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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

October 7, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

B. Braton, M. Adams, M. Q. Amin, L. Amorim, A. Antonino, J. Ariola, N. Bissoon, J. Calcagnile, J. Caruso, E. Cheng, M. Cherenfant, R. Ciulla-Frisone, J. Coulverson, F. Dardani, A. Deebrah, A. Dhanpat, I. Dimoh, E. Fraylon, A. Gellineau, R. Gendron, P. Granickas, R. Hitlall, M. Logan, A. Maharaj, R. Martinez, D. Mitchell, F. Mohamed, S. Pace, J. Quijano, G. Russo, M. Salim, N. Santiago, A. Siewnarine, J. Stahl, I. VanPutten, M. Vecchio, L. Walker

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

P. Baumann, A. Cosentino, J. Fazio, A. Garcia, E. Holland, P. Kishun, P. Lynch, C. M. Mocombe, S. Mohammed, A. Nocerino, B. Ramsundar, R. Rathour, V. Singh

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

C. Moore, Rep. Hon. J. Addabbo; A. M. Costella, Rep. Hon. J. Sanders; M. Avington, Rep. Hon. S. Pheffer-Amato, E. Heisler, Rep. Hon. J. Rajkumar; K. Mooney, Rep. Hon. A. Adams; S. Berraha, DSNY; J. Resor, QDCP; Capt. J. Bacchi, CO 106 Precinct; Det. B. Reddick, Community Affairs 106 Precinct; P. O. S. Jaffe, Community Affairs 106; P. O. J. Iaboni, Community Affairs 106; Jon Humbert, VWE Community Liaison

The Chairperson began the meeting conducted via Zoom at 7:01pm which was also live streamed on YouTube. Board member attendance was taken by roll call and it was established a quorum was present. It was indicated attendance would be reviewed again later during the meeting to add any members missed in the roll call.

The Chairperson opened the informational public hearing for the evening and introduced Sid Berraha, DSNY Community Outreach Coordinator, Curbside Composting, Strategic Partnerships to speak about their "Make Compost, Not Trash" campaign.

Mr. Berraha said he is the Community Outreach Coordinator with the Bureau of Recycling & Sustainability and would speak about curbside composting and shared his screen for the presentation. Curbside composting was paused last year due to the pandemic and it was due to restart in spring of 2022; but on Earth Day the Mayor announced that it would be coming back almost nine months ahead of schedule. Since that announcement, they have been reaching out to elected officials and community boards, to try and get their constituents to sign up to receive service. Starting in August DSNY started sending out mailers to all residents and also started boosting its social media presence and engaging in community outreach in districts that are eligible for service. The service is being brought back but it's slightly different from its previous generation. It's a sign-up model now and you have to sign up to receive service. This is going to allow DSNY to run the service more efficiently, allow them to improve their understanding of participation and also improve communications with residents.

It was indicated that 44 community districts that previously had curbside composting before Covid are the same districts that can get service starting this month if sufficient demand is there. The eligible districts include all of Manhattan, all of the Bronx, parts of Staten Island, parts of Brooklyn, and parts of Queens; CB10 is one of the eligible districts. Those ineligible for service currently, are still encouraged to sign up as it informs DSNY of where demand is needed. It helps to know who plans to participate and it helps DSNY run a more efficient model of collection so that when trucks go out, they're not coming back half empty and they know what to expect and know who's interested in participating in this program. As many people as possible are encouraged to sign up as that will determine what the next district to roll out will be.

Residents may sign up online: www.nyc.gov/curbsidecomposting or by calling 311. There is a dedicated customer service team at 311 that will walk callers through the process. Starting in October and each month after that new community districts will be added once a sufficient number of sign-ups have been registered. If your district did not have enough sign-ups to be able to qualify for curbside composting, you're going to be placed on a waitlist until such time as that number is reached.

In regard to the timeline of the rollout it was noted that once you're signed up, you'll know whether service is going to be made available to your district or whether you're being placed on a wait list, by the 15th of the following month. Either way the Customer Service Team will reach out to you to inform you of that, and service would start on the first week of every month after that.

In 2017 DSNY conducted a Waste Characterization Study and looked at samples of what's ending up in the waste stream/landfill and determined that about a third of it is food scraps, food soiled paper and yard waste. When these things break down, they release methane gas and other greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming and rising sea levels. The goal is to keep these things away from landfills and not buried under other trash where they break down into these harmful gases, and instead collect them and turn them into renewable energy and finished compost. By participating in this program, you're helping NYC become more resilient by creating clean energy and you're helping create compost which is a very nutrient rich soil amendment or fertilizer. Trash bags with food scraps and yard waste set out by the curb contribute to littering as the bags rip easily and are very easy for rodents to break into.

All food waste, including food scraps, meat, fish, dairy, bones, coffee grinds and food soiled paper, soiled napkins, tissues, tea bags, coffee filters, paper plates, yard waste, small twigs, grass clippings, leaves, dead plants, can be separated for compost. After you sign up, the Customer Service Team will notify you when service is due to begin in your district and will ensure that you have all the materials and information you need to get started. A brown bin will be delivered to your residence if you don't already have one. For those who were participating in curbside composting before Covid and still have a brown bin, you can re-use it. But if you're new to the program, or if your bin was lost or damaged, and need a bin, you can request a new one. One or several bins can be requested depending on the size of your building and the Customer Service Team will work with you to try to determine what the appropriate number of bins needed would be. The bin can be lined with clear plastic, compostable bags, or with paper bags. Although you can also not use a liner, it's recommended that you line the bin, so it stays clean and also help with its longevity. Set the bin out at the curb the day before your collection date and DSNY will pick up your food scraps and yard waste and process them into compost and renewable energy.

Mr. Berraha now indicated he was available for any questions and noted he would share his email address for anyone needing to follow up with him with any questions or concerns.

A member asked whether there is a specific number needed in the district or if it's based on population.

Mr. Berraha replied it's a combination of a number of different variables that DSNY uses. You have different districts that are different in makeup. You have some very densely populated parts of the city and other ones where it's scarcely populated so DSNY looks at a model that takes into consideration factors like how densely populated a neighborhood is, how many buildings are signing up versus the number of units that each of those buildings has. They use an algorithm that determines all of this demand as well as the density of population to determine where routes are being rolled out next.

The member asked if CB10 is eligible, and Mr. Berraha responded that it is. He asked everyone to encourage friends and family members to sign up and that will mean you'll get service that much quicker. The higher the demand for it the more likely you are to be rolled out to be next.

The Chair asked if there were any other board members with comments or questions. Hearing none.

The Chair asked if there was anyone from the public present with comments or questions. Hearing none.

The Chair stated she realizes that people on the live stream cannot ask questions, however, the record of this public hearing will stay open until the close of business tomorrow. If anyone has a question they would like to have answered please call the office at 718-843-4488 and or send questions / comments by email: qn10@cb.nyc.gov

The Chairperson thanked the speaker for the presentation. Mr. Berraha extended thanks and indicated he included his email in the Chat and anyone with questions or concerns should feel free to reach out to him.

At this point the Chairperson opened the second public hearing for the evening relating to the Capital & Expense Budget for FY2023 and explained the process and reason for the hearing. The Board is now in the process of forming our budget proposals. Normally we do the hearing on the budget proposals and vote on the top ten priorities the same night, but because of the constraints of Zoom we are allowing some time in between so that anyone from the public who is not able to make a comment tonight may do so by either calling the board office or sending us an e-mail. The record will stay open until the end of the day tomorrow. We have over 30 capital projects that are in the pipeline already and over 30 expense budget priorities that will be submitted along with the top ten priorities. We are in the process of preparing that Statement of Needs which is due from us at the end of the month. Because our meeting is the first week in November, we have an extension to get that in after we vote on our top ten priorities at our November meeting. The Chair asked if there is anyone on the Zoom or on the telephone line from the public that has a comment to make in regard to what they would like to see as budget priorities, hearing none. Addressing the board members, the Chair stated we will be taking this up next month. The Budget Committee will be meeting to work with the District Manager on the priorities prior to the November board meeting. At this point the Chair closed the public hearing.

Before getting into the regular order of business, the Chair asked if any elected officials had joined the Zoom and to please let her know.

The Chair acknowledged 106 Precinct Commanding Officer Captain Jerome Bacchi and invited him to speak. Captain Bacchi greeted everyone and extended thanks and recognition to all for assisting in various events that were held in September which were a great success: September 10th movie night and September 18th Kids Day & Anti-Violence event.

The Captain reported the 106 Precinct is down about 4% in crime. He reported there was a shooting September 18th at Surfside Motel, 164-33 Cross Bay Blvd. Two individuals (who don't reside in the 106 nor in Queens) had a chance encounter in the lobby when checking out, had a dispute and one of the individuals produced a firearm and shot the other, then subsequently fled. The Captain indicated there was a person of interest and he does anticipate an arrest being made. There was a shooting on October 2nd on 134 Street & Rockaway Blvd. at approximately 1:30 am. A young man was shot and unfortunately succumbed to his injuries. There is a person of interest identified and the Captain indicated he anticipated an arrest to be forthcoming. Identity theft seems to be one of our big drivers of crime. He urged all to protect personal identifying information (name, address, social security number, credit card numbers, etc.) Check the receptacle whenever using your card - at a gas station or when making an ATM withdrawal - pull on the reader. He reported this was a wise thing to do because numerous skimming devices have been found within the confines of the 106 Precinct. The good news is that we found the devices so that means that the perpetrators don't have an opportunity to download anybody's information that was recorded on that device. It was stressed that everyone protect themselves. As the holiday season is approaching and packages are delivered to your house, please work with the delivery service to put your packages in a safe place, don't leave them on your front porch for porch pirates. We're still seeing phone scams, which really affects the elderly because they're being taken advantage of. If you have friends and older family members, please advise them of these scams; it can help us out immensely by preventing crimes. Grand larceny auto is still occurring. We have 139 vehicles reported stolen this year in the 106 Precinct. 40 of them were stolen because they were left running and unattended. 12 were stolen because the key was left inside the vehicle while it was parked. That's 52 crimes that could have been prevented if somebody just took the time to secure their property.

The Captain indicated there are some upcoming events and his Community Affairs Officers will provide details regarding time and location.

Captain Bacchi announced there will be a Spooktacular pre-Halloween movie on October 29th and everyone is encouraged to come out, show support, celebrate, and wear a Halloween costume, including the officers who are going to work it.

Captain Bacchi indicated he was available to answer any questions.

The Chair asked if there were any questions for Captain Bacchi, hearing none.

The Chair invited the 106 Precinct Community Affairs Officers to speak.

Det. Brenda Reddick announced upcoming events for October: Sunday 10/17 NYPD Patrol Borough Queens South - Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Flushing Meadows Park (anyone interested in walking with the 106 team should send an email). 10/23 Diwali Lights on Liberty Avenue between Lefferts Blvd. & 120 Street. 10/29 pre-Halloween Movie Night in DeMutiis Park 6pm-7:30pm, kids are encouraged to wear costumes. The first movie night was such a huge success with great feedback that they're trying to do it more often. 10/30 annual Howard Beach Halloween Parade along Cross Bay Blvd.

P.O. Iaboni announced the registration period for the free Police Officer Exam is 10/6/21 – 11/3/21. The exam date has not yet been set and is to be announced. This will be posted to the 106 Precinct Facebook page and Twitter page, and everyone was asked to please repost. They will be doing some recruitment events in the area (probably two to three a week) in high traffic locations, and everyone was asked to repost this as well.

Captain Bacchi commented in regard to quality-of-life enforcement indicating he created a dedicated 311 auto which works 5:30pm to 2am. and handles 311 complaints. It was reported, for the period of September 6th to October 3rd there were 2,567 - 311 calls. To put that into perspective: from 10/02 to 10/03 between 5pm until 7am there were 143 - 311 calls. That's a large volume of calls and that's why we instituted this 311 auto, and this is the actual first full week of implementation. There were 169 complaints of blocked driveways during the period, 115 summonses were written. There were 240 calls of abandoned vehicles (it was noted not every vehicle qualifies to be towed but the ones that did were) 43 were towed to the month and over 450 vehicles were towed for the year. Captain Bacchi said, we hear your complaints and we're out there addressing them; sometimes it may seem like it takes forever for us to get to them but sometimes we don't have the resources such as the tow company. When we're towing 40 vehicles a month the tow yards quickly run out of space of where to put them. We're working with you to address your concerns and we will continue to do so.

The Chair thanked the Captain and said we appreciate everything you have been doing.

At this point, for attendance purposes, the Chair noted the names of additional members who had joined the meeting.

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

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

- NYS Dept. of Public Service in regard to National Telephone Discount Lifeline Awareness Week
- NYS Independent Redistricting Commission public hearings: in Queens - November 17 at 3pm at York College
- NYS DOT construction notice – Liberty Avenue Bridge over Van Wyck Expressway
- NYS Dept. of Public Service in regard to broadband service survey – everyone is urged to participate
- Draft of DSNY 2021–2022 Borough Based Snow Plan for the Borough of Queens
- NYC DOT - speed reducer on 91 Street between 161 Avenue & 162 Avenue
- NYC DOT - additional traffic controls at intersection of 165 Avenue & 91 Street
- DCP CEQR Elevate Transit - revised EAS & revised negative declaration

- Well Life Network (formerly PSCH) notification in regard to housing for 3 individuals: 111-44 116 Street, 1st floor. (This is not a 40 day “Padavan” notice)
- NYC HPD vacate order: 111-58 114 Street, SOP
- Notice of construction/alteration/partial demolition: 103-31 116 Street, SOP
- Green Infrastructure - locations of work to take place on Columbus Day
- Van Wyck Expressway weekly traffic report – ongoing project
- NYC DOH: Healthy Homes Education Trainings and Workshops

The Chair asked members to let her know if there is anything on the directed mail a member has a question about.

TREASURER’S REPORT – the Treasurer read the report of expenditures for the month September 2021.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S LIAISON REPORT – M. Cano – announced following events:

Italian-American Heritage Celebration 10/14 at the Helen Marshall Cultural Center at QBH – co-sponsored by Senator Addabbo, CM Ulrich, CM Gennaro, CM Vallone - RSVP at: www.queensbp.org
Virtual Redistricting Town Hall 10/18 at 5:30pm
Southeast Queens Regional Town Hall at York College 10/19

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING REPORT – J. Resor – referred to the Chair’s earlier comments in regard to budget requests and district needs indicating she would be happy to talk about that if anyone had any questions.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – The District Manager reported - we have been notified by Con Ed that generators which were placed in our Board area in anticipation of the last storm event have remained on location while they upgrade the Ozone Park sub-station; work should be completed by next week.

We have received notification that in the coming weeks, National Grid has planned construction to improve the reliability of our gas system in the vicinity of the following locations:

- Old South Road to 152 Avenue from 124 Street to 130 Street
- Rockaway Blvd. to Liberty Avenue from 105 Street to 107 Avenue
- South Conduit Avenue from 127 Street to 131 Street
- 109 Avenue to Linden Blvd. from 113 Street to 115 Street

National Grid will also be working on Shore Pkwy north to upgrade existing infrastructure which will increase the safety and reliability in compliance with federal regulations. This work will not interrupt service and is not an installation of a new main. Work will be done on 156 Avenue & Shore Pkwy North; hours of work are Monday – Friday 9 am to 4 pm; construction begins September 13, 2021 and expected completion is November 2021.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – The Chair reported / commented on the following:

Resorts World Career Day October 19th 10am-1pm: an educational event for college students interested in hospitality & tourism to learn about casino and hotel operations, administrative and front-of-the-house operations, open positions, academic scholarships, and future opportunities. RSVP to: rsvp@rwnewyork.com (a copy will be sent to all members).

Zoom meeting with JFK Redevelopment Program providing information on upcoming opportunities: Senior Community Outreach Specialist; Senior Scheduler; Project Manager – T4; Project Manager 1 – Program Management (info will be sent to members). For more information or complete job posting email: jfkredvelopment@panynj.gov

DH2 Chauffeured Transportation is hiring - open positions for chauffeurs, dispatchers, detailers. On the spot job interviews October 19 from 12pm-4pm at the JFK Redevelopment Community Information Center located at: 144-33 Jamaica.

The Edward J. Molloy initiative for construction skills is a pre-apprenticeship direct entry program dedicated to preparing a trained and skilled workforce for careers in the unionized construction industry. Recruitment is now open for next cycle which begins November 1 (posted on CB10 Facebook page).

The TWA Hotel at JFK Airport is hiring and will be conducting on the spot job interviews on October 21 from 12pm-2pm at the JFK Redevelopment Community Information Center.

Reference was made to information contained in board member folders: MTA Central Business District Tolling Program (CBDTP); Speed Cameras & Vision Zero NYC Program; NYC Rain Gardens; committee reports. It was reported the deadline on the MyRide Program has been extended.

The full report for the community flood watch project, which up until now has been focused mainly on the tidal flooding issues that we face in our tidal flooding zone; but in the aftermath of IDA, they will also be focusing on flooding from rainstorm water. Everyone was urged to read the material and get involved in that program of reporting flooding because one of the things that they're doing is mapping all the different complaints which helps to develop plans of attack from the data. Also contained in member folders is material on different programs for people seeking assistance if they had damage from Ida.

The Mayor's Management Report (MMR) for the year has been issued and it's online at the Office of Management & Budget.

NYC 2021 Tax Lien Sale will be held on Friday, December 14th. Only liens for property taxes and charges will be sold, not water and sewer liens. People have until December 13th to enter into a payment agreement or to try to rectify the situation. Anyone who got a notice that they are in arrears on taxes was urged to please take whatever steps are necessary.

We've had all our budget consultations, and DM Petersen will be dealing with that information as we update our budget requests.

We have received a copy of the JFK International Airport Part 150 Draft Noise Compatibility Program (glad to send a copy to anyone who may want a copy – it's 1,000+ pages but there are things in it that do relate to our area).

The Chair asked if there were any questions, hearing none.

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

LAND USE – the Committee Chairperson expressed thanks for the opportunity to go first. He reported there are no new actions at this time. He indicated he had been briefed by the Board Chair on the Borough Board meeting and the vote on the Citywide Open Restaurants Text Amendment. He asked the Board Chair to give a little more clarification on this vote. He stated it was a very difficult vote for this board and it was the first time in a very long time that we voted "No" unanimously for an action.

The Board Chair commented, apparently we are not alone; just as at our meeting the controversy is not so much with the text amendment itself but it's that the text amendment is coming before we know what DOT is going to do, and that is the same issue that came up at Borough Board.

The Chair gave DOT credit as at the Borough Board meeting it was apparent that they have been listening to some of the things that have been said at the various board meetings where they presented, including ours, where they are at least recognizing some of the issues that we're raising. The Chair expressed thanks to CM Adams who very clearly stated her opinion in regard to particularly the Liberty Avenue corridor in her district where we have some of the sheds that have gone up that are really buildings in a sense and how that is contributing to some of issues that people have, and of course, the parking issues are a problem. CM Adams did verbalize those concerns at the Borough Board Meeting. But this is an ongoing process, City Planning will be acting upon this and the City Council will be acting on it. We'll see what turns out. We were not alone in our opposition.

A member addressed the Board Chair in regard to storm drainage. He commented positively on a project that was finished on 162 Avenue in Old Howard Beach and how very beneficial it was and how well it worked in all the recent storms. He expressed his desire for the community board to recommend the City do some more studies in Old Howard and Hamilton Beach for possible more installations.

The Board Chair agreed indicating one of our budget requests is that they bulkhead and outfalls be put in all of them.

Mr. Calcagnile commented, in the past there was 1 to 3 feet of flooding up and down the blocks and over the sidewalks. The Board Chair noted that one has done a good job of reducing the ponding. It was also indicated that milling had been done on 95 Street and hopefully the rest of the paving will be get done soon.

AQUEDUCT – the Board Chair announced October 28th will be the 10th Anniversary of Resorts World. There are a number of promotional things that will be going on at the casino celebrating that anniversary. She indicated that at the last meeting with Resorts World it was reported that Sugar Factory is turning out to be a hit and a lot of children are enjoying birthday parties there.

BUDGET – the Board Chair addressed the Budget Committee members asking them to make a note they will be getting a notice about a Budget Committee Meeting.

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

EDUCATION – the Committee Chairperson reported there's another round of EBT payment going out to parents of school age children; if you didn't get yours over the summer look out for it this fall.

LIBRARIES – the Board Chair commented on the notice regarding library fines which was sent to members.

PARKS & RECREATION – the Committee Chair mentioned that Gallop NYC at Sunrise Stables is in negotiation with Parks Enforcement Police for the possibility of a lease to take care of Parks Dept. horses there.

PERSONNEL – the Board Chair reported for the Committee Chair who was not present that the interviewing process has concluded and the hiring process we have been involved is also now completed. All of the paperwork has finally been completed and Jenna Donohue has joined our staff. The Chair invited Ms. Donohue to speak.

Ms. Donohue introduced herself and stated she was happy to join our staff.

The Board Chair thanked Ms. Donohue and welcomed her.

PUBLIC SAFETY – the Committee Chairperson indicated crime stats report was in board folders. He extended thanks and commended the men and women of the 106 for doing such a great job under some tough circumstances.

SANITATION – the Board Chair noted the DSNY Draft Snow Plan had been received. The Committee Chair indicated the DOS Districts are now accepting applications for snow laborers and anyone can report to one of the districts and fill out an application.

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

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

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

Carl Moore, from Senator Addabbo's office, provided the following announcements: Friday, 10/22 COVID-19 antibody testing outside the WAVE Newspaper Office Building in Bel Harbor, 12pm-2pm; Tuesday 10/26 thru Thursday 10/28 virtual 3-day job fair co-sponsored with Resorts World (link will be provided for sharing); Election Day, Tuesday 11/2 free mammogram screening co-sponsored by the American-Italian Cancer Foundation at the Senator's Howard Beach Office 9am-4:30pm (reservations are required). It was noted that this Election Day there are five ballot proposals, and everyone was urged to educate themselves of what these proposals are before entering the voting booth. Contact the Senator's office for more information.

AnnMarie Costella, from Senator Sanders' office, announced the following: three cancer walks (specifics included in Chat): Saturday 10/09 Queens Royal Priest Hood 11am -5pm; Sunday 10/10 Making Strides - We Stand as One - begins at 10am; Sunday 10/17 Annual Far Rockaway Cancer & Domestic Violence Walk - kickoff is at 8:30am. Fall Career Expo & Job Fair Monday 10/11 at the Hammel Houses 10am-3pm. She commented on the opioid overdose prevention bill signed into law by the Governor. Everyone was encouraged to watch the Senator's weekly podcast "Let's Be Clear" on YouTube every Friday at 6pm.

Maura Avington, from Assemblymember Pheffer-Amato's office, announced they are finalizing the dates for their fall mobile office hours coming shortly; mammogram van 11/10 in Rockaway Beach; MTA MetroCard Van 10/29 in Lindenwood opposite Food Emporium 1-3pm (will be taking cash). Anyone with any questions should feel free to contact their office.

Elliot Heisler, from Assemblymember Rajkumar's office, announced their office hours are Monday – Friday 9am-5pm & Saturdays 10am-2pm at: 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd., 718-805-0950 (included in Chat). Mobile mammogram van Monday 10/11 outside their office (appointments required). The assemblymember has been running a local art show in their field office featuring the work of various local artists which runs through 10/19 – feel free to stop by. He commented on events of the past month and asked that anyone who could not make the OATH event and needs help with summonses feel free to give their office a call.

Kate Mooney, from Council Member Adams' office, announced/commented on the following: AARP & Senior Planet "Protect Your Personal Information" Zoom Event 10/14 at 3pm (link to be sent). CM Adams is the co-chair of the Tax Lien Sale Task Force and a public hearing was held on 10/01. Commonpoint Queens is going to be at Liberty Avenue Walgreens giving out flu information, Covid information and voter registration Friday 10/15. City Council legislation relating to electric school buses and ACS emergency removals. Allocation of \$40,000 to South Asian Youth Action - CBO going into Richmond Hill High School with a crisis management system program to reduce gun violence.

Dan Brown, representing District Attorney Melinda Katz, announced the DA is hosting Hispanic Heritage Celebration 10/13 at 6pm with entertainment, honorees, speakers; it's a free event and will be streamed, register to be an attendee: www.queensda.org The DA is working with NYPD on gun buyback event in Jackson Heights 11/06. The DA will be hosting her Veterans Day Observance Ceremony at Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Queens 11/10 and it will also be live streamed. He indicated his contact info was included in the Chat.

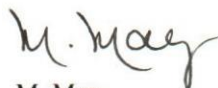
The Chair asked if there were any other representatives of elected officials, hearing none.

PUBLIC FORUM – the Chairperson asked if anyone from the public on the telephone line had a comment or a question, hearing none. The Chair asked that anyone from the public on the video with questions or comments use the "raise your hand" function, seeing / hearing none.

The Chair stated, as we have done throughout the months we have been using Zoom, we realize that it is difficult for members of the public to get their opinions expressed or to ask a question, and we will continue the practice of keeping the record of this meeting open until the close of business tomorrow, so that anybody who is on the live stream who might have a question or comment can call us at 718-843-4488 or e-mail us at: qn10@cb.nyc.gov We'll get you an answer if it's a question and if it's a comment it will become part of the record.

The Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



M. May
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