know. They are looking at cleaning up the areas around the Addabbo Bridge, both on the City side and the Federal property side and are working with both agencies. The Chairperson thanked the Senator for the work he has been doing.

The Chairperson indicated a copy of the JFK Redevelopment presentation would be sent to any members who may not have received it.

The Chairperson announced the presence of Mr. Matthew Walker, representing the Council for Airport Opportunity and invited him to speak. He said he is the Outreach Specialist for the CAO, and they are still here for anyone and their job seeking needs. If anyone is interested in attending their Orientation Sessions, they are having them every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10am to 11:15am. The Account Managers are still available through e-mail and resumes can be sent to: career@caony.com and you can also apply for positions through ZipRecruiter. They are still here for you and for the community and want to help all find meaningful opportunities of employment during this very difficult time. He thanked the Chairperson.

The Chairperson announced the presence of Mr. Joseph Ottomanelli, Queens Liaison for the NYC Dept. of Sanitation and invited him to speak. He thanked the Chairperson and indicated he had a few comments regarding operations in response to the pandemic. DSNY has a change in day shifts from 5am to 1pm in order to avoid interaction with the public, and it's very important that residents should follow proper collection procedures like setting out their garbage by 4pm the day prior to collection as the pickup times maybe inconsistent. The agency is operating with delays as many employees are out sick due to COVID and explained when they have a facility with a COVID positive test, the facility is temporarily closed for cleaning and disinfecting purposes. Some services have been cancelled or suspended due to the pandemic: SAFE Events have been cancelled until further notice, special waste sites have been closed until further notice, curb side e-waste has been suspended until further notice, organics collection is suspended as of May 4th through July 2021, and the compost collection site is closed until further notice. PPE needs to be discarded properly and are encouraging residents who find PPE by their house that they dispose of it with a broom and shovel and set it out with their regular garbage in a leak proof bag or a receptacle with a tight-fitting lid. The Chairperson thanked him and expressed thanks to the Department for all the work they have been doing under these difficult conditions.

The Chairperson announced the presence of Ms. Catherine Goode, Partnership Specialist, United States Census Bureau. Ms. Goode spoke about the importance of completing the Census and noted it's safe, easy, and important. It's a complete count of the population occurring once every ten years which determines the distribution of \$75 billion of Federal Funding each year for the next ten years. It can be completed online (my2020census.gov) or by phone (844-330-20220) by mail or with a census taker. Due to the Corona virus, there have been changes in census operations. It was noted census takers are not in the field at the moment and do not begin to work until August 11. People have until October 31 to self-respond to the Census. There are only nine questions and these questions are asked of each member of the household. It does not ask about citizenship, or political affiliation, or for your social security number, or bank account number, nor for a donation. The Census is still recruiting for Census Taker Positions and applications are still being processed. Her information will be posted on the Chat for anyone who has questions. The Chairperson thanked the speaker and asked if there were any questions from the board members. There were none. The Chairperson thanked the board members for the work they have been doing in pushing the census and said although we have a long way to go, she is seeing some improvement.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chairperson reviewed correspondence for the month of April 2020 which included:

- Letter received from NYCDOT re: traffic signal, Crossbay Blvd. & 165 Ave.
- Letter received from NYCDOT re: speed reducer approved for 126 St. between 133-135 Ave.

- Copy of letter from Qns. Elected officials to Governor re: emergency food assistance.
- Copy of letter from Borough President Lee to Mayor re: Queens response to FY21 Executive Budget
- Newsletter from DDC re: water main installation project.
- 2 Notices from NY Metropolitan Transportation Council re: TIP comment period
- Notice from OMB re: FY20 Financial Statement & Single Audit.
- Letter to SLA re: change in method of operation for an existing licensed premise.
- Notification re: Proposed FY21 Community Development Program
- Copy of joint letter from Queens District Managers to City Council re: cuts to CB budgets.
- Notification from DoITT re: proposed pole top installation.
- Copy of letter from CB8 to Mayor re: SYEP.
- 3 Notices from DFTA re: contract renewals.
- Letter from QBP Office of Planning & Development re: Citywide Statement of Needs
- Notice from OMB re: HPD
- Letter from T.C. Systems re: fiber optic conduit construction project
- Notice from QBPO re: Memorial Day Observance.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Due to the physical office closure the paperwork necessary for the Treasurer to compile the report of expenditures for the month of April 2020 was not available. A full report will be forthcoming when the office is accessible.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S LIAISON REPORT – Mr. Brown was not present. The Chairperson introduced Ms. Vickie Garvey who has been assigned to work with the Board on Land Use matters for the Borough President's Planning & Development Office. Ms. Garvey stated she was pleased to be working with us.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT – Ms. Resor reported that the city's ULURP process is still suspended due to the pandemic. No action has been taken on any projects in the pipeline for our area.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – The District Manager reported the city has announced a COVID-19 Heat Wave Plan to keep vulnerable New Yorkers cool and safe at home, create safer summer cooling options and prevent and respond to power outages.

Every year, hot summers cause dehydration, heat exhaustion, and heat-stroke – all outcomes that disproportionately impact older adults and vulnerable populations. The City is creating a \$55 million program to provide over 74,000 air conditioners to New Yorkers who are 60 years old and older and have income below 60 percent of the state median income, and do not have air conditioning at home.

Eligible New Yorkers will be identified by NYCHA, DFTA, HRA and HPD, and city case managers will reach out directly to income-eligible seniors. The City is providing \$35 million in funding, including \$10 million from NYCHA, and NYSERDA has committed another \$20 million.

The City is also petitioning the Public Service Commission for \$72 million to help pay the utility bills for 450,000 vulnerable New Yorkers so they can afford to run their ACs and keep cool. The program would ensure that vulnerable New Yorkers can afford to use their air conditioners and protect families from preventable heat-related illness and death, including relief for COVID-19-discharged patients at greatest risk. As more families experience economic insecurity due to COVID-19, they may not be able to prioritize an air conditioner purchase or the corresponding utility bills, thereby increasing the risk of heat illness and death and compounding inequitable impacts of COVID-19.

Through the CARES Act, the Federal Government also allocated an additional \$900 million in funding for the nationwide Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). The City is advocating for the State to allocate the use of its share in winter heating subsidy funds from the federal CARES Act for summer utility bill relief.

The City is also identifying existing facilities that can be used as key cooling centers in high-risk communities, planning appropriate social distancing and providing personal protective equipment (PPE). The City is also looking

to create non-traditional cooling centers in alternative sites, from sports venues and auditoriums to other large venues. During extreme heat waves, special non-congregate cooling centers and transportation will be made available for vulnerable New Yorkers who cannot stay cool at home and who are at high COVID-19 complication risk.

NYC Parks is also mapping spray showers with income inequality data to site alternative spray showers for kids and active New Yorkers and will use misting equipment in sitting areas to create “oases” during extreme heat events. In addition, DEP is creating a plan for scheduled hydrant openings to ensure fairness and minimize strain on the water system. The GetFood meal program for vulnerable New Yorkers will also be delivering hydrating beverages with meal packages.

Power outages occur most often during the summer months when power usage is at its peak. The City is in frequent communication with utility providers and will pre-stage generators across the city for rapid deployment if needed.

The City will also use hotels instead of congregate spaces for emergency shelter during prolonged outages and establish buses with proper PPE and social distance for emergency cooling during short outages. The City is also identifying facilities with vulnerable populations for potential mitigation efforts, including adult care facilities and nursing homes. The City encourages New York State to mandate generator hookups at adult care facilities and communicate with nursing homes on critical preventative maintenance.

Beginning May 18th, structural remediation will take place at two staircases at the 111 Street-Greenwood Avenue on Liberty Avenue Line. Work will consist of new stair shoring, replacement of sidewalk and installation of new railings and repairs to the foundations of the staircases. This work is happening in phases to allow two staircases to be worked on simultaneously while still allowing for the two remaining staircases to remain open. It's anticipated work on the first set of staircases will take 6 weeks to complete and then the contractor will switch to repair the remaining areas. Signage is posted at both street level and the mezzanine to inform riders of the change and to use the alternate staircases in the meantime.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – The Chairperson acknowledged the representatives of elected officials present and agency representatives present. The Chairperson reported that two reports that were made available at the April virtual meeting of the Queens Census Complete Count Committee meeting were in the Board member's folders and urged all to read the material.

The Chairperson commented on the Dept. of Health's release yesterday of a map by zip code that provides some further detail regarding the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in relationship to population. She reviewed the information it provided for the zip codes within CB10 and how looking at the rate of cases in relationship to population puts the raw data into a context that better explains the impact in our area.

The Chairperson indicated the State's criteria for reopening were in the folders as was information relating to the issuing of a FONZI by the USDOT & FAA for the JFK Redevelopment and some information regarding the impact of the pandemic on mobility trends in NYC in a report put out by the University Transportation Research Center.

The Chairperson indicated we had received some information regarding the proposal to beautify the Lindenwood traffic circle that hopefully will proceed.

The Chairperson asked if there were any questions. A member asked about crime statistics. The Chairperson replied that the Public Safety Committee report on current crime states was in the folders.

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

Aqueduct – The Committee Chairperson reported horse racing will be resumed at Aqueduct but with no fans present.

Consumer Affairs – The Committee Chairperson reported the report was contained in Board folders.

Gateway – The Committee Chairperson reported people could walk in Gateway areas however the playgrounds were closed and the fields were closed to team sports.

Libraries – The Committee Chairperson reported libraries were still closed. The Board Chairperson reported the Board had agreed to join with the Queens Library on a letter regarding the Census that the Library would be sending to all residents in CB10.

Public Safety – The Committee Chairperson reported the report was contained in Board folders.

Parks – The Committee Chairperson reported he has been in regular contact with the Board's Parks' supervisor and there have been no complaints.

Sanitation – The Committee Chairperson indicated Mr. Ottomanelli had covered Sanitation earlier. He commended the DSNY for the good job they are doing.

The Board Chairperson went through the roll call again to ascertain if members not recorded as present earlier were present. A member inquired about cuts in terminal security personnel at JFK. The Board Chairperson replied that it probably was related to lesser need due to less activity at the airport, but that we would ask.

OLD BUSINESS – The Land Use Chairperson addressed some questions to the DOB representatives present regarding the status of non-essential permitted projects now on hold and what would be occurring as things reopen. Mr. Iuliano responded. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS – A member inquired about the budget response and the short-changing of Queens. The Board Chairperson indicated the Board would continue to advocate for the items in the Queens Budget response that the Borough Board adopted. She explained the budget process now underway at the Council and the historical aspects budget-wise in relationship to Queens. Another member asked if the Mayor had requested additional funding from the federal government. The Board Chairperson indicated he had done so.

The Board Chairperson invited any elected officials' representatives present to speak if they wished to. Mr. Hankerson, representing Council Member Adams, Ms. Torres, representing Assembly Member Miller, Mr. Mongeluzo, representing Comptroller Stringer, and Mr. Chuprik, representing Congressman Jeffries all spoke bringing members up to date on activities in their respective offices.

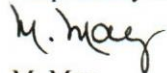
The Board Chairperson asked if Mr. Morris from CAU was still present. He was not. The Chairperson then reviewed the substance of a telephone conversation with him earlier in the day regarding provision by the city of face coverings to the Board. She indicated the Board has requested a significant number of masks and that if they were received the Board would engage in mailing them to our residents.

PUBLIC FORUM – Mr. Richard David spoke about the absentee voting process changes relating to the upcoming June Primary elections.

The Chairperson stated the record of the meeting would be held open until 5pm on May 20, 2020 to allow any other members of the public who had questions or comments to submit them via email or phone due to the limitations presented by this type of remote meeting.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



M. May

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