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October 9, 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, Anatole Ashraf, Karesia Batan, Nicholas Berkowitz, Danielle Brecker, Carlos Castell Croke (PV), Tannia Chavez, Stephen Cooper, Lisa Deller, Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos, Alexandra Gonzalez (PV), Camille Gray, Kenneth Greenberg (PV), Corey Hannigan, Christine Hunter, Bradford Leibin, Sheila Lewandowski, Benjamin Lucas, Patrick Martinez, Eric Narburgh, Reilly Owens, Jolly Patel (PV), Randy Plemel (PV), Pia Rahman, Oumaya Saab (PV), Alyssa Sawicki (PV), Phugelzen Sherpa (PV), Lauren Springer, Akello Thomas, Amaurys Valdez (PV), Alaina Van Slooten, Leticia Vasquez, Michael Zoorob

Community Board 2 Board Members – Absent

Unexcused:

John Bahia, Evelyn Chango, Lisa Charles, Osman Chowdhury, Mohammad Hossen, James Kim, Chhemang Lama, Andie Olivares, Norberto Saldana,

Excused:

Warren Davis, Morry Galonoy, Prameet Kumar, Ryan Smith

Community Board 2 Staff:

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

Elected Officials/Representatives

*Evelyn Li, Representing Congresswoman Grace Meng
Tiffany Echevaria, Representing Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez
Mercedes Jennings, Representing NY State Senator Michael Gianaris
Carlos Hernandez, Representing NY State Assembly Member Steven Raga
Simon Peter Tangney, Representing NY State Assembly Member Claire Valdez
Laura Shepard, Representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards
Megan Yuan, Representing the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs (PV)
James Mongeluzzo, Representing NYC Comptroller Brad Lander*

Department of City Planning

Katie Crawford

Sunnyside Community Services

Judy Zangwill

Guests

Richard Lobel, Sheldon Lobel PC

Public Comment – General

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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)

0:11:19 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).

0:11:34 Pledge of Allegiance

0:12:06 Evelyn Li, Representing Congresswoman Grace Meng provided the following update:

- Reported we are still in a government shutdown, but their office is still open.
- If anyone needs assistance regarding their benefits, contact their office.
- Announced the Congresswoman will keep fighting and will try to pass a spending bill that protects healthcare for hardworking families.
- Announced a recycling event, on October 18, 2025, in LIC and another one on October 23, 2025, in Forest Hills for electronics and textile recycling.
- Announced the Congressional App Challenge will take place on October 30, 2025.
- Reported that their office keeps track of how many federal agencies have stopped responding to their office because of the furlough. She reported that ICE is a big problem in our district, and they have stopped responding to their office. Their office received confirmation, including the IRS and SSA, which are still working but they are being a little bit cautious.

- She reported they do have delays in their congressional increase, and they do have delays in how they are processing cases. They are still navigating how to work with them during the shutdown.
- If anyone has any pending issues with those federal agencies, contact the Congresswoman's Office.
- Q & A

0:20:12 Tiffany Echevaria, Representing Congresswoman Nydia Valazquez provided the following update:

- Echoed much of what Evelyn Li reported.
- They are on day 9 of the federal shutdown. It stems from a fight over health care funding, basically from the Affordable Care Act.
- If anyone needs help, please reach out to the Congresswoman's Office.
- They will continue working without pay until the shutdown ends.
- All federal agencies will be going at a significantly lower pace and keep in mind that if you are trying to do any new case work applications that all agencies will be significantly slower.
- Announced the Congressional App challenge will take place on October 30, 2025.
- Received word that the ICE offices are moving at a very significant slower pace. They are closed. This means that all their fieldwork is still happening. As a Congressional office they can't really advocate for those that are being detained because the liaison offices are closed.
- Q & A

0:25:54 Mercedes Jennings, representing NY State Senator Michael Gianaris provided the following update:

- Announced that State Senator Gianaris and Senator Kristen Gonzales presented a proclamation to Sheila Lewandowski on September 30, 2025, for her amazing work at the Chocolate Factory.
- Announced the Inflation Refund Checks have started being mailed and should be received no later than mid-November.
- Reported there is a scam happening with these checks. The checks will be sent out by mail and will not be directly deposited. There will be no emails, phone calls or correspondence about it. If anyone tries to call, or email or ask for your personal information, do not provide any information. Contact the Senator's office.
- Announced their office has officially moved to:
 Senator Michael Gianaris
 New York State Senator
 37-18 Northern Boulevard.
 Long Island City, New York 11101
- Provided an update about a possible Con Ed Scam. If anyone has an issue to reach out to their office.
- Thanked the CB 2 Transportation Committee for welcoming her.

- Announced their office has been tracking the Queens Bus Network Redesign as there have been a lot of concerns and issues with some of the stops. If anyone has any issues to reach out to their office.
- Reported there have been complaints about the OMNY Card and the way it is operating, especially for seniors. If anyone has any issues reach out to their office
- There will be no more metro cards after December 31, 2025, they will be retiring.
- Q & A

Reilly Owens announced transfers are still in effect. OMNY is supposed to cover transfers, it is not the fare capping which is a good program. Free transfers should still be happening. He spoke with someone from the MTA about it and their response was that OMNY does not tell you at the tap that is a transfer and that you should check your online trip history to see if you did get a free transfer, which is not the easiest way for people, especially people who are not online.

Reilly Owens stated that people should not be double charged and anyone who is experiencing this to contact the Board office or the State Senator's Office.

- A board member reported that over the past weekend that the system had shut down so that you could not load or buy a card from the machines. People could have easily been trapped in the borough instead of being able to navigate. They also shut down in terms of getting cards in bulk, which is a problem for non-profit organizations who give the cards out to their clients.
- When you use the OMNY machine, the default setting, the amounts they give are not divisible by \$2.90, the cost of a far. The board member stated she bought a card for \$34.00 but should have actually paid 34.80 to get that 7-day cap.
- It is not user friendly, and they should not have shut down some of the perks that were received with MetroCard.
- A board member discussed that student's cards do not work and are flimsy, students are hopping turn styles.
- There is a backlog at the schools as they have run out of cards, and this is a citywide issue.
- A recommendation was to give them a monthly option as it is not affordable.
- A request was made to go back to MetroCard and cancel OMNY.

0:40:30 Carlos Hernandez, Representing New York State Assembly Member Steven Raga provided the following update:

- The Assembly Member secured \$110 million for Mitchell Llama capital improvement funding.
- \$30 million for NYC Mitchell Llamas. They were able to secure universal school meals throughout the state, and they also co-sponsored Bill Number A6955 which would place limitations on lithium-ion battery energy storage specifically restrictions on residential and commercial areas, and stronger community engagement requirements.

- Their office has partnered with ACE for the cleaning of areas around the district and they happen quarterly. If anyone has any location, to reach out to their office. Reported that they passed a bill that would require the Department of State to submit their universal periodic review to the United Nations Human Rights Council. The Bill number is 9068.
- The FOIL bill which is 3425 has passed onto the Governor's desk for her to sign or veto.
- Their office hosts a monthly 2-hour mobile office session.
- Reported the Assembly Member's Office has moved to the Big Six Towers at 60-10 Queens Boulevard, lower level, Woodside, NY.
- The following events will be coming up:
 - Saturday, Hispanic Heritage Month at El Mariachi
 - Next Saturday the 3rd Filipino American History month celebration at St. James in Elmhurst.
- Q & A

0:45:24 Simon, Representing New York State Assembly Member Claire Valdez provided the following update:

- Reported that two weeks ago, their office co-hosted with Borough President Donovan Richards a celebration of 215 years of Mexican Independence at Queensborough Hall. The Assembly Member is the first elected Mexican American representative in the history of the state legislature.
- The Assembly Member joined a rally held by the Living Wage for All Coalition in advocating for a \$30 minimum wage and an end to the sub-minimum wage for tipped workers, disabled workers and incarcerated workers.
- Their office attended a tree planning event and the opening of the first portion of the Blissville bikeway in Blissville.
- Reported the DEC fined Green Asphalt \$25,000 for the conditions that their plant is causing.
- Their office was pleased to see their order requiring Green Asphalt to double the height of their existing smokestack by December 11, 2025. They have recently signed a letter along with other local elected officials calling on the DOT to end their relationship with Green Asphalt if that is not complied with by the date they are supposed to.
- Wished everyone a Happy Biketober and to look out for Biketober events in Sunnyside and Long Island City on the 17th and bike giveaway at PS 12 on the 14th.
- Announced along with Assembly Member Raga, Assembly Member Valdez was arrested along with 10 other city and state elected representatives at 26 Federal Plaza in protest of the sites use as a makeshift detention center and ICE's refusal to allow elected officials to inspect the premises. The assembly Member is deeply committed to using her platform to advocate.
- Their office is a co-sponsor of the Melt Act and Access to Representation Act.
- Q & A

0:49:33 Laura Shepard, Representing Queens Borough President Donovan Richards provided the following update:

- Announced on October 16, 2025, their office will be hosting their Diwali Celebration at Queens Borough Hall.
- Announced on October 18, 2025, their office will be partnering with Assembly Member Raga's office for their first ever Filipino American History Month Celebration at St. James Episcopal Church in Elmhurst.
- RSVP to any of these events on their website at: www.queensbp.nyc.gov.
- If anyone has any questions, please call (718) 286-3000 or email directly at: lshepard@queensbp.nyc.gov.
- Laura Shepard announced she looks forward to seeing everyone at the 61st Street Open Street for Woodside on the Move Trick or Streets event on Friday, October 24, 2025.
- With regard to the OMNY discussion if you have balances on MetroCard's, go to a customer service center, there are three of them in Queens and transfer the balance to an OMNY card.
- Laura Shepard announced the MTA does have mobile service vehicles; you must check online for the locations to see where they are. There is no provision to do this online.
- Q & A

0:54:52 James Mongeluzzo, Representing the NY City Comptroller Brad Lander provided the following update:

- Provided an update on the latest audits which are on their website and can be tracked.
- Their office prepared a Commercial Waste Zone report.
- Their office prepared a report on NYPD excessive force.
- Their office recovered \$15 million dollars in unpaid wages through the prevailing wage issue they enforce. Check out their website and punch the names of friends and family, if they worked for a private company that contracted with the city they may be owed money.
- Please visit their website for more information. <https://comptroller.nyc.gov>

0:58:57 Judy Zangwill, Sunnyside Community Services provided the following update:

- Reported that Sunnyside Community Services is a victim of late payment contracts.
- Announced on October 18, 2025, Sunnyside Community Services will have a table at the Greenpoint Avenue Street Festival from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Greenpoint Avenue between 42nd Street and 48th Street.
- Announced on November 1, 2025, Sunnyside Community Services will be holding a free concert at 2:00 pm. There will be a reception afterwards.

1:01:10 Katie Crawford, Department of City Planning provided the following update:

- The Industrial draft plan has been released; more information is on their website. They are holding town halls in each borough on the plan. The one for Queens will be held on October 23, 2025, at 6:00 pm at CUNY School of Law.
- They took down the survey, and it has been replaced with a feedback form.

- Provided an update on a private application for 63-12 Broadway which will be presented this evening and there will be a CPC hearing scheduled for November 19, 2025.
- Q & A

1:10:10 Karen, representing NY State Senator Kirsten Gonzalez provided the following update:

- Announced the Senator hosted a virtual town hall on the federal budget cuts and the impact on New York City. A recording of the webinar will be sent out in their next newsletter. Everyone is welcome to sign up for their newsletter on the Senator's website.
- On November 6, 2025, their office will be hosting an Access-A-Ride training with the MTA and Jacob Riis Older Adult Center. More details soon for those who wish to RSVP.
- On the evening of November 17, 2025, the Senator will be hosting a district-wide town hall. It will be hybrid, the in-person part will be at the CUNY School of Law in LIC and individuals will be able to attend on Zoom. The town hall covers the state of the district. Ahead of this event, they are trying to hear from as many constituents as possible about their priorities and the issues that matter most to them. They are conducting a district-wide survey. If anyone is interested in filling in one out to reach out to their office.
- Q & A

1:13:41 Benjamin Guttman, Executive Director, Queens Economic Development Corporation provided a power point presentation and update:

- Announced that he is the new Executive Director of Queens Economic Development Corporation.
- Their goal since 1977 has been to grow the Queens Economy.
- Celebrating 50th anniversary in a couple of years.
- Seth Bornstein has retired.
- They work in Business Services, Neighborhood Development, Tourism and Marketing
- They do Business Counseling, and Entrepreneur Education.
- If someone is looking to start a business in Queens to reach out to their office. They have counselors and everything from taxation to marketing, real estate to food licenses. You can talk for free and get free consultations.
- They do business education, they have a Women's Business Center, Entrepreneurship Assistance Center and Home Improvement Contractor Training Programs.
- They have 129 different classes throughout all these different programs.
- They run Entrepreneur Space located at Kauffman Astoria, a 6,500 square foot commercial kitchen, food incubator. It is 24/7 access. Anyone interested in starting a food business to reach out to their office.
- Made in Queens is a certification and marketing program for products designed or produced in Queens.
- Queens Tech and Innovation Challenge, if anyone has a business idea that makes an impact on Queens, you can receive up to 20,000 dollars. QTIC is enrolling now.

- Neighborhood Development helps with plaza management, merchant organizing, graffiti removal, business promotion and other programs across Queens they act as a light BID
- Reentry Program in partnership with Witness to Mass Incarceration, they work with system impacted young adults to help them develop entrepreneurial skills.
- Discussed Corona Plaza Market, a year-round community market.
- Diversity Plaza, a new merchant organizing program with beautification and community events.
- Partnerships across the borough, they partner with local groups to support holiday lighting special events, murals and more.
- Graffiti Removal.
- Tourism Marketing, run the Queens Tourism Council,
- Events, Queens Taste
- Advocacy, they champion proposals policies that are beneficial to the Queens Economy.
- Q & A

1:30:57 CEO Dr. Helen Arteago-Landaverde, Elmhurst Hospital provided a power point presentation and the following update:

- Covid numbers are low.
- Encouraged all to take the flu shot.
- Elmhurst hospital is the biggest hospital in the Borough.
- They see 1.2 million visits a year.
- They are a Level 1 Trauma Center
- They speak 138 languages
- Discussed the new bill that came out.
- She wants to make sure that everyone understood what the new bill was about and the huge effect on healthcare.
- It will cost about 34,000 hospital jobs in NYC
- It is estimated to lose about 14.4 billion in revenue.
- Estimated \$8 billion targeting New York Hospital.
- Provided information about New York City Cares
- This Bill will not weaken us. HR.1 poses challenges, but it does not define our future.
- Elmhurst has a proven history of resilience in the face of adversity.
- Through advocacy, collaboration and community trust, we will continue to deliver exceptional care.
- Together we remain Elmhurst Strong.
- Helen Arteaga: arteagah@nychhc.org, Telephone Number: (646) 771-0806.
- Q & A

1:52:44 General Public Comment

1:52:46 Fanny Chang, spoke about the OneLIC and that it was reported that 33,800 additional new residents would be eventually living in LIC. She reported that on Friday, the entire block

had people parking on sidewalks. Since City Planning is in the process with the industrial mixed plan, she has asked CB 2 and the Transportation Chair to explore opportunities with metered parking throughout the blocks.

1:54:08 ULURP Application #C 250268 ZMQ and N250269 ZRQ – 63-12 Broadway Rezoning To facilitate a 9-story approximately 55,498 s/f 67 unit (22MIH, Option 2) mixed use residential and commercial development

1:54:10 Richard Lobel, Sheldon Lobel provided the following update:

- Introduced his colleague Fyanne Batan.
- The location is between 63rd and 64th Street and Broadway
- Attended the Land Use Committee on October 15, 2025 and received approval from the Committee.
- The applicant is Broadwood Realty LLC.
- This is for a zoning change along Broadway. The zoning along Broadway in this area is R5 with a C2-2 overlay. The result of that zoning is what you would get on an 11,000 square foot lot, a one-story taxpayer lot, 7,000 square feet, there are some businesses located there.
- When they approached City Planning the idea was that they would be able to come in with the rezoning that would allow for a mixed-use building to create some residential units, including affordability, as well as a ground floor with commercial and update the property.
- The building was built in 1931 and is old with outdated commercial space. This would allow them to update the commercial space and add a little bit of commercial space which is nicely utilized in that area and to build residential above. The result would be a proposed mixed-use building, ground floor, about 9,000 square feet of commercial use, with roughly 46,000 square feet of residential use above. There would be roughly 67 units and about a third or 22 units would be affordable pursuant to MIH.
- The action would be for rezoning, as well as for an MIH district to be mapped so that affordability would be required.
- Q & A

2:05:43 Transition to Board Business:

2:06:16 Attendance (Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos)

Board Members Present:	25	Board Members Absent:	9
Present Virtual:	9	Excused:	4
		Quorum:	Yes

2:11:07 Approval of September 2025

Amparo Abel-Bey made a motion, and it was seconded by Nick Berkowitz to approve the September 2025 Meeting Minutes. All were in favor of the motion with none opposed and no abstentions.

2:11:39 Anatole Ashraf, Chairperson's Report provided the following update:

- Thanked the CB 2 Member for showing up at the city Council Hearing for the OneLIC.
- Announced an amendment to the Hybrid Meeting Policy concerning Zoom.
- Anatole Ashraf made a motion to amend the Hybrid Meeting Policy to require the Zoom Log in for CB 2 to be shared among the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs as it relates to committee and board meetings.

A board member requested the policy proposal be sent out to the Board Members and requested more information. Anatole Ashraf explained that this would assist in starting meetings on time and provide zoom bombing protection.

Debra Markell Kleinert clarified that meetings start on time regularly as they are automatically recorded at the start time once a participant gets on. She then provides c-host privileges in case there is someone that wants to give a presentation. The Zoom account is a city Zoom, the City does not support Zoom, however they allow CB 2 to use it and purchase it. We also pay for Harisch Studios to help us out.

Anatole Ashraf discussed the ability to give out passwords and privileges so that someone else can start the Zoom.

As another option, CB2 can rectify this and have another staff member be a back-up as well.

Sheila Lewandowski made a motion, and it was seconded by Stephen Cooper to table the motion.

2:30:04 Michael Zoorob, Treasurer provided an update on the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities.

- Thanked all the committee Chairs who helped inform out Statement of Needs Submission and helped contribute to the narrative.
- He reported that he attended a meeting with City Planning about the process.
- Provided an update on the prioritization list for Capital and Expense Budget Requests.
- Q & A

2:38:51 Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager provided the following update:

- Announced that we can work something out concerning the Zoom issues.
- Attended Borough Consultations Meetings.
- CB 2 will vote on the Capital and Expense Budget next month.

- Announced that along with Dr. Rosamond Gianutsos she attended the State Comptroller's state of the district. Comptroller DiNapoli gave a snapshot of Sunnyside Woodside and LIC.
- FDNY will be hosting an open house on October 18 and 19, 2025 at over 200 firehouses and EMS locations. This has been posted on the CB 2 website.
- Announced on October 28, 2025, at 6:30 pm, Queens Borough Hall will be hosting a Land Use and Zoning Training meeting. This was sent out to all the members and posted.
- Total Complaints – 46
 - Sanitation – Trash, Illegal Dumping
 - DOT – potholes, pedestrian walkways
 - PD – Illegally parked vehicles
- Wished all a Happy Indigenous People Day and Happy Columbus Day.
- Wished everyone a Happy Halloween.
- Announced the CB 2 Office will be closed on Monday.
- Thanked the CB 2 Staff and stated the office works very hard and we try to deliver for the board, and we try to resolve problems together.
- Announced our Office Lease has been renewed by DCAS. This took over 4 years due to COVID.
- CB 2 is working on signage for the outside.
- The CB 2 office is working hard to accommodate all requests.
- Announced it has always been an honor and a privilege to serve this community and looks forward to continuing to do that.
- Q & A

2:44:43 Anatole Ashraf announced at the next meeting we will be accepting nominations for the Executive Board.

2:45:16 Christine Hunter, Chair, Land Use & Housing Committee provided the following update:

- Reported the Land Use and Housing Committee recommendation was to approve the application for rezoning at 63-12 Broadway with the following conditions:
- The Inclusion of MIH Options 1, 2 and 3 to allow deeper affordable options in the future.
- Use of Union Labor.
- Where street trees are not feasible, the addition of street greenery through street planters. These should be reflected on the site plan.
- Increase in the proportion of 2- and 3-bedroom units.
- Designation of an appropriately sized loading area accessible to the trash and receptacle area.

2:48:00 (Motion made by Stephen Cooper and seconded by Sheila Lewandowsk) that we adopt the Land Use & Housing Committee recommendation with the stipulation that instead of union labor we use the word prevailing wage labor.

Motion carried: The vote was (27) twenty-seven in favor of the motion; (1) one opposed and (0) no abstentions.

- Reported at the request of City Planning, that at the full board meetings, unless there are city planning items at the meeting, the Land Use Committee will report on what they gave us.
- The Newtown Creek Combined Sewer Overflow Tunnel has been certified and is now in the ULURP process and we will be reviewing and voting on this at the next board meeting.
- The Draft Industrial Plan was released in September. City Planning is now conducting public town halls in every borough. The Queens Town Hall will be held at the CUNY Law School on October 23, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

2:58:44 Reilly Owens, Chair, Transportation Committee provided the following update:

- Reported DOT was not in attendance at the meeting however, they provided updates.
- Review Avenue, part of what we call, the Blissville Greenway has been completed.
- Visited Maspeth Park, the new skate park, and it was awesome.
- DOT celebrated the completion of the 29th Street Plaza at LaGuardia Community College
- The DOT commented that the markings on the Queensboro Bridge have not been completed in the bike lane, but they are waiting for the construction of the crosswalk at the base of the bridge to be complete. Then the team will continue and remark the bike lane so that it is showing the actual law which is that pedestrians are not allowed on that lane and that it is a two-way bike lane.
- We continue to express to DOT that it has taken far too long for that to happen.
- Tom Mituzas had brought to us the Dutch Kills Tributary, a park in Blissville that has been created by residents of Blissville, but not by the city. He is advocating with the Blissville Civic Association for that to become a city park. The Committee will be sending a letter to the Council Member.
- This weekend the G train is not coming to Court Square for the entire weekend, there will be no G between Bedford Nostrand Avenues and Court Square.
- The 7 Train will not run next weekend.
- On the 17th starting at 11:30 pm and until Monday October 20, 2025, at 3:30 am, the #7 line will run between Flushing and 74th Street which will be the last stop. There will be free shuttle buses.
- F & M Trains will swap lines in our district, beginning on December 8, 2025.
- Reported that the Borden Avenue Bridge is closed this month, you will be redirected on a detour to Hunter's Point Avenue, and this will go until October 31, 2025.
- Had a presentation from LaGuardia Community College on a request to rename 33rd Street Rawson stop on the 7 train to 33rd Street LaGuardia Community College.
- Q & A

3:10:44 Karesia Batan, Chair, Arts & Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting provided the following update:

- Reported Father Carl Adair, Episcopal Mission in Sunnyside as well as the two Filipino Resident artists that have set up a print studio inside of the missions building came to speak to the committee about the work they are doing and the window gallery at the front of the building.
- The Committee heard from the LaGuardia Performing Arts Center, there is a new executive director, Andrew Ronan. There are plans for the 29th Street Plaza.
- This Tuesday, the Chocolate Factory will be present telling us about their upcoming programming.
- Also in attendance will be the artist of the 29th Street Mural who is an Ecuadorian artist and student at LaGuardia by the name of Fernanda Contreras.
- There will also be LIC Arts & Culture Updates.

3:11:57 Danielle Brecker, Vice Chair, City Services & Public Safety Committee provided the following update:

- The Committee approved a cannabis shop and cultivation which means it will be indoor farming.
- The owner of Sky Bar in LIC was in attendance. CB 2 has received many noise issues until all hours of the day and night through much of the early part of this year into July when the 108 and SLA asked them to take their speakers that were outside inside and to make sure, they were closing at the right time. Things have gotten better. They will be returning to the next meeting, and we have invited their new manager to attend.
- The next Committee meeting will take place on November 12, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

03:14:14 Lauren Springer, Chair, Health and Human Services & Education and Unhoused and Shelter Committee provided the following update:

- Reported Sabrina Snyder, Executive Director of LIC YMCA spoke at the meeting and provided an update about programs and services. They are located at 32nd Street and Queens Boulevard.
- The next Committee meeting will take place on October 20, 2025, 6:00 pm, virtual meeting.
- We will have speakers from the NYC Department of Social Services.
- Maggie Gavin, CEO of Soul Hug Movement will also be in attendance.

3:15:40 Carlos Castell Croke, Chair Environment Parks and Recreation Committee Provided the following update:

- Reported Tom Mituzas and Warren Davis presented to discuss the proposed park, and we support them, and we will try to advocate for the park in Blissville.
- Reported two companies will be doing battery storage projects in our district. One was Nexamp and the other one is called Soltage. One project in Blissville and one in Maspeth.
- They will be great projects. They will plant more trees as part of the project.
- They will help clean up superfund sites.

- Next Meeting will be held on October 23, 2025.

3:17:14 Tania Chavez, Chair, Engagement and Inclusion Committee provided the following update:

- CB 2 had a great time at a tabling event in Woodside at the Fall Festival. This time there was a young crowd coming to the table wanting to know more about CB 2.
- October 28, 2025, is the next committee meeting.
- Looking for volunteers to help at the Filipino Festival from 6 to 8 pm on October 24, 2205.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

MA Gurrado

Reviewed/Revised and approved for distribution by:

XAnatole Ashraf, Chairperson, CB 2

 Ryan Smith, Secretary, CB 2

XDebra Markell Kleinert, District Manager, CB 2

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