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June 5, 2025

Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held in person and teleconferenced on Zoom

Community Board 2 Board Members – Present

Amparo Abel-Bey, Nellie Afshar (PV), Anatole Ashraf, John Bahia, Ann Marie Baranowski (PV), Nicholas Berkowitz (PV), Danielle Brecker, Carlos Castell Croke, Evelyn Chango, Lisa Charles, Stephen Cooper, Warren Davis, Lisa Deller, Morry Galonoy, Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos, Alexandra Gonzalez (PV), Camille Gray, Kenneth Greenberg, Corey Hannigan, Mohammad Hossen, Christine Hunter, Diana Kichler, James Kim, Prameet Kumar, Chhemang Lama, Bradford Leibin (PV), Sheila Lewandowski, Benjamin Lucas, Eric Narburgh, Reilly Owens, Jolly Patel, Pia Rahman, Alyssa Sawicki (PV), Phugelzen Sherpa (PV), Ryan Smith, Lauren Springer, Amaurys Valdez, Alaina Van Slooten, Leticia Vasquez, Michael Zoorob

Community Board 2 Board Members – Absent

Unexcused:

Karesia Batan, Andie Olivares, Randy Plemel, Akello Thomas

Excused:

Tannia Chavez, Osman Chowdhury, Patrick Martinez, Oumaya Saab, Norberto Saldana, Caroline Spitzer

Community Board 2 Staff:

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager, MaryAnn Gurrado, Community Coordinator

Elected Officials/Representatives

Honorable Claire Valdez, NY State Assembly Member (PV)

Tiffany Echevaria, Representing Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez

Mercedes Jennings, Representing NY State Senator Michael Gianaris (PV)

Catherine Demby, Representing NY State Senator Kristen Gonzalez

C. Hernandez, Representing NY State Assembly Member Steven Raga

Farah Salam, Representing NYC Council Member Julie Won

Clare Collins, Representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards

JM Martinez, Representing Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz

108th Police Precinct

Police Officer Maria, Police Officer Sharma

Department of City Planning

Katie Crawford, Hye-Kyung Yang

Sunnyside Community Services

Andrea Thomas

Public Comment – General

Matthew Sooknanan, Chhaya CDC

Public Comment – OneLIC

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(Approximate elapsed time stamps provided in these minutes refer to this video)

Link to <https://blockparty.studio/Archive> where you can navigate to a transcript of this meeting.

Time: (Approximate from YouTube Video)

0:05:33 Anatole Ashraf welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided housekeeping rules and reminded everyone their vote is their opinion. He requested everyone follow the WAIT Rule, (Why Am I Talking).

0:05:48 Pledge of Allegiance

0:06:38 Honorable Claire Valdez, NY State Assembly provided the following update

- Thanked CB 1 and CB 2 for organizing the OneLIC Town Hall meeting.
- Thanked Council Member Won's office and her team for working so hard throughout this entire process.
- Stated we need to balance the need for deeply and permanently affordable housing that can sustain our neighborhood, while also balancing the need for more green space, infrastructure that can support 14,000, more homes, school seats, thriving cultural center, artist studios and spaces.

0:09:23 Tiffany Echevarria, representing Congresswoman Velazquez provided the following update:

- Announced the Congresswoman co-sponsored resolution 473, which calls for the urgent delivery and dispersement of humanitarian aid to address the needs of the civilians in Gaza.
- The Congresswoman also is the ranking member of the Small Business Committee, and she spoke on the challenges that small businesses would face due to the tariffs.
- Reported the budget right now is in the Senate and we do not have clear thoughts as to what will be the final budget.
- The Congresswoman submitted a policy for the surface transportation reauthorization, which calls for federal action to require secured containment, and responsible transport of materials like rail construction debris, sewage, sludge, incinerator ash, and coal waste when moved by rail transfers.
- Announced that they will be holding a Flood Solutions Fair at Sunnyside, Community Services on June 16, 2025, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
- Announced their office hosted a Women's Health Awareness webinar last week.
- Announced the Congressional App Challenge for middle school and high school students.

0:12:47 Katherine Demby, representing New York State Senator, Kristen Gonzalez provided the following update:

- Wished all Eid Mubarak to everyone who celebrates.
- Announced the state budget passed in early May and Senator Gonzalez is proud to support a few big wins for affordability in the state.
- \$1.3 billion for affordable housing, including 50 million for the housing access voucher plan.
- \$80 million for Mitchell Lama.
- \$340 million towards Universal School Meals.
- Fully funded the \$68 billion MTA 2025-2029 Capital Plan
- \$400 million in increased funding for NYC's Childcare Assistance Program.
- 350K for the CUNY law Burns-Chair
- \$2.1 million for community-based organizations.
- Established a \$2 million pilot program to help low-income homeowners and tenants afford energy, efficiency and weatherization upgrades.
- Announced they were able to pass the Secure Our Data Act.
- Announced they were able to pass the Tax on Noise From Non-Essential Helicopters and Non-Essential Seaplanes through the Senate.
- Announced they were able to pass a bill to update primary dates in 2026 to avoid conflicts with Passover.
- Announced their district office will be a cooling center. It will be available Tuesday through Thursday, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and for other neighborhood cooling

centers, please call 311 on any day that the New York City Emergency Management declares a heat advisory.

- Announced on June 16, 2025, we'll be joining Congresswoman Velazquez and other offices and community groups for the Flooding Solutions Fair.
- Announced on June 14, 2025, they will be joining the Irish Center and Culture Lab for the Queens Irish Heritage Festival.
- Announced on June 21, 2025, they will be joining Western Queens electeds on the 31st Avenue Open Streets to celebrate the redesign of 31st Avenue and sharing more information about the Western Queens Street Safety Plan.
- Announced on June 29, 2025, they will be joining Council Member Won's office for an e-waste recycling event at Culture Lab.

0:16:08 Carlos Hernandez, representing NY State Assembly Member Steven Raga, provided the following update:

- Announced Assembly Member Raga is continuing to advocate for the Freedom of Information Law Bill for greater government transparency.
- Another bill, which has passed the codes committee this week, is focused on LGBTQ plus Police Sensitivity Training.
- Assembly Member Raga is pushing for a Financial Aid Transparency Bill which will ensure that college award letters include net price, making it easier for students and families to understand the true cost of education with loans and grants.
- Assembly Member Raga will be presenting his Automated Curb Enforcement Bill to the Transportation Committee.
- Announced the Assembly Member has secured the following:
 - \$110 million for Mitchell Lama Housing Capital Improvements with \$30 million, specifically to New York City.
 - Helped secure universal school meals for children across New York State.
 - Co-sponsored bill 6955 to strengthen regulations on lithium-ion battery storage facilities.
- Announced their office has monthly mobile office hours in Maspeth, Elmhurst, Woodside and Jackson Heights. For more information, contact their office.

0:19:02 Farah Salam, Representing NYC Council Member Julie Won, provided the following update:

- Wished all Eid Mubarak to everyone who celebrates.
- Announced on June 14, 2025, their office will be hosting a Bike Helmet Fitting and giveaway at Lou Lodati Park from 11:00 am. to 2:00 pm.
- Announced on June 29, 2025, their office will be hosting an e-waste recycling event with Senator Gonzalez from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Culture Lab.
- Announced on June 17th and 24th, their office will be hosting a Housing Legal Clinics with Communities Resist.

- Their office continues to provide support for community members impacted by the federal policies.
- Announced they have a legal immigration clinic on June 6, 2025, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

0:20:49 Clare Colins, Representing Queensboro President Donovan Richard provided the following update:

- Wished all Happy Pride Month.
- Announced Queensboro President Donovan Richards marched at Queen's Pride on the 1st.
- Announced they are having their Pride Month Flag Raising Ceremony at Borough Hall on June 11, 2025, at 6:00 pm.
- Announced June 11th at 6:00 pm they will be hosting their Pride Month celebration at Queens Borough Hall.
- Announced Borough Hall will be hosting the OneLIC neighborhood plan on June 26, 2025, at 9:30 am at Borough Hall. Anyone wishing to testify must RSVP. Visit their website at www.queensb.nyc.gov

0:24:08 Narrissa Martinez, Representing District Attorney, Melinda Katz provided the following update:

- Wished all Happy Pride Month.
- Wished all Eid Mubarak for those who celebrate.
- Announced on June 2, 2025, Andrew Hatziagelis was sentenced to 10 years in prison, and his brother Angelo Hatziagelis was sentenced to four years for possessing explosive devices, assault, weapons, 3D printed ghost gun pistols and ammunition in an Astoria.
- DA Katz recently joined Governor Kathy Hochel when she announced an agreement with state legislative leaders to make essential changes to existing discovery laws.
- Announced their office has a gun buyback program to be held on Saturday, June 14th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Greater Allen A.M.E Cathedral in Jamaica, New York.

0:27:56 Andrea Thomas, Sunnyside Community Services announced that Sunnyside Community Services is offering free English classes starting for the summer session for those who need to enhance their proficiency. This is a free English class which starts July 1, 2025 through August 28, 2025.

0:28:47 Mercedes Jennings, representing NY State Senator Michael Gianaris provided the following update:

- Reported NY State Senator Gianaris marched on June 1, 2025 Pride event and showed his support to the community.

- Announced that direct checks will be distributed starting in mid-October from the inflation Refund Program.
- Reported their office conducted a DMV event on May 3, 2025. Their office is working to do another one for Woodside Houses, Sunnyside as well as Maspeth.
- Announced their office location will be changing over the summer and will provide everyone with the new address at the next meeting in September,

0:30:52 Matthew Sooknanan, Chhaya CDC provided the following update:

- Wished all Eid Mubarak to everyone.
- Provided an important update on basement apartments and a new city program that legalizes basement conversions for homeowners. Community District 2 is the only Queens district in this pilot program. He stated we have a real opportunity to lead the city in this initiative. They are working with homeowners to convert basement units into safe, legal, homes, helping families stay rooted and protected while addressing our city's housing crisis.
- They will be hosting a town hall at Sunnyside Community Services on June 17, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

0:32:36 Anatole Ashraf announced there were 93 people who signed up. He Announced the Queens Borough President will be holding a hearing on the OneLIC on June 26, 2025. It is hybrid on Zoom.

0:35:04 General Public Comment

0:35:05 John Suarez spoke about drivers who have been parking in the bike lane and the sidewalk on the Greenway at Hunters Point South Park. It is forcing people to walk into the street to avoid the cars and is dangerous. He made a recommendation for bollards to be installed at all the pedestrian walkways along Center Boulevard from 51st Avenue to 57th Avenue.

0:39:19 Public Comment – OneLIC

0:39:20 Pat Dorfman requested the Board vote no on the OneLIC.

0:40:34 Natalia Guzman Solano requested the Board vote no on the OneLIC because it does not provide affordability for the majority of our local communities.

0:42:29 James Kim spoke in opposition to the OneLIC Neighborhood Plan.

0:43:45 Pamela Herrera urges Community Board 2 to vote no on the rezoning unless there is a prioritization of long-standing community-led plans for the public sites and a commitment to keeping all public sites out of private hands, a legally binding mechanism that funds deeply affordable housing. A resilient waterfront public park connecting Queensbridge with Anable Basin. Specific funding for upgrading current infrastructure in schools, sewage lines and transportation proportional to the anticipated increase in population, concrete financial investment in nearby NYCHA housing.

0:45:10 Molil Jhaveri spoke in favor of the OneLIC and that it should be bigger.

0:46:43 Transition to Board Business:

0:46:45 Attendance (Ryan Smith)

Board Members Present:	33	Board Members Absent:	4
Present Virtual: 7	Excused: 6	Quorum:	Yes

Public Comment – OneLIC

0:57:21 Gibran Ali spoke in support of the OneLIC plan.

0:52:15 Jordan Hare spoke in support of the OneLIC and requested CB 2 vote in favor of the plan.

0:53:23 Lou Venich stated the OneLIC Plan puts too much more of too many different things in too small an area and urged a plan with less housing and more regard for existing uses and unmet local needs.

0:54:38 Francis Shields spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan.

0:55:44 Taiki Sugita spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan.

0:56:53 Juber Salim spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan and requested CB 2 vote in support.

0:57:47 Anita Quark urged CB 2 to vote no

0:59:05 Abdul Saleem spoke in support of the OneLIC plan.

1:00:46 Jin Han spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan and urged CB 2 to vote yes.

1:01:23 Hanife Khan spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan.

1:01:59 Red Sevilla urged the Community Board and the City Council to vote no to the rezoning of LIC.

1:03:12 a resident of Queens spoke in support of OneLIC.

1:03:48 Yusuf Khan spoke in support of the OneLIC plan.

1:04:22 Stayuna Shakya spoke in support of the OneLIC plan.

1:05:24 Chris Efthimiou spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan.

1:06:39 Stelios spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan.

1:07:22 Charles Yu, LIC Partnership spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan.

1:09:01 DJ Yan spoke in opposition to the OneLIC Plan.

1:10:22 Kieran Gallagher spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan.

1:11:30 Ryan Vinn spoke in opposition to the OneLIC Plan and urged CB 2 to vote no.

1:12:40 Tyler Baldwin spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan.

1:13:44 Reese Hiroda spoke in opposition to the OneLIC Plan and urged CB 2 to vote no.

1:14:19 Leo Guttman spoke in favor of the OneLIC Plan.

1:15:29 Diane Hendry urged CB 2 to vote no and said Christine Hunter's plan for open space is wonderful.

1:16:45 Johab Chowdhury spoke in favor of the One LIC Plan and asked CB 2 to support the project.

1:18:04 Joanna Levenger urged CB 2 to vote no on the current OneLIC Plan.

1:19:41 Missy Berry spoke in opposition and urged CB 2 to vote no on the One LIC Plan.
1:20:49 Patrick Sullivan spoke in support of the OneLIC.
1:21:48 Jenny Dubnau spoke in opposition to the OneLIC Plan.
1:29:31 Paula Kirby spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan and urged CB 2 to vote in favor of the Plan.
1:24:43 Memo Salazar spoke in opposition to the OneLIC Plan.
1:26:00 Monolina Biny spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan and requested CB 2 vote in support of the OneLIC Plan.
1:27:26 Anthony Giordano urged CB 2 to vote no on the OneLIC Plan.
1:28:39 Saipur Rahoman spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan.
1:29:28 Mr. Khan spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan.
1:30:43 Mateo Colon spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan.
1:31:54 Jay Coup spoke in opposition to the OneLIC Plan and urged CB 2 to vote no.
1:33:02 Paul Primiano spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan.
1:34:09 Lauren Pastion spoke in opposition and urged CB 2 to vote no on the OneLIC Plan.
1:35:27 Grace Chung spoke in opposition to the OneLIC Plan and urged CB 2 to vote no on the OneLIC Plan.
1:37:18 Elena Krosan-Gonzalez spoke in opposition to the OneLIC Plan.
1:38:46 Lisa Goran spoke in opposition to the OneLIC Plan.
1:40:22 Hannah Buren spoke in opposition to the OneLIC Plan and urged CB 2 to vote no.
1:42:21 Samir Goyle urged CB2 and all of you to consider cultural institutions and public spaces in the one LIC rezoning initiative.
1:43:37 Nick Leung urged CB 2 to vote yes on the OneLIC Plan.
1:44:51 Jacob Stein spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan.
1:46:00 William Zhu spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan and urged CB 2 to vote yes.
1:48:20 Ed Bunfanti urged CB 2 to vote against the OneLIC Plan.
1:48:37 Mayor Newman urged CB 2 to vote yes on the OneLIC Plan.
1:50:03 Steven Edgar urged CB 2 to vote no on the OneLIC Plan.
1:51:16 Lauren, urged CB 2 to vote no on the OneLIC Plan.
1:52:12 Clint Okayama, urged CB 2 to vote no to the current OneLIC proposal.
1:52:62 Rachel Brown urged CB2 to vote no on the OneLIC proposal.
1:54:29 Nina Young urged CB 2 to vote no on the OneLIC proposal.
1:56:18 Omar Sadik spoke in support of the OneLIC proposal.
1:56:25 Matt Quigley spoke in support of the OneLIC proposal.
1:57:26 Daniel urged CB 2 to vote no to the OneLIC rezoning.
1:59:49 Asher urged the developers to come up with a plan that includes things they want.
2:00:37 Elizabeth Asatuno urged CB 2 to vote no to the OneLIC rezoning.
2:01:43 Marina Grossman urged CB 2 to vote no to the OneLIC rezoning.
2:02:51 Name inaudible stated this proposal does not meet the need.
2:03:59 Donnie Rodriquez spoke in opposition to the OneLIC rezoning

2:05:30 Tom Lee spoke in opposition to the OneLIC rezoning.
2:06:39 Diane Kokorus spoke in opposition to the plan.

2:09:18 June expressed strong support for OneLIC rezoning proposal and urged CB 2 to vote yes.

2:11:17 Dan Miller urged CB 2 to support the OneLIC rezoning.

2:12:46 David Chai spoke in support of OneLIC.

2:14:45 Tom Mituzas stated that amputating Blissville from any benefits violates the precepts of the OneLIC Neighborhood Plan and violates the spirit of New York State environmental conservation law.

2:16:20 Yazin urged CB 2 to vote no on the OneLIC Plan.

2:17:37 Christina Chase urged CB 2 to vote no to the OneLIC Plan.

2:19:12 Autum Middleton spoke in support of the OneLIC Plan.

2:21:07 Laura Powers spoke about upzoning and gentrification and upzoning will not make housing more affordable.

2:22:41 Mary Jungkoli spoke about our values as a community and discussed cities around the world.

2:23:52 Ernie Brooks spoke in opposition to the plan.

2:25:29 Jocely spoke in opposition to the OneLIC Plan and urged CB 2 to vote no.

2:26:56 Patrick spoke in opposition to the OneLIC Plan.

2:28:37 Priscilla Stadler urged CB 2 to vote no on the OneLIC Plan.

2:30:07 Vishnu Reddy spoke in support of the OneLIC.

2:32:38 Alesandra spoke in opposition to the OneLIC.

2:34:28 Approval of Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes (April 2025 and May 2025)

(Motion made by Steve Cooper and seconded by Warren Davis)

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

2:35:49 Chairperson's Report (Anatol Ashraf)

- Reported he has worked on the OneLIC 100% of the time.
- Thanked Debbie for helping with the LaGuardia space.
- Thanked the team.
- Reported it was a great town hall and again this was a great town hall, part two.
- Welcomed Michael Zoorob, as the new CB 2 treasurer who will provide a presentation on the budget process

2:37:04 Michael Zoorob, CB 2 Treasurer provided a presentation on the budget process and discussed the statement of needs process and timeline.

2:52:34 Debra Markell Kleinert provided the following update:

- Thanked MaryAnn and Rafael from the CB 2 Office.
- CB 2 received the official word that the office lease agreement has been signed.
- CB 2 office will work on figuring out how to get a new sign.
- Sanitation has not received the decals yet.
- CB 2 Office will be closed on June 19, 2025.

- CB 2 had 29 complaints since May.
DOT – Potholes, pedestrian walkways.
PD - Illegally parked cars and vehicles.
DOB – work without permits.
- Thanked the 108th Precinct for their partnership. They heard the concerns of the community with regard to parking on the sidewalks and the double parking. They are conducting enforcement. They are really working hard for the community board.
- The next meeting will be held on June 18, 2025, for the OneLIC vote.
- Wished everyone Happy Father's Day and Happy Pride.
- Congratulated all the June graduates.
- Announced the next Community Board 2 Meeting will be held on September 4, 2025.
- Thanked everyone and wished all a wonderful summer.

2:56:39 Katie Crawford, Department of City Planning.

- Announced there were no additional updates.

2:57:50 Prameet Kumar, Vice Chair, Land Use & Housing Committee & Chair, OneLIC Working Group provided the following update:

- The working group met over the course of seven sessions throughout May, and took a very close look at the DEIS, the draft environmental impact statement.
- Out of these sessions, we formulated a comprehensive set of community recommendations. Each meeting focused on a major theme.
- We looked at zoning and development scenarios, housing, affordability and displacement, infrastructure and implementation, arts and culture, public open, space, community oversight.
- The group included a broad cross-section of stakeholders from CB2. It was members of the Land Use Committee and all sorts of other committees.
- We had active participation from residents, subject matter: experts, city agencies.
- All the meetings were open to the public and there were plenty of opportunities for direct engagement and follow-up.
- Over the course of these sessions, we received a bunch of presentations and information from mostly DCP, but also the Department of Environmental Protection, info from Department of Transportation, Education, and lots more.
- We had a lot of detailed Q&A with agency staff.
- We have some Q&A documents that we'll forward to everyone with written responses from DCP.
- We reviewed some 3D renderings. We analyzed a lot of technical materials, including maps, zoning text, and open space data.
- We also reviewed over 250 pieces of written public testimony, in addition to the spoken testimony that we've heard. We heard both strong support from the community, but also deep concerns around affordability, displacement, infrastructure, capacity, and all the things that we heard tonight.

- Through this process, we identified a series of targeted recommendations that hopefully aim to align the rezoning's projected growth with what we want to be as the delivery of public benefits.
- The final set of recommendations were emailed earlier today.
- We think, as the Working Group and the Land Use Committee, that the recommendations reflect both the urgency of the housing crisis that we're in, but also the need for equitable, accountable, and community-based planning.
- We are a part of the official city ULURP process, and as part of that, we're expected to make an advisory opinion.
- After we have a say, the plan's going to go to the Borough President and then the City Council.
- It's too complicated for us to just say yes or no. So, we're either going to say yes with conditions or no with conditions. These conditions are going to be what we want the city to change about the plan to make sure it reflects our vision for our neighborhood and the recommendations that you have in your inbox.
- Prameet Kumar summarized these recommendations:
- The Working Group and The Land Use Committee. We have a bunch of different recommendations:
- On housing, we strongly support applying MIH options, one and three across the rezoning area to produce permanently affordable homes targeted to households, earning 40 to 60% of area median income. One in three give the deepest affordability out of the MIH options. To give you just a quick sense of what rents this percent of AMI comes out to. In NYC, monthly, rent for an affordable two-bedroom apartment at 40%, AMI is \$ 1,398, and at 60% MI AMI it's at\$ 2,097. These are deeply affordable. Rent prices for two-bedroom apartments. We're also calling for prioritizing family sized units, expanding access for NYCHA and voucher holders, and making sure that all city-owned sites, there's a number of them, that all those sites are used to maximize public benefit through a combination of 100%, affordable housing, schools, and open space.
- On infrastructure we insisted that the development be closely tied to the delivery of essential upgrades, including sewers, schools, transit and public safety services. We want the city to put together a public infrastructure sequencing plan to make sure that the investments are made.
- Basically, in tandem with growth. We wanted to make sure that the sequencing plan also aims to correct the longstanding deficits that we've had in this community from the past rezoning.
- We wanted to make sure those are addressed. We also highlighted healthcare access, including a full-service hospital, with maternity care as a new priority. That's one of the things that we included
- One of the biggest deficits that we see in LIC, obviously is open space.
- We emphasized the need for a usable, inclusive waterfront as well as an expanded inland park, and we specifically asked for a 2-acre park in Court Square, which is missing a lot of open space.

- On zoning, we recommended changes to reduce base densities in key areas. The hope was that, by reducing the base, zoning, developers would make public benefit choices to get the bonuses to get additional zoning.

Christine Hunter stated that just to amplify that or explain that comment a little more fully. The idea is not to propose a reduction in the proposed number of units. The only way we would get any open space in this plan is through these bonus provisions, which would increase the number of units, thereby worsening the public open space deficit. We want to get to the target that's already in the plan, not reduce the number of units.

We're not proposing that but incentivize the developers to use those bonuses to get the open space that we desperately need.

- Prameet Kumar further stated the last thing on zoning is we propose to eliminate the unlimited height provisions to preserve some semblance of neighborhood scale here.
- We also have a suite of recommendations thanks to the Arts and Culture Committee, that call for the preservation of the local arts ecosystem. Those are comprehensive and thanks to Karisha and Eric for those.
- Finally, we stressed the need for oversight and transparency. The plan should be implemented through a formal memorandum of understanding and tracked by an oversight committee that includes members of CB2.
- The Working Group presented these recommendations to the Land Use Committee and the committee voted to approve the OneLIC rezoning with the conditions that were distributed just so everyone knows.
- Prameet Kumar requested everyone read through these recommendations in detail and to email him, Christine or Anatole if there are any questions.
- Prameet Kumar announced that we will redistribute an updated version and then be prepared for discussion and voting on these recommendations during our June 18th meeting.
- Prameet Kumar stated we do have this time over these next two weeks to enable friendly amendments and edits to these recommendations. If there are ideas that people have, we still have time to include some of those.

Stephen Cooper made a recommendation that the Community Board adopt the suggestions, the recommendation of the Land Use Committee and the Working Group. He stated that he understands we're not going to vote on it tonight, but if we can put it formally on the record, it could be sent out. The community can see it also and understand, because having listened to hours of public testimony, he is finding that, for some reason, people think that there should be 100% affordable housing throughout the area. Even though the city owned land is only a small piece.

They should understand that we are recommending 100% affordable for city-owned property and that we are doing what we can to try to make this as livable as possible. He would like the

community and everybody to know the efforts that the group has made. There is room for some amendments which we can make in the next few weeks.

Lisa Deller asked about the IBZ Recommendations.

Christine Hunter stated she was concerned that it's premature to release this and that and it's not fair to board members who weren't on the working group or aren't on the Land Use Committee, because there may be really substantive and particular as Lisa asked a really good question about the IBZ, which is a gap in the recommendations and that we need to give everybody a chance to absorb what the recommendations are and suggest amendments or additions before we release anything or represent what we're recommending to the public. There are a lot of affordable amendments that we can add to this, especially based on what we've heard from the public comment and as well as after the Land Use Committee meeting, and provided some suggestions to Anatol and Prameet, and to add those as well for everyone's review. Just so that we can really add more affordability to this proposal and really strengthen our recommendations further.

Warren Davis stated there's been talk about context area and another context area shrunk over the duration of this OneLIC. He requested to know how that area is defined. What is that radius because they shrunk it to a half a mile which a lot of areas like Blissville, Ravenswood and other parts of Dutch Skills is not involved, and if there is involvement with capital investments in context areas, what areas are those and what are those investments or potential investments along with the IBZ the context area to be addressed in this plan.

Stephen Cooper withdrew his motion.

Prameet Kumar stated that we give the board a week or so, to get comments and propose amendments to him, Christine and Anatole and we'll decide which ones are friendly and we will bring that forward to the board on the 18th.

Sheila Lewandowski recommended to give us some deadlines by this date to this, but that should come from the office like by tomorrow. Then the other thing is a statement opening it up about the responsibility to the entire Community Board, because we are speaking for this entire community board and that does take into context Blissville or even the impact beyond, and that we are not isolating this to the people who only live in that designated area. what we speak to has to be representative of our full community, board. She stated it's important that does happen and that we all see what these comments are. So, we can decide what should be in the final draft.

Prameet Kumar stated that we can probably show you what got in and then as well as amendments that we left out and then people can have the full picture.

3:16:06 Lauren Springer, Chair, Health and Human Services & Education Committee and Unhoused & Shelter Committee provided the following update:

- Reported that at the May meeting there was a presentation by Stephen R. Jackson, Principal of Aviation High School. They are trying to get funding for their school's cell engine power plant classroom. They are hoping to raise \$5 to \$6 million in the next few years. They also invited us to take a tour of the school.
- The next meeting is next Monday at 6:00 PM virtual and we'll have John Levin, Director of Clinical Services for mental health providers of Western Queens speaking.

3:17:19 Eric Narburgh, Arts & Cultural Affairs Committee provided the following update:

- Reported at our last meeting we had a guest speaker, Volker Detering, the co-founder of the Sunnyside Book Swap. One of the things we were going to mention is that, if anyone's interested in volunteering and has an interest in the kind of book curation, he's open to kind of receiving volunteers for that.
- Reported we don't have an update on the downtown revitalization initiative funding for Long Island City.
- Reported the next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Land Use Committee.

3:18:03 Danielle Brecker, Vice Chair, City Services & Public Safety provided the following update:

- The next City Services & Public Safety Committee meeting, the last one until September, is this Wednesday at 6:30 at the office and there is a lengthy agenda.

3:19:44 Carlos Castell Croke, Chair, Environment, Parks & Recreation Committee provided the following update:

- Requested people should keep filling out the flooding Google form that was sent out.
- Announced the next meeting will take place on June 26, 2025, at 6:30 pm and we're planning on having Rebuild by Design come and present.

3:20:40 Morry Galonoy, Chair, Small Business and Local Economy provided the following update:

- The Committee had two representatives from NYC Small business Services focused on the Business Express Service Team (BEST). Any small business can reach out to this team, and they will help you navigate the city's bureaucracy, whether it's about licensing or getting reviews of food as a restaurant or bar.
- The next meeting will be held on June 24, 2025, at 5 pm.
- Evelyn Chango, CB 2 Board Member, invited everyone to Sunny Pride taking place on Friday. Visit www.sunnyshines.org for more information.

3:28:36 Reilly Owens, Chair, Transportation Committee provided the following update:

- Reported Assembly member Steven Raga spoke about his Automated Curb Enforcement Bill.
- DOT announced that the Review Avenue Safety Improvement Project, which we call the Blissville Greenway, broke ground today.
- The Queensboro Bridge Pedestrian Lane is open for business. He reported that he asked DOT when they are going to paint things and put up proper signage to let people know since there's still a lot of pedestrians using the bike lane and reported they're working on it.
- Provided an update concerning the bus stop at 44th Street and Queens Boulevard which has moved. They are doing construction on the subway for the elevators because of the plastic barriers.

Lisa Deller reported that the seniors at Sunnyside Community Services are upset about the bus stop on 39th Street and Queens Boulevard that is being moved.

- Reilly Owens reported this stop serves the people coming to Sunnyside Community Services. It is located on Queens Boulevard and will be moved across 39th Street. This is a truck route which is a very unsafe crossing. This organization has asked that the bus stop remain where it is. CB 2 will write to the MTA and to elected officials.
- The MTA has responded about the 58th Street and Roosevelt Avenue bus stop change that a lot of community members were upset about. They gave a very detailed response showing the study that they did to show why it had to move. They have said that they're not printing any maps yet because it's still work in progress, even though it is a final plan.
- Reilly Owens reported there was a meeting that he could not attend that the MTA briefed about the F and M trains swapping in our part of Queens. He reported it will happen in December.
- Last month, we heard from a lot of people in Hunter Point South about parking changes at Second Street and 57th Avenue. DOT has told us that what they think happened is that, after a long construction, project, repainting happened, they call it. Channelization-Lines were repainted, which changed parking and means that people started getting tickets for parking where they were used to park. DOT says that they have plans for the area, including the parking there.

3:30:14 Anatole Ashraf provided an update for the Engagement and Inclusion Committee:

- Anatole Ashraf read Tannia Chavez report:
- The Engagement Inclusion Committee was proud to host two successful tabling events, LIC Springs, Woodside Spring Festival
- Tannia, and the committee would like to extend our sincere thanks to the board members who supported our efforts and joined us at these vibrant community services.

- Announced Saturday July 12, 2025, will be this year's CB2 meet and greet event. It will be held at Sanger Hall. Debbie will try to send a calendar, invite out for the meet and greet.
- Anatole Ashraf welcomed new Board Member Amaurys Valdez, who introduced himself and stated he has been an educator for 16 years at Queens Technical High School. He teaches cyber security and cloud engineering, and reported they are about to bring in artificial intelligence as well. Announced on May 28, 2025, they hosted a tech meetup at Laguardia Community College. He thanked Rosamond Gianutsos and Ebony Young, Deputy Queensboro President who were both in attendance.

3:33:39 Anatole Ashraf announced he was going to send out a quiz in the next two weeks to make sure that everyone knows the top 10 things about OneLIC. He encouraged everyone to attend the meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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