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**November 7, 2019**

### **Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes**

#### **Board Members Present**

Czarinna Andres  
Anatole Ashraf  
Diane Ballek  
Bessie Cassaro  
Osman Chowdhury  
Stephen Cooper  
Warren Davis  
Jake DeGrott  
Lisa Deller  
Sally Frank  
Rosamond Gianutsos  
Kenneth Greenberg  
Christine Hunter  
Denise Keehan-Smith  
Badrun Khan  
Jordan Levine

Sheila Lewandowski  
Kristen McGowan  
Thomas Mituzas  
Dorothy Morehead  
Patrick Murray  
Elliot Park  
Steven Raga  
Norberto Saldana  
Regina Shanley  
Michael Son  
Lauren Springer  
Karolina Tosi  
Rebecca Trent  
Anthony Tudela  
Adrienne Verrilli  
Maria Magdalena Vielma

#### **Board Members Absent**

Thalia (Karesia) Batan  
Sandra Bigitschke  
William Garrett  
Richard Gundlach  
Benjamin Guttmann  
Mohammed Jewel  
Ellen Kang  
Nancy Kleaver  
Dominic Lippolis

Elizabeth McKenna  
Taina McShane  
Tara Niraula  
Patrick O'Brien  
Clara Oza  
Carol Terrano  
Mary Torres  
Santiago Vargas

### **Community Board 2 Queens Staff**

Debra Markell Kleinert  
MaryAnn Gurrado

### **Department of City Planning**

Rafael Berges  
Scott Solomon

### **Elected Officials/Representatives**

Honorable Brian Barnwell, New York State Assembly Member  
John Perricone, Representing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz  
Jack Bernatovich, Representing NYC Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer  
Marcus Bedinger, Representing Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez  
Elaine Fan, Representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer

### **Guests**

Shruti Murti, US Census Bureau

Denise Keehan-Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Shruti Murti provided the following information and introduced her colleague Ken Baxter:

Mr. Baxter provided the following information about the upcoming 2020 Census which takes place every 10 years.

- The Census will be available on line, over the phone and on paper.
- They are currently promoting it now. In March, they will send a reminder in the mail.
- April 1, 2020 will be Census Day.  
They have a great language assistance program.
- The Census is doing a lot of hiring for full and part-time positions and anyone interested can visit the website at [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs).
- They are networking with local colleges.
- They are looking for partnerships in the community to help promote the 2020 Census and to make sure everyone is counted.

Questions were entertained.

### **Honorable Brian Barnwell, New York State Assembly Member**

Assembly Member Barnwell provided the following update:

- Announced his office will be holding a Turkey Drive.

- Announced his office is sponsoring a coat drive, sock drive and toy drive which goes to New York Cares.
- Announced that if anyone has any locations they would like to report concerning graffiti, they should contact his office.
- Session begins in January and he will be focusing on Affordable Housing.
- Assembly Member Barnwell discussed legislation requiring affordable housing projects to calculate and only use the area median income for the specific county that the project is in for determining affordability.

Assembly Member Barnwell entertained questions.

**Jack Bernatovicz, Representing NYC Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer**

Mr. Bernatovicz provided the following update:

- Announced that Council Member Van Bramer hosted the October 15, 2019 Hispanic Leadership Awards in honor of six leaders in the community.
- Announced that Council Member Van Bramer held a street co-naming for James Frawley Way on 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and Roosevelt Avenue.
- Announced that Council Member Van Bramer held a street co-naming for Ethel Plimack Way on 46<sup>th</sup> Street and Skillman Avenue.
- Announced that Council Member Van Bramer held an event at the soon to be Michael Davidson Park near Phipps Houses. Parks will be scheduling a scoping meeting soon and the community will be involved in the process.
- Announced there are still issues with #7 Train concerning debris that is falling. They are working with MTA to make the area safe.
- Discussed the Council Member signing on to two pieces of legislation concerning "Right to Council". They are working on this and trying to get approval.
- Mr. Bernatovicz discussed the decorative tiles along the # 7 Line along Queens Boulevard. There are safety issues with the debris falling on cars and the adjacent parking lots. The MTA is removing them. The Council Member's office is making sure that it is safe and that they are looking at how to upgrade them. Conversations are happening to preserve the character of the #7 line and to make it safe.
- Mr. Bernatovicz discussed the Participatory Budgeting process that the office is going through regarding a project in Blissville. They held public meetings and neighborhood assemblies and collected ideas. Project delegates are looking at the ideas and will be coming up with project proposals to share with city agencies.
- Mr. Bernatovicz did not have any updates concerning residential parking permits.
- Mr. Bernatovicz discussed the accessibility issues at the Hunters Point Library. The Council Member is hearing all the architectural oversites. They are working with the library closely to figure out ways to address the issues. There needs to be more oversight and conversations are taking place.

Mr. Bernatovicz entertained questions.

**John Perricone, Representing Queens Borough President Melinda Katz**

Mr. Perricone extended a Happy Thanksgiving on behalf of Queens Borough President Melinda Katz.

- Announced the Borough President will be in office until December 31, 2019 and then a special election will be called.

Ms. Keehan-Smith recognized Elaine Fan, Representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer.

**Marcus Bedinger, Representing Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez**

Mr. Bedinger provided the following update:

- Provided a legislative update.
- Announced that Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez is currently on recess and that she will be heading back soon.
- Discussed the Congresswoman's stance on impeachment to open-up the investigative phase. The Congresswoman sits on the Oversight Committee in the house.
- Discussed the 6 pieces of legislation the Congresswoman has been working on.
- Announced Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez hosted a Pelham Bay Town Hall Meeting.
- Discussed the Green New Deal Resolution.
- Invited everyone to come to the office if they have any concerns.
- Constituent Affairs flier was distributed.
- The Congresswoman has an office in the Bronx and a Queens District Office in Jackson Heights.
- Their office assists constituents with federal issues such as social security, student loans and immigration.
- Discussed the 2020 Census and announced the Congresswoman has been having visibility events.
- Mr. Bedinger wished all a Happy Thanksgiving on behalf of the Congresswoman.

Mr. Bedinger entertained questions.

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS APPLICATIONS**

**An application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats at Piatto LLC, located at 1-50 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, LIC.**

The applicant was not present at the meeting.

**An application is for a renewal of an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 42 seats at NYS Lee Incorporated / aka/ Skinny's Cantina located at 47-05 Center Blvd, LIC.**

The applicant was present at the meeting and stated this is a renewal application.

Ms. Deller reported that there were no complaints and the Land Use Committee voted to unanimously approve the sidewalk café.

## **ULURP PROJECT APPLICATION – 52<sup>ND</sup> STREET REZONING CEQR NO. 180154ZMQ**

ULURP Certification on 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Re-Zoning 43-09,43-41 52<sup>nd</sup> street, 52-06 – 52-10 Roosevelt Ave, queens. Applicant is seeking a Zoning Map Amendment and Corresponding Zoning Text Amendment, to develop an 8-story plus cellar building proposed development and seeks proposed zoning text amendment as a mandatory inclusionary housing area.

Fayanne Betan, Sheldon Lobel, the representative for the applicant introduced her colleagues and announced they are here to discuss the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Rezoning. She provided a brief presentation and stated that they have met with the Land Use Committee two times. They made various revisions to the project based on the Committee's recommendations.

Ms. Betan provided the following update:

- The site is on 52<sup>nd</sup> Street between Queens Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue.
- They are proposing a rezoning from R5B to R7A C23 zoning district.
- The proposed development site consists of 4 lots with approximately 150 feet of frontage along 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and the whole project street. It has 297 feet of frontage along 52<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- It is located in a transit zone near the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street #7 Line.
- The proposed development site is a vacant open lot, which used to be a warehouse.
- They are next to a church and there is a legal non-conforming auto body shop and they will be restoring a three-story multi-dwelling.
- The developer is proposing an 8-story plus cellar mixed use development. The ground floor would have retail and a community facility, possibly a Pre-K.

The architect provided an overview of the proposed development and discussed the following information:

- There will be approximately 4,500 square feet for a school.
- There will be 4,000 square feet for the retail.
- There will be a residential lobby and back yard, car entry, 43 parking spaces and if they have stackers it could go higher.
- Discussed the number of dwelling units.
- Must provide green roofs.
- The applicant reported that street trees will be installed.
- There will be bicycle parking.

Ms. Betan discussed the following:

- They are proposing Mandatory Inclusionary Housing, Option 1, 25% of the floor area, 60% AMI which is 10% of Floor Area and 40% AMI.
- The proposal is for 15 units of affordable housing units out of 60 of 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms focusing on family-oriented units. The breakdown is listed as follows:
  - 15 - 1 bedrooms
  - 24 - 2 bedrooms
  - 21 - 3 bedrooms

Ms. Betan stated she has reached out to Hanac.

A board member discussed the issue of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street subway station which is not handicapped accessible and asked if the developer would consider elevator accessibility improvements at the location. A discussion followed.

The applicant spoke about his father, the owner of the property, who was a Veteran of World War II and that this was his first property and that they loved Queens and the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street community very much.

Questions were entertained.

#### **COMMUNITY BOARD 2'S CAPITAL AND EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021.**

Ms. Keehan-Smith stated that we will be voting on the Capital and Expense Budget.

#### **Attendance Report**

Board Members Present	32	Board Members Absent	17	Quorum	Yes
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#### **Approval of the October 3, 2019 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes**

Stephen Cooper made a motion and it was seconded by Lisa Deller to approve the October 3, 2019 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes. All were in favor of the motion by a show of hands, with none opposed and no abstentions.

#### **Chairwoman's Report**

Ms. Keehan-Smith provided the following update:

- Announced that there was a discussion concerning the possibility of moving the January 2020 CB 2 meeting, as it is right after New Year's Day. However, the January 2, 2020 Community Board 2 meeting will stay as scheduled, as CB 2 was unable to acquire the meeting space.
- Announced that the Department of City Planning held Training Workshops at Borough Hall on October 23, 2019 at 5:00 pm and on October 24, 2019 at Borough Hall. Ms. Keehan-Smith encouraged everyone to attend these training meetings in the future.
- Announced the 108<sup>th</sup> Precinct held a Build A Block Sector B Meeting on October 24, 2019 for the Sunnyside area. Ms. Keehan-Smith recognized and thanked the NCO Officers for attending the CB 2 meeting and for their service.
- Announced the Community Education Council District 24 Monthly Meeting sent a notice to save the date for December 17, 2019 for a Town Hall Meeting with Chancellor Carranza at 6:30pm in PSIS 58Q located at 72-24 Grand Avenue, Maspeth.
- Announced there will be a Holiday Lighting Ceremony sponsored by Sunnyside Shines which will take place on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 6:00pm at 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and Greenpoint Avenue.
- Announced that the Winter Lights Festival Lighting ceremonies will be held on Monday, December 2, 2019.

- 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 44<sup>th</sup> Street and begins at 5:00pm and lighting ceremony will take place at 5:30pm.
- Skillman Avenue and 48<sup>th</sup> Street will begin at 6:00pm and lighting ceremony will take place at 6:30pm.
- Announced that a street co-naming was held on the SW corner of Skillman Avenue and 46<sup>th</sup> Street for Ethel Plimack Way by Council Member Van Bramer.
- A street dedication was held on October 12, 2019 at 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and Roosevelt Avenue to honor a highly decorated war Veteran, James J. Frawley.
- The park on 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue was officially named in honor of firefighter Lt. Michael Davidson.
- The 2020 census is hiring for more information, contact: 1-855-JOB-2020.
- The NYC Marathon was held on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. The CB 2 office did not receive any complaints.
- Announced that we will accept nominations for the Executive Board, as voting will take place this evening.
- Ms. Keehan-Smith thanked our Veterans for their service.
- Ms. Keehan-Smith wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Ms. Keehan-Smith announced the next Community Board 2 meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 6:30pm.

#### **COMMUNITY BOARD 2'S CAPITAL AND EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021.**

Ms. Keehan-Smith reported that some of the process has changed concerning the budget for Fiscal Year 2021. For the past 20 years, we went through the 25 and 40 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities. Community Board 2 met with the Department of City Planning representative Jorge Hernandez who enlightened the Board with changes that should be incorporated into the new process. Ms. Keehan-Smith reported that the categories are much more specific about agencies that are impacted by the recommendations.

Ms. Keehan-Smith reported that the new program allows us to include charts, data, pictures and background information and allows us to take a deeper look into what we want to accomplish.

Ms. Keehan-Smith reported that the Budget Committee met on a couple of occasions.

Ms. Keehan-Smith announced the top 5 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for Capital are listed as follows:

1. Provide a new NYPD Facility such as a new precinct house or sub-precinct, more centrally located.
2. Encourage that EDC to acquire the DOE building.

3. Waterfront access.
4. Street scape improvements for 61<sup>st</sup> Street and Roosevelt Avenue commercial district. The area has curbs that are broken, is riddled with potholes. Sidewalk pavers are loose and are a trip hazard and difficult to shovel in the snow.
5. Improve and upgrade transit in the district and install elevators including accessibility at the following station: Vernon Jackson, Court Square, Queens Borough Plaza, 40<sup>th</sup> Street 61<sup>st</sup> Street and 52<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Ms. Keehan-Smith announced the top 5 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for Expense are listed as follows:

1. Comprehensive Plan for the entire district that includes a needs assessment.
2. Air Monitoring.
3. Sewer improvements throughout the entire district.
4. Study Improvements needed for small and local businesses to ensure their success. We would like to engage in Small Business Services to discuss some real improvements.
5. Improve the Commercial District of Woodside from 56<sup>th</sup> Street to 69<sup>th</sup> Street.

In response to a concern about the accuracy of the document, Ms. Keehan-Smith stated the document is incorrect. It is a new tool and the document has not been corrected. Ms. Keehan-Smith reported that the only thing that changed is the top 5 for Capital and Expense.

Ms. Lewandowski stated that the Committee has met multiple times and the system had many problems. The Committee spent a lot of time working on the wording on the top 5 and the phrasing around the comprehensive needs assessment.

Mr. Greenberg stated that we have had meetings where we worked out the top five because we must. The wording on the document distributed is incorrect. We will be voting on the top 5 for Capital and Expense as stated today by Denise.

Ms. Keehan-Smith stated the Budget Committee will be meeting on a more regular basis. In the past, the Committee met only once a year. The recommendation will be to meet every other month or so and we will focus on our priorities and how we can accomplish them. We will be inviting agency leaders to meet with us to further discuss our community needs and expectations. We will be able to chart data and add additional documentation.

A board member discussed the need for health care facility especially in the LIC area as it is very important and should be in the top 5.

Ms. Keehan-Smith stated there was a health care facility that opened in Astoria recently.

A board member discussed the number of homeless shelters in our district which is not listed in the priorities. The city has placed shelters in our community that do not have resources, and this is worthwhile to look at. The population in Blissville has been doubled and we want to provide the new neighbors with resources and things that have been promised by DHS who have not lived up to their promises.

Ms. Deller discussed the District Needs Assessment.



A board member discussed the issue of Access A Ride and a discussion followed.

Rebecca Trent made a motion and it was seconded by Bessie Cassaro to approve the top 5 Capital and Expense Budget for the Capital Projects.

The vote was all in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and no abstentions.

A board member asked about the Homeless Shelter Task Force Sub Committee and suggested that CB 2 re-identify who really wants to be on this committee.

Rebecca Trent made a motion and it was seconded by Bessie Cassaro to approve the top 5 for the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities for Expense.

All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and no abstentions.

### **Election of CB 2 Officers**

Ms. Keehan-Smith announced that we would accept nominations from the floor for the CB 2 Officers. She announced there were no nominations from the floor.

Dorothy Morehead made a motion and it was seconded by Regina Shanley to nominate the current slate of CB2 Officers. The officers accepted the nominations and they are listed as follows.

- Denise Keehan-Smith, Chairwoman, CB 2
- Lisa Deller, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, CB 2
- Sheila Lewandowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, CB 2
- Diane Ballek, Treasurer, CB 2
- Norberto Saldano, Secretary, CB 2

All were in favor to elect the current slate of CB 2 Officers. A roll call vote was taken with 32 in favor of the motion; none opposed and no abstentions.

### **District Manager's Report**

Ms. Markell Kleinert provided the following update:

- The NYPD counterterrorism division and PBQN Community Affairs is holding an Active Shooter Training Seession at Christ The King High School located at: 68-02 Metropolitan Avenue on Monday, November 18, 2019 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- Department of the Aging has advised that with the holidays upon us, to not buy electrical cords from the 99 cent stores, as they are not URL approved and they are unsafe.
- CB 2 has successfully converted over to a digital phone system in October.
- Department of Sanitation is officially on the Night Plow Schedule and they are ready for snow.
- CB 2 noted various parts of the district with homeless individuals. Street to Home is working on homeless outreach and they were planning on going with PD this week and they will report back.

- Ms. Markell Kleinert reported on an ongoing issue with a sinkhole at 33-49 60<sup>th</sup> Street. She said the DOT and DEP reviewed this issue and it is in the hands of Con Edison to repair. CB 2 is waiting for an update from Con Edison on the repair time frame.
- CB2 is continuing to follow up with the Film Theatre and Broadcasting on the oversaturation of the filming in LIC and taking of parking that is impacting businesses. CB2 continues to follow up and is pushing for a meeting and we are still waiting for a response. We have asked Borough Hall along with my colleagues in the other boards to assist in a meeting with the Film Office for a meeting. We requested the Mayor's Office as well to assist in facilitating a meeting.
- Ms. Markell Kleinert reported the Halloween Candy Drive was successful and she thanked the community. The candy was distributed to the Metro Shelter and the 108<sup>th</sup> Precinct for the under privileged children at the monthly District Cabinet Meeting which was held on October 31, 2019. She thanked her staff who assisted in the coordination of this effort.
- Ms. Markell Kleinert announced the Annual Toy Drive has begun and that it will go on until December 17, 2019.
- Ms. Markell Kleinert reminded everyone to please submit any complaints to the board office for follow up.
- Ms. Markell Kleinert reported that the Statement of District Needs has been on the CB 2 Website for many years, it needs to be updated and will be taken down when the new one is updated.
- Ms. Markell Kleinert reminded everyone to please check the website for updated information. Website [www.nyc.gov/queenscb2](http://www.nyc.gov/queenscb2)

### **City Planning Report**

Rafael Berges, Urban Planner, NYC Department of City Planning provided the following update:

Provided an overview of the Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency which is a set of preliminary recommendations for potential changes to the current citywide floor resiliency zoning rules. He discussed flood risks and provided the features of the preliminary recommendations.

Mr. Berges discussed the time line and certification which will take place in the first quarter of 2020. They are seeking feedback on this proposal. He provided information on additional resources which is the NYC Flood hazard map on the DCP website. There are also info briefs that go into more detail and if anyone is interested in the capital projects the Mayor's Office of Resiliency has an interactive map and encouraged everyone to visit the [nyc.gov/dcp](http://nyc.gov/dcp) website. Mr. Berges encouraged everyone to look at the interim report conducted by the Army Corp. of Engineers.

Mr. Berges entertained questions.

### **Land Use Committee**

Ms. Deller provided the following update:

**Application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats at Piatto LLC located at 1-50 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, LIC.**

Ms. Deller reported that the applicant was not present at the meeting.

Lisa Deller made a motion and it was seconded by Rebecca Trent to oppose the application until the applicant returns to the Community Board. The vote was 29 in favor of the motion with none opposed and no abstentions.

**Application for the renewal of an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 42 seats at NYS Lee Incorporated/aka Skinny's Cantina located at 4705 Center Boulevard, LIC**

Rebecca Trent made a motion and it was seconded by Regina Shanley to approve the application. All were in favor of the motion to approve the application with 29 in favor of the motion; none opposed and no abstentions.

**ULURP Project Application – 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Rezoning CEQR No. 180154ZMQ**

Ms. Deller provided the following information:

The property owner is seeking to rezone what is an R5B to an R7A and to map the Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning on this site. It will be an 8-story apartment building with 60 residential apartments, 43 parking spaces, green roof, 4,600 square feet of community facility space, 4,000 square feet of commercial space, and 25% of the 60 and 10% at 40. The number of units is: 15-1 bedroom, 24-2 bedrooms and 21-3 bedrooms. It is an unoccupied industrial building and the current owner has owned it since the 1960's.

The Land Use Committee met with the applicant twice. They changed architects, changed the design of the building and made some green infrastructure improvements. They also made design improvements, including a green roof. Ms. Deller reported the Land Use Committee voted to approve the application.

Ms. Deller stated the owner is continuously open and in dialogue with members of the board. She stated that they need to pick a not-for-profit partner to manage the affordable housing space. There is no anchor for the community facility and there are still some unanswered questions.

Sally Frank made a motion and it was seconded by Rebecca Trent to approve the application with the stipulation that the developer pay prevailing wage for both construction and service jobs and with the following items the applicant agreed to include: same total number of apartments but fewer studio apartments and 3BRs in the unit mix, green roof, 43 parking spaces, 4600 sq. ft. community facility, 4000 commercial space, MIH Option 1 (25% set aside at 60% AMU with 10% required at 40% AMI)

The vote was 11 in favor of the motion with 18 opposed and no abstentions. The motion was voted down.

Sheila Lewandowski asked for an amendment to the motion for a commitment of 5,000 usable square feet for that purpose in perpetuity.

Sally Frank amended the motion and it was seconded as follows: to approve the application with the stipulation that the developer pay prevailing wage for both construction and service jobs and with the following items the applicant agreed to include: 60 residential apartments the distribution of 2 and 3 bedrooms in the unit mix, green roof, 43 parking spaces, 4600 sq. ft. community facility, 4000

commercial space, MIH Option 1 (25% set aside at 60% AMU with 10% required at 40% AMI) and that the developer commit to 5,000 usable square feet of space dedicated for not for profits organizations feet for a nominal cost in perpetuity.

Ms. Deller stated the applicant has not agreed and there is no commitment yet, but they are open to reaching out for the prevailing wage for both construction and service jobs and with people that are affiliated with unions. Ms. Deller reported that the applicant will reach out to a school or another community facility space.

Christine Hunter made a motion and it was seconded by Rebecca Trent to approve the rezoning and it was seconded with the provisions to maintain the 60 units, 43 parking spaces 4600 square feet of community facility, 4000 commercial space, MIH Option 1 (25% set aside at 60% AMU with 10% required at 40% AMI).

Ms. Lewandowski asked if they would accept an amendment to the motion that our recommendation is for 5,000 usable square feet and committed to working with a non-profit organization or a school.

Christine Hunter made a motion with the recommendation to find a non-for-profit community use.

Lisa Deller stated the recommendation is for 60 residential units, The MIH Option, 5,000 usable community facility space and to make an effort to reach out to a non-for-profit at a reasonable price, and 43 parking spaces and a green roof.

The vote was 18 in favor of the motion with 11 opposed and no abstentions. The motion carried.

#### **Waterfront Working Group Recommendation**

Lisa Deller made a motion and it was seconded by Christine Hunter to approve the context of the Waterfront Working Group Recommendations. All were in favor by a show of hands with none opposed and no abstentions.

#### **Arts & Cultural Committee**

Mr. Greenberg provided the following update:

- Announced that Thalia Theatre has procured funding for permanent space and they are in the process of looking for space.
- Announced that the meeting of the next Arts and Culture Committee Meeting will take place on November 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

#### **Environment Committee**

Dorothy Morehead provided the following update:

- Reported that the Committee met to review the items on the Capital and Expense Budgets.
- Provided an update on Vernon Blvd and 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, which is in danger of collapse and that it did collapse. It had to be rebuilt by the DEP. The water will undermine the road and it needs to be fixed. Boats are still moored by the side and have pulled the cement blocks into the water. There is always tidal action on Newtown Creek. Ms. Morehead announced that she will attend the Transportation Committee to discuss this matter.

- Ms. Morehead announced that the November and December Environment Committee meetings have been cancelled due to the holidays.

### **City Services & Public Safety Committee**

Ms. Keehan-Smith announced the City Services & Public Safety Committee would be held on November 13, 2019.

### **Transportation Committee**

Ms. Lewandowski provided the following update:

- The Transportation Committee meeting was held on November 4, 2019.
- Ms. Lewandowski reported that she attended the LaGuardia Community College Transportation Meeting where they are looking at restructuring the area around Van Dam Street and Skillman Avenue and it was very informative. It was discussed that the Committee will provide a letter of support concerning the immediate needs, as there are pavers that are coming apart and it is making the area difficult for people to get around and to get to the college. We are providing a letter of support for the immediate needs to repair the sidewalks and making the intersections accessible rather than waiting for part of a bigger project.
- East Side Access representatives attended the Transportation Committee Meeting. Ms. Lewandowski reported that these are the new tunnels that would take the LIRR directly to access Grand Central and does not necessarily include the station on Skillman Avenue that we have been fighting for. Ms. Lewandowski reported that she did bring it up and they said it is a ghost in the plan. We asked them to get something in writing that it is at least a ghost in the plan. Ms. Lewandowski asked what they are doing to deal with the water table rise and the response was that there have been no adjustments for the water table rise. Ms. Lewandowski reported this is something that came up at the Sunnyside Yards Steering Committee.
- DOT has paved Van Dam Street from Bradley Avenue to Borden Avenue last week.
- Blissville Update:
  - The installation of the speed cushions along Review Avenue to curtail drag racing has been installed and the 108<sup>th</sup> reported the cushions are working to reduce the drag racing. This is the first place in Queens where this has been done.
- Sunnyside:
  - 39<sup>th</sup> Street between Northern Blvd and Queens Blvd refurbishment markings. DOT stated it meets the warrants for refurbishment. DOT will provide a time line in the future.
- Woodside:

Ms. Lewandowski stated that she did a walk through with representatives from the office of Assembly Member Barnwell, Council Member Van Bramer's Office and the DOT. She reported the area is not getting enough attention.

- 33-49 60<sup>th</sup> Street sinkhole. DOT and DEP reviewed this issue and Con Edison will do the repair work. CB 2 is waiting for an update from Con Edison on the repair time frame.
  - 58<sup>th</sup> Street and Woodside Avenue and 61<sup>st</sup> Street to improve the flow of pedestrians, vehicular and bike traffic.
- LIC update:
  - 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Jackson Avenue left turn signal was approved by DOT.
- Ms. Lewandowski thanked Jordan from the Governor's office and the LIRR for the spots returned to the community on 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The LIRR was on site and they agreed that they did not need the spots.
- Ms. Lewandowski discussed Center Boulevard and that it is still not safe and that there are many people there and that we have been asking for this for years.
- Ms. Lewandowski spoke about the issue of residential parking permits.
- Ms. Lewandowski discussed the issue of businesses that have asked to have a bike rack uninstalled in front of their business. She reported that the DOT has informed that once they are in, you cannot request to have them removed.
- Ms. Lewandowski discussed the committee's support for installing a pedestrian lane on the south side and a bike lane on the north side of the Queens Borough Bridge.
- The next Transportation Meeting will be held on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6pm.

### **Health & Human Services Committee**

Ms. Keehan-Smith provided the Health Committee Report as Ms. Kleaver was not in attendance.

- The Health and Human Services Committee met on October 15, 2019 and discussed the disposal of old medications.
- A recommendation was made by the Committee that CB 2 will write a letter to local pharmacies urging them to take old prescriptions, as they are supposed to do.
- The Committee will work with the Department of Sanitation and the Department of Health to disseminate information on safe disposal of medicines at home.
- The Committee will begin to create a google map for urgent care facilities and primary care physicians with the hope of getting more info on providers that take Medicaid and that are accessible and safe for undocumented neighbors.
- The next Health and Human Services Committee meeting will take place on December 17, 2019 and will be a tour of the Planned Parenthood facility. Ms. Keehan-Smith thanked Adrienne Verrilli.

**Public Comment**

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

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